



GWA WINGFOIL WORLD CUP Sal, Cape Verde

13.-21.03.2025

It is a pleasure to announce the first World Cup event of the GWA WINGFOIL WORLD TOUR 2025

which will be held in Sal, Cape Verde.

The dates will be from the 13th to the 21st of March 2025

This is a GWA Wingfoil World Tour event, and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2025 GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook.

Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter a GWA Wingfoil World Tour event shall pre-register through the GWA Wingfoil World Tour website or under the following direct link:

<https://app.wingfoilworldtour.com/>

or via email to tom@globalwingsportsassociation.org or by other means to be specified by the GWA Sports Commission, no later than the published closing date for entries for that specific event.

Ultimately it is the competitors' responsibility to pre-register or to apply for an entry for an event and to ensure that the application has been received timely and correctly.

According to rule 11.2, fines and/or having their next events applications cancelled may be handed out to a pre-registered and / or qualified competitor who, without advanced notice fails to show up at an event.

Complete and signed entry forms for event registration must be signed and complete online after the application of the competitor got approved by the GWA Sports committee by latest one day after the preregistration period closes. Exceptions can only be granted by the GWA Representative.

If a competitor is unable to complete registration at the published time and place in the Race Notice for reasons beyond their control, then the competitor should contact the GWA Representative with details of their delay and must gain consent for their registration period to be extended. Evidence must be supplied to support reasons showing that the circumstances were out of the competitor's control. Failure to comply with the above will prohibit a competitor from entering the event.

All riders must preregister for the event **by Friday 31st January 2025.**

The registration mail should contain:

- Full Name:
- Nationality:
- Date of Birth:
- Email
- Telephone/Whatsapp:

All attending riders need to have a valid membership with the GWA to be insured during the participation in the event.



Cost of entry is 80.- Euro for competing in one discipline.

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GWA membership. The GWA membership needs to be obtained before or at the same time when confirming participation for an event and can be paid during the online registration. The membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third-party liability during the competition.

Entry restrictions

Entry-fee payments must be made no later than the end of the inscription-time at the respective event.

After confirmation of participation, the rider will receive a payment link. Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency. In this case an amount of 40,- Euro processing fee will be added to the regular entry-fee.

In the case that the full amount of the inscription fee is not paid by the end of the announced inscription-time, the rider will not be allowed to compete.

Eligibility

A competitor is eligible for any GWA event if he meets the following conditions:

- He has a personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.
- The competitor cannot hold the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH or the event-organizer responsible for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- The competitor cannot hold the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- He holds a valid competitor's membership with the GWA Wingfoil World Tour

Entry allocation

There is a maximum number of 28 male competitors and 28 female competitors entering this event in the Wave discipline.

If the number of preregistered riders exceeds 28, the GWA Sports Commission will select the GWA Wildcards based on their participation and results in other international and national events as well as their Wingfoil merits. For riders aiming to enter through a video wildcard application, their application video needs to be submitted to Liam via email – liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org

When sending video applications, we kindly ask that they be uploaded as non-edited videos non-edited via the GWA Rider app. You can upload your videos by following this link - <https://app.wingfoilworldtour.com/>

The GWA will publish the GWA wildcard allocation latest on 05th February 2025, a few days after the end of preregistration.

GWA Wave	
CATEGORY	28 Wave Riders



Seeding List	1-16 Wave Ranked 2024
Video Wildcards	17-22
GWA Wildcard	23 - 26
Organiser Wildcards	27-28

Seeding

The seeding for the entry allocation to the GWA Wingfoil World Cup 2025 in Sal, Cape Verde will be done according to the 2024 end of year Wave Rankings.

