

**FPT**

Freestyle Pro Tour

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# RULES

## 1. DISCIPLINES & DIVISIONS & SERIES

### DISCIPLINES

As an officially sanctioned authority of the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA), the FPT holds the rights to crown European Windsurfing Champions for all expression disciplines.

The FPT currently organizes events for the below disciplines:

- ✓ Freestyle (fin)
- ✓ Foil Freestyle (foil)
- ✓ Tow-in (fin or foil, powered by a jet ski or winch)
- ✓ Super-X (fin)
- ✓ Foil-X (foil)

The rules in this rulebook apply to all disciplines, unless specific rules for a discipline are specified.

### DIVISIONS

For each discipline a European Champion will be crowned in the below divisions:

- ✓ Men
- ✓ Women
- ✓ Youth/Juniors (Boys U19 & U17, Girls U19 & U17)

Events only count towards the official title if the minimum number of competitors is reached:

- ✓ Men (minimum 8 competitors)
- ✓ Women (minimum 6 competitors)
- ✓ Juniors (minimum 4 competitors)

If the required number of competitors is not reached in a Junior division, competitors of that division move up one age category until the minimum number is reached.

To be able to compete in the "U19" category, competitors have to be 18 years old or younger and will not turn 19 during that competition year.

To be able to compete in the “U17” category, competitors have to be 16 years old or younger and will not turn 17 during that competition year.

### **MIXED FLEET & WOMEN**

For all disciplines a mixed fleet, combining both men and women, is possible. This will be in the following scenarios;

- 1 or 2 entries in the Women’s Division – There will be no official women’s podium. Tie-breaks may be settled with sail-offs.
- 3 to 5 entries in the Women’s Division – An unofficial event result shall be extracted from the final finishing place in the mixed fleet. Tie-breaks shall be settled with sail-offs.

Where possible a separate women’s elimination or eliminations shall be sailed. This shall be at the discretion of the Race Director, Head Judge or FPT Management. The result from a separate elimination shall override any mixed-fleet results. In the case a separate elimination is sailed then an official result shall only be considered if there are 3 or more women in the tow-in or foilstyle fleets, or 6 or more women in the freestyle (fin) fleet.

Rankings shall be counting as per the following for the freestyle (fin) discipline;

- 1 or 2 entries in the Women’s Division – Shall not count towards any final ranking.
- 3 to 5 entries in the Women’s Division – Once a mixed fleet single elimination is complete with sail-offs for the top 4 women places then a result shall count towards the FPT rankings. Sail-offs will only take place at the end of a single elimination if it is planned no further elimination will take place, otherwise sail-offs shall be after the double elimination. Sanctioned EFPT rankings shall only accept results from fleets of 6 or more Women.

### **OVERALL TITLE**

An overall “European Freestyle Champion” will be crowned every year, which is the rider who holds the best results in all three freestyle disciplines. An overall Freestyle Pro Tour Freestyle Champion shall also be crowned each year, which shall be the rider who holds the best results in all three disciplines from all events on the FPT calendar (discards applied).

## 2. AUTHORISATION TO COMPETE, REGISTRATION

a. Any nationality is allowed to start and compete on an FPT Event. Only riders with a valid passport from a European country are eligible to win the EFPT title, whilst anyone is eligible for the FPT title.

b. Registration is open to men and/or women, depending on the number of stars:

- ✓ 1-6 stars events                      Men and/or Women
- ✓ 7-10 stars events                      Men and/or Women

Please check the respective event page for more info.

c. A certain level of freestyle skills is required to be able to compete in FPT Events:

- ✓ Male riders should be able to perform 3 different new-school freestyle moves (Vulcan, Spock, Shove-it, Shaka, Forward, Flaka, etc.) on both port- and starboard tack.
- ✓ Female riders should be able to perform 1 new-school freestyle move (Vulcan, Spock, Shove-it, Shaka, Forward, Flaka, etc.) and 2 other moves (Duck Jibe, Donkey Kick, Body Drag etc.) on both port- and starboard tack.

