



Notice of Race

Haitong International
2022 iQFOiL Asian Windsurfing Championships
and
Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships

3 - 11 December 2022
Stanley Main Beach, Stanley, Hong Kong

Organized by Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong

In cooperation with the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau &
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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1. Rules

1.1. The event, including 2022 iQFOiL Asian Windsurfing Championship (AC) and Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships (HKO), will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) by World Sailing.

~~1.1.1.2.~~ RRS Appendix B will apply, however RRS B5 61.1(a) and B8.A8 are deleted.

~~1.2.1.3.~~ RRS Appendix T - Arbitration - will apply.

~~1.3.1.4.~~ Add new RRS 29.3 as follows: When, at the attention signal, the course to the first mark is approximately ninety degrees from the true wind then:

~~1.3.1.4.1.~~ When at the starting signal the race committee identifies a board on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall signal a general recall.

~~1.3.2.1.4.2.~~ If the race committee acts under Notice of Race 1.3-4 and the board is identified, she shall be Disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is abandoned. The race committee shall hail or display her sail number, and she shall leave the course area immediately. If the race is restarted or resailed, she shall not sail in it.

~~1.4.1.5.~~ For medal races, World Sailing Addendum Q - Umpired Fleet Racing, will apply and take precedence over any conflicting instructions.

~~1.5.1.6.~~ The Class Rules of the participating class will apply:

~~1.5.1.6.1.~~ International iQFOiL Class Rules for Men Division and Women Division of iQFOiL Class; and

1.6.2. International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Rules for Youth Division (plus Youth Boys Division and Youth Girls Division), Junior Division (plus Junior Boys Division and Junior Girls Division).

1.5.2.1.6.3. Decisions on protests concerning class rules: RRS 64.4(a) shall not apply.

1.6.1.7. Hong Kong Sailing Federation Prescriptions will apply.

1.7.1.8. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.8.1.9. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Advertising

2.1. Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. World Sailing Regulation 20 ‘Advertising Code’ shall apply.

3. Classes and Divisions

3.1. The participating classes and divisions for **AC** shall be:

Class \ Division	Men	Women	U21 Men	U21 Women	U19 Youth Boys	U19 Youth Girls	U17 Junior Boys	U17 Junior Girls	Minim Boys	Minim Girls	Open
iQFOiL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

3.2. The participating classes and divisions for **HKO** shall be:

Class \ Division	Men	Women	U21 Men	U21 Women	U19 Youth Boys	U19 Youth Girls	U17 Junior Boys	U17 Junior Girls	Minim Boys	Minim Girls	Open
iQFOiL	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			
FOIL									✓	✓	✓

3.3. A minimum of 5 competitors from 4 countries/regions is required to constitute a division.

3.4. If the minimum of 5 competitors from 4 countries/regions cannot be reached, the divisions may be merged or canceled.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1. Entries shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 ‘Eligibility Code’.

4.2. A competitor shall be a member of a National Class Association (NCA) or a Member National Authority (MNA) which is a registered member of the International iQFOiL Class Association (ICA). Class membership formalities can be completed at the event venue at registration.

~~4.2. Competitors shall be the members of a National Class Association which is a paid up member of the relevant International Class Association or the International Windsurfing Association. Membership formalities can be completed on site.~~

- 4.3. For AC, eligible competitors shall enter online (URL: <https://forms.gle/hLeJqKjyKyfD5rqS8>) and send the payment record to the office of the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong by e-mail (wahk@windsurfing.org.hk).
- 4.4. For HKO, eligible competitors shall enter online (URL: <https://forms.gle/hLeJqKjyKyfD5rqS8>) and send a crossed cheque (payable to ‘Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong’) to the office of the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong by post (see Notice of Race 23.4 for address).
- 4.5. A competitor entry is not valid until the entry fee is paid.
- 4.6. Late entries will be accepted at registration.
- 4.7. A completed Parental Permission Form for entries under 18 years old is required. This form is included in the online application form.
- 4.8. The following documents shall be presented upon registration:
 - 4.8.1. Proof of Identity (e.g. HKID, passport)
 - 4.8.2. Proof of Gender
 - 4.8.3. Proof of Age
 - 4.8.4. Parental Permission Form (for those under 18 years old)

