



NOTICE OF RACE

2018 CANCUN NORTH AMERICAN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

23rd to 27th May 2018

Club de Vela Puerto Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico

<http://nawc2018.internationalwindsurfing.com/>

Organized by:

Asociacion Mexicana de Tabla Vela AC

in co-operation with the

Federacion Mexicana de Vela, International Windsurfing Association, RS:X Class and Techno 293 Class

An event including the

2018 RS:X NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2018 TECHNO 293 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2018 TECHNO 293 PLUS NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**2018 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFICATION EVENT for T293 PLUS YOUTH
& 2019 PAN-AMERICAN GAMES QUALIFICATION EVENT for RS:X CLASS**



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (**WCR**).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 **The Techno 293 Plus Youth Championships is the Continental Qualification Event for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) – [YOG Qualification System](#).**
The top ranked male competitor and top ranked female competitor from the first two North American countries (as defined in #1.6) in the T293 Plus Youth (under 19) Championship shall qualify that country to compete in the Men’s Windsurfer and Women’s Windsurfer events in the YOG. To qualify a country a competitor shall be born between 1st January 2000 and 31st December 2003.
- 1.5 Countries within North America & Caribbean as defined by World Sailing - <http://www.sailing.org/about/members/mnas/index.php> - and Mexico may qualify for the YOG at these championships.
- 1.6 **The RS:X Championships is a Qualification Event for 2019 Pan-American Games.**

2 ADVERTISING

Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. World Sailing Regulation 20 ‘Advertising Code’ shall apply. Competitors may be required to wear a lycra vest, carrying event sponsors names and logos, at all times while afloat.

3 CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

- 3.1 The participating classes and divisions shall be:
 - 3.1.1 RSX Class – Men, Women, Youth Men, Youth Women.
 - 3.1.2 Techno 293 Class – Junior Boy & Girl, Youth Boy & Girl.
 - 3.1.3 Techno 293 Plus Class – Youth Men & Women, Open Men & Women.
- 3.2 **Age Divisions:**
 - 3.2.1 A Techno Junior (U15) shall be born in or after 2004, and not later than 2007.
 - 3.2.2 A Techno Youth (U17) shall be born in or after 2002 and not later than 2005.
 - 3.2.3 An RS:X & Techno Plus Youth (U19) shall be born in or after 2000.
 - 3.2.4 A Techno Plus Open shall be born in 1999 or earlier.
- 3.3 A minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a division.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be members of a National Class Association, which is a paid up member of the relevant international class association; or of either the IWA or RS:X class. Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 4.3 Eligible competitors may [enter online](#) - credit/debit card or bank transfer payment required. Online entry will close on **16th May 2018**.
- 4.4 A competitor entry is not valid until the entry fee is paid.
- 4.5 The following shall be presented upon registration at the event:
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance
 - Proof of age

- [Parental Permission Form](#) – for those competitors under the age of 18
- 4.6 Coaches/team support personnel may [register online](#). Payment shall be in cash at the event.

The following shall be presented at the race office:

- Boat Driving Licence
- Evidence of valid third party insurance

5 FEES

- 5.1 The required entry fee for all classes and divisions is 160 US\$.
- 5.2 The fee for coach/support personnel is 30 US\$.
- 5.3 Competitor entry fees paid by **30th April 2018** shall receive a **discount of 30 US\$**.
- 5.4 Entry fees paid at registration shall be in cash – US \$.
- 5.5 Entry fees paid by bank transfer to:
 Account Name: The International Windsurfing Association
 Bank Details: Barclays Bank Plc, GB
 IBAN: GB93 BARC 2008 4452 9772 99
 SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22
 Please include "NA2018MEX" in your payment advice and e-mail confirmation of payment to: iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline, *course racing*, "open entry" event.
- 6.2 Men, women, boys and girls, may race together.
- 6.3 Classes shall have separate starts.
- 6.4 Classes shall race a maximum 3 races per day, in a maximum 12 race series.
- 6.5 Three races are required to validate the championship for each class.

7 SCHEDULE

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| 7.1 | Tuesday 22 May | | Arrival & training |
| | Wednesday 23 May | 1200-1800 | Registration |
| | Thursday 24 May | 1000 | Coaches & skippers meeting |
| | | 1100 | First possible warning signal |
| | Friday - Sunday | | |
| | 25-27 May | 1000 | First possible warning signal |
| | Sunday 27 May | 1600 | Last possible warning signal |
| | | 1900 | Prize giving |
- 7.2 The first possible warning signal each day will not be made before 1000hrs, except on the 24th when the first possible warning signal will be at 1200hrs.

8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 An Equipment Registration Form, which will be available at registration, shall be returned to the Event Equipment Inspector by the end of registration.
- 8.2 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.
- 8.3 Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boards and equipment shall be stored, launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

- 8.4 **Techno 293 Junior.** Competitors in the U15 division may use any sail of 5.5 sqm, or less, as change down from the 6.8. Any aluminium boom or carbon mast (not exceeding 75% carbon content) may be used with the 5.5 change down sail.
- 8.5 **RS:X Class** Addition to the RS:X Class Rule C.7.1(d) the Divisions A and B may use a Mark 2 fin and Division C may use a Mark 1 fin.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available at registration. The SI's may be published on the IWA website one week before the start of the event. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Class Representative at the event.

10 VENUE

The regatta site and the registration is: Escuela de Vela de Puerto Cancun, Blvd. Kukulcan Km 1.5 Zona Hotelera Cancun
Contact: Mr. Miquel Angel Pani Can
Email: velamaya1@gmail.com
Phone: +521 9841164872
Event website: <http://nawc2018.internationalwindsurfing.com/>

11 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

12 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed according to WCR 91(b). There shall be no appeal against its decisions in accordance with WCR 70.5.

13 SCORING

Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A. Divisions racing together may have their scores extracted from the overall results, without recalculation, and be scored separately.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be registered at the race office. Limited charter may be available and may be applied for by contacting: velamaya1@gmail.com

15 SAFETY

Every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50), or as specified in the SI's.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three competitors of each properly constituted class /division.
- 16.2 The first man and the first woman (boy/girl) in each class /division will be declared – **2018** “class/division..... **North American Champion**”.

- 16.3 Titles shall only be awarded to competitors eligible to compete for a North American national class association –WS Nationality Criteria apply.
- 16.4 Mexico is classified by the participating classes as within North America.

17 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

Competitors are requested to attend the event's social functions; however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 Rule 4 of the WCR states: "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 18.1.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their board to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 18.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their board and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 18.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 18.1.4 Their board and other equipment is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 18.1.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 18.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 18.1.7 The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a board does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boards shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$ 500,000 per event or the equivalent.

20 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is not part of the rules for the Event.

A ACCOMMODATION

There is a variety of hotel and bungalow accommodation available. More information will be posted on the event website – <http://nawc2018.internationalwindsurfing.com/>

B AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

The organiser can arrange transport to and from the International airport for equipment, competitors and support personnel. Competitors requiring this service advise the organiser of their flight details at least 14 days prior to the date of their arrival.

C EARLY ARRIVALS

Competitors arriving early are advised that support from the organisers can be provided from 14th May but must be arranged in advance – contact : velamaya1@gmail.com

D VENUE PLAN & PREVAILING CONDITIONS

Conditions to be expected:

wind direction – Northeast to Southeast; average windspeed 8-20 knots;

water temperature of 26 C; air temperature 25 C to 30 C.



E EQUIPMENT CHARTER

A limited amount of equipment may be available for charter.

Send your request to – t293@internationalwindsurfing.com by 31st January 2018