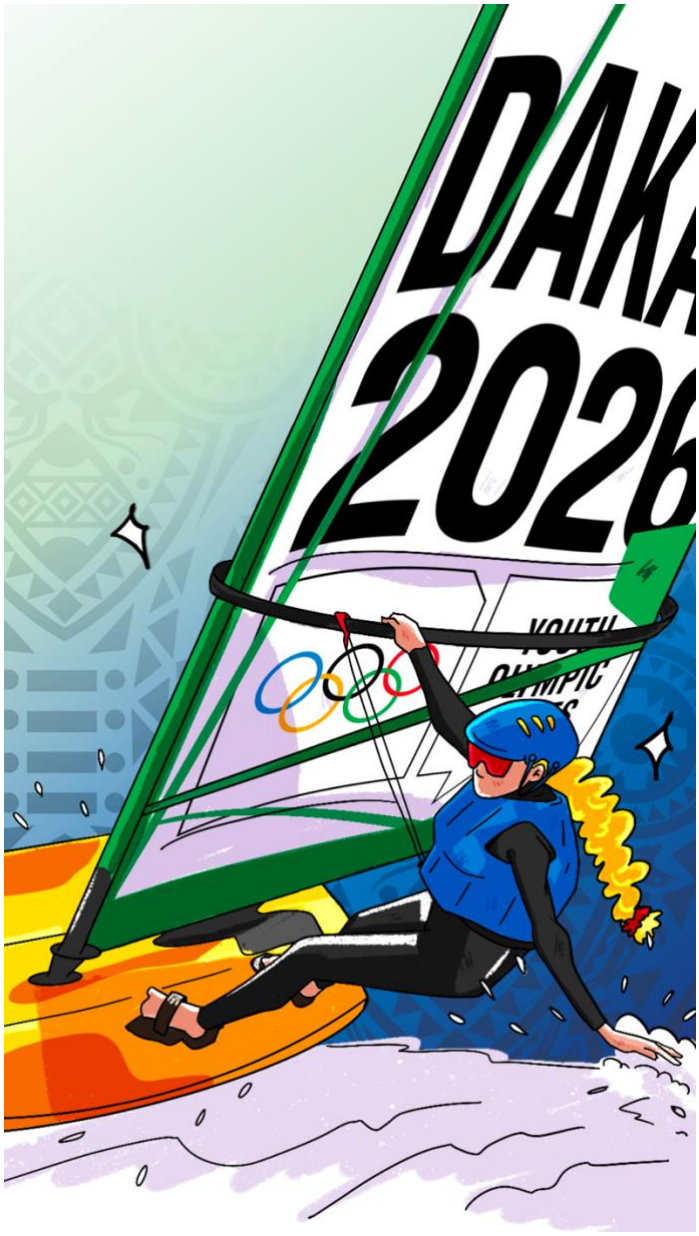
NOTICE OF RACE

Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Sailing Competition

5–12 November 2026

Saly Beach West, Senegal

The Organizing Authority is World Sailing in conjunction with the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee.



CHANGE LOG

Date	Changes
7 November 2026	3.4
20 October 2026	3.2, 9.8, Addendum B
8 October 2026	Initial Version

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 RRS Appendix B will apply, however RRS B5 60.2(a)(1) and B8.A8 are deleted.

1.3 Other documents under RRS Definition: Rule (g) include:

1.3.1 The Olympic Charter of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

1.3.2 [DP] [SP] The Dakar 2026 Equipment Regulations (ER).

1.4 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.

1.5 RRS 90.3(e) applies.

1.6 In all rules governing this regatta:

1.6.1 Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the regatta.

1.6.2 The term 'support team' means coaches, team leaders and other support persons.

1.6.3 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

1.6.4 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a board and for which the International Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.4(a) and 63.2 (a).

1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.8 This Notice of Race may be changed. Changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available by 20 October 2026 on the Official Notice Board (ONB).

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at the regatta website, https://dakar2026.sailing.org/notice-board/.

3.2 The Dakar 2026 Equipment Regulations will be available by 20 October 2026 on the Official Notice Board.

3.3 Other documents governing the regatta will be published on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 October 2026.