5. Entry Fee

- 5.1. For AC, the entry fee shall be:
 - 5.1.1. USD \$150 or HKD \$1,150.
 - 5.1.2. Entry fee paid by 14 November 2022 shall receive a discount of USD \$30 or HKD \$200
- 5.2. For HKO, the entry fee shall be HKD \$500.

- 5.3. For competitors who purchased the package of Haitong Hong Kong Windsurfing Circuit and Haitong International 2022 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships, they are still required to pay the entry fee, in order to enroll, if they wish to take part in the AC.
- 5.4. Entry fee paid at registration shall be paid in cash by local currency.
- 5.5. Refund policy: 50% of entry fees may be refundable if accompanied by a medical certificate issued by a medical doctor stating a valid reason why the competitor cannot compete.

6. Race Format

- 6.1. The event consists of an Opening Series (which may include any or all of following formats: Course Racing, Sprint Slalom, Marathon) and a Medal Series.
- 6.2. The intention is to sail all three formats over the course of the event on the basis of wind conditions and forecast and it is at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer. This is not ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 6.3. Divisions may start separately depending on the number of entries. Starting sequence shall be announced during skipper meetings.
- 6.4. iQFOiL Class shall race a maximum of 6 races per day (of which no more than 4 races of Inner/Outer Trapezoid Course, Windward Leeward Course, Triangular Course, Trapezoid Course or Reaching Course per day), a marathon race will be counted as 2 races.
- 6.5. A minimum of 3 races are required to validate the championships for each division.
- 6.6. If the fleet is split into groups:

- 6.6.1. Boards will be assigned to Yellow, Blue and Red (if applicable) groups of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. Those assignments will be posted by 2100 on the day before the first scheduled race.
- 6.6.2. Boards will be reassigned to groups after each day of racing, except if on the first day of racing fewer than two races are completed by the groups. If all groups have completed the same number of races, boards will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all groups have not completed the same number of races, the series score for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by the groups. Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in Series	Group Assignment (2 groups format)	Group Assignment (3 groups format)
First	Yellow	Yellow
Second	Blue	Blue
Third	Blue	Red
Fourth	Yellow	Red
Fifth	Yellow	Blue
Sixth	Blue	Yellow

- 6.6.3. If two or more boards have the same rank, they will be entered in the left column in the order of groups according to this Notice of Race.

- 6.6.4. Group assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 that day regardless of protests or request for redress not yet decided.

~~6.6.4.6.6.5.~~ For fleet or group identification, the Organising Authority may supply coloured ribbons, and competitors shall apply it to the end of the second top batten of the sail or at the top of the mast.

~~6.6.5.6.6.6.~~ If all groups have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the groups with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all groups have completed the same number of races. All boards will thereafter race in the new groups.

~~6.6.6.6.6.7.~~ The first 10 (ten) overall ranked boards from the Opening Series shall advance to the Medal Series.

6.7. For Sprint Slalom: When the event or fleet is split into heats, boards will be assigned to heats of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability, following the principles outlined in Notice of Race 6.6.

6.8. Victoria Harbour Windsurfing Race shall be held on the 11th December 2022. This will not be counted toward the final result for **AC** or **HKO**. Entries shall be by invitation only. Details will be further announced.

