



GWA WINGFOIL WORLD CUP BOOT, Dusseldorf

17.-19.01.2025

It is a pleasure to announce a special indoor event of the GWA WINGFOIL WORLD TOUR 2025

which will be held in BOOT, Dusseldorf.

The dates will be from the 17^h to the 19th of January 2025

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

Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors competing will be reached out by invitational only.

Entry restrictions

There will be no Entry-fee payments however a membership of 40euro will be required.

After confirmation of participation, the rider will receive a membership 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

Selected Riders consisting of both men and women will be contacted by the GWA Tour manager, Tom Hartmann prior to the event.

Disciplines

There will be One official discipline in this GWA Wingfoil World Tour event.

Indoor-Slalom

Divisions:

Pro Men Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)

Pro Women Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)

Seeding

There is no seeding for this invitational event.

Important Info

- All riders need to wear a helmet during competition!
- For Indoor Slalom discipline an 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 must join via social media and share.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts provided by the GWA social Media manager.

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 for this event only is 40 euro . Competitors competing for the whole year are advised to pay the standard 160 € per year to cover you for all remaining events in 2025.
- 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 next to the indoor pool on the event site. Access to the equipment storage by car is possible on Thursday 16th for free and Friday 17th for a deposit fee of 100euro which will be returned upon exit of the event area. On other remaining days there will only be allowed 2 registered vehicles.

Travel info

The closest airport to which to fly is Dusseldorf directly. Then it is a short drive to the event venue where the address can be found below. It is roughly 10 minutes by car, and by public transport roughly 20 minutes.

The event address

Messe Dusseldorf
Stockumer Kirchstraße 61,
40474 Düsseldorf,
Germany

Organiser Contact:

Michael Walther
Walter@hoepfner-kommunikation.de
Whatsapp: 0049 1736228467

Travel documents and Visa:

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

Pool information:

The pool size is 60 x 20 with a depth of 1m. The largest recommended foil mast length is 75cm. Anything larger will have the risk of touching the base of the pool, but this is the rider's decision with what mast they choose to use.

Weather:



The event will be indoors however water temperature in the pool will sit around 18 degrees Celsius, so we recommend a wetsuit for athletes. Air temperature inside the event site will sit at around 20 degrees Celsius.

Wind Information

With an indoor event the wind is generated at approximately 12-14 knots by powered wind fans (wind is stronger close to the fans).

Event Schedule

Thursday 16.1.2025

- 14.00 Test wake cable
- 17.00-18.00 Rider Registration

Please note that entry by car is possible to drop equipment at event site on Thursday for free.

Friday, 17.1.2024

Entry by car is possible to drop gear on Friday however a 100 Euro deposit is required.

- 09.00-11.00 free warm up wingfoil and pumpfoil
- 11.00-13.00 media visit wingfoil and pumpfoil
- 13.00-14.00 exclusive wingfoil training session
- 15.00-16.00 exclusive wingfoil training session
- 17.00 pool closed for rest of day for building stage and test opening ceremony
- 17.30-18.00 last rider registration

Saturday, 18.1.2024 - first competition day (qualification)

- Until 11.00 the pool closed for the official Boot opening ceremony
- 13.00-14.00 Wingfoil qualification
- 17.30-19.30 Wingfoil qualification (open end training)
- 19.00-22.00 party

Sunday, 19.1.2024 - final competition day

- 8.30-10.00 access only for athletes and crew (possible training)
- 10.00 boat show open
- 15.00-16.30 Wingfoil final and podium

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 however a 75cm mast is recommended due to the depth of the pool.
- 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.

Prize money



The prizemoney for the GWA Wingfoil Indoor World Cup 2025 in BOOT, Dusseldorf will be **5.000 Euro**.

The top 3 riders will share the prize money based off the following breakdown;

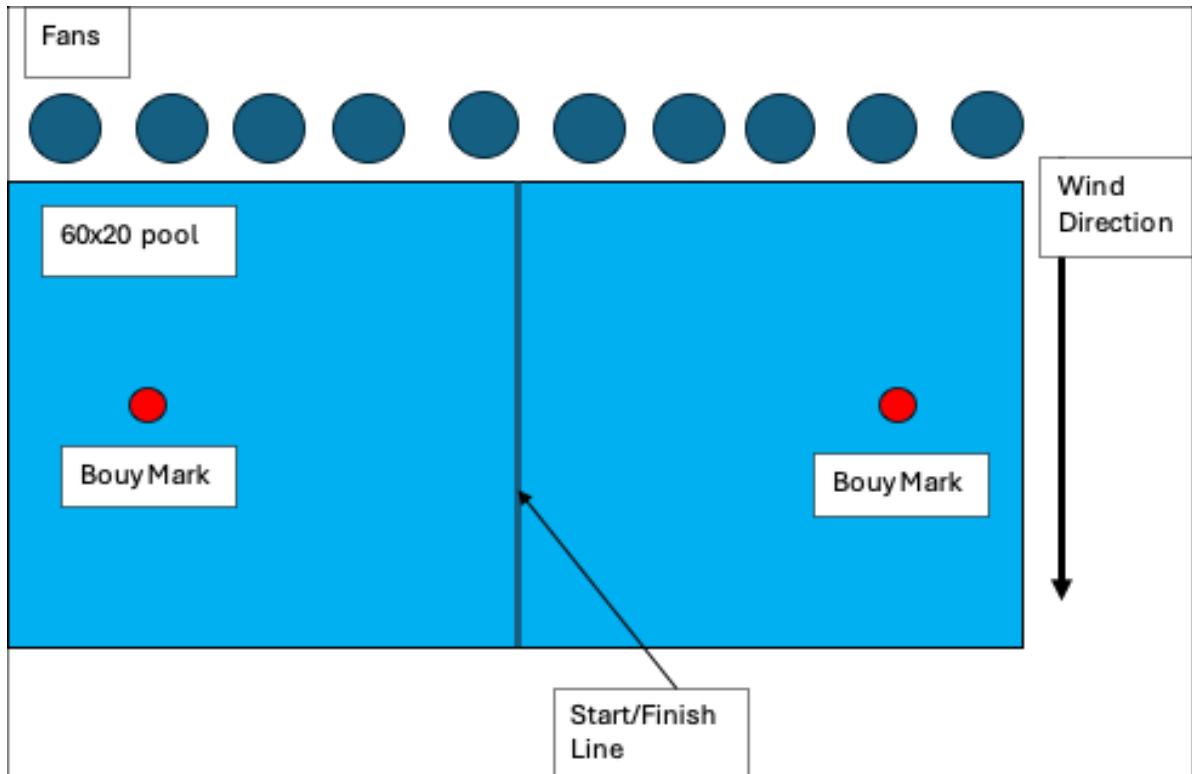
- 1st place: 50%
- 2nd Place: 30%
- 3rd Place: 20%