3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority, a board shall not make voice, radio or data transmissions using any device and shall not receive voice, radio or data communication using any device that is not available to all boards. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Entries will be offered to National Olympic Committees (NOCs) at the sole discretion of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). NOCs wishing to be considered shall complete the Intention to Participate form and return it to the IOC by the date stipulated by the IOC.

4.2 Athletes and support persons shall be entered by an NOC.

4.3 Athletes and support persons shall comply with the Olympic Charter, as well as with World Sailing rules and regulations, in order to be eligible for participation in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Sailing Competition.

4.4 Each athlete shall be a national of the country of the NOC that is entering him or her. An athlete's nationality shall be determined according to the Olympic Charter Rule 41 and the By-law to Rule 41.

4.5 World Sailing Eligibility under the World Sailing Eligibility Code is required.

4.6 Athletes must be born between 14 November 2009 and 31 October 2012 (inclusive).

4.7 To be eligible to participate in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must:

4.7.1 be registered as a World Sailing Sailor and provide their Sailor Identification Number to the IOC Sports Entries and Qualification (SEQ) during the entry process; and

4.7.2 hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage per incident of €2,000,000 or the equivalent, if deemed to be the "person in charge".

4.8 NOCs with entrants shall register their NOC's main point of contact, their Member National Authority's main point of contact, and their team leader with World Sailing via the form sent to each NOC, by 20 October 2026, to confirm their first entry to the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Sailing Competition.

4.9 The Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Sailing Competition is open to boards competing in the following events:

Event	Equipment
Men's Windsurfing	Techno 293 OD 7.8m
Women's Windsurfing	Techno 293 OD 7.8m

5 FEES

5.1 No entry fees apply to the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Sailing Competition.

6 [DP] IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

6.1 Clothing and equipment worn or used by athletes and support personnel shall be in compliance with Rule 50 (and the By-law to Rule 50) of the Olympic Charter while at the venue, including the Field of Play (FOP).

6.2 Except as permitted by NoR 6.3, a board shall not display any form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, including the display of a board name, home port or club name.

6.3 [SP] When provided by the Organizing Authority, boards or competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:

6.3.1 Bibs for all competitors;

6.3.2 Coloured bibs for event leaders (1st, 2nd and 3rd);

6.3.3 National country codes and national flags;

6.3.4 'Look of the Games' branding and athlete name panels;

6.3.5 Cameras, camera dummies and sound equipment; and

6.3.6 Tracking and timing system equipment.

7 FORMAT

7.1 The format for the Men's Windsurfing and Women's Windsurfing events shall be a single series of up to 15 races.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 The schedule, including registration, equipment inspection and racing, is as follows:

Date	Time	Activity
5 November 2026	13:00	Venue Opens
5 November 2026	14:00-17:00	Distribution of Supplied Equipment
5 November 2026	15:00	Technical Meeting
6–12 November 2026	10:00	Venue Opens
6–12 November 2026	10:30	Team Leaders Meeting (with coaches and athletes)
6–7 November 2026	12:00–16:00	FOP Open for Training
8–12 November 2026	All Day	Racing

8.2 The competition and equipment distribution schedule is shown in Addendum A.

8.3 The warning signal for the first race on 8 November 2026 will not be before 12:00; on subsequent days the warning signal may be earlier.

8.4 No warning signal will be made after 16:10 on 12 November 2026.

8.5 The Race Committee may change the schedule to bring forward any number of races. The Dakar 2026 Sailing Instructions will define the process for the publication of the daily race schedule, including the allocation of Events to race areas.

8.6 The Technical Meeting is for all NOCs, and delegations shall sit in assigned seating to complete their delegation's entry procedures and to approve their delegation's membership.

8.7 There will be a daily Team Leaders Meeting, and team leaders, support persons and athletes are invited to attend.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 This regatta is an international event for the purpose of RRS G1.1(b).

9.2 A Technical Committee shall be appointed in accordance with RRS 92.

9.3 [DP] Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the regatta.

9.4 The procedures for inspections, limitations on the equipment permitted in the venue, and other equipment-related matters will be specified in the Dakar 2026 Equipment Regulations.

9.5 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a board does not reduce the responsibilities of a competitor set out in the rules.

9.6 Any changes to the Equipment Regulations will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

9.7 Only supplied competition boards may be kept in the venue boat park unless permission is granted by the Organizing Authority.

