

**ISAF WORLD WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIP 1997
NOTICE OF RACE**

International Board Sailing Association (IBSA) World Championship
International Funboard Class Association (IFCA) World Championship
International Mistral Class Organisation (IMCO) World Championship
International Windsurfer Class Association (IWCA) World Championship
ISAF Freestyle Championship
ISAF Grand Marathon Finale
West Oz Gold Cup - International Class Championships

DEFINITIONS

Class Competitors using similar equipment as defined by each Class's Rules.
Division Groups of competitors within a Class differentiated by age, sex, weight etc as defined by each Class's Rules
Fleet Group of Divisions within a Class competing together during the Event
Disciplines Different forms of competition e.g. freestyle, course racing, slalom etc.
World Championship World titles recognised by ISAF
International Class Championship International title as recognised by the Classes

EVENT

1.1 The 1997 ISAF World Windsurfing Championship will be held from Dec. 8th - 23rd '97 and shall include the World Championships for the IBSA, IFCA, IMCO and IWCA International Classes.

ISAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 IBSA

F42 World Championship
Disciplines Course Racing for Formula 42 (F42)
Divisions: (A), (B) - shall race over five days.

2.2 IFCA

Funboard World Championship
Disciplines: Course Racing, Slalom
Divisions: (A), (B), (D), (E) - shall race over 6 days, including one reserve day

2.3 IMCO

Mistral World Championship (MWC)
Disciplines: Course Racing for Mistral One Design
Divisions: (A), (B), (K) - shall race over 6 days, including one reserve day.

2.4 IWCA

Windsurfer World Championship
Discipline: Pentathlon
Divisions - (A), (B), (E) - shall compete over 6 days.

ISAF INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.5 ISAF FC - Freestyle Championship

Open to all competitors. The finalists shall be Division Men (A) (top ten in IWCA Preliminaries, top 5 MCRF/MORF Freestyle, top 5 Men (A) IFCA/IBSA entrants who take part in ISAF Freestyle Preliminaries, Women(B) 5 IWCA, 3 IMCO, 3 IFCA/IBSA.

2.6 ISAF GMF - Grand Marathon Finale

Open to any competitor who has competed in at least one race in any Class Championship at this event. The course will include significant upwind, downwind and reaching legs and have an anticipated duration of 2 to 3 hours for the first finisher. A minimum of 8 knots of wind, as measured by the Race Committee on the deck of their vessel, when drifting, approximately 3 metres above the water level, is required to start this race.

WEST OZ GOLD CUP - INTERNATIONAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following International Class Championships will be conducted in conjunction with the World Championships. A minimum of 5 is required for any Division

3.1 IBSA

F42 International Championship
Disciplines Course Racing for Formula 42 (F42)
Divisions: (D), (E), (F) - shall race over five days:
Disciplines: Course Racing for Formula 1 (F1)
Divisions (A), (B)

3.2 IFCA

Funboard International Championship

Disciplines: Course Racing, Slalom

Division: (F) - shall race over 6 days, including one reserve day.

3.3 IMCO

Mistral Classic Racing Fleet (MCRF) with restricted pumping.

Disciplines: Course Racing, long board Slalom, Marathon and Freestyle for:

Divisions: (B), (E), (F), (G), (H), (J) shall compete over 6 days.

Mistral One Design Open Racing Fleet (MORF) with unlimited pumping.

