

WOO Worlds 2026

Rules, Guidelines & Information

A month of riding for water safety

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Preamble

First and foremost, we want you and everyone to have as much fun as possible during the WOO Worlds 2026 competition.

We consider ourselves at service to the kite, wing and windsurf community, and want to enhance this awesome hobby for everyone, connect riders across the globe, and share the love we all feel for riding on the water.

This year, WOO Worlds is about more than the leaderboard. Every entry is a donation to maritime rescue, and every session you ride supports the volunteer crews and coastguards who launch when someone doesn't come back. The goal is simple: get more people home safely.

That said, to keep things fun for everyone, we have to keep one aspect of WOO fair and level, and that is the game we all love to play. Every game and competition needs rules, regulations, and a referee to enforce them. We're very well aware that the referee usually is the least liked individual in the whole arena, so we don't take this responsibility lightly and dedicate a large portion of our time to do as good a job as possible. This document is our shot to inform everyone about the rules and guidelines of the WOO Worlds 2026, and how you can ensure that you play fair. In an ideal world, we never have to put our referee in action to enforce them. We really trust and bet on the fairness and integrity of our community. In case we have to enforce them, we follow clear procedures and guidelines to treat every member of the WOO community equally.

The general WOO Rules & Guidelines stay valid during the whole WOO Worlds 2026.

Definitions

Competition

In the context of this document, “Competition” refers to the overall WOO Worlds 2026 Competition.

Discipline

In the context of this document, “Discipline” refers to one of the 5 Disciplines (Max Height, Total Height, Jump Count, Distance in 15 Minutes and Total Distance) that are part of the WOO Worlds 2026 Competition.

Country

In the context of this document, “Country” refers to the country (flag) an Individual has chosen to ride for when entering the Competition. All Individuals riding for the same Country form that Country’s team.

Entry

In the context of this document, “Entry” refers to the registration of an Individual for the Competition via the WOO Worlds website (donation and choice of Country).

Competition Period

In the context of this document, “Competition Period” refers to the time between the start and end date of the WOO Worlds 2026 Competition.

Discipline Period

In the context of this document, “Discipline Period” refers to the time between the start and end date of the respective Discipline. In the WOO Worlds 2026, all five Disciplines run for the entire Competition Period.

General Rules

In the context of this document, “General Rules” refers to the WOO Worlds 2026 Rules & Guidelines (a set of rules that are valid for the entire WOO Worlds 2026 Competition).

Discipline Rules

In the context of this document, “Discipline Rules” refers to a set of rules that are valid for a respective Discipline.

Start Recording

In the context of this document, “Start Recording” refers to the exact time when a WOO session is started.

- For GPS Sessions, it is the time when you start the Freeride/GPS session on your phone or Watch.
- For Big Air Sessions, it is the time when you start recording on your WOO Sensor.
- For sessions with Jumps and GPS, it is the earlier of the two times above.

Stop Recording

In the context of this document, “Stop Recording” refers to the exact time when a WOO session is stopped.

- For GPS Sessions, it is the time when you stop the Freeride/GPS session on your Phone or Watch.

- For Big Air Sessions, it is the time when you record the last jump on your WOO Sensor.
- For sessions with Jumps and GPS, it is the latter of the two times above.

Download Session

In the context of this document, “Download Session” refers to the time a recorded session from a WOO Sensor gets transferred to the WOO App on a mobile phone.

Upload Session

In the context of this document, “Upload Session” refers to the time a recorded session reaches our servers. With good internet connectivity, this is usually a few seconds after you hit “Save” in the WOO App.

WOO App

In the context of this document, “WOO App” refers to the WOO App on a supported mobile phone and the WOO Watch App on a supported Watch. It is only allowed to upload a session of the WOO App account owner to the individual WOO App account. The email address used for the WOO App registration is the email address via which WOO Sports contacts you during the WOO Worlds 2026; please make sure to use a registration email address that gets frequently checked. It is highly recommended to choose an account name in the WOO App which correlates with your real forename and surname for better identification.

Note: The WOO App must always be updated to the latest WOO App version.

WOO Sensor

In the context of this document, “WOO Sensor” refers to only WOO 3.0 and WOO 4.0 Sensors. To assure accurate results, recording sessions with the latest available firmware version of the WOO Sensor is mandatory.

WOO Mount

“WOO Mount” refers to all WOO Mounts and WOO Frequent Flyer Mounts produced and sold by WOO Sports or an official WOO Dealer. The WOO Mount must be attached to the board according to the official WOO Mounting instructions.

WOO Jump Estimation

In the context of this document, “WOO Jump Estimation” refers to the free jump estimation feature in the WOO app on the Android and Apple Watch. WOO Jump Estimations are not included in the WOO Worlds Max Height discipline, but are allowed for the Jump Count and Total Height disciplines.

