

**2015 RS:X EUROPEAN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS & EUROPEAN
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June 20th - 27th 2015 Palermo, Mondello, Sicily, Italy

Coach Boat Regulations – Code of Conduct

1. General

1.1 These Coach Boat Regulations (CBR) shall apply from 0900 on Monday June 22 until 1800 Saturday June 27. 1.2 For the purposes of these regulations, a coach boat includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is or may provide physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.

1.3 The Organizing Authority may inspect boats at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the boat shall facilitate such inspection.

1.4 An alleged breach of any of these regulations may be referred to the International Jury for a hearing. As a result of the hearing, the International Jury may instruct the Organizing Authority to withdraw accreditation and access rights from the offending party, with or without the option of substitution, either for a specified period or for the remainder of the competition.

1.5 The Organizing Authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

1.6 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 3,000,000Euro (or equivalent) per incident.

1.7 Only an accredited coach may be a designated driver.

1.8 The person registering the coach boat shall sign to confirm that:

- he / she holds a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage as required by 1.6;
 - the designated driver has a motorboat driving license recognized by a national authority appropriate to that boat;
 - anyone who will be using a radio has an appropriate radio operation license recognized by a national authority.
- 1.8 Coach boats shall be marked as follows:
- The three-letter NOC code shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the boat in strongly contrasting colors at all times while afloat.
 - The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm. The letters will not be provided by the Organizing Authority.

2. Sailing Venue

2.1 Coach boats shall use the designated slipway/area for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to the trailer park or as otherwise directed by the Organizing Authority.

2.2 Only coach boats that will be registered will be allowed into the sailing venue.

2.3 When not in use, coach boats shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in the allocated areas for coach boats for the entire time that these CBR apply.

3. Safety

3.1 Coach boats shall carry on board:

- Life jackets / buoyancy aid for all passengers and the driver (it is recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat);
- First-aid kit;

- VHF radio;
- Device for making a sound signal;
- Compass;
- Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
- Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
- Operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer);
- Knife

3.2 It is strongly recommended that the kill cord is used at all times when the engine is running.

3.3 Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safety of their coach boats on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the venue.

3.4 At all times, the registered driver(s) of a coach boat shall comply with directions given by a Race Official. In particular, this includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.

4 . General restrictions

4.1 The registered driver(s) of a coach boat will be responsible for the control of the boat at all times and will be held responsible for any inappropriate behavior, dangerous actions or improper practices, or actions affecting the fairness or safety of competition.

4.2 Coach boats shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water. Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken.

4.3 Coach boats should take particular care to minimize their wash when transiting the course areas.

5. Coach Boat Zone

5.1 Coach Boats shall not be positioned:

i. Closer than 75 meters of any board racing

ii. Within 75 meters of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boards have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

iii. Between any board racing and the next mark of the course.

iv. Between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boards are racing on both courses.

iv. Within 75 meters of any mark of the course while boards are in the vicinity of that mark.

v. Within 75 meters of the finishing line and marks while boards are finishing.

5.2 In addition, support boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any board racing.