Indoor Slalom

The course – pool layout

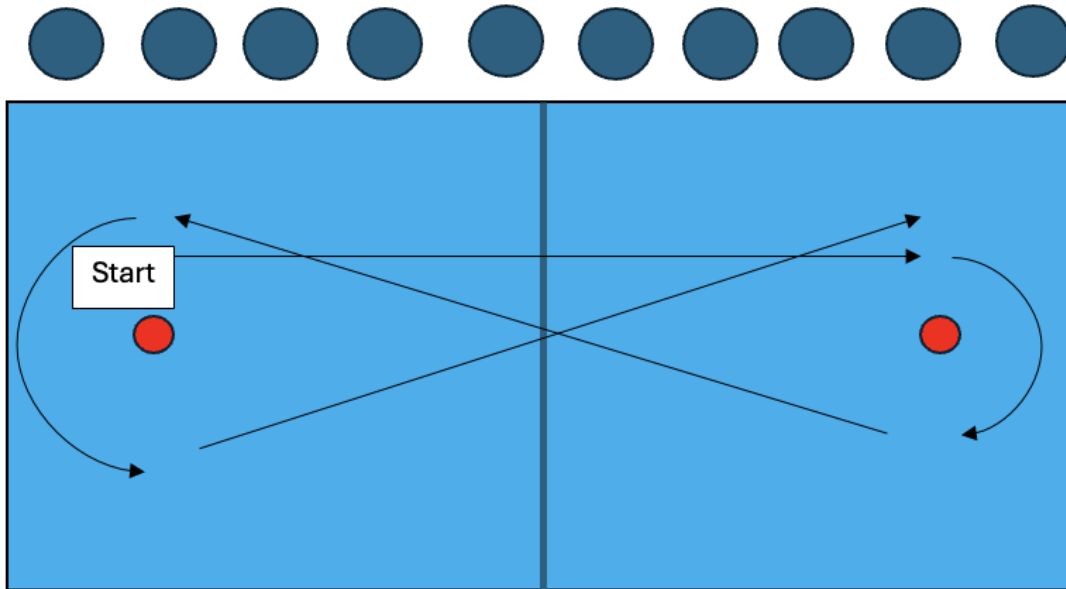
The pool is 1m deep and 60x20m. The fans on the long side of the pool generate the wind at 12-14 knots. There is a 2.0 wakeboard system that runs on top of the pool which can be used as assistance to get towed onto the foil to start the course.

The start and finish line is positioned along the centre of the pool.





The course – Competition



Only 1 competitor at a time will be allowed in the pool. The start is on the left buoy where the competitor can either pump up on foil or get towed by the cable.

Once on foil you cross to the other right-hand side buoy, perform a jibe which then follows with the course being completed as a figure of 8 format including jibes or tacks.

Competition format

The format of the indoor slalom will be a timed race one by one with the fastest time of the course being the winner. Competitors start on one side of the pool and have a full length to get on foil by themselves or using assistance of the wake cable. Then jibe around the opposite mark. When coming back crossing the start line in the centre of the pool the timer will then start.

After completing multiple laps in the set order the timer will stop again when the competitor crosses the finish line in the centre of the pool.

Elimination format

The competition is spread over 2 days with Day 1 seeing all riders have equal amount of qualification runs. The best riders with the fastest times will advance and qualify to final which will take place on the following day.

Rulebook

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

Covid-19 Pandemic Disclaimer



In case the event will be cancelled because of reasons not under the responsibility of the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer, neither the GWA, nor the GKA Event GmbH, nor the Organizer can be held legally responsible for any financial losses.

Each rider takes part in the event at his or her own risk, which includes also all travels because of his or her participation at this event. Each rider is responsible for ensuring and fulfilling all relevant individual travel requirements as well as fulfilling all legal requirements for border controls, which are necessary for the participation in the event and for the return home. The GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and the event Organizer cannot be held legal and/or financial liable by the rider for damage and/or financial losses caused by travel restrictions, quarantine measures, flight changes or flight cancellations, tests required for entering or exit countries or because of any other regional, national or international measures not under the control of the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer.

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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 place board stickers (GWA Wingfoil World Tour & Event sponsor) on the top and on the bottom of the board at all times 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 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.

GKA BOOT, Dusseldorf Team 2025

CEO: Jorgen Vogt

Tour Manager: Tom Hartmann

Live Scoring: Julio Furest

Contest Director: Ignacio del Aguila

Media Coordinator: Gemma Hamaini

Any question please contact our Tour Manager Tom Hartmann at tom@globalwingsportsassociation.org or our Assistant Tour Manager Liam Dredge at liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

The GWA Team