1		Cash Berzolla
2		Malo Guenole
3		Finn Spencer
4		Axel Gerard
5		Benoit Carpentier
6		Vinnicius Martins
7		Camille Bouyer
8		Tom Auber
9		Leon Schiel
10		Nathan Van Vuuren
11		Chucho Nonnot
12		Hugo Marin
13		Liam Coralle
14		Clement Roseyro
15		Julien Bouyer
15		Wesley Brito
17		Otis Buckingham
18		Noé Cuyala
19		Anderson Gallagher
20		Gregorio Pugliese
21		Theo Demanez
22		Zany Guy
23		Xavier Corr

1		Elena Moreno
2		Nia Suardiaz
3		Bowien Van Der Linden
4		Charlotte Carpentier
5		Sofia Marchetti
6		Moona Whyte
7		Ava Segersten
8		Francesca Maini
9		Mar De Arce
9		Manon Dupé
9		Isabel Triviño
12		Zara Maillard

24		Jeffrey Spencer
25		Arthur Thébault
26		Clément Hamon
26		Kiran Verma
28		Yann Rifflet
28		Lorenzo Bernd
28		Douglas P Juliani
31		Kapono Fukuda
31		Baptiste Cloarec
31		Austin Kalama
31		Austin Tovey
31		Houine Hamouda
36		Noah Angulo
36		Hendrick Lopes



Disciplines

There will be one official World Cup disciplines in this GWA Wingfoil World Tour event.

Wave

Divisions:

Pro Men (Surf-Freestyle/Surf-Slalom/Wave): Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)

Pro Women (Surf-Freestyle/Surf-Slalom/Wave): Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)

There is a minimum number of **4 competitors needed** to run a separate division, otherwise all male and female competitors will run together in one division.

Important Info

- All riders need to wear a helmet during competition!
- For Surf-Slalom discipline an impact vest is mandatory!
- For Surf-Freestyle discipline, the Race Director can decide impact vest is mandatory.
- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training.
- Each rider will get one competition riders' vest at the registration. Each rider is responsible for his competition riders' vests. In case of loss a replacement is not possible!
- Competitors shall wear the event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing, including harness on the water at all times during the event and one (1) board sticker to be placed on the top and on the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than \$ 500 for each violation.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.
- The Riders ID-Strap authorizes you to enter the equipment storage tent. You will receive the Riders ID-Strap personally and only at the registration.
- Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/autograph sessions.
- There will be a social event-calendar for each side event that all riders have to join via social media and share.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts:
@wingfoilworldtour #wingfoilworldtour #globalwingsportsassociation #gwawingfoil #wingfoil #wingsurf #GWACapeVerde

Membership

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GWA membership. The duration of GWA membership is from the first to the last event of the WWT season.

Membership fees shall be determined by the GWA at the start of the year and may be changed at any notice during the year.

At the end of the inscription-time, the rider must be able to prove a valid GWA membership. After confirmation of participation, he will receive a payment link. Payments must be made via credit card.



For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency.

The cost of the GWA membership is 80 € for competing in one event and 160 € per year (to be paid 80 € at the first event entered and 80 € at the second event entered. The total amount of 160 € can also be paid in once at the first event for the complete year. Membership fees are excluding event fees.)

The GWA membership fee for Local / National Wildcard holders is reduced to 20 € for competing in one event and 100 € per year (to be paid 20 € at the first event entered when receiving a wildcard and 80 € at the second event entered).

The membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third-party liability during the competition. Benefits are only provided in accordance with the current ERAG insurance policy. The GWA Wingfoil World Tour, the GKA Event GmbH, the Global Wingsports Association cannot hold liable for any legal and/or financial liability, losses, damages, which might occur from the participation in the competition/event.

Please note that the insurance is only valid for riders not competing in their country of residence. Local riders are **not** insured through their GWA membership.

Equipment storage

There will be equipment storage on site during the event period from 13th -21st March.

Travel info

Airports: For international arrivals there is one main airport that are best to fly into.

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Event Location

Location 1:
Kite Beach
Sal, Cabo Verde

Location 2:
Punta Preta Beach
Santa Maria
Sal, Cabo Verde

Organiser Contact:

Nautic Sport Eventos Lda
Ilha do Sal, Santa Maria
Djo and Giada: nseventos.cv@gmail.com



Location map:



Travel documents and Visa:

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org and he will issue you the document.