Watch

“Watch” refers to Apple Watch Series 3 or higher, Garmin Watches that are compatible with the WOO Watch apps (requires the Garmin Connect IQ SDK), and supported Android watches. The Watch must always be updated to the latest WOO Watch App Version.

Valid WOO Worlds Session

In the context of this document, “Valid WOO Worlds Session” refers to a session that fulfills all criteria to be considered for the WOO Worlds 2026, and will hence count towards one or more of the Disciplines. A Valid WOO Worlds Session must fulfill the following criteria:

- The rider has completed their Entry on the WOO Worlds website with the same WOO account.

- The session has to be recorded and uploaded within the Discipline Period.
- The session has to be uploaded at the latest 24hrs after Start Recording.
- The correct spot and board type must be chosen.
- The correct kite, wing or windsurf sail type must be chosen.
- Height for the Max Height Discipline has to be recorded on a WOO 3.0 or 4.0 Sensor.
- The latest firmware has to be installed on your WOO Sensor before the session.
- Use a maximum of two WOOs on your board.

Duplicate Session

In the context of this document, a “Duplicate Session” refers to a Valid WOO Worlds Session uploaded to an individual WOO App account more than once. Note: uploading a Duplicate Session will be considered an attempt of cheating!

Individual

In the context of this document, “Individual” refers to an individual person.

Country Score

In the context of this document, “Country Score” refers to the sum of the results of the best 50 riders of a Country in a Discipline (one result per rider). Each Country Score determines that Country’s ranking within the respective Discipline.

Discipline Points

In the context of this document, “Discipline Points” refers to the points a Country receives for its finishing position in a Discipline (50 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 30th place).

Total Points

In the context of this document, “Total Points” refers to the sum of a Country’s Discipline Points across all five Disciplines. The Country with the most Total Points wins the WOO Worlds 2026.

Preliminary Standings

In the context of this document, “Preliminary Standings” refers to a set of preliminary leaderboards on the WOO Worlds website that is subject to change and approval by the WOO Worlds 2026 Organization.

Official Results

In the context of this document, “Official Results” refers to the final and irrevocable announcement of the winning Countries of the WOO Worlds 2026 Competition.

Highlights

In short, these are the rules everyone must follow:

1. Don't cheat. ZERO (zip, null, nada, niente, zilch...) tolerance on this one. The extent of disciplinary actions on cheating attempts is up to WOO Sports referees.
2. Only activities on water count, and you can only use kites, wings or windsurf sails as propulsion (boats, cars or other non-kite, -wing or -sail powered equipment is prohibited).
3. Enter the Competition on the WOO Worlds website and choose the Country you ride for before your sessions can count. Entry is a donation (or you can choose to participate without one).
4. Read and adhere to the Competition timetable (see below).
5. WOO can always, at all times, override the Rules, Guidelines & Information document.
6. Upload your session
 - Immediately after recording it.
 - Upload your session at the correct WOO spot and with the correct board type and kite/wing/sail.
 - Upload your session on your own individual WOO account.
 - Changes to your session at a later stage are not allowed.
 - Duplicate sessions are not allowed.
7. The WOO Mount must be attached to the board according to the official WOO Mounting instructions.
8. Watch your tone!
9. Always put safety first, ride hard & have fun!

Please contact wooworlds@woosports.com for any questions or contact regarding the WOO Worlds 2026.

For technical support please contact support@woosports.com.

General Rules

The General Rules below are valid for the entire WOO Worlds 2026 competition.

Recording & Uploading Sessions

1. The latest firmware has to be downloaded on your WOO 3.0 or WOO 4.0 before the session.
2. You can use a maximum of two WOOs on your board during the WOO Worlds.
3. A “Valid WOO Worlds Session” cannot be changed after uploading. You cannot change the spot, change your quiver or change your board type.
4. The time of “Start Recording” and “Upload Session” of each session has to be within the Competition Period and within the Discipline Period of the Discipline you want to compete in.
5. WOO Jump Estimation (Watch) will only count towards the Jump Count and Total Height disciplines. They are excluded from the Max Height Discipline.
6. Sessions have to be uploaded within 24hrs of the “Start Recording” time. Note that regardless of this rule, the “Upload Session” Time cannot be outside of the Discipline and/or Competition Period.

Example: a session started on October 11 at 20:00h must be uploaded before October 11, 23:59h – the end of the Competition Period – even though 24 hours have not yet passed.



Terms & Conditions

7. The Terms & Conditions must be accepted to enter the Competition. To accept the Terms & Conditions, complete your Entry on the WOO Worlds website.

