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RULES

0. COVID-19 RULES

All local COVID-19 regulations of the country where an FPT event is taking place, have to be followed at any time during the event and on arrival/departure days. The FPT reserves the right to disqualify participants if these rules are broken.

Additional rules can be added to this Rulebook as Appendix, in case local COVID-19 rules (may) affect the competition. These Appendixes will be posted on the noticeboard at all times, latest before the first skippers meeting of the event.

1. DISCIPLINES & DIVISIONS

DISCIPLINES

As an officially sanctioned authority of the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA), the FPT holds the rights to crown European Windsurfing Champions for all expression disciplines.

The FPT currently organizes events for below disciplines:

- ✓ Freestyle (fin)
- ✓ Foil Freestyle (foil)
- ✓ Tow-in (fin or foil, powered by a jet ski or winch)
- ✓ Super-X (fin)
- ✓ Foil-X (foil)

The rules in this rulebook apply to all disciplines, unless specific rules for a discipline are specified.

DIVISIONS

For each discipline a European Champion will be crowned in below divisions:

- ✓ Men
- ✓ Women
- ✓ Juniors (Boys U18 & U16, Girls U18 & U16)

Events only count towards the official title if the minimum number of competitors is reached:

- ✓ Men (minimum 8 competitors)
- ✓ Women (minimum 6 competitors)
- ✓ Juniors (minimum 4 competitors)

If the required number of competitors is not reached in a Junior division, competitors of that division move up one age category until the minimum number is reached.

To be able to compete in the "U18" category, competitors have to be 18 years old or younger and will not turn 19 during that competition year.

To be able to compete in the "U16" category, competitors have to be 16 years old or younger and will not turn 17 during that competition year.

OVERALL TITLE

An overall "European Freestyle Champion" will be crowned every year, which is the rider who holds the best results in all three freestyle disciplines.

2. AUTHORISATION TO COMPETE, REGISTRATION, EQUIPMENT

a. Any nationality is allowed to start and compete on an FPT Event. Only riders with a valid passport from a European country are eligible to win the FPT title.

b. Registration is open to men and/or women, depending on the number of stars:

- ✓ 1-2 stars events Men Only or Women Only
- ✓ 3-4 stars events Men and Women

Please check the respective event page for more info.

c. A certain level of freestyle skills is required to be able to compete in FPT Events:

- ✓ Male riders should be able to perform 3 different new-school freestyle moves (Vulcan, Spock, Shove-it, Shaka, Forward, Flaka, etc.) on both port- and starboard tack.
- ✓ Female riders should be able to perform 1 new-school freestyle move (Vulcan, Spock, Shove-it, Shaka, Forward, Flaka, etc.) and 2 other moves (Duck Jibe, Donkey Kick, Body Drag etc.) on both port- and starboard tack.

The FPT reserves the right to ask participants for evidence in the form of videos. Based on these videos, participation in the respective FPT event may be denied. A list of "new-school freestyle"- and "other" moves can be requested from the FPT Head Judge per e-mail (danny@freestyleprotour.com).

For the disciplines Foil Freestyle, Super-X and Foil-X no minimum level of freestyle skills are needed.

d. To compete at an event riders first have to register through the registration link, which can be found on the dedicated event page on freestyleprotour.com.

e. Pre-registration opens 2 months before every event.

- f. Pre-registration ends 2 weeks before the event for **men** and 4 weeks for **women** (when the minimum required number of female riders has been reached the discipline will be confirmed latest 4 weeks before the event, so travel arrangements can be made in a timely manner).
- g. Riders who want to register after the pre-registration deadline (online or on-site) will be charged 120% of the registration fee.
- h. The registration fee has to be pre-paid online, to be received latest on the pre-registration deadline. Payments received after the pre-registration deadline will be considered late and will be charged 120% of the registration fee.
- i. All FPT registered riders with valid mail addresses will receive an invitation mail 8 weeks before of every event.
- j. All pre-registered riders have to confirm their presence personally or through a representative to the tour manager until the end of the registration on site.
- k. Only production equipment by brands in the FPT sponsor pool may be used at an FPT event. Equipment by non pool sponsors will not get any coverage by the FPT media team. Custom equipment is not allowed, except for in the Foilstyle discipline. All FPT pool members are displayed on freestyleprotour.com.
- l. The FPT will charge an entry fee for every rider who competes. The entry fee per event is €85,- for 1 star events and €110,- for 2-4 star events. If a rider participates for the first time in an official FPT event a rookie entry fee of € 25,- only for the first event will be charged.
- m. The FPT will charge a membership fee for every rider who competes. The membership fee for the season is €50,-. If the rider only participates in one event 50% of the amount will be charged. If a sailor is attending two or more events the whole amount is due on the second event.