Accommodation for competitors:

Accommodation providers will be announced shortly.

Weather:

March in Sal offer mostly moderate warm weather. The average air temperatures vary from 18°C at night to 25°C during daytime and the water temperature is around 22-23°C. So, bringing sweater/jacket for clothing and a light wetsuit is recommended.

Wind Information

Northeast trade wind blows mainly from 15 – 25 knots

Spots:

For wave competition: Kite Beach or Punta Preta

Event Schedule

Thursday 13th March

- 09:00-10:30 – Inscription
- 11:30 - Riders Briefing
- 12:00 - First Possible start for competition
- 19:00 – Opening Ceremony

Friday 14th March

- 10:00 – Skippers Meeting
- 10:30 – First possible start



Saturday 15th March

10:00 – Skippers Meeting
10:30 – First possible start

Sunday 16th March

10:00 – Skippers Meeting
10:30 – First possible start

Monday 17th March

10:00 – Skippers Meeting
10:30 – First possible start

Tuesday 18th March

10:00 – Skippers Meeting
10:30 – First possible start

Wednesday 19th March

10:00 – Skippers Meeting
10:30 – First possible start

Thursday 20th March

10:00 – Skippers Meeting
10:30 – First possible start

Friday 21st March

10:00 – Skippers Meeting
10:30 – First possible start
20:00 – Closing Ceremony and prize giving.

Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Skippers Meeting for the following day will always be communicated at the end of the previous day!

Equipment

- Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition. There are not any restrictions on the size, length and width of the quiver
- The leading edge from the wing must be inflatable.
- Foot straps, pads and wax are allowed.
- The use of a safety leash to secure the wing is mandatory.
- The use of a helmet is mandatory.
- The use of a board leash could be mandatory depending on the conditions. It will be announced by the Race Director and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

Prize money

The prizemoney for the GWA Wingfoil World Cup 2025 in Cabo Verde will be **10.000 Euro for the Wave discipline.**

Prize money distribution

The full amount of the advertised prize money shall be payable when a valid result stands as specified in the relevant subsections of the GWA Rulebook.



The WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser have got the right to subtract the competitors' individual withhold-tax from the prize-money to be paid out. The WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser have got the right to pay the individual withhold-tax on behalf of the competitor to the national tax- authorities of the country in which the event takes place. The WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser shall give all necessary information and documents of the tax-payment made to the competitor for his personal disposal.

Ten per cent (10%) of the available prize money (1.000 Euro. at this event) will be allocated to the overall ranking.

The prize money distribution per event between genders will be done equally until 4th position. After that, the prize money will be distributed between genders based on the number of participants. The prize money distribution of each discipline for a valid and completed WWT event is specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

Prize Split – Surf Freestyle & Wave

- The prize money distribution for a valid and completed WWT event will be done according to the following:
- If there is 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:
- 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
- 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men
- 20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with more than 16 competitors (4 riders in equal 5th place)
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Gender with 16 or more		Gender with less than 16	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	15	1	15
2	10	2	10
3	8	3	8
4	7	4	7
Total 1- 4	40	Total 1- 4	40
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
Total 5-8	20		

- If there are 16 or more competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:
- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 women
- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 men



16 or more women		16 or more men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	14	1	14
2	9	2	9
3	7	3	7
4	6	4	6
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
Total	50	Total	50

- If there are less than 16 competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:
- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

Less than 16 women		Less than 16 men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7
Total	50	Total	50

Wave Discipline

ELIMINATION PROCEDURE AND SCORING

1. Seeding Round.

1. On the single 32, 16 or 8 ladder, there will be a "Seeding Round" in "Round 1" to determinate the seeding position for the Main Event. (Round 2 onwards).
2. On the Seeding Round, every competitor from the round will be competing each other and they will be seeded in Round 2 from their highest score to their lowest.
3. To protect the spot of the ranked competitors, in the single 32 ladder there will be two groups of pre-seeded competitors on this order; From 1st-16th and



17th-32nd. In the single of 16 and 8 there will be only one single group for the entire round.