The FPT reserves the right to ask participants for evidence in the form of videos. Based on these videos, participation in the respective FPT event may be denied. A list of “new-school freestyle”- and “other” moves can be requested from the FPT Head Judge per e-mail (please contact - [jo@freestyleprotour.com](mailto:jo@freestyleprotour.com) who shall fwd on to Head Judge).

For the disciplines Tow-in, Foil Freestyle, Super-X and Foil-X no minimum level of freestyle skills are needed. A competitor must jump one scoring move per tack/run to qualify for prize money.

d. To compete at an event riders first have to register through the registration link, which can be found on the dedicated event page on [freestyleprotour.com](http://freestyleprotour.com).

e. Pre-registration opens up to 6 months before every event.

f. Pre-registration ends 4 weeks before the event for **men** and **women** (when the minimum required number of female riders has been reached the discipline will be confirmed latest 4 weeks before the event, so travel arrangements can be made in a timely manner).

g. Riders who want to register after the pre-registration deadline (online or on-site) will be charged 150% of the registration fee.

h. The registration fee has to be pre-paid online, to be received latest on the pre-registration deadline. Payments received after the pre-registration deadline will be considered late and will be charged 150% of the registration fee.

i. All FPT registered riders with valid mail addresses will receive an invitation mail 8 weeks before of every event.

j. All pre-registered riders have to confirm their presence personally or through a representative to the tour manager until the end of the registration on site.

l. The FPT will charge an entry fee for every rider who competes. The entry fee per event is €35,- for 1-5 star (Proving Grounds Series) events and €110,- for 6-10 star events with one discipline only. If a rider participates for the first time in an official FPT event a rookie entry fee of €35,- only for the first event will be charged. Multi-discipline events shall be subject to an €135,- entry fee, with a reduced fee of €90,- if a competitor only competes in one discipline.

The FPT will charge a membership fee for every rider who competes. The membership fee for the season is €50,-. If the rider only participates in one event 50% of the amount will be charged as a Temporary Membership fee. If a sailor is attending two or more events the balance is due on the second event.

### **3. EQUIPMENT**

a. Only production equipment by brands in the FPT sponsor pool may be used at an FPT event. Equipment by non pool sponsors will not be allowed to used in competition. An exception is made for riders in their Rookie year on tour, and for all Proving Grounds Series Events. Media supplied to individuals who fall within the exception shall be released for personal social media use only and may not be shared to any other parties/sponsors/partners. All FPT pool members are displayed on [freestyleprotour.com](http://freestyleprotour.com).

b. Custom equipment is allowed but must be recognisable as a being a part of a brand from the FPT sponsor pool. Meaning the graphics must be identical to existing equipment available on the public market space.

c. In the Freestyle discipline the use of a foil is not allowed.

d. Whenever on the water, riders have to wear the tour or event lycra and have to have event and FPT stickers placed visible in their sails. Failure to do so may result in a fine or disqualification.

## 4. FLEET AND SEEDING

- a. The seeding will be done by the FPT crew on site after the registration at the event.
- b. The size of the fleet depends on local conditions and can vary from 8 to 48 riders. A qualification event is optional. If there is no qualification, the seeding shall be done by the current FPT seeding list.
- c. FPT events will run in a 8, 12, 16, 24, 32 or 48 riders ladder with single/double or dingle elimination if there is sufficient competition time.
- d. The seeding of the sailors at each FPT event shall be based on their position on the current FPT seeding list. The end FPT ranking of the previous season will be counted as a single event result of the highest prize-money of the running season and will be kept into the actual seeding list till the end of the current season.
- e. The latest PWA ranking list will be taken into account only if a sailor wants to start at an EFPT event but does not appear on the current EFPT seeding list or if his current EFPT seeding is worse than his PWA ranking.
- f. Following schedule will be used to compare the PWA ranking to the FPT seeding:

<b>PWA Ranking</b>	<b>FPT Seeding</b>
1	
2	
3-5	1-3
6-8	4-6
9-16	7-14
.....	

