

Notice of Race

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Aruba HiWinds is organized and hosted by *Aruba Hiwinds Committee*.

2. RULES

2.1 The 35th Aruba HiWinds will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2012-2016. These include Appendix B (windsurfing Racing Rules), Appendix F (Kiteboarding Racing Rules) and this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Racing will be for men and women in the following fleets:

- Windsurfing Slalom
- Windsurfing Long distance
- Kiteboarding Long distance
- Kiteboarding Cross races
- Kiteboarding Big Air
- Wing-Foil Slalom
- Wing-Foil Long Distance
- Sunfish Sailing

There is no restriction on equipment that may be used.

3.2 Within these fleets the following categories (divisions) may be recognized:
(List of age categories will be determined based on the number of subscribers)

3.3 Entries should be made in advance by completing the pre-entry on the event website www.arubahiwinds.com/registration alternatively entries can be made on the day of registration.

3.4 All Competitors under the age of 18 are required to submit Parent/Guardian Declarations completed by the parents before commencing racing.

3.5 A competitor does not become eligible for series or event points by 'pre entering', but only by registering at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.

3.6 Before competing, each competitor shall: register for the event at the race office and pay the required entry fee and complete, update or confirm an equipment registration form if required.

3.7 No entry will be accepted after 09:00 on the first scheduled day of racing, except at the discretion of the organizing committee.

3.8 Entry fee

4. REGISTRATION / BRIEFING

Competitors shall confirm entry details with the Registration team by 09:00 on the first morning of racing. Heat numbers will be posted on the ONB before racing commences. There will be a welcome and briefing for all competitors each morning of racing at 09:00.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be handout on the day of registration and will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the event site.

6. EVENT SCHEDULE

6.1 The event Registration desk is located on the event site and will be open on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 from 14:00 till 17:00.

6.2 There will be no maximum number of races per day. The warning signal for the first race will not be given before Thursday, May 18th, 2023 at 09:00.

6.3 There shall be no warning signal after 15.00 on the last day of the event.

6.4 The Schedule of races and distribution of heats will be posted at least one (1) hour before the first start of the day.

6.5 The schedule of races may be varied due to weather or wind conditions. Changes in the schedule of races will be posted on the ONB at least 1 hour before the 1st race on which it will be effective.

7. Venue

7.1 The event site is located the beacht of Fisherman's Hut on Aruba

7.2 Storage for sails and board is provided. This storage can be found in between the parking and beach near event site and will be guarded by security during nightly hours.

8. SCORING

9.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. The final result of each competitor will be the total of his/her scores with his/her worst score discarded after more than three rounds are completed. After seven (7) or more race two (2) of his/her worst scores will be discarded.

9. COURSES

8.1 The racing area(s) and the courses will be as illustrated on the ONB. The course diagram, start and finish, (not to scale) will be posted at least 1 (one) hour before the first race of that day on the ONB before the start.

10. OBLIGATIONS

10.1 For Windsurfing clearly readable sail numbers must be applied on each side of the sail, preferably in large black letters and numbers. Racing without numbers or without readable numbers on the sail(s) will result in not being scored as finished. Changes in sail numbers should be announced to the race officials; if not, this will result in not being scored as finished.

10.2 Participants within Kite and Wing surfing. An competitor shirt with number will be handout upon registration. Wear the shirt over your harness. The number on the back of this shirt must be readable at all times. Sailing without an readable number will result in not being scored as finished. Changes in numbers should be announced to the race officials before the race.

10.3 While racing, competitors shall, for the duration of the event, wear the event jersey provided by the organization. If competitor's jersey is lost or stolen, competitor must acquire a new one at retail cost.

11. PROTESTS

11.1 There will be no possibility to file protests. Any conflicts between competitors arisen during the competition should be submitted to the Race Director and will be settled by his decision.

12. SAFETY

12.1 Parents or guardians of minors have their responsibility for their children and to make the decision as to whether he or she is fit to sail in the conditions that prevail or are forecast. And if necessary advise their children to wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard when afloat.

12.2 For participating in the Long distance races a life jacket is obligatory.

13. DISCLAIMER

13.1 The organizing authority and any other party involved in the organization and conduct of the Aruba Hiwinds Committee disclaims any liability for personal injury, personal or material damage whatsoever, sustained prior to, during or after the Aruba Hiwinds.