9.8 [DP] At all times when ashore except when launching and retrieving, all equipment shall be kept in its assigned place at the event site. Removal of any equipment from the event site requires prior written approval from the Technical Committee. Access to equipment in the storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness, may be restricted.

9.9 [NP][DP]Unless otherwise directed by the Organizing Authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

9.10 Failure of or difference between supplied equipment will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

9.11 Supplied Equipment will be used for the Windsurfing Events.

9.11.1 The boards and equipment, including sails, will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority except for the equipment stated in NoR 9.11.3.

9.11.2 The list of equipment supplied will be stated in Notice of Race Addendum B.

9.11.3 Athletes shall bring their own uphaul, outhaul and downhaul systems (ropes, cleats and pulleys), harness and harness lines. No permanent fixings will be used to attach these.

9.11.4 [DP] Athletes shall bring their own tow rope – see Class Rules C.4.2 (a).

9.11.5 The Organizing Authority will not supply personal flotation devices, wetsuits or other personal equipment.

9.11.6 Athletes may bring and use the following equipment: beverage containers (only to be attached with rope or tape).

9.11.7 Clothing and equipment, including harness but excluding beverage container, worn or carried shall not weigh more than 9kg when weighed in accordance with RRS Appendix H.

9.11.8 Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the waterline, but the tape needs to be removable after the regatta without leaving any permanent damage. There shall be no writing with permanent markers directly on the supplied equipment. No wax shall be applied. Hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water and ordinary soap.

9.11.9 Athletes may bring and use a reusable drinks container in accordance with RRS 50.1(a).

9.11.10 Athletes shall not sand the boom.

10 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

10.1 All competitors in the Windsurfing events shall wear personal flotation devices (RRS 40.1) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to reject any buoyancy jacket which it considers unsuitable. When no specifications are given in the class rules, personal flotation devices shall be to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50, or equivalent.

10.2 Every competitor will be required to carry on their person, not attached to their equipment, a tracking device supplied by the Organizing Authority at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

11 VENUE

11.1 The venue will be at Saly Beach West, also known as Saly Portudal. Notice of Race Addendum C shows the location of the venue.

11.2 The venue opening hours will be 1000–1900.

11.3 The Sport Information Desk will be open when the venue is open.

11.4 The Field of Play, including the racing area (named Saly), will be located on the Petite Côte, and their approximate locations are shown in Notice of Race Addendum D. The location of the racing area may be changed by the Organizing Authority in the Sailing Instructions. Additional racing areas may be added by the Organizing Authority in the Sailing Instructions.

12 COURSES

12.1 The courses will be windward/leeward, with optional finishing legs, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12.2 The target time will be 10 minutes, with a Mark 1 time limit of 15 minutes, a race time limit of 30 minutes, and a finish window of 15 minutes.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final, as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

14 SCORING

14.1 One race is required to be scored to constitute an event.

14.1.1 When fewer than 3 races have been scored, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.1.2 When 3 to 6 races have been scored, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.1.3 When 7 to 10 races have been scored, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

14.1.4 When 11 or more races have been scored, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

14.2 A competitor may be scored ‘Disqualification for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour’ (DQB) for disqualification due to any violation of the Olympic Charter, of the World Anti-Doping Code, or as the result of any other action of the IOC. This changes RRS A10.

15 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

15.1 Support persons requiring access to the venue shall be accredited by their NOC and each such person agrees to be governed by the rules.

15.2 Support team members shall not provide any outside help unless permitted by RRS 41.

15.3 Support persons, such as team leaders, coaches and other support personnel, may go afloat only in craft supplied by the Organizing Authority, and clearly marked as such. The Organising Authority may limit the number of support persons afloat.

15.4 A NOC, Member National Authority, competitor, or support person shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water.

16 [NP][SP]BERTHING

16.1 Boards shall be kept in their assigned places in the storage tent.

17 DATA PROTECTION

17.1 The attention of all competitors and support team personnel is drawn to the privacy notices published on World Sailing's website: https://www.sailing.org/privacy-policy/

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Rule 3 of the RRS states: “The responsibility for a board’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their board 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 vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

18.1.6 The provision of patrol vessels cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and

18.1.7 It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event, and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

19 [NP][DP] INSURANCE

19.1 Each athlete deemed to be the "person in charge" shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage per incident of €2,000,000 or the equivalent and valid for the event, in accordance with NoR 4.7.2.

