

**INTERNATIONAL
FUNBOARD CLASS
ASSOCIATION**

**EXPERSION
CHAMPIONSHIP RULES 2017**



The International Funboard Class Association was adopted as
a World Sailing international class in 1987

1. ORGANISATION

- 1.1. World, Continental and Regional championships shall only be organised by, or with the approval of, the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA).
- 1.2. "International ('open') events that adopt the IFCA Class Rules and Championship Rules require the approval of IFCA".

2. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. The minimum number of competitors required in continental championships is:
 - a) Wave and Freestyle
Men: 8 competitors, 4 countries.
Youth and Junior: 8 competitors, 3 countries.
Women: 5 competitors, 3 countries.
 - b) If the requirements in 2.1.1 are not met, the title shall not be awarded
- 2.2. Age Divisions
 - a) Youth is a man or woman who is less than 20 years old.
 - b) Junior is a boy or girl who is less than 17 years old.
 - c) Master is a man who has reached the age of 35, or a woman who has reached the age of 30.
 - d) Grand Master is a man who has reached the age of 45, or a woman who has reached the age of 40.
 - e) A sailor must have reached the minimum age in the relevant division by December 31st before the year of competition.
 - f) A sailor must not be older than the maximum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31st in the year of competition.
 - g) A minimum of 5 entries in a division is required to constitute this division.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The National Association fees (subscription) are determined by a scale published annually by the International Windsurfing Association. Payment of these fees is the sole responsibility of the National Association or Authority. Where no National Authority or Association subscribes the Funboard Class Fee, the IFCA Executive may accept entries from that country, direct from individuals, provided the IWA fee of per competitor is paid by the competitor (25 Euro).

4. EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. Equipment registration
 - a) Each competitor shall complete an online Equipment Registration Form (ERF) and submitted it before the close of registration. An additional analog registration system may be used.
 - b) Each competitor shall clearly identify each sail which he/she intends to use during the event (Serial number/event tag) which shall be listed on the ERF.
 - c) Each competitor shall list the serial number of the boards that he/she intends to use during the event on the ERF.
- 4.2. Equipment inspection
 - a) The Equipment Inspectors may check and measure equipment at any time during an event.
 - b) Until the Inspector gives permission, a selected sailor and his/her equipment shall have no contact with a coach or support personnel, or leave the inspection area. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
- 4.3. Event sponsor advertising
 - a) World Sailing Regulation 20 - Advertising Code - shall apply.
 - b) In the event that racers are required to carry advertising in compliance with World Sailing Regulation 20. Each racer shall place the advertising stickers issued by the organizing authority, back to back immediately above the boom and as close to the leach as possible (see appendix 4).
 - c) Racers shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.
 - d) Lycra vests issued by the local organizer shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat for training or racing.
 - e) Only event advertising stickers and/or Lycra vests issued by the local organizer of the regatta in which the racer is currently entered may be worn or appear on the sail.

5. ELIMINATION PROCEDURES AND SEEDING

- 5.1. Elimination procedure
- A championship shall be an Elimination series. One elimination consists of one or more rounds. One round consists of one or more heats. The standard elimination ladders are in Appendix 1.
 - The schedule of the elimination and the classification of the first round shall be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the first heat. It shall be the sole responsibility of each competitor to know in which heat he/she will be taking part.
- 5.2. First single elimination series
- Where a ranking table is available, at least places 1-16 in the first round may be distributed as specified in the "Distribution Tables" in Appendix 2. For IFCA Championships the most recent reprehensive rankings will be used. Non ranked competitors shall be further seeded according to the registered sail number.
- 5.3. Finals
- The B FINAL may be cancelled or run after the A FINAL as time and weather conditions dictate. All the loosing semifinalists, including those recorded as DNS, DNF, DSQ and RET may participate in the B FINAL.
- 5.4. Subsequent elimination series
- The distribution in the second and subsequent elimination series shall use the final results of the last sailed elimination series.

6. STARTS

6.1. Starting Freestyle and Wave heats

Each flag shall be removed when the next flag is displayed.