Cheating

8. Any attempt to cheat, any wrong usage of the WOO Sensor and/or GPS features, or any attempt to break the General Rules or Discipline Rules will get you disqualified from the WOO Worlds 2026 and can lead to a permanent ban on the WOO platform.

9. The WOO Worlds organization has the right to delete specific jumps or sessions if there is reason to believe that there was cheating or wrong use of our product (WOO Sensor) involved. This also includes an incorrect positioning of the WOO Sensor.
10. Knowingly uploading wrong data can be considered an attempt of cheating and penalized accordingly.

Reporting any attempt of cheating or disregarding the rules mentioned referring to the WOO Worlds 2026 competition shall be sent to wooworlds@woosports.com. The message shall include the name of the reporter, the WOO account name of the person not acting according to the (WOO Worlds 2026) WOO Rules & Guidelines, a thorough explanation or a clear picture of the attempt of cheating or disregard of the (WOO Worlds 2026) WOO Rules & Guidelines.

Prerequisites

11. We can ask for your identification. If you are unable or don't want to show us we will disqualify you from the WOO Worlds 2026.

Entering the Competition

Competing in the WOO Worlds 2026 is very easy:

1. Go to the WOO Worlds website: <https://wooworlds.com>
2. Log in with your WOO account – the same account you ride with in the WOO App.
3. Make your donation. Entry is a donation, not a ticket: €20 is the suggested minimum, and anything above it is welcome. An option to participate without a donation is available.
4. Choose the Country you ride for. You choose the flag you represent and support; your passport nationality does not decide it.
5. Ride. Once you have entered, your sessions land on the right leaderboards automatically. There is nothing to submit by hand.

Extra information

- An Individual can only ride for one Country during the Competition. The Country chosen at Entry is final.
- Payments open the moment the WOO Worlds website goes live, before the riding starts.
- After transaction fees, 80% of every donation goes to the International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF) and 20% goes to the prize pot (see *Prizes*).

Results

Official Results from the WOO Worlds 2026 Competition with all its Disciplines will be announced on our social media.

Preliminary Standings for all Disciplines and the overall Country ranking are available on the WOO Worlds website. The leaderboard shows the riders contributing to each Country's result. The Preliminary Standings are subject to change and pending approval of the WOO Worlds 2026 Organization. While all results are reviewed according to the official rule book, WOO reserves the right to make manual adjustments or override rules where necessary.

Contacting Winners

The email address used for the WOO App registration is the email address via which WOO Sports gets in contact with you during the WOO Worlds 2026 (feel free to add wooworlds@woosports.com to your address book so our messages won't end up in your spam folder); please make sure to use a registration email address that gets frequently checked. It is highly recommended to choose an account name in the WOO App which correlates with your real forename and surname for better identification so we have the chance to find you on any other platforms in case you won't react to a winner email.

A lottery winner has 2 weeks time from our first message to reply, otherwise, we can't guarantee that the prize will still be available!

Leaderboards

Discipline	Result
Highest Jump	https://events.woosports.com/woo-hq/?event=woo-worlds-2026&discipline=highest-jump-0001
Total Height	https://events.woosports.com/woo-hq/?event=woo-worlds-2026&discipline=total-height-0001
Jump Count	https://events.woosports.com/woo-hq/?event=woo-worlds-2026&discipline=jump-count-0001
15 Minute Blast	https://events.woosports.com/woo-hq/?event=woo-worlds-2026&discipline=15-minute-blast-0001
Total Distance	https://events.woosports.com/woo-hq/?event=woo-worlds-2026&discipline=total-distance-0001
Overall Country Ranking	https://events.woosports.com/woo-hq/?event=woo-worlds-2026&discipline=nations_overall

Competition & Discipline Period

All times are in your local time zone.

Competition	Start Time	End Time
WOO Worlds 2026	September 12, 2026 0:00h	October 11, 2026 23:59h

Discipline	Start Time	End Time
Max Height	September 12, 2026 0:00h	October 11, 2026 23:59h
Total Height	September 12, 2026 0:00h	October 11, 2026 23:59h
Jump Count	September 12, 2026 0:00h	October 11, 2026 23:59h
Distance in 15 Minutes	September 12, 2026 0:00h	October 11, 2026 23:59h
Total Distance	September 12, 2026 0:00h	October 11, 2026 23:59h

Disciplines

There are five Disciplines. All five run for the whole Competition Period, and all five are open to kite, wing and windsurf. Only Max Height requires a WOO Sensor.

Which recording methods count for which Discipline:

Discipline	Smartwatch	Phone (GPS)	WOO Sensor
Max Height	–	–	counts
Total Height	counts	–	counts
Jump Count	counts	–	counts
Distance in 15 Minutes