For example PWA Ranking# 7 corresponds to FPT seeding# 5.

- g. In case that a rider shows a better FPT seeding than PWA Ranking the FPT seeding has priority.
- h. The top 16 riders of the current FPT ranking list will always be seeded as long as they pre-register for an event.
- i. If a top 40 ranked sailor is unable to compete at an event or events due to injury, the seeding of that sailor will be protected for a period of 12 months from the point that injury is sustained. The seeding shall be calculated for that sailor based on the current rules, results and rankings on the date of injury, as if registering for a new event on that day. After 12 months, the sailors seeding shall be calculated according to the standard method in the rulebook.

j. The number of wildcards and places for qualifiers will be announced by the FPT in collaboration with the local event organiser at least 4 weeks before the event

## 5. FORMATS & JUDGING

### FORMATS

- **BEST TRICK** – A competitor shall complete a selection of best tricks during the given heat duration. The competitor is allowed to do one move on one tack, they must then turn around and sail on the other tack before completing their next move – this routine continues until the heat duration is complete. The moves may include anything the competitor wishes and sees as freestyle. The scores will be taken from the Technical Difficulty (trick list – created by the riders) score and then added together with the Judges score of that move. A pre-determined algorithm calculates the percentage value of the technical difficulty points and the judges points. Diversity and trick family fines shall be deducted and a final score is created. This happens per move. The best 2-3-4-5 moves on each tack are taken, all other moves are discarded, this is added together to give a final heat score, the person with the highest heat score wins and advances to the next round.
- **FREESTYLE** – Each heat shall consist of up to 3 RUNS. A RUN consists of sailing out from the starting point, turning around a mark (or before) and back to the finishing point. During a RUN a competitor must complete one move on the way out, they must then complete a transition move to turn around and then one move on the way back to the finishing point. Scoring shall be the same as Best Trick but with an additional FREESTYLE score. The best trick portion of the RUN shall compromise of 50% of the RUN score, whilst the FREESTYLE score shall compromise of the other 50% of the RUN score. The FREESTYLE score shall be based heavily on the style, execution and cleanliness of the move (planning ankle dry moves scoring at the top end of the scale ‘excellent range’, whilst body dips or unintentional feet out shall be at the bottom end of the scale). There will be a 60 second break between each RUN for scores to arrive. The winner shall be the one with the two highest scoring RUNS. A heat can be over after two RUNS, upon which the transition time to the next heat shall begin 60 seconds after the winning RUN is complete. Transition time will be 2-3 minutes. The time limit for a RUN shall be 120 seconds. It is not a race but finishing first shall indicate a run with clean executed moves. Entering the competition area early shall receive a 10% score penalty for that RUN.



### 5.1 FREESTYLE & TOW-IN

a. Freestyle & Tow-in events run under two possible formats; "best trick" or "freestyle". A certain number of moves each tack will be counted and scored according to the following factors:

b. Scoring factors best trick (in no particular order)

Technical difficulty	Difficulty of moves
Style	Personal style and execution of the moves
Diversity	Number of different manoeuvres and variations on different tacks

c. Only jumping moves are counted. Only moves within the heat area, marked by buoys, are counted.

Heat duration and further circumstances will be announced during the skippers meeting at the events.

### 5.2 FOIL FREESTYLE

a. Foil freestyle events are run under the "best trick" or "freestyle" format/s and shall always be mixed fleet until 6 or more female participants take part, women's results shall be extracted from the mixed fleet, with sail-offs to determine top 4. A certain number of moves are counted on starboard and port tack. Judges score a move from 0-10 according to the following factors:

b. Scoring factors (in no particular order)

Technical difficulty	Difficulty of moves
Style	Personal style and execution of the moves
Execution	Take-off, Landing, Slappy/Regular, Entry of the move

c. The livescoring system will deduct a maximum of 30% for diversity on the total tack points.

d. Both carving and jumping moves are counted. Only moves within the heat area, marked by buoys are counted.

e. Heat duration and further circumstances will be announced during the skippers meeting at the events.