<i>Minutes before start signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
1 minute before start of transition	Heat number	None	
start of transition	Red flag	One	Warning signal
1	Yellow flag	One	Preparatory signal
0	Green flag	One	Starting start

6.2. Ending a heat.

<i>Minutes before ending signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
1	Green flag removed	One	Preparatory signal
0	Red flag	One	Starting start

7. FREESTYLE AND WAVE HEATS

- 7.1. The duration of a heat and the transition will be decided by the Head judge in agreement with the race director and posted on the Official Noticeboard at least 20 minutes before the heats concerned.
- 7.2. At the discretion of the Head judge heats can be extended.

- 7.3. An extension of the heat with 2 minutes will be shown by displaying a green and a yellow flag before the last minute. 1 minute before the ending of the heat the flags will be lowered.

8. SCORING

8.1. Scoring

- a) The Low Point system shall be used however the points for the first place shall be 0,7. The system of scoring may be modified to comply with computer programs available. Where this may produce a different result to these rules, the sailing instructions must clearly detail the modification.
- b) The points for DNC, DNS, OCS, BFD, DNF, RET, DSQ, DNE and DGM are the number of competitors in that heat plus the previous heat(s).
- c) To score an elimination series both semi-finals shall be run so that the composition of the A FINAL and B FINAL is known. The scored points will be the totalizing the points that normally can be scored in that final divided by the number of competitors in that final rounded on 0,1. Each competitor in that final shall score equal points.

8.2. National team results

National Team results are calculated by adding the Event results of the best two Men, the best Lady, the best Youth and the best Master, or as amended by the Notice of Race. A full team is required to score for the National Team ranking.

9. JUDGING FREESTYLE AND WAVE

9.1. Freestyle

- a) Judging of competitors is based on:
 - Difficulty: Each trick is graded according how difficult it is to execute
 - Diversity: The number of different types of tricks performed.
 - Technical skills: The quality of the execution of a move or trick
 - Choreography: Do the tricks flow together smoothly and gracefully?
 - Showmanship: Are you a crowd pleaser?
 - Overall Routine
- b) In the case of aerial moves the sailor with greater height or time aloft will be scored higher.
- c) The same move performed on a different tack shall be scored as a separate move.

9.2. Wave performance

- a) Wave Riding, Jumping and Transitions can be awarded different factors to contribute to the overall impression.
- b) Judging of competitors is based on:
 - Difficulty: Each trick is graded according how difficult it is to execute
 - Diversity: The number of different types of tricks performed.
 - Technical skills: The quality of the execution of a move or trick
 - Choreography: Do the tricks flow together smoothly and gracefully?
 - Showmanship: Are you a crowd pleaser?
- c) The number of manoeuvres, the number of categories to be counted towards the result, the multiplication factor of each category and the priority category shall be decided by the Head Judge and posted on the Official Noticeboard at least 20 minutes before the heats concerned.
- d) When there is a tie in total points awarded by a judge the tie will be broken in favour of the competitor who has the higher single score in the priority category.

- 9.3. Only those moves performed within the competition area and during the heat time limits will be scored.

10. VALIDITY OF DISCIPLINES

The minimum number of elimination series to constitute a valid discipline score, counting towards the Event score shall be one Wave, Freestyle, or Free-wave Series single elimination series completed including the Final

11. SUITABLE CONDITIONS

11.1. All disciplines will take place in suitable conditions.

11.2. The IFCA Class Representative shall be the final arbiter as to when conditions are suitable to race. The Head Judge, shall consult with the IFCA Class Representative before abandoning competition or amending the schedule

11.3. Protests regarding wind strength and suitability of wind direction or wave conditions shall be disallowed.

12. PROTESTS AND HEARINGS IN ELIMINATION SERIES

12.1. A board intending to protest shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity. A board that may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing may take a one-turn penalty as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

12.2. It is the responsibility of the protestor to alert the protestee and the witness, if there is any, to go to the jury for the protest hearing immediately.

13. PRIZES & TITLES

13.1. Trophies and money prizes

Trophies shall be awarded to the first three competitors in each Division. National Team prizes may be awarded to the best three National Teams. Money Prizes may also be awarded.

13.2. Tittles

World and Continental Titles shall be awarded as specified in the Championship Notice of Race

13.3. Prize money split

Prize money will be split as prescribed Appendix 5.