7. Race Schedule

7.1. The race schedule shall be:

Date	Time	Venue	Program
3rd Dec	09:00 - 15:00	Stanley	Registration and Measurement
4th Dec	09:00 - 15:00	Stanley	Registration and Measurement

5th Dec	12:45 - 14:00 15:00 - 16:30 17:15 - 18:00	Stanley	Opening Ceremony Practice Race Coaches Meeting/Skippers Meeting
6th Dec	08:45 - 09:00 10:30	Stanley	Skipper Meeting First Possible Attention Signal for Opening series
7th Dec	08:45 - 09:00 10:30	Stanley	Skipper Meeting First Possible Attention Signal for Opening series
8th Dec	08:45 - 09:00 10:30	Stanley	Skipper Meeting First Possible Attention Signal for Opening series
9th Dec	08:45 - 09:00 10:30	Stanley	Skipper Meeting First Possible Attention Signal for Opening series
10th Dec	08:45 - 09:00 10:30	Stanley	Skipper Meeting First Possible Attention Signal for Opening series or Medal series
11th Dec	11:00 12:00 15:00 16:00	East Coast Park Precinct (Phase 1)	Skipper Meeting First Possible Attention Signal for Victoria Harbour Windsurfing Race Last Possible Attention Signal for Victoria Harbour Windsurfing Race Prize Presentation Ceremony

8. Camera and Electronic Equipment

- 8.1. [NP] [DP] In accordance with CR C.4.2, the use of recording, tracking and GPS devices is permitted. Each competitor might be asked to carry a video recording device on their helmet requested by the Organizing Authority. Competitors shall handle such devices with proper care and seamanship, without interfering with its functionality.

9. Equipment and Inspection

- 9.1. Each competitor shall complete an online Equipment Registration Form (<https://forms.gle/RwzRHqkre7ceMGBN8>) and submit it before the close of registration. An additional paper record system may be used.
- 9.2. Only registered equipment shall be used at this event.
- 9.3. Registered equipment shall not be removed from the venue, the racing area and the waters leading to them, without prior written permission of the Technical Committee. The venue will be defined, and that definition placed on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- ~~9.3. There will be an official inspection of equipment before the first race. The information on the inspection will be posted on the ONB.~~
- 9.4. Equipment may be inspected at any time during the event for compliance with the class rules and the NoR/SI according to the following procedures:
- 9.4.1. A competitor may be instructed by the Technical Committee, either ashore or on the water, to proceed immediately to the Inspection Area for inspection. See Notice of Race 11.2

~~9.4.1.~~

9.5. For HKO, Exemptions are given as follows:

Class	Division	Sail	Mast	Boom	Extension	Joint	Foil/Fin	Board
FOIL	Minim Boys and Girls	≤ 7.0m ²	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any board without daggerboard cases
	Open	≤ 9.0m ²	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any board without daggerboard cases

9.6. Upon completion of registration and until the end of the event, at all times when ashore except when launching and retrieving, all equipment shall be kept in their assigned places at the event site. Removal of any equipment from the event site requires prior written approval from the race committee. Access to equipment in the storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.

9.7. Unless otherwise directed by the Organizing Authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

10. Sailing Instructions

10.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than at event registration.

10.2. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Principal Race Officer at the event.

11. Venue

- 11.1. Race Office will be located at Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre (Address: Stanley Link Road, Stanley, Hong Kong)
- 11.2. Support Base for measurement will be located at Hong Kong Sea School (Address: 13-15 Tung Tau Wan Road, Stanley, Hong Kong)
- 11.3. For overseas competitors, equipment shall be stored at a designated area in Stanley Main Beach, and further information will be provided.

12. Courses

- 12.1. Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions (see Notice of Race 10.1).

13. International Jury

- 13.1. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
There shall be no appeal from their decisions in accordance with RRS 70.5.

14. Scoring

- 14.1. Scoring will be according to the RRS Appendix A and B8.

