



PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

WINDSURFER

2023 QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

November 4th – 5th 2023

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

Noosa, Queensland

with thanks to our Sponsor



Supported by



A. Organising Authority and Location of Race

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC)

[24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point 4565](#)

in conjunction with the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia and the Australian Windsurfing Association.

B. COVID-19

The event will adhere to all health and legal directions in force during the event and may require QR code sign-in, social distancing, wearing of masks, limit group sizes and other requirements as mandated by the Federal and/or Queensland Department of Health.

Updates on requirements will be provided as required.

C. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021 – 2024) and the Windsurfer Class rules, except where these are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

If there is conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence.

C.1. - Rule 13. - While Tacking

Rule 13 is changed to:

After a board passes head to wind, she shall keep clear of other boards until her sail has filled.

During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two boards are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall keep clear.

C.2. - Rule 31. - Touching a Mark

Rule 31 is changed to:

While racing, a board shall not touch a starting mark before starting or a finishing mark after finishing. A board may touch a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing.

C.3. - Rule 42. - Propulsion (Pumping)

As per Windsurfer Class rules, Rule 42 is changed to:

“A board shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sail, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted actions of the competitor except that when:

Course racing and competitors are sailing to windward or on a close-hauled course,

pumping (continuous and/or repetitive movement of the rig to induce wind-flow over the sail) is prohibited except for the first 30 seconds after the starting signal”

A member of the race committee or a designated observer who sees a competitor infringing these pumping restrictions may disqualify a competitor without a hearing.

Note: Pumping is unrestricted for the slalom and marathon events.

C.4. - Rule 44. - Penalties at the time of Incident

Rule 44 is changed to:

44.1 Taking a Penalty

A board may take a 360°-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. However, if the board caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

44.2 360°-Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other boards as soon after the incident as possible, a board takes a 360°-Turn Penalty by promptly making a 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe. When a board takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes.

D. Eligibility

Windsurfer Class boards including Windsurfer LT, Windsurfer One Design and Original Windsurfers using class supplied and approved equipment.

All competitors shall:

1. Be paid up members of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA) for the 2023/24 membership year.
You can check if you are a current member of the WCAA [here](#)
You can join the WCAA here including taking the required insurance as detailed below [here](#)
2. Have current Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) 3rd party liability insurance either through WCAA membership with insurance or membership of Windsurfing Queensland (WQ) or another affiliated Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) state or club-based organisation.
You can check the AWA register [here](#)
3. Be a member of an Australian Sailing affiliated Club and have an active Australian Sailing Number
You can check the AS number register [here](#)
If you do not have an AS number you can register for a two day Sail Pass at registration.
4. Have a unique sail number, displayed in accordance with the Windsurfer Class Rules.

E. Entry Fee & Registration

Competitors will pay the prescribed entry fees as detailed below.

The event entry fee includes racing, presentation including draw prizes and event t-shirt.

Early Entry fees apply for entries received by 11.59pm on November 1st, 2023.

The Standard Entry fee is the relevant category Early Entry fee plus an additional \$30.

This will apply to all entries in all categories received after November 1st, 2023.

No entries will be received after 10:30am on Saturday, November 4th 2023.

Competitor Early Entry Fees (\$AUD)	
Category A - Adult 18 years of age and over	Early = \$100
Category B - Adult who is sailing in the Cruiser Division (Novice racing division)	Early = \$85
Category C - Under 18 years (Youth)	Early = \$85

Entries will be online. Please [register here on the LCSC website](#)

If the event is cancelled prior to the first racing day due to COVID-19 restrictions in Queensland a full refund will be provided to all competitors.

F. Registration

All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.

Registration will occur at LCSC between 0930 and 1030hrs on Saturday, November 4th 2023. Registration and payment must be made online. Paper Registration and offline payment will not be available.

At or before Registration:

- All competitors will have to sign an Entry Form which includes the Entry Declaration and Disclaimer of Liability;
- All competitors will have their Third party liability (TPL) Insurance and AS number status checked;
- Competitors under 18 years of age must have an 'Emergency Contact Form' and 'Media Consent Form', completed by their parent/guardian;
- Male competitors will have their weight recorded;
- Proof of age of a competitor may be checked, if required by the Organising Authority

G. Schedule

Day/Date	Event	Time	Location
Saturday 4/11/2023	Registration	0930 – 1030hrs	LCSC
	Briefing	1100hrs	
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1200hrs	
	Racing Session 2	PM	
	Social – Apollonian Hotel Dinner BYO	~1800hrs	Hotel
Sunday 5/11/2022	Briefing	0930hrs	LCSC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1030hrs	
	Racing Session 2 - No warning signal after	1500hrs	
	Presentation ASAP after last race		LCSC
	Event Close		

The event will be run on an 'on call' basis.

Competitors are strongly advised not to leave the vicinity of LCSC during racing sessions as decisions to race may be made quickly based on changing conditions or racing requirements.

Decisions will be made by the Organising Authority based on safety, conditions and requirements to complete each of the competition disciplines.

Competitors will be briefed before each racing session as to what discipline(s) will be run.

Multiple briefings may be held, and changes may be made through verbal instructions or notices to competitors.

More than one discipline may be run in a racing session, and/or divisions may undertake different disciplines within one racing session.

H. Competition Disciplines

Competition will be conducted in the discipline of Course Racing only..