### 5.3 SUPER-X & FOIL-X

a. The Super-X / Foil-X course consists of a downwind slalom course interrupted by large floating obstacles that competitors must jump over before performing compulsory freestyle moves at specified points on the course.

b. The 2006 PWA Rule Book Part 5 (Appendix B) will be used as "experimental rules" and will be the official rules as long as no other specific rules or exceptions to those rules are stated in this rulebook.

c. For the Foil-X a safe number of competitors per heat (eg. 2 or 4) will be determined by the Race Director.

## **6. VIDEO IN COMPETITION & JUDGING**

a. Video judging shall be accepted, meaning a judge (under the supervision of the Head Judge) may review a move via video replay to correct a score. This score correction must be complete within the transition period after the affected heat has finished, an exception to this time period shall be awarded when a move is proven to be missed. The judges may then judge the missed move via video replay to allocate it a score based on the competitors performance of that move.

b. In the situation a move has been complete by a competitor and does not appear on the scoresheet, then the competitor may provide video evidence of that move. The video evidence must be provided to the Head Judge before the completion of the next heat after that which the competitor completed the move in (or within 12 minutes, whatever comes sooner). The time limit shall be the moment the RED flag is raised at the end of the following heat. Upon providing video evidence, the competitor accepts that the score given to the move shall be final and may not be challenged further.

c. Scoring may take place remotely. Meaning a judge does not have to be present at the event site to allocate a score. Using live-streaming video a judge can score moves remotely. For every remote judge, there must be one judge physically at the competition venue. There must always be a Head Judge at the competition venue. In the case of live-streaming/scoring failure the scores of the judge/s on site shall count as the final scores.

## **7. FLAG SIGNALS**

Flag signals can be found in attachment A at the end of this document.

## **8. CONDITIONS**

a. Conditions have to be suitable for the applied competition format.

b. The Race Directors decides whether conditions are suitable.

c. Decisions made by the Race Director can not be protested.

## 9. JUDGES

- a. The judging team has to consist of 4 judges with a minimum of 2 FPT approved judges at 5.000 € prize-money events and a minimum of 4 FPT approved judges at 10.000 € or higher prize-money events.
- b. The race director always has to be approved by the FPT.
- c. Jury decisions are decision based on facts. The head judge may give riders insight into their scoring sheets.

## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, DAILY SCHEDULE

- a. The first riders meeting and the registration at the event is announced in the event details online on freestyleprotour.com for every single event. During the registration the further schedule for the event will be announced by the race director and displayed on the official event noticeboard.
- b. Riders have to be present at public events set either by the FPT or the event organiser and listed on the official noticeboard. If a rider misses an event s/he will be charged a minimum fee of €50 up to a maximum of the value of their prize money amount, should this be more. The FPT reserves the right to deduct the penalty fee from the prize-money of the penalised rider or add it to their future event entry fees.

## 11. DISCIPLINE RANKINGS

- a. Events are classified by 1 to 10 star events according to the amount of prize-money and ranking points to be gained. Events fall within one of the 3 categories; Proving Grounds Series (PGS), Continental Series (EFPT/AFPT/example), Championships Series

### **PROVING GROUNDS SERIES**

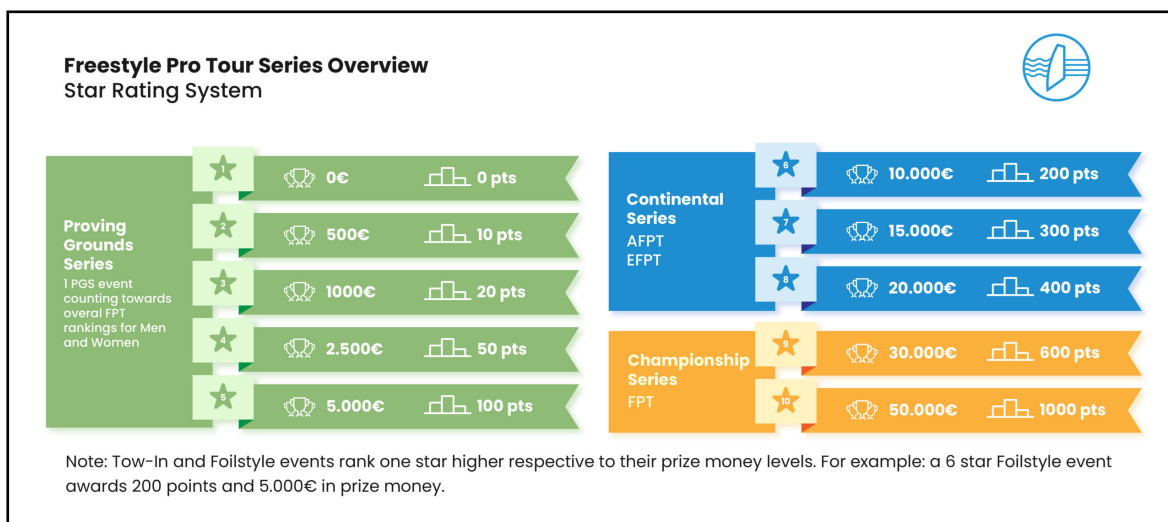
- 1 star event: 0 € prize-money, winner takes 0 points
- 2 star event: 500 € prize-money, winner takes 10 points
- 3 star event: 1.000 € prize-money, winner takes 20 points
- 4 star event: 2.500 € prize-money, winner takes 50 points
- 5 star event: 5.000 € prize-money, winner takes 100 points

### **CONTINENTAL SERIES** (e.g. EFPT)

- 6 star event: 10.000 € prize-money, winner takes 200 points
- 7 star event: 15.000 € prize-money, winner takes 300 points
- 8 star event: 20.000 € prize-money, winner takes 400 points

## CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

- 9 star event: 30.000 € prize-money, winner takes 600 points
- 10 star event: 50.000 € prize-money, winner takes 1000 points



## FINALS

An FPT Finals Event, announced as a Finals with TOP 16/6 fleet only shall consist of the TOP 14 male and the TOP 4 female ranked competitors. Where a competitor cannot attend, their spot shall be allocated to the next ranked rider. There will be 2 Wildcards available per fleet, chosen at the discretion of the FPT Management. The top 3 shall share 40% of the prize money (1st - 20%, 2nd - 12%, 3rd - 8%) the remaining competitors will share the remaining prize money evenly.

## BAD WEATHER

If there is no result due to bad conditions in any event all participating riders will get 15 points for showing up at the event for any 5\* ranked event or higher. For events ranked 4\* or less they shall receive 10% of the event winners usual points.

### b. Discards men & women divisions:

If there are more than 3 events in a season, 1 event will be discarded.

If there are more than 6 events in the season, 2 events will be discarded.

If there are more than 9 events, 3 events will be discarded.

Only one Proving Grounds Series result shall count towards a Continental or Championship title per competitor. This shall be their highest ranked event.

### c. Discards junior division:

More than 1 event = 1 discard

More than 3 events = 2 discards

More than 5 events = 3 discards

More than 7 events = 4 discards

Only one Proving Grounds Series result shall count towards a Continental or Championship title per competitor. This shall be their highest ranked event.

- d. When there is a tie in total points of an Annual Discipline Ranking list, the tie shall be broken;
- 1) in favor of the competitor, who has beaten the other in more events in the relevant discipline.
  - 2) If the tie remains, it shall be decided in favor of the competitor who has the greater number of firsts, seconds, and so on, in the relevant discipline including any discarded scores.
  - 3) If the tie remains then it shall be decided in favor of the competitor who has the greater number of firsts, seconds and so on in the relevant discipline in each individual race/elimination of the year in question.
  - 4) Where ties cannot be broken using the above rule, a sail-off between the competitors in question may be permitted if reasonably possible.
  - 5) If the tie remains, it shall stand as the final result.
  - 6) If after all relevant tie break rules have been applied, there is a tie between competitors ranked in the top 3 in any one discipline, the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor who had the highest finishing position in the last event of the year in that specific discipline.
  - 7) Ties between more than two competitors shall be broken in the same manner, considering all the competitors concerned at once.

## 12. PRIZE-MONEY

- a. 10% of the prize-money goes into the overall rankings or FPT Awards/Finals Event/ Overall pot of the season.
- b. As agreed and voted for at the Annual General Meeting in Rhodos, Greece 12-09-2021 a total of €1000,- of the prize-money, split over the Top 10 riders of the respective event result, will be deducted to provide an extra crew member for footage distribution to all riders. 10% of the prize money shall be taken from events that are in the PGS series where the service is offered.
- c. The prize-money will be disbursed at the prize giving ceremony, to receive the prize-money riders have to be present at the prize giving ceremony of the event. Competitors who do not attend the prize giving ceremony may forfeit their prize money. This shall be re-distributed to competitors who rank below the prize money threshold and shall be awarded following the same percentage as the lowest prize money earner for each next ranked competitor until there is nothing left.
- d. In the case of no final result, the prize money shall be split 50% (show) to super sessions, foilstyle or tow-in and 50% (fleet) shall be split evenly to the full fleet. A maximum of 25% of the overall prize money shall be allocated to foilstyle where an official foilstyle result is complete and no official tow-in goes ahead. The remaining 25% of the overall prize money shall be allocated to active super sessions or tow-in shows to show the diversity of freestyle should no official competitions be going ahead. If a super-session or tow-in is not complete, then the remaining 25% shall be allocated to the FPT overall prize fund.
- e. Compulsory events as listed below are important for the success of the local event. Absence from any of these events by participants will have a significant negative impact and therefore consequences.
  - Riders Presentations and requested interviews
  - Signing Sessions
  - Prize giving Ceremony

Participants who have not taken part in mandatory events may be deprived of their right to prize money. Absence shall at all times be submitted to the FPT CEO or Tour Manager and subsequently coordinated with the local event organisation.

- f. The overall prize-money will be transferred to the competitor before the end of the competition year. The amount will be split with 50% contributing to the FPT end of year awards and 50% to the overall prize fund for the highest ranked 5 competitors in freestyle (fin), and the highest ranked 3 competitors in any other discipline, until such discipline reaches over 30 competitors. The FPT may opt to utilise the overall prize money for any other freestyle competition or an end of year finals event. All collected prize money will always make it back to the freestyle competitors before the end of the competition year and shall not be carried over to the following year.
  
- g. The EFPT Prize-money Split 2024 is based off below factors;
  - Amount of prize-money
  - Number of competitors registered
  - Men Only Fleet or Mens and Womens Fleet (equal prize-money Top 3)
  - Discipline
  - Single Only finished or Single and Double finished
  
- h. Disciplines
  - All disciplines shall have their prize money split as per the tables below unless otherwise stated in the following points.
  - Foilstyle and Foil-X shall have 50% of their prize money split as per the Freestyle & Super-X tables, 25% shall be split evenly amongst the top 10 and the final 25% shall be split evenly amongst the top 20 or the full fleet if this is less competitors. Please see the table below for an example of 15 competitors.
  - A competitor must either advance one heat or jump a scoring move per tack or tow-in run to qualify for prize money. Where a competitor finishes with a rank that puts them in the usual prize money bracket but they have not completed the necessary minimum requirements set out in this paragraph, then the competitors prize money shall be shared between the other remaining competitors.

i. Women

- When there are 6 competitors or more then the prize money shall be split equally between men and women for the top 3 competitors. Thereafter the remaining prize money shall be distributed as per the tables below depending on competitor numbers.
- Where there are 5 competitors or less then the total prize money shall be divided by the total number of registered competitors (men and women), this 'per competitor' amount shall then be multiplied by the number of competing women and then divided amongst the women as per their finishing position (using the percentages in the tables below).

**Freestyle & Super-X**

€5000 or less						
Riders	4-7	8-11	12-15	16+		
<b>Single</b>	4	4	4	8		
<b>Double*</b>	4	6	8	8		

€10000 or more						
Riders	4-7	8-11	12-15	16-23	24-31	32+
<b>Single</b>	4	4	4	8	8	16
<b>Double*</b>	4	6	8	8	12	16

\* After quarter finals in the double elimination have been sailed (H30 in 32 Double)



**Table 1 - Men OR Women OR Mixed Fleet Only**

No. receiving prize money	4	6	8	12	16
1st	32,5%	26%	22%	17,5%	15,5%
2nd	27,5%	21%	18%	14%	12,5%
3rd	22,5%	17,5%	15%	12%	10,5%
4	17,5%	14%	12%	10%	8,5%
5		11,5%	10%	8,5%	7,50%
6		10%	8,5%	7,5%	6,50%
7			7,5%	6,4%	5,80%
8			7%	5,9%	5,20%
9				5,2%	4,60%
10				4,8%	4,20%
11				4,3%	3,80%
12				3,9%	3,40%
13					3,20%
14					3,10%
15					2,90%
16					2,80%

**Table 2 - Men AND Women Fleets**

No. receiving prize money	8	12	16
Position	Men + Women	Men + Women	Men + Women
1	15%	13%	12%
2	10%	9%	8%
3	8%	7%	6%
4	7%	6%	5%
5	5,75%	5,5%	4,50%
6	5,25%	5,0%	4,25%
7	4,75%	4,5%	4,00%
8	4,25%	4,0%	3,75%
9		3,5%	3,50%
10		3,0%	3,25%

11		2,5%	3,00%
12		2,0%	2,75%
13			2,50%
14			2,30%
15			2,20%
16			2,00%

Top 3 Men & Women are paid the same percentage

**Foilstyle & Foil-X** – Example (15 Competitors, €10k Prize Money, Double Elimination, media organisation shared with other discipline 50-50)

	50%	25%	25%	Total
1st	€935	€213	€142	€1289
2nd	€765	€213	€142	€1119
3rd	€638	€213	€142	€992
4	€510	€213	€142	€864
5	€425	€213	€142	€779
6	€361	€213	€142	€715
7	€319	€213	€142	€673
8	€298	€213	€142	€652
9		€213	€142	€354
10		€213	€142	€354
11			€142	€142
12			€142	€142
13			€142	€142
14			€142	€142
15			€142	€142

# ATTACHMENTS

## Appendix A – Flag Signals

### Flag signals

Stand by	AP flag [red and white]
1 min to warm up flags	AP flag DOWN
10 min warm up (or 1 Heat sequence)	Red/Yellow/Green UP
One minute before start sequence	Red/Yellow/Green DOWN [No Flag]

### Heat Sequence

3 min before the heat starts	Red UP
1 min before the heat start	Red DOWN/Yellow UP
Start of the heat	Yellow DOWN /Green UP
1 min before end of the heat	Green DOWN [No flag]
End of the heat	Red UP
Extension [2 minutes]	Green/Yellow UP
1 min before ext. finished	Green/Yellow DOWN
Heat Cancellation	Blue-white blocked UP [3 times horn]
Announcement at the Race Committee	Black-yellow UP