~~14.2. A marathon race will be scored as 2 races.~~

~~14.3.~~ 14.2. Each board's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score(s) as follows (This changes RRS Appendix A2):

Number of Series Races	Discards	Comments
1-2	0	No discard
3-7	1	One worst score discarded
8-12	2	Two worst scores discarded

13-17	3	Three worst scores discarded
18-22	4	Four worst scores discarded
23 or more	5	Five worst scores discarded

14.4.14.3. A race will be scored as follows:

14.4.1.14.3.1. A Course racing race will be scored as one race in a Series;

14.4.2.14.3.2. A Sprint Slalom Round (each Fleet or Group has sailed one Heat) will be scored as one race in a Series. When the Fleet or Group is divided into the Heats, the boards will be scored as 2 times finishing position minus 1, e.g.:

Finishing Position	Score	Finishing Position	Score
1	1	11	21
2	3	12	23
3	5	13	25
4	7	14	27
5	9	15	29
6	11	16	31
7	13	17	33
8	15	18	35
9	17	19	37
10	19	20	39

14.5.14.4. A Marathon race will be scored as two races. When the fleet is divided in groups, board's finishing position will be divided by the number of groups in the event and applied to each of these two races

~~14.6.14.5.~~ For Opening Series, scores are based on the number of competitors assigned to the largest fleet in that Series. This changes RRS A5.2.

~~14.7.14.6.~~ When racing in heats, boards that did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or were disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boards assigned to the largest heat in the Series. This changes RRS A5.2.

~~14.8.14.7.~~ If no race in Medal Series is completed, the rankings in Opening Series will be established and this shall count as the official result.

~~14.9.14.8.~~ Competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Series will be ranked highest in the event except for a competitor disqualified from a Medal Series under RRS 6 or RRS 69.

~~14.9.1.14.8.1.~~ There will be no point scoring in the Medal Series. A board's score in a race will be based on her finishing order in that series.

~~14.9.2.14.8.2.~~ The Medal Series races shall not be excluded neither will the Final races trigger any discards from results in Opening Series.

~~14.9.3.14.8.3.~~ The fourth to tenth overall ranked boards from the Opening Series shall sail in the Quarter Final race.

~~14.9.4.14.8.4.~~ The first 2 (two) ranked boards in the Quarter Final race and the second and third overall ranked board from the Opening Series shall advance to the Semi Final. The last 5 boards in the Quarter Final race shall be scored in positions 6th to 10th in the Event. If no Quarter Final is completed, boards will be ranked according to overall scores in Opening Series.

~~14.9.5.14.8.5.~~ The first 2 (two) ranked boards in the Semi Final race and the first overall ranked board from the Opening Series shall advance to the Grand Final. The last 2 boards in the Semi Final race shall be scored in positions 4th and 5th in the Event. If no Semi Final is completed, the winner of the Event is the first overall ranked board from Opening series, the second is the second overall ranked board from Opening series and the third is the third overall ranked board from Opening series, 4th and 5th will be ranked according to their positions in Quarter Final.

~~14.9.6.14.8.6.~~ The winner of the Grand Final race is the winner of the Event. The second ranked board shall be scored 2nd place and the third ranked shall be scored 3rd place in the Event. If no Grand Final is completed, the winner of the Event is the first overall ranked board from Opening series and 2nd and 3rd place will be ranked according to their positions in Semi Final.

~~14.9.7.14.8.7.~~ If there is a series-score tie between two or more boards, it shall be broken in favor of the board with the better result in the previous stage.

~~14.10.14.9.~~ For those competitors not assigned to the Medal Series and scheduled to the additional Opening Series race, the first finisher will be scored 11 points, second 12 points and so on.

15. Coaches and Support Boats

15.1. Support boats shall be registered at the race office. Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat license and third party liability insurance.

- 15.2. For oversea coaches, coaches shall be at the committee boat. Rental boats may be available on request. Please send an email to wahk@windsurfing.org.hk for further enquiry.

16. Safety

- 16.1. ~~Personal buoyancy~~Impact vest and helmet are mandatory for every competitor ~~in~~
~~iQFOiL Class~~ while afloat.
- 16.2. Personal ~~buoyancy~~floatation device is mandatory for every competitor and support boat crewmember under 17 years old while afloat.
- 16.3. Advice: Competitors of iQFOiL Class are advised to bring along with the electronic device during marathon race for direct communication with the race committee in case of emergency.