Target competition program is a minimum five (5) Course Races.

An exhibition Freestyle event will be run if time permits.

I. Competition Divisions

Racing will be conducted for **Open** and **Cruiser** divisions.

Cruiser division is for first time / returning racers, novices and more relaxed racers and will sail a shorter course.

For Open divisions, the following gender & weight divisions will be scored:

Women

Men – Light / Heavy

(subject to numbers a Medium division may be added at the discretion of the Organising Authority)

Weight Divisions will be allocated by the following method as per Class Rules:

Split Weights:

- (i) Male competitors will be divided into up to 2 or 3 categories of weight of equal numbers, including Youth.
- (ii) After the weighing procedure, in case the total number cannot be divided by the number of categories, the first category with one competitor more will be determined upon a random draw. In case two competitors have the same weight, the younger competitor will be considered the lighter.
- (iii) Before the start of the first race, a second weighing procedure may be called for the athletes close to the limits of the categories, in order to recheck the correct registered weight.
- (iv) Where there is a significant difference between cut-off weights and/or a number of competitor weights that are close to the limits between divisions, the Organising Authority may, in its absolute discretion, increase or decrease the number of competitors in a division to promote closer and fairer racing.

Weighing Procedure

- (i) Weighing of competitors will be conducted during the event registration period on the official scales provided by the Organising Authority.
- (ii) Competitors will weigh in T-shirt and shorts only (no footwear) – with all pockets emptied.
- (iii) Competitors may be re-weighed at any time during an event at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- (iv) If subsequent weighing of a competitor indicates a variation of more than 2 kilograms from the original weight that would cause a competitor to change weight division the Organising Authority will assess the circumstances and have the option to change the competitors' division.

J. Equipment

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that their equipment conforms to the current Class Rules.

You can download the Class Rules [here](#)

Equipment inspection may be undertaken at any time during the Event by the Organising Authority to ensure compliance with Class Rules.

Those in Cruiser division may use:

- (i) sails of less than 5.7 metres of any make or model including the Class 4.5 trainer sail
- (ii) masts and booms of any make and model

K. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) including course format and racing procedure will be available online no-later than 3 days prior to the event.

Further instructions may be provided verbally at Briefings and also by Notices to Competitors.

The SIs and Notices to Competitors will be available on the Official Notice Board at LCSC.

L. Scoring

Scoring will be conducted by division.

If multiple divisions are raced in a fleet, the across the line results will be rescored into divisional results.

For example, if Category A and Category B raced in the same fleet and the first Category B board finishes third across the line, it is rescored to 1st for the Category B division.

The *Low Point System* - RRS Appendix A Scoring will apply.

Three (3) course races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than 5 course races have been completed a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores.

When from 5 to 8 course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores excluding her worst score ("one drop").

When 9 or more course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores excluding her two worst scores ("two drops").

M. Buoyancy

All competitors shall wear whilst racing personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications approved by the National Authority at or above the minimum level required (ie L50/ level 50) or as approved by the Organising Authority (changes rules 27.1 and 40.1.) Attention is drawn to rule 1.2.

N. Trophies, Prizes and T-shirts

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Windsurfer Class Association.

A T-Shirt will be included as part of your entry fee. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$30 during the event. Please ensure you register at least 2 weeks before the event to guarantee your t-shirt size.

O. Responsibility

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 - Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

It is the competitor's sole decision to enter this event and to start and or to continue to compete. By way of entering, competitors acknowledge and agree that participation in this event can be dangerous and accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. In addition, by way of entering competitors shall hold harmless the organising authority, its officers, members, servants and agents and all other competitors in respect of all liability for injury to their person and or loss or damage to their property howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in this event and acknowledge and accept that the organising authority, its officers, members, servants, agents and other competitors accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitor's participation or intended participation in this event or arising for whatever reason in connection with this event.

Competitors will sign a disclaimer of liability at registration.

P. Advertising

Competitors may be obliged by the Organising Authority to display advertising of sponsors on sails and/or other equipment and/or on their persons in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

Q. Media Rights

Competitors give full rights and permission to the Organising Authority and / or Windsurfer Class Association of Australia for use and broadcasting of photographs or videos of persons or boards competing in the event including, but not limited to, spots on television, online mediums and social media and can be used for editorial purpose, promotion or printed information.

Competitors under 18 years of age may opt out when completing the disclaimer of liability at registration.

R. Additional Information

Updates will be provided via any of the following methods – email, social media or website.

[Windsurfer Class website](#)

[Queensland Windsurfer Class Facebook](#)

For specific questions about LCSC and local issues:

Todd McVey: todd@metromoney.com.au

For general event information, entry queries, membership, t-shirts and class matters: josh@prodocs.com.au

Appendix 1 – Regatta Site and Racing Area

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club – [24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point 4565](#)

Lake Cootharaba is a large lake located north of Noosa, QLD.

The racing area will be the waters off Boreen Point, adjacent to Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club.



Weather

Sailing at Lake Cootharaba provides a challenging variety of potential conditions.

Land effects may come into play.

The prevailing sea breezes are usually from the northeast and southeast directions.

If the wind does pick up, the seas can get steep quickly as it is such a shallow lake..

Sea breezes at this time of year are usually consistent and peak at 12-15 knots around 2pm.

Appendix 2 – Additional Information

Secure board storage may be available to a limited number of competitors if required.