APPENDIX -1- elimination ladders

Freestyle / Wave Single Elimination

Heat # 1		Rk
6		
27		
11		
22		

Heat #2		Rk
3		
30		
14		
19		

Heat #3		Rk
7		
26		
10		
23		

Heat #4		Rk
2		
31		
15		
18		

Heat #5		Rk
5		
28		
12		
21		

Heat #6		Rk
4		
29		
13		
20		

Heat #7		Rk
8		
25		
9		
24		

Heat #8		Rk
1		
32		
16		
17		

Heat #9a		Rk
1st #1A		
1st#1B		
1st#2A		
1st#2B		

Heat #9b		Rk
W#9a		
W#9b		
W#10a		
W#10b		

Heat #10a		Rk
1st #3A		
1st#3B		
1st#4A		
1st#4B		

Heat#10b		Rk
W#11a		
W#11b		
W#12a		
W#12b		

Heat #11a		Rk
1st #5A		
1st#5B		
1st#6A		
1st#6B		

Heat#11b		Rk
W#13a		
W#13b		
W#14a		
W#14b		

Heat#12a		Rk
1st #7A		
1st#7B		
1st#8A		
1st#8B		

Heat#12b		Rk
W#15a		
W#15b		

Heat #13a		Rk
W#9a		
W#9b		
W#10a		
W#10b		

Heat #13b		Rk
W#11a		
W#11b		
W#12a		
W#12b		

Heat #14a		Rk
W#11a		
W#11b		
W#12a		
W#12b		

Heat #14b		Rk
W#13a		
W#13b		
W#14a		
W#14b		

Heat #16 W Final		Rk
W#15a		
W#15b		

Heat #15a		Rk
W#13a		
W#13b		
W#14a		
W#14b		

Heat #17 L Final		Rk
L#15a		
L#15b		

Places/Points after completed elimination		
Heat	Fin. Pos.	Points
17	1-2	0,7-2
16	3-4	3-4
13-14	3-4	5-7
9-12	3-4	9-13
1-8	3-4	17-25

Freestyle / Wave Double Elimination

Heat #18A		Rk	Heat #22A		Rk
3rd#1			L#12B		
4th#2			W#18A		
3rd#2			L#12A		
4th#1			W#18B		

Heat #18B

Heat #22B

Heat #19A		Rk	Heat #23A		Rk
3rd#3			L#11B		
4th#4			W#19A		
3rd#4			L#11A		
4th#3			W#19B		

Heat #19B

Heat #23B

Heat #20A		Rk	Heat #24A		Rk
3rd#5			L#10B		
4th#6			W#20A		
3rd#6			L#10A		
4th#5			W#20B		

Heat #20B

Heat #24B

Heat #21A		Rk	Heat #25A		Rk
3rd#7			L#9B		
4th#8			W#21A		
3rd#8			L#9A		
4th#7			W#21B		

Heat #21B

Heat #25B

Heat #26A		Rk
W#22A		
W#22B		
W#23A		
W#23B		

Heat #26B

Heat #28A		Rk
W#26A		
L#13A		
W#26B		
L#13B		

Heat #28B

Heat #30A		Rk
W#28A		
W#28B		
W#29A		
W#29B		

Heat #30B

Heat #27A		Rk
W#24A		
W#24B		
W#25A		
W#25B		

Heat #27B

Heat #29A		Rk
W#27A		
L#14A		
W#27B		
L#14B		

Heat #29B

Heat #31A		Rk
W#30A		
L#15B		
W#30B		
L#15A		

Heat #31B

Places/Points after completed elimination		
Heat	Fin. Pos.	Points
34	1-2	0,7-2
33	2	3
32	2	4
31	2	5
30	2	7
28-29	2	9
26-27	2	13
22-25	2	17
18-21	17	25

