

Notice of Race – Techno Talents Trophy 2011

Techno Talents Trophy 2011, a racing series for junior windsurfers in the Techno293 class. The competition will consist of three weekends and two single Sundays, with an open training on Saturday prior to next day's racing. These special training days will be open for everyone, organized together by the Dutch and Belgian federations.

Venue

The Techno Talents Trophy 2011 will be held on the following dates and locations in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Location	Date
Spuikom, Oostende - Belgium	April 3 rd
Grevelingendam, Bruinisse – Netherlands	April 30 th – May 1 st
Gooimeer, Almere Haven - Netherlands	May 22 nd
Grevelingendam, Bruinisse - Netherlands	July 2 nd – 3 rd
Brouwersdam, Netherlands	September 10 th – 11 th

Organisation authority

The organisation authority consists of the Belgian Association of Boardriding Competitors (BABC) and Nederlandse Vereniging van Wedstrijdsurfers (NVW).

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix B, the international Techno293 class rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing instructions.

Classes and divisions

The Techno Talents Trophy is open for the following divisions for boys and girls:

- U13
- U15
- U17
- A17 (*Techno Open*)

Entree fee

The entree fee will be:

	Members BABC / NVW	Non-members BABC / NVW
Series	€ 80,00	€ 120,00
Per weekend	€ 20,00	€ 30,00
Per day	€ 10,00	€ 15,00

Registration

Competitors shall register on every location by completing an official registration form. The opening hours of the registration office:

Date	Opening hours
April 3 rd 2011	09.00–10.00
April 30 th 2011	09.00 – 10.00
May 1 st 2011	09.00---10.00
May 22 nd 2011	09.00 – 10.30
July 2 nd 2011	09.00---10.30
July 3 rd 2011	09.00 – 9.30
September 10 th 2011	09.00---10.30
September 11 th 2011	09.00 – 09.30

Changes to the Techno293 class rules

The Bic Techno 293 One Design rig is not mandatory while racing for the Techno Talents Trophy. The following changes in the class rules allow competitors to use any brand or manufacturer they like.

Change of Techno293 class rule A.10.1 (Licensed manufacturers). Replace the word “equipment” with “boards” (Only the boards being used need to be produced by Bic Sports).

Change Techno293 class rule C.9.1.b (about sail sizes and age divisions). Replace “the 7.8” with “a 7.8 or smaller”, “the 6.8” with “a 6.8 or smaller”.

Add new rule C.9.1.d. Any sail from any manufacturer that counts seven (7) battens or less and has a maximum of two (2) camber-inducers can be used. The use of carbon-booms and masts exceeding 75% carbon is prohibited.

Techno293 class rules G.1 en G.2 will be deleted.

Competitors in the Techno junior U15 and U13 division may use either the 5.8 OD sail/rig OR any sail of 5.5sqm, or less, as the change-down from a 6.8 or the 5.8 sail. Any aluminium boom or carbon mast (not exceeding 75% carbon) may be used with the 5.5 change-down sail.

Measurement

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her equipment is confirm to the class rules. The measurers will pay special attention to the sail identification. The sail numbers have to comply with RRS rule 77. The white background as described in B2.4 is not obligatory if the sail numbers are placed at different highs on the two sides of the sail those on the starboardside being uppermost.

Sailing instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at the registration office at time of registration.

Format of racing

The format of racing for the Techno Talents Trophy will be Course Racing or Slalom.

The windlimits during racing will be according the class rules. The decision to start, postpone, abandon or shorten a race is at the discretion of the principal race-officer and cannot be protested.

- A minimum of two registered competitors are required to start a race.
- A maximum of 5 course races per day.
- A maximum of 4 slalom eliminations per day

Racing schedule

Date	First possible start	Last possible start	
		Course race	Slalom elimination
April 3 rd 2011	11.00	19.00	18.30
April 30 th 2011	11.00	16.00	16.00
May 1 st 2011	11.00	19.00	19.00
May 22 nd 2011	11.00	17.00	17.00
July 2 nd 2011	11.30	19.00	19.00
July 3 rd 2011	10.30	16.00	16.00
September 10 th 2011	11.30	19.00	18.00
September 11 th 2011	10.30	16.00	16.00

Scoring

The low point scoring system of Appendix B (RRS rule B8.3) will apply. In contrary to RRS rule A11 all

competitors will be considered DNS, when not finished or not started. All not registered competitors will be considered DNC. To constitute a championship it is required to complete four course races or one full slalom elimination (including the final).

For a valid Slalom elimination the semi finals have to be finished at the end of the weekend.

Discards

For daily or weekend results, the discard profile of RRS rule B8.2 will not be changed. For the final year ranking of the Techno Talents Trophy 2011 the discard profile of RRS rule B8.2 is changed: **No discards**.

Techno Talents Club ranking

Team up, for the benefit of your club. Competitors being member of an active windsurfing club can win big prizes for their club. The clubs best performing member in each age division plus the best girl in the Girls Overall ranking will get points for the Techno Talents Club ranking.

Clubs having no members in a division get scored DNC for that division. Clubs can discard their worst performing division for each race or event.

Divisions scoring points for the club ranking:

- U13
- U15
- U17
- A17
- Girls Overall

Prizes

The Overall winners in the Boys and the Girls category will win the Techno Talents Trophy. There will be extra prizes for the best competitors in each division.

Rights to use name and likeness

In participating with this championship, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsor of the Event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, live and still pictures, tapes or films for television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and all material related to the event without compensation

Drug testing

Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

Liability

Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is the sole discretion of the competitor and at his/her own risk. The organisation authority or any other party involved in the organisation of the regatta are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result.

Insurance

For every competitor at least a valid third-party liability insurance shall exist with a minimum cover of € 500.000,- per event or the equivalent in the currency of the country of registration of the competitor.

Information

For more information about the racing visit <http://www.technotalents.nl/trofee> or contact:

NVW (Nederlandse Vereniging van Wedstrijdsurfers)
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