17. Prizes

- 17.1. For **AC**, the prizes will be presented as below:
- 17.1.1. Medals for the 2022 iQFOiL Asian Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first 3 (three) Men and Women. The first iQFOiL man and woman shall be known as the – 2022 iQFOiL Asian Champion.
- 17.1.2. Medals for the 2022 iQFOiL Asian Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first 3 (three) U21 Men and U21 Women. The first iQFOiL U21 man and U21 woman shall be known as the – 2022 iQFOiL U21 Asian Champion.
- 17.1.3. Medals for the 2022 iQFOiL Asian Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first 3 (three) U19 Youth Boys and U19 Youth Girls. The

first iQFOiL U19 Boys and U19 Girls shall be known as the – 2022 iQFOiL U19 Asian Champion.

17.1.4. Medals for the 2022 iQFOiL Asian Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first 3 (three) U17 Junior Boys and U17 Junior Girls. The first iQFOiL U17 Boys and U17 Girls shall be known as the – 2022 iQFOiL U17 Asian Champion.

17.2. For **HKO**, the prizes will be presented as below:

17.2.1. Medals for the Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first 3 (three) iQFOiL Men and Women

17.2.2. Medals for the Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first 3 (three) iQFOiL U19 Youth Boys and U19 Youth Girls.

17.2.3. Medals for the Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first 3 (three) iQFOiL U17 Junior Boys and U17 Junior Girls.

17.2.4. Medals for the Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first 3 (three) FOIL Minim Boys and Minim Girls

17.2.5. Medals for the Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first 3 (three) FOIL Open.

17.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the iQFOiL Class Administration

18. Official Ceremonies

- 18.1. Competitors are requested to attend the event's social functions; however, the Organizing Authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion. Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non attendance at the prize presentation ceremony.
- 18.2. Opening Ceremony will be held at Stanley. (See Notice of Race 7.1)
- 18.3. Closing Ceremony will be held at East Coast Park Precinct (Phase 1). (See Notice of Race 7.1)

19. Disclaimer of Liability

- 19.1. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 19.1.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their board to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 19.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves and their board and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 19.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 19.1.4. Their board is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- 19.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 19.1.6. The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 19.1.7. The fact that the Race Committee or Technical Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a vessel does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NOR/SI.

20. Insurance

- 20.1. Each participating board shall be insured with valid third party insurance.

21. Right to Use Names and Likeness

- 21.1. In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he or she participates without compensation.

22. Transportation & Accommodation

- 22.1. Information and application form related to transportation and accommodation will be posted online at:

<https://forms.gle/AAcMrmcQ1DwtLEVo6>

For enquiries related to Transportation and Accommodation, please contact:

Email: freddy@windsurfing.org.hk ; Telephone: +852 - 25048257

Neither the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong nor International iQFOiL Class Association take responsibility for travel and accommodation arrangements made in error.

23. Further Information

- 23.1. Registration will take place at the race office. (See Notice of Race 11.1)
- 23.2. Competitors may join the WhatsApp Group to get the latest information. Further information will be supplemented.
- 23.3. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.windsurfing.org.hk/2022/09/26/%e6%b5%b7%e9%80%9a%e5%9c%8b%e9%9a%9b2021%e9%a6%99%e6%b8%af%e6%bb%91%e6%b5%aa%e9%a2%a8%e5%b8%86%e5%85%ac%e9%96%8b%e9%8c%a6%e6%a8%99%e8%b3%bd23-29-10-2018-2-2-2-2/>
- 23.4. For further information, please contact the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong. Tel.: (852) 2504 8255 Fax.: (852) 2577 7529
E-mail: wahk@windsurfing.org.hk
Address: Room 1001, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
- 23.5. For quarantine policy, further information will be supplemented.