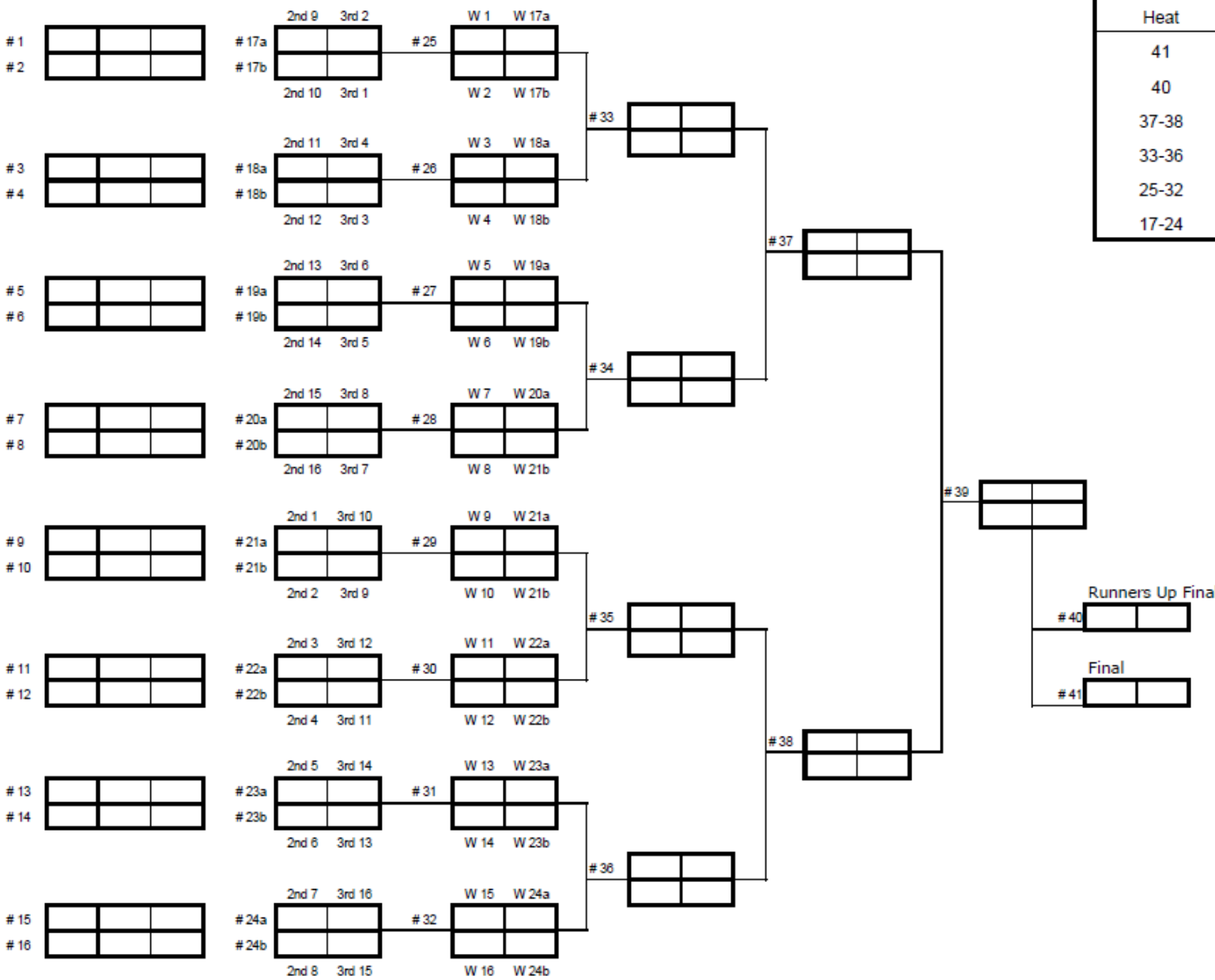
Heat #32		Rk
W31A		
W31B		

Heat #33		Rk
W32		
L16		

Heat #34		Rk
W33		
W16		

Freestyle / Wave Dingle Elimination

In a dingle elimination series the winner of the first round heats advance immediately to the third round. The second and third placed sailors are re-seeded into the second round.