3. FLEET AND SEEDING

- a. The seeding will be done by the FPT crew on site after the registration at the event.
- b. The size of the fleet depends on local conditions and can vary from 8 to 48 riders. A qualification event is optional. If there is no qualification, the seeding shall be done by the current FPT seeding list.
- c. FPT events will run in a 8, 12, 16, 24, 32 or 48 riders ladder with single/double or dingle elimination if there is sufficient competition time.
- d. The seeding of the sailors at each FPT event shall be based on their position on the current FPT seeding list. The end FPT ranking of the previous season will be counted as a single event result of the highest prize-money of the running season and will be kept into the actual seeding list till the end of the current season.

e. The latest PWA ranking list will be taken into account only if a sailor wants to start at an EFPT event but does not appear on the current EFPT seeding list or if his current EFPT seeding is worse than his PWA ranking.

f. Following schedule will be used to compare the PWA ranking to the FPT seeding:

PWA Ranking	FPT Seeding
1	
2	
3-5	1-3
6-8	4-6
9-16	7-14
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For example PWA Ranking# 7 corresponds to FPT seeding# 5.

g. In case that a rider shows a better FPT seeding than PWA Ranking the FPT seeding has priority.

h. The top 16 riders of the current FPT ranking list will always be seeded as long as they pre-register for an event.

i. If a top 40 ranked sailor is unable to compete at an event or events due to injury, the seeding of that sailor will be protected for a period of 12 months from the point that injury is sustained. The seeding shall be calculated for that sailor based on the current rules, results and rankings on the date of injury, as if registering for a new event on that day. After 12 months, the sailors seeding shall be calculated according to the standard method in the rulebook.

j. The number of wildcards and places for qualifiers will be announced by the FPT in collaboration with the local event organiser at least 4 weeks before the event.

4. JUDGING

4.1 FREESTYLE & TOW-IN

a. Freestyle & Tow-in events run under the “best trick” format. A certain number of moves each tack will be counted and scored according to the following factors:

b. Scoring factors best trick (in no particular order)

Technical difficulty	Difficulty of moves
Style	Personal style and execution of the moves
Diversity	Number of different manoeuvres and variations on different tacks

c. Only jumping moves are counted. Only moves within the heat area, marked by buoys, are counted.

Heat duration and further circumstances will be announced during the skippers meeting at the events.

4.2 FOIL FREESTYLE

a. Foil freestyle events are run under the “best trick” format. A certain number of moves are counted on starboard and port tack. Judges score a move from 0-10 according to the following factors:

b. Scoring factors (in no particular order)

Technical difficulty	Difficulty of moves
Style	Personal style and execution of the moves
Execution	Take-off, Landing, Slappy/Regular, Entry of the move

c. The livescoring system will deduct a maximum of 30% for diversity on the total tack points.

d. Both carving and jumping moves are counted. Only moves within the heat area, marked by buoys are counted.

e. Heat duration and further circumstances will be announced during the skippers meeting at the events.

4.3 SUPER-X & FOIL-X

a. The Super-X / Foil-X course consists of a downwind slalom course interrupted by large floating obstacles that competitors must jump over before performing compulsory freestyle moves at specified points on the course.

b. The 2006 PWA Rule Book Part 5 (Appendix B) will be used as “experimental rules” and will be the official rules as long as no other specific rules or exceptions to those rules are stated in this rulebook.

c. For the Foil-X a safe number of competitors per heat (eg. 2 or 4) will be determined by the Race Director.