Elimination procedure

The Elimination procedure shall be:

- (i) Competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.
- (ii) Competitors with no ranking will be distributed in the WWT ladder according to the name drawing that shall be done by the Race Director at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.
- (iii) "Byes," if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.
- (iv) Competitors shall ride one against one. If there are enough of judges on the panel, it will be possible to run two heats on the water simultaneously. (Split panel).
- (v) The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder. Once a round is started, the format shall stay the same until that round is completed.

Elimination Ladders – Wave

The elimination ladder used for the WWT Wave events shall be a dingle elimination. with 24, 12 or 6 competitors.

- WWT 24 DINGLE Elimination

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			ROUND # 4			SEMI FINALS			FINALS		
HEAT #1	NAME	Color	HEAT #1	NAME	Color	HEAT #1	NAME	Color	HEAT #1	NAME	Color	HEAT #1	NAME	Color	HEAT #1	NAME	Color
19			20			21			22			23			24		
18			19			20			21			22			23		
6			7			8			9			10			11		
HEAT #2	NAME	Color	HEAT #2	NAME	Color	HEAT #2	NAME	Color	HEAT #2	NAME	Color	HEAT #2	NAME	Color	HEAT #2	NAME	Color
20			21			22			23			24			25		
14			15			16			17			18			19		
9			10			11			12			13			14		
HEAT #3	NAME	Color	HEAT #3	NAME	Color	HEAT #3	NAME	Color	HEAT #3	NAME	Color	HEAT #3	NAME	Color	HEAT #3	NAME	Color
18			19			20			21			22			23		
18			19			20			21			22			23		
7			8			9			10			11			12		
HEAT #4	NAME	Color	HEAT #4	NAME	Color	HEAT #4	NAME	Color	HEAT #4	NAME	Color	HEAT #4	NAME	Color	HEAT #4	NAME	Color
22			23			24			25			26			27		
12			13			14			15			16			17		
2			3			4			5			6			7		
HEAT #5	NAME	Color	HEAT #5	NAME	Color	HEAT #5	NAME	Color	HEAT #5	NAME	Color	HEAT #5	NAME	Color	HEAT #5	NAME	Color
20			21			22			23			24			25		
12			13			14			15			16			17		
5			6			7			8			9			10		
HEAT #6	NAME	Color	HEAT #6	NAME	Color	HEAT #6	NAME	Color	HEAT #6	NAME	Color	HEAT #6	NAME	Color	HEAT #6	NAME	Color
22			23			24			25			26			27		
12			13			14			15			16			17		
4			5			6			7			8			9		
HEAT #7	NAME	Color	HEAT #7	NAME	Color	HEAT #7	NAME	Color	HEAT #7	NAME	Color	HEAT #7	NAME	Color	HEAT #7	NAME	Color
17			18			19			20			21			22		
9			10			11			12			13			14		
8			9			10			11			12			13		
HEAT #8	NAME	Color	HEAT #8	NAME	Color	HEAT #8	NAME	Color	HEAT #8	NAME	Color	HEAT #8	NAME	Color	HEAT #8	NAME	Color
24			25			26			27			28			29		
16			17			18			19			20			21		
8			9			10			11			12			13		

- WWT 12 DINGLE Elimination:



ROUND # 1				ROUND # 2				ROUND # 3				SEMI FINALS				FINALS							
HEAT #1				HEAT #5				HEAT #9				WINNERS FINAL				Rk. NAME							
10	NAME	Color	Rk.	2NDP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.					1	NAME		
8				3RDQ1				1STP2				1STP2								2			
7								1STP3				1STP3								3			
HEAT #2				HEAT #6				HEAT #10				HEAT #14								HEAT #15			
11	NAME	Color	Rk.	2NDP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.					1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.
7				3RDQ1				1STP2				1STP2								1STP2			
2								1STP3				1STP3								1STP3			
HEAT #3				HEAT #7				HEAT #11				HEAT #14								HEAT #16			
9	NAME	Color	Rk.	2NDP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.					2NDP1	NAME	Color	Rk.
5				3RDQ1				1STP2				1STP2			2NDP1								
4								1STP3				1STP3			2NDP1								
HEAT #4				HEAT #8				HEAT #12				MINI FINAL											
12	NAME	Color	Rk.	2NDP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.				
8				3RDQ1				1STP2				1STP2			1STP1								
1								1STP3				1STP3			1STP1								

- WWT 6 Dingle Elimination

ROUND # 1				ROUND # 2				SEMI FINALS				FINALS											
HEAT #1				HEAT #3				HEAT #5				WINNERS FINAL				Rk. NAME							
6	NAME	Color	Rk.	2NDP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.					1	NAME		
3				3RDQ1				1STP2				1STP2								2			
2								1STP3				1STP3								3			
HEAT #2				HEAT #4				HEAT #6				HEAT #8								HEAT #16			
5	NAME	Color	Rk.	2NDP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.	1STP1	NAME	Color	Rk.					2NDP1	NAME	Color	Rk.
4				3RDQ1				1STP2				1STP2			2NDP1								
1								1STP3				1STP3			2NDP1								
MINI FINAL																							

Waves Judging Rules

The Wingfoil Waves discipline is based on the performance of riding in waves and swell. Waves selection, power, variety, and flow are just some of the judge criteria considered in waves. Using the power of the wing is allowed when surfing, except for air tricks, during which only one hand is allowed to grab from the leading-edge handle.

General Judging Rules

- Selection of judges
- Only the WWT Sports Commission can make appointments and substitutions for an event. An attempt shall be made to ensure that no judge has a vested interest. There should not be family tie with a competitor.

Individual Scoring procedure

- Judging Criteria are applied to score individual waves.
- The number of waves counted for the final score will be announced by the head judge. A notice must be made on the Official Notice Board 30 minutes before the heat starts.
- The maximum of attempts per waves be up to the Head Judge. A notice must be made on the Official Notice Board 30 minutes before the heat starts.
- One or two panels of judges, each panel comprising an odd number of judges, no less than three (3) in number, shall score each heat. When there are five (5) judges, the highest and the lowest scores per wave or scoring category will be withdrawn and the average scores of the other three (3) judges will be counted as the final wave or category score.
- If a judge misses a wave, they should place an “M” and that score will be given points equal to the average to the nearest thousandth of a point (0.005 to be rounded upward) of the other judges’ scores.
- The judges shall award each competitor’s wave or judging category points on a scale from 0.1 to 10.0, broken into one- hundredths increments (e.g. 6.444).
- Each individual score is rounded to the nearest hundredths place. The rounded scores are added to calculate the final score.



- The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points win.
- The weight given to waves will be announced by the Head Judge and in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.
- The weight given to waves will be announced by the Head Judge and in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.
- If a competitor lands the trick on a wave wet and doesn't lose the board, the judges will still give some credit to the trick. It's at the discretion of each judge to consider if it's a crash or a wave attempt land to consider how much credit they will give to the wave, based on the judge criteria.
- The competitor is allowed to use the power of the wing when performing on the waves and swell. That includes air tricks as integrated part of the wave-ride when landed in the same wave.
Powered air tricks as part of the wave shall be rigorously judged on commitment, height, power, and, most importantly, execution in the critical section of the wave.

Only highly committed and powerful maneuvers which are performed as integral part of the wave ride will meaningfully contribute to the final wave score, while lower-intensity tricks will have minimal impact.