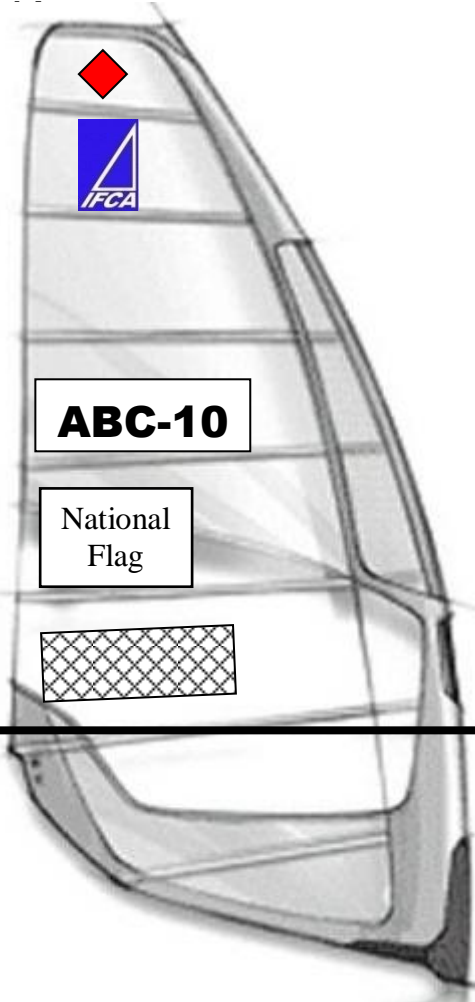
Places/Points after completed elimination		
Heat	Fin. Pos.	Points
41	1-2	0,7-2
40	3-4	3-4
37-38	2	5
33-36	2	9
25-32	2	17
17-24	2	33

APPENDIX -2- Distribution Tables

Freestyle / Wave Performance Distribution Table															
Maximum 80 Competitors		Maximum 48 Competitors (dingle)		Maximum 32 Competitors		Maximum 24 Competitors		Maximum 16 Competitors							
Heat No	Competitor No	Heat No	Competitor No	Heat No	Competitor No	Heat No	Competitor No	Heat No	Competitor No						
1a	11vs54	1	2 vs 32 vs 47	1a	6vs27	1a	11vs22	1a	3vs14						
1b	22vs43vs70			1b	11vs22	1b	14vs19								
2a	6vs59	2	15 vs 17 vs 34	2a	3vs30	2a	10vs23			1b	6vs11				
2b	27vs38vs75											3	7 vs 25 vs 42	2b	14vs19
3a	14vs51	4	10 vs 24 vs 39					3a	7vs26						
3b	19vs46vs67											5	3 vs 29 vs 46	3b	10vs23
4a	3vs62	6	14 vs 20 vs 35	4a	2vs31	4a	9vs24	2a	2vs15						
4b	30vs35vs78									7	6 vs 28 vs 43	4b	15vs18	4b	16vs17
5a	10vs55	8	11 vs 21 vs 38												
5b	23vs42vs71									9	1 vs 31 vs 48	5b	12vs21	5b	3vs-
6a	7vs58	10	16vs 18 vs 33	6a	4vs29	6a	7vs-	3b	5vs12						
6b	26vs39vs74									11	8 vs 26 vs 41	6b	13vs20	6b	2vs-
7a	15vs50	12	9 vs 23 vs 40												
7b	18vs47vs86									13	4 vs 30 vs 45	7b	9vs24	7b	4vs-
8a	2vs63	14	19 vs 19 vs 36	8a	1vs32	8a	8vs-	4b	8vs9						
8b	31vs34vs79									15	5 vs 27 vs 44	8b	16vs17	8b	1vs-
9a	12vs53	16	12 vs 22 vs 327												
9b	21vs44vs69									16b	32vs33vs80	15b	17vs48vs65	15b	17vs48vs65

APPENDIX -3- sail areas

If you dissect the sail above the boom into three parts, from the luff:



In the top third you have space for the red rhomboid (for women only) or (see class rules) the class insignia, the Board Manufacturers name or logo

The middle third is where you place your national letters and sail numbers (and if required the national flag)

The lower third, and in the back half of that area, is the place reserved for event sponsors, maximum 0,4 square meter.

The rest of the sail (below the boom and the front half of the lower third above the boom and even above the sail numbers..) can be used for personal sponsors.

APPENDIX -5- prize money split

1. INTRO

- 1.1. If enough competitors enter a division to validate this division they will get minimal an equal % of the total amount of prize money of the event according to their representation in the total fleet of the event. If less than the required number of competitors is entered they will maximum 50 % of the normal percentage.

2. FREESTYLE

2.1. Ladder Ranking

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
12.8%	11%	9.1%	8.1%	6.7%	6.7%	5.6%	5.6%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%

2.2. Normal Ranking

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8 th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th
12.8%	11%	9.2%	8.1%	7.1%	6.7%	6.3%	5.9%	5.5%	5.1%	4.7%	4.3%	3.9%	3.5%	3.1%	2.8%