5. FLAG SIGNALS

Flag signals can be found in attachment A at the end of this document.

6. CONDITIONS

a. Conditions have to be suitable for the applied competition format.

- b. The Race Directors decides whether conditions are suitable.
- c. Decisions made by the Race Director can not be protested.

7. STICKERS; EVENT LYCRAS

- a. Whenever on the water, riders have to wear the event lycra and have to have event and FPT stickers placed visible in their sails.

8. JUDGES

- a. The judging team has to consist of 6 judges with a minimum of 2 FPT approved judges at 5.000 € prize-money events and a minimum of 4 FPT approved judges at 10.000 € or higher prize-money events.
- b. The race director always has to be approved by the FPT.
- c. Jury decision are decision based on facts. The head judge may give riders insight into their scoring sheets.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, DAILY SCHEDULE

- a. The first riders meeting and the registration at the event is announced in the event details online on freestyleprotour.com for every single event. During the registration the further schedule for the event will be announced by the race director and displayed on the official event noticeboard.
- b. Riders have to be present at public events set either by the FPT or the event organiser and listed on the official noticeboard. If a rider misses an event he will be charged € 50,-. The FPT reserves to deduct the penalty fee from the prize-money of the penalised rider.

10. PRIZE-MONEY

- a. 10% of the prize-money goes into the overall or FPT Awards/Overall pot of the season.
- b. As agreed and voted for at the Annual General Meeting in Rhodos, Greece 12-09-2021 a total of €1000,- of the prize-money, split over the Top 10 riders of the respective event result, will be deducted to provide an extra crew member for footage distribution to all riders.
- c. Prize money will be split based on below FPT Prize Money Distribution 2022.
- d. The prize-money will be disbursed at the prize giving ceremony, to receive the prize-money riders have to be present at the prize giving ceremony of the event.

e. Compulsory events as listed below are important for the success of the local event. Absence from any of these events by participants will have a significant negative impact and therefore consequences.

- Riders Presentations
- Signing Sessions
- Prizegiving Ceremony

Participants who have not taken part in mandatory events may be deprived of their right to prize money. Absence shall at all times be submitted to the FPT CEO or Tour Manager and subsequently coordinated with the local event organisation.

f. The overall prize-money will be transferred to the competitor before the end of the competition year. The amount will be split with 50% contributing to the FPT end of year awards and 50% to the overall prize fund for the highest ranked 5 competitors in freestyle (fin), and the highest ranked 3 competitors in any other discipline, until such discipline reaches over 30 competitors.

g. Events are classified by 1 to 5 star events according to the amount of prize-money and ranking points to be gained.

1 star event: 5.000 € prize-money, winner takes 100 points

2 star event: 10.000 € prize-money, winner takes 200 points

3 star event: 15.000 € prize-money, winner takes 300 points

4 star event: 20.000 € prize-money, winner takes 400 points

If there is no result due to bad conditions all participating riders will get 15 points for showing up at the event.

h. Discards men & women divisions:

If there are more than 3 events in a season, 1 event will be discarded.

If there are more than 6 events in the season, 2 events will be discarded.

If there are more than 9 events, 3 events will be discarded.

i. Discards junior division:

More than 1 event = 1 discard

More than 3 events = 2 discards

More than 5 events = 3 discards

More than 7 events = 4 discards

Attachments

Appendix A Flag Signals

Flag signals

Stand by	AP flag [red and white]
1 min to warm up flags	AP flag DOWN
10 min warm up (1 Heat sequence)	Red/Yellow/Green UP
One minute before start sequence	Red/Yellow/Green DOWN
	[No Flag]
HEATSEQUENCE	
3 min before the heat starts	Red UP
1 min before the heat start	Red DOWN/Yellow UP
Start of the heat	Yellow DOWN /Green UP
1 min before end of the heat	Green DOWN [No flag]
End of the heat	Red UP
Extension [2 minutes]	Green/Yellow UP
1 min before ext. finished	Green/Yellow DOWN
Heat Cancellation	Blue-white blocked UP
	[3 times horn]
Announcement at the Race Committee	Black-yellow UP