Other judging rules

- A flag out system may be used to eliminate the competitor with the lowest scores and continue the heat keeping the current heat scores from the remaining competitors on the heat. In case of tie, it will be broken in favour of the competitor with the highest single score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's individual scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, even if some of them are excluded scores, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor with the best individual score.
- The judging marks and scores of each individual judge shall be shown only to competitors in that heat, on their request.
- Competitors are not allowed to stay in the judge's tower. If a competitor wants to check his judging marks and scores, he shall ask for consent from the Head Judge to enter the judge's tower.
- The scores and the decisions of the judges shall not be appealed.
- The Head Judge must be sure that the judges do not discuss scores.
- Judges may not change their scores. If there are any mistakes the judge should have the Head Judge, make the correction for them. The head judge has the last word.
- The Head Judge may re-run a heat if there is strong evidence that there is a major discrepancy in the judging scores from each individual judge, or that all judges missed a wave or a manoeuvre in a wave that had a scoring potential that may change the result. If it is possible, the decision to re-run shall be made before announcing a winner of the heat in question.

Ties in the individual scoring format

- In case of tie in the individual score format, it will be broken in favour of the competitor with the highest single wave score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's individual scores included in the total score only, shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor with the best individual score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's individual waves scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor with the best individual score.

Ties in the Overall Impression format



- In case of tie, it will be broken in favour of the competitor with the highest Technical Difficulty score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's individual scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, even if some of them are excluded scores, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor with the best individual score.

Right of way rules in the waves

Wave Priority with Side-Shore conditions

- With side-shore winds and only one available direction on any given wave, the heat priority works in the following manner:
- the competitor who has first turned on a swell shall have unconditional priority over the other competitors for the entire duration of that wave.
- If two or more competitors turn at the same time, with no clear interpretation of which competitor turned first, then the competitor windward has right of way for the entire duration of that wave.
- Video evidence shall be used to prove that one rider has turned on a swell before the other.
- Waves Priority with On-shore conditions
With on-shore winds and multiple random peaks wave possession may vary slightly according to the nature of an individual wave.
- There will be cases where one swell will have two separates, defined peaks far apart that eventually meet at some point. The competitor who makes the first turn shall be deemed to have wave possession and the second competitor must give way by turning or kicking out before hindering the right of way rider.
- If two competitors turn at the same time on two separate peaks that eventually meet, then:
 - (i) If they both give way by turning or kicking out, so that neither is hindered, there will be no penalty.
 - (ii) If they collide or hinder one another, a competitor will be penalized by the judges if either or both indicate aggression at the point of hindrance.
 - (iii) If neither competitor gives way by exiting the ride and both share responsibility for the confrontation, then a double interference will be called. Both competitors will score a zero for that wave, and each of their best scoring waves are halved.

Waves Priority with On-shore conditions

With on-shore winds and multiple random peaks wave possession may vary slightly according to the nature of an individual wave.

- There will be cases where one swell will have two separates, defined peaks far apart that eventually meet at some point. The competitor who makes the first turn shall be deemed to have wave possession and the second competitor must give way by turning or kicking out before hindering the right of way rider.
- If two competitors turn at the same time on two separate peaks that eventually meet, then:
 - If they both give way by turning or kicking out, so that neither is hindered, there will be no penalty.
 - If they collide or hinder one another, a competitor will be penalized by the judges if either or both indicate aggression at the point of hindrance.
 - If neither competitor gives way by exiting the ride and both share responsibility for the confrontation, then a double interference will be called. Both competitors will score a zero for that wave, and each of their best scoring waves are halved.