19.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of the insurance certificates in accordance with NoR 19.1. However, the Organizing Authority reserves the right to verify the status or validity of insurance certificates to ensure the protection of all persons involved in the event.

20 PRIZES

20.1 The medals and diplomas for each Event in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Sailing Competition will be awarded in accordance with the Olympic Charter:

20.1.1 First prize will be a gold medal and diploma;

20.1.2 Second prize will be a silver medal and diploma;

20.1.3 Third prize will be a bronze medal and diploma; and

20.1.4 Prizes for 4th to 8th places will be diplomas.

21 [NP] MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

21.1 By participating in the regatta, competitors automatically grant to the IOC, Organizing Authority, their sponsors and World Sailing the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

21.2 [DP] Athletes may be required to attend press conferences / interviews on training and racing days.

21.3 [SP] Athletes shall wear Dakar 2026 bibs on the outside of all other clothing and personal items, including harness and PFDs, at all times while afloat, except while briefly changing clothing, receiving medical treatment, or whilst not racing (but athletes are requested to wear their bibs on the way out to the course area and on the way back to aid media identification).

21.4 [SP] Bibs shall be distributed to each team leader during the Technical Meeting. The bib shall be worn such that their NOC code is clearly visible. Event leaders (1st, 2nd and 3rd) shall wear Dakar 2026 coloured bibs. First shall wear yellow, second shall wear blue and third shall wear pink, and all other boards shall wear white unless instructed otherwise by the OA.

21.5 Sailing out, pre-start and training:

21.5.1 Athletes may be photographed whilst sailing on the field of play. An athlete may signal to be left alone by holding an arm out with a palm-facing open hand showing towards the media vessel(s) concerned.

21.5.2 The media are excluded from the race area before racing from the time when the orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee vessel.

21.6 During racing:

21.6.1 All media and other vessels are restricted to designated areas at either end of the start line, near marks and to leeward of the finish line.

21.7 End of race:

21.7.1 Rights holding broadcasters may request on-water interviews from athletes.

21.8 Return to shore:

21.8.1 [DP] Athletes shall walk through the mixed zone in the boat park on return to shore. Athletes will go through the broadcast section of the mixed zone before reaching the press section. Reporters from the OIS will work in the mixed zone to gather athlete comments for flash quotes.

21.8.2 National Olympic Committee (NOC) press attachés shall be permitted to meet their athletes on the pathway of the mixed zone, but this is limited to the press section only.

21.8.3 Dakar 2026 volunteers will be on hand to support athletes at the mixed zone if required.

21.8.4 [DP] All athletes shall attend a press conference on request from the Organizing Authority. Selected athletes shall be invited to the media conference via their team leader, team press officer or press attaché.

21.8.5 [DP] Athletes may be asked to be available for interviews outside the formal mixed zone and media conferences, on either training or competition days. This may include contributing to the spectator experience by engaging with the Dakar 2026 sport presentation or spectator experience teams.

21.9 [NP] Victory Ceremonies:

21.9.1 [DP] All medal winners shall attend a press conference immediately after the Victory Ceremony.

22 ANTI-DOPING

22.1 IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games will apply.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 For all questions not related to the sporting aspects of the regatta, please contact your NOC.

23.2 For questions to the Organizing Committee, please email jean-luc.michon@dakar2026.org. For questions to World Sailing, please email michael.downing@sailing.org. For further information, please see https://www.sailing.org/dakar2026/.

ADDENDUM A — COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Event	Equipment Distribution	Training	Racing
Men's Windsurfing	5 November 2026	6–7 November 2026	8–12 November 2026
Women's Windsurfing	5 November 2026	6–7 November 2026	8–12 November 2026

ADDENDUM B — SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT

Tahe Outdoors France will supply sets of Techno 293 OD equipment — boards, fins, footstraps and 7.8 rigs — for the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026, free of charge.

Additionally, Tahe will provide:

— A full stock of necessary spare parts, ensuring smooth operations throughout the event.

— Two dedicated equipment managers onsite for distribution and assistance.

ADDENDUM C — VENUE



ADDENDUM D — RACING AREAS