Disciplines: Course Racing, long board Slalom, Marathon and Freestyle for:

Divisions (B), (G), (H) - shall compete together over 6 days

3.4 IWCA

Windsurfer International Championship

Discipline: Course Racing

Divisions - (B), (G), (H), (J)

Discipline: Freestyle

Divisions - (A), (B)

Discipline: Marathon

Divisions (A), (B)

Discipline: Slalom

Divisions (A), (B)

Discipline: Pentathlon

Divisions: (C), (F) - shall compete over 6 days

DIVISIONS

4.1 (A) - Men

4.2 (B) - Women

4.3 (C) - Junior - shall be under the age of 17 years on Dec. 31st, '97

4.4 (D) - Youth - shall be under the age of 19 years on Dec. 31st '97

4.5 (E) - Master - shall be a man who has reached the age of 35 years or a woman who has reached the age of 30 years by Dec. 31st, 1996

4.6 (F) - Grand Master - shall be a man who has reached the age of 45 years or a woman who has reached the age of 40 years by Dec. 31st, 1996

4.7 (G) - Lightweight - less than 75 kg

4.8 (H) - Heavyweight - more than 70 kg and less than 80 kg

4.9 (J) - Superweight - 80 kg or more

4.10 (K) - Young Olympians - shall be a person under the age of 23 years on Dec. 31st, 1997

4.11 Only Divisions specified within each Class Championship will apply. A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a Class Championship or a Division. If the number of entries in a Class Championship or Division reaches 60, then a separate start may be considered

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

5.1 The Championships will be organised by Eventscorp WA, a division of the Western Australian Tourism Commission, for and on behalf of and under specified conditions laid down by IBSA, IFCA, IWCA & IMCO International and in co-operation with the AYF and the ISAF.

VENUE

6.1 The event will be based in Fremantle with racing taking place off South Beach adjoining Success Harbour. Weather conditions in December are expected to be hot (18-30°C) with wind speeds 18-25 knots in the afternoons. Water temperature 22°C. Courses close to sand beaches. Minimal current across courses. Shallow water 3-5 m, sand bottom, some floating ribbon sea weed pieces. Minimal wind shifts. Short, steep wind chop, minimal swell

RULES

7.1 This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by:

The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 1997 - 2000 (RRS) including Appendix, B Sailboard Racing Rules;

The ISAF Funboard Racing Rules (IFCA only);

The Class Rules of the participating International Classes, as amended by the Notice of Race (NoR) and/or the Event Sailing Instructions (ESI);

The respective Class Championship Sailing Instructions (CSI);

The Marathon Grand Finale Sailing Instructions (MSI);

The Freestyle Sailing Instructions (FSI):

7.2 Where there is a conflict, the SIs shall take precedence.

7.3 The event is classified in accordance with Category 'C', RRS Appendix G.

Competitors may be required to display sponsor advertising supplied by the Organising Authority on sails above the boom of maximum size 1000 mm x 300 mm. All other advertising shall be restricted in accordance with Category 'C'.

7.4 By entering this event competitors acknowledge their acceptance and compliance with the RRS and Rules of this event.

ELIGIBILITY

8.1 All competitors shall meet the requirements of RRS Appendix K.

8.2 All competitors shall be members of the relevant Class Associations. Membership formalities can be completed on site with the Class Representatives.

8.3 IWCA, IBSA, MCRF & MORF - Open to all competitors who meet the requirements of paragraph 8.1.

8.4 IFCA - Only competitors approved by IFCA in accordance with the 1997 IFCA Funboard Championship Qualification System may participate. Maximum entry: 80 Men(A), 40 Women(B), 40 Youth(D), 40 Master(E), 40 Grand Master(F).

8.5 MWC - Divisions (A) & (B) only. Open only to competitors approved by IMCO International in accordance with the 1997 Mistral World Championship Qualification System. Competitors shall enter by Oct 10th '97 or their places may be further allocated. Divisions (K) is open to all competitors under 23 year on Dec 31st 1997.

EQUIPMENT

9.1 All competitors should bring their own equipment.

9.2 IWCA - equipment shall meet the IWCA Class Rules.

9.3 50 Windsurfer One-Design boards will be available for rental to non Australian residents. Contact Windgenuity for details before Oct 1st '97, fax 612'9971 0103.

9.4 MWC, MORF - shall meet the IMCO Class Rules - Mistral One Designs.

MCRF - Competitors may use any board manufactured by Mistral before 1997 which is over 3650 mm long. Boards manufactured in 1997 shall either be the Mistral One Design or Superlight II. A maximum of two IMCO Class legal sails may be used. Each sail shall be of a different size. Superweight (J) may use sails to a maximum 8.5m, measured in accordance with the Formula 42 Class Rules provided such sails carry a Mistral logo. Mistral logos may be purchased on site.

9.5 Mistral Superlight II boards may be available for rental to non Australian residents. Contact Windgenuity for details before Oct 1st '97, by fax 612 9971 0103.

9.6 IFCA - competitors shall use only equipment registered with ISAF by 10th Oct '97.

9.7 Formula 1 - One board between 2850mm & 3200mm in length, two sails (max. 8.5m measured in accordance with the Formula 42 Class Rules). Rigs shall not be interchanged after the starting signal.

9.8 ISAF GMF - competitors shall use only equipment previously registered by them. Competitors who have registered equipment for more than one Class Championship shall use equipment from only one Class or the other.

10 SCHEDULE

Dec 6/7	Arrival	
Dec 8	1000hrs-1700hrs	Registration & Measurement for MWC, IFCA
Dec 9	1000hrs-1700hrs	Registration & Measurement for MWC, IFCA
	1400hrs	Practice Race for MWC, IFCA
	1900hrs	Opening Ceremony & Dinner
Dec 10	1000hrs -	First possible start / Racing for MWC, IFCA
		Registration & Measurement MCRF
Dec 11/12	1000hrs	First possible start / Racing for MWC, IFCA, MCRF
Dec 13		<i>No competition - Whitbread yachts depart</i>
Dec 14/15	1000hrs	First possible start / Racing for MWC, IFCA, MCRF
Dec 16	1000-1700hrs	Registration & Measurement for IWCA, MORF, IBSA F42
Dec 17	1000-1700hrs	Registration & Measurement for IWCA, MORF, IBSA F42,
		Registration & Measurement for ISAF Marathon equipment.
		1000hrs - First possible start /
		Freestyle Preliminaries for IWCA, IMCO, IFCA, IBSA F42
	1900hrs	Welcome IWCA, IBSA F42, MORF
		Prize Giving IFCA, MWC, MCRF

Dec 18-21	1000hrs	First possible start / Racing for IWCA, MORF, IBSA F42,
Dec 23	0900-1300hrs	ISAF Freestyle Championship
	1400hrs	ISAF Grand Marathon Finale
	1900hrs	Grand Prizes /Closing Party
Dec 24	Departure	

MEASUREMENT.

11.1 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her equipment conforms to the relevant Class Rules. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

MEDALS and PRIZES

12.1 Medals may be awarded to the first three in each Division specified in each Championship, depending on the number of entries in that Division.

12.2 In addition, IFCA will give medals to the first three in each discipline in their Championships.

12.3 Prize Giving Ceremonies will be held at the end of each Championship Week (see Schedule).

12.4 There will be a total prize fund of US\$20,000 in cash which will be awarded to Men & Women racing in the ISAF FC & GMF (see 12.5 & 12.6 below). In addition, all entry fees received for the Freestyle and the Marathon will be used to increase the size of the relevant discipline prize fund. Competitors shall be present in person at the Grand Prize Giving to receive prizes:

12.5 ISAF Freestyle Championship.

PRIZE FUND - US\$2,000 Prizes will be distributed to the first three places for Men & Women

12.6 ISAF Grand Marathon Finale.

PRIZE FUND - US\$18,000 Prizes will be for overall and for Classes and Divisions.

TRAVEL and TOURISM INFORMATION

13.1 Official Tour Operator

Concept West has been appointed to assist you (competitors and spectators) with all aspects of travel and touring to Western Australia. Concept West has extensive experience with international events, and has also been contracted to handle several other World Championships held in Perth during 1997/98.

13.2 There is a comprehensive range of competitive land packages, which include accommodation (Fremantle, Cervantes & Esperance), car hire, transport (to and from competitions with equipment), other transport requirements and pre and post touring options in Perth and regional areas of Western Australia. Considering travelling to other Australian destinations? Then contact Concept West for details of what is available.

13.3 Accommodation Options & Rates

Raddison Observation Hotel 5*		US\$148 DAILY	
Scarborough Bch (20 mins from venue)			
Esplanade Hotel Fremantle		US\$118 DAILY	
Executive serviced apartment	4 Share - from	US\$820 WEEKLY	US\$123 DAILY
	6 Share - from	US\$1128 WEEKLY	US\$163 DAILY
Budget Self-Contained Apartment			
	4 Share - from	US\$515 WEEKLY	US\$103 DAILY
	6 Share - from	US\$550 WEEKLY	US\$118 DAILY

13.4 Cervantes Accommodation

Motel/Twin share - from \$73/room daily

13.5 Motel/Twin share - from \$52/room daily

13.6 Please Note - Accommodation in Fremantle during the summer months is at a premium. Concept West has a large selection of accommodation available but you must book early to ensure your choice of property. The Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race (Nov 20 - Dec 13) has a large demand for accommodation in Fremantle. Accommodation in Cervantes and Esperance is also limited by both availability and range. For these reasons we recommend you book early.

AIR TRAVEL and EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTATION

14.1 The Event will appoint an Official Airline shortly. Special airfares for competitors and supporters travelling to Perth will be available. The Official Ticket Package will include special freight concessions per person (weight/dimension specifications apply). To qualify for the special fares and freight concessions contact Concept West or your nearest office of the Official, when appointed.

14.2 Land Transport

Packages for personal travel and equipment are available. Transport services between Cervantes and Fremantle and Fremantle and Esperance can be arranged by booking in advance.

14.3 Car Hire

Perth and Fremantle has a large range of cars and minibuses for hire. Approximate prices are listed below:

Car Hire from US\$293/week

Mini Bus Hire from US\$443 /week

Registration and insurance included. conditions apply.

14.4 Pre & Post Event Touring

A selection of the popular tours are:

Perth by Night Tour US\$45

Pinnacles 4WD Tour US\$73

Margaret River Tou US\$68

14.5 Important Note -- All prices listed in categories above are subject to change and should be used as a guide only. * Exchange rate as at Feb 97

14.6 Visas are required from most countries to visit Australia

14.7 Australian Customs regulations prohibit the sale of imported equipment without the payment of duty and sales tax.

FREE BROCHURE

14.8 A comprehensive brochure containing a full range of accommodation (rates included), airline information, car/bus rentals, pre and post touring, transport and other useful travel and tourism information will be available shortly

14.9 For a brochure, further details and bookings please contact Concept West direct on:

Phone 619 (09) 242 5542

Fax 619 (09) 242 5541

Email: concept@ca.com.au

www.ca.com.au/concept

REGISTRATION

15.1 The registration office during the regatta will be adjacent to the entry gates of the Fremantle Sailing Club, Success Harbour, Fremantle. It will open from Dec 8th. to Dec 17th. from 1000hrs to 1700hrs. for registration. This address may also be used for contacting competitors during the event. Competitors will be required to produce the following prior to completing registration formalities on site.

15.2 Original Regatta Entry Form (Form 1)

15.3 Original Bank Transfer/Draft details

15.4 Parental/Legal Guardian Assent (Form 2) if needed

ENTRIES

16.1 Competitors shall enter in advance by mailing an official Entry Form (Form 1) with their entry fees to Oct 10th '97.

16.2 Entry fees One event US\$150. 2nd Event US\$100. ISAF Marathon US\$25

16.3 All entries received after Oct. 10th '97 shall be charged an additional late entry fee of US\$50.

16.4 ISAF Freestyle US\$25 - qualified competitors shall complete entry by payment of fee between 1700-1900hrs on Dec 17th '97. Positions not filled shall be further allocated.

16.5 Entries for the MWC and IFCA World Championships must be approved by their respective Class executive officers prior to being accepted by the organisers.

16.6 No responsibility can be taken by either the organisers or the Class concerned for travel & accommodation bookings made in error

PAYMENT

17.1 Money Transfers shall be in the name of

Western Australian Tourism Commission

and be sent to

Bankwest, 108 St. George's Tee, Perth, Western Australian

Account Number 5536105 Branch Number 306089

(All Bank charges are to your account) A copy of the transfer must be attached to the Entry Form or by Cheque/Bankers Draft to

Western Australian Tourism Commission

ISAF Windsurfing World Championships

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BUOYANCY

18.1 Every competitor shall wear, above the waist, a jacket, harness or vest with a minimum buoyancy, capable of supporting a weight of 4 kg in fresh water for 5 minutes. It shall solely be the competitors responsibility to ensure their buoyancy vest shall meet the requirements. Wetsuits with buoyancy shall not comply.

LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The Organising Authority, Fremantle Sailing Club, ISAF, AYF, IBSA, IFCA, IMCO and the IWCA or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them, is at the sole discretion of the competitor and at his/her own risk.

COURSES

20.1 Courses for each Championship shall be as prescribed in the relevant Class Championship & Racing Guidelines or Rules and shall be described in the relevant Sailing Instructions.

SCORING

21.1 For all Championships except that of IFCA & ISAF Freestyle, the RRS Low Points Scoring System (Appendix A2) will apply. There will be one discard after 4 races.

21.2 With the exception of the Marathon, a minimum of 3 races is required for a valid Championship in a Class or Division.

21.3 For the IFCA Worlds, the scoring system will comply with IFCA Championship Rules.

21.4 For the ISAF Freestyle Championship, the scoring system will be described in the relevant FSI's.

INTERNATIONAL JURY

22.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS 70.4. Its decisions will be final and cannot be appealed.

ALTERNATE PENALTIES

23.1 Penalties for breaking Rules of Part 2 shall be in accordance with RRS 49 as amended by Appendix B.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's) and EVENT PROGRAMME

24.1 The 'ESI' and individual 'CSI's, MSI's and FSI's will be available at registration as will the Event Programme scheduling social events. Sailing Instructions shall also be available at the relevant Class Association Offices and on the Internet at the Event Home Page from Nov. 1st '97.

COACHES

25.1 Coaches are required to register in advance and advise the organisers if they propose to bring their own coach boats.

25.2 Each coach boat shall carry the national flag of the team that it is supporting, as identification.

25.3 Coaches will be encouraged to share their boats with other coaches. There will be a general coach boat if demand is sufficient. Coach boats will be available for charter.

DRUG TESTING

26.1 Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

SAIL INSIGNIA and SAIL NUMBERS

27.1 Competitors shall ensure that their Class insignia and sail numbers comply with the relevant Class Rules.

TELEVISION and MEDIA

28.1 In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any still pictures, live, taped or filmed pictures for television or any other media, and any other reproductions of them, taken during the period of competition from the opening of registration on site to the end of the closing party, for the said ISAF World Windsurfing Championship as defined in this NoR, the ESI, the respective CSI's, the MSI's, and/or FSI's which he/she participates without compensation.

BIBS/VESTS and COMPETITORS SAIL BRANDING.

29.1 During racing, competitors shall be required by the organisers to wear bibs/vests carrying the event sponsors' branding. Competitors shall place event sponsor logos on their sails above the boom as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

29.2 Competitors wishing to apply their own sponsor's branding to their sails below the boom are required to seek 'Brand Approval' from the organiser by completing the necessary section in the Entry Form, to ensure that there is no conflict with event sponsors. Signage for cigarette and tobacco related companies or their similar affiliates is not permitted for display in Australia. There shall be no exemptions.

29.3 The decision of the organisers will be final.

DRESS CODE

30.1 There will be two official events where 'smart casual' clothes will be required. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any person to such events if in their opinion the competitor's standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion

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