Interference in the wave

Rules for waves



- A competitor deemed to have possession of a wave has unconditional right of way for the entire duration of that ride. This rule prevails in case of conflict with other(s) 19.1 right of way rule(s).
- Anyone who stands up in front of a competitor with right of way has the chance to ride or kick out of the wave without being called interference unless they hinder the scoring potential of the competitor with right of way by any means. These include excessive hassling, including with their wing from behind, or breaking down a section.
- If a second competitor surfs another section of the same wave, upwind or downwind, but has not hindered the original competitor with right of way by taking the same wave then the judges may choose not to penalise them even though they don't have right of way and will score both competitor's surfs. If in the opinion of the judges, the second competitor has interfered with the original competitor with right of way, by causing them to pull out or lose the wave, then interference may be called on the second competitor, even though they were on another section upwind or downwind of the first when the interference was called.
- If a competitor with right of way misses or falls off their wave, they shall keep clear of the following wave if another competitor has possession on that wave, if reasonably possible. If a competitor cannot complete their wave due to another competitor being capsized in the wave, causing possible loss of scoring potential, the affected competitor's heat may be re-run and an interference may be called. The Head Judge and Race Director will decide whether it is an interference and whether the heat will be re-run from the beginning, from the moment of the interference, or if extra time will be added if there is a re-run.
- If a competitor who remains in the water after their maximum number of waves will be penalised for interference if they ride any extra wave that obviously deprives another competitor of a potential wave.

Interference penalty procedure for Overall impression scoring

- If an interference penalty is called on a competitor, then the competitor's final score will be penalised with a loss of 50% of their "Technical Difficulty" scoring. If a competitor incurs a second interference penalty during the heat, they must immediately leave the competition area and won't be scored from that point, losing 100% of their "Technical Difficulty" scoring.
- With two heats on the water simultaneously, if there is an interference between two riders of different heats, the heat will be stopped and may be re-started. Interference penalty may be called, and the Race Director will decide whether it will be a re-run from the beginning, from the moment of the interference, or with additional time.

Interference penalty procedure for individual scoring

- If an interference penalty is called on a competitor, then the competitor's final score will be penalised with a loss of 50% of their second-best wave or trick score. If a competitor incurs a second interference penalty during the heat, he must immediately leave the competition area and won't be scored from that point, losing 100% of their second-best wave or trick score.
- Same rule applied as 25.2.2.

Judging Criteria

Judging criteria for the waves

Judging Criteria are applied to score individual waves ridden. Each judge analyses the following major elements when scoring a wave:



- Degree of difficulty of the manoeuvres performed.
- Commitment in the manoeuvres performed and the risk taken to perform them.
- Variety and combination of manoeuvres within the same wave.
- Speed and power.
- Flow and linking of manoeuvres.
- Size of the waves ridden, directly linked to the degree of difficulty of manoeuvres performed in each wave.
- Innovative and progressive manoeuvres.
It's important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day.
- Competitors must combine the major key elements in order to be awarded scores in the excellent range.
- The following scale may be used to describe a wave ridden that is scored:
 - 0 – 1.9 = Poor;
 - 2.0 – 3.9 = Fair;
 - 4.0 – 5.9 = Average; 6.0 – 7.9 = Good;
 - 8.0 – 10.0 = Excellent

Rulebook

<https://wingfoilworldtour.com/rulebooks/2024/GWA%20Rulebook%202024.pdf>

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As a competitor, I agree to respect the racing rules and in particular:

- to display visibly the sailing-number attributed to me.
- to always wear the official event-competition-lycra when proceeding to the water (also during training) as well as during interviews, official presentations and on podium.
- to wear a life jacket and safety helmet during the competition,
- to follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
- to always place board stickers (GWA Wingfoil World Tour & Event sponsor) on the top and on the bottom of the board during the event (competitions, interviews, media conferences, award ceremony...).
- to take note that all rider meetings, opening/closing ceremonies, and media conferences requested by the Event Organizer are mandatory to all riders. I assure you that I'll be on time and ready.
- I'm aware that a non-observance of this rule will incur a fine of up to 500 USD. Any competitor finishing in the top 3 positions who fails to attend the awards ceremony on time - without being justified by a force of major circumstance - will incur a fine equal to their earned prize money for the event. Furthermore, fine can incur an additional penalty of up to 1.000 USD and suspension for the next event.