

NOTICE OF RACE
24th Ice & Snow Sailing World Championship
March 9-13, 2004
Geneva Park, Orillia, Ontario, Canada



ORGANIZATION

World Ice & Snow Sailing Association (WISSA)

PURPOSE OF THE EVENT

The purpose of the World Ice and Snow Sailing Championships is to define the World Champion in each of the defined race classes, in each of the defined competitions. Serving the objective to promote the ice and snow sailing worldwide the best racer in each of the defined age divisions is recognized and honoured.

RACE CLASSES

Open Class	Any sled using a windsurfing rig.
Freesail	Wings, skate sails, Skimbats and similar.
Kites	Overhead sails, parawings and similar.

DIVISIONS

Junior	under 19 years on March 9, 2004
Master	40 – 50 years on March 9, 2004
Grand Master	50 – 60 years on March 9, 2004
Great Grand Master	60 years + on March 9, 2004

COMPETITIONS

Course Races	Up to 10 races on a triangular course (same for all race classes). The course races competition can be concluded by the decision of the Race Master if a minimum of five (5) races were accomplished.
Speed Trials	Up to 3 runs. Speed will be measured with a radar gun and/or a GPS unit. There will be no class segregation in the speed trials.
Long Distance Race	Course and conditions to be determined at skippers meeting.

AWARDS

A Class will qualify for awards if there are at least five (5) competitors registered.

A Division will qualify for awards if there are at least five (5) competitors registered that meet the age criteria. If a division does not qualify then each participant in this division will be assigned to the nearest group by the age or to the nearest group of the participant's choice.

The winner of each competition in every class is awarded with the title of the "World Champion in the competition of the class".

The female winner of each competition in every class is awarded with the title of the “World Champion in the competition of the class among women”.

The winner of each competition in every class in every qualified division is awarded with the title of the “Champion of the Division in the competition of the class”.

Every competitor is awarded with the “World Championship Participant” diploma.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the best three competitors in the course race in each class and division for men and women.

Prizes will be awarded to the best three competitors in the long distance race in each class and division for men and women.

Prizes will be awarded to the best three competitors in the speed trials in each division for men and women regardless of the race class.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Competitors must be officially registered and must have signed a “release and hold harmless” certificate. Competitors must be willing to race at their own risk.

No organization or individual will be held responsible for any moral or material damage which may be sustained during travel to or arrival at the championship venue, during the stay, in the races, or while departing the venue.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to participate in the safest possible manner at all times.

Helmets must be worn during competition and protective clothing is highly recommended. Life and liability insurance coverage for the period of the event is also strongly advised.

RULES

The competition will be governed by the Racing Rules of the ISAF, suitable for ice and snow sailing, the WISSA Rules, the Notice of Race (except for alterations stated in the sailing instructions), and the Sailing Instructions.

WISSA Rules and Sailing Instructions will be available at the time of final registration and check-in.

The sailing instructions may be modified at skipper meetings.

In fairness to overseas travelers, the maximum sail size for the Open Class will be restricted to 7.5 square meters.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 9, 2004	12:00 noon to 17:00 Registration 18:00 Dinner 19:00 Opening Ceremony
Wednesday, March 10, 2004	Course Races
Thursday, March 11, 2004	Course Races
Friday, March 12, 2004	Course Races and Speed Trials
Saturday, March 13, 2004	Long Distance Race 13:00 Lunch 14:00 Closing Ceremony

SITE INFORMATION

The races will be held at Geneva Park on Lake Couchiching (same location as in 1992 and 1997), located about 150 km north of Toronto. Lake Couchiching is about 15 km long and 3 km wide. It is known for good winds. Surface conditions in March can vary from bare ice to snow.

Geneva Park is a year-round conference centre situated near Orillia (close to Casino Rama). The conference center offers an ideal set-up, because competitors from all participating countries can sleep, eat compete and socialize at the same location. This compares favorably with the concept of an Olympic Village. The event organizers have negotiated special rate packages and strongly recommend to register at Geneva Park as soon as possible. All costs quoted in this notice of race are in Canadian Dollars (CAD\$).

REGISTRATION FOR ACCOMMODATION

Anyone needing accommodation should register directly with Geneva Park. A non-refundable deposit of CAD\$50 is required on booking. Two accommodation packages are available at the following rates (CAD\$):

Alberta House (23 beds only,)

Shared accommodation, 2 per room:	\$116 per day, per person
Single accommodation:	\$129 per day, per person

Court & Lodge

Shared accommodation, 2 per room:	125.66 per day, per person
Single accommodation:	158.60 per day, per person

These rates include:

- Accommodation for one night.
- All meals from supper on arrival through to lunch on departure day.
- 24-hour access to beverage stations for coffee and juice
- Evening snack
- All taxes and gratuities
- Meeting rooms for the event
- Waxing place

REGISTRATION FOR RACING

A pre-registration form is attached to this race notice. Please fill it out and return it to the Event Coordinator once you have made up your mind to participate

Registration will take place from 12:00 to 17:00 on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at Geneva Park. The registration fee is \$100 (CAD\$), which includes a \$10 donation to WISSA. The entry fee is to be paid in cash upon registration and will not be refunded. Also, a \$5 cash deposit will be charged for bibs. The \$5 will be given back to the each competitor after the races in exchange for the bib.

TRANSPORTATION (Costs are in Canadian Dollars)

Competitors flying into Toronto Pearson International Airport and in need of ground transportation to Geneva Park should contact Klaus Faisst, Event Coordinator for assistance in arranging the transfer.

Simcoe County Airport Services has a direct route from the Airport to Geneva Park, using 9-passenger vans. They accept ski bags and luggage typically used by kite sailors, but would not

accept windsurfing equipment. The cost is \$60 for one, \$84 for two, \$100 for 3... etc. to \$196 for a maximum of 9 people. Reservations must be made 2 days prior to arrival. The bus will pick up passengers at the airport terminal and take them to Geneva Park. The trip takes about 1.5 hours.

NOTE TO ALL COMPETITORS

It is not possible for the event organizers to reach every potential participant with this race notice. Please make photo copies and distribute to other sailors in your area, and do your part in offering the opportunity to participate in a world championship.

Please bring along a flag from your country. If you have tourist information of your area, ice and snow sailing video films or any other interesting information about your region, please bring it along. The evenings at Geneva Park will provide good opportunities for sailors to learn about conditions in other parts of the world. The event also provides a good chance to purchase equipment.

Out-of-Country participants should keep their receipts to claim a refund of the 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST) which can be claimed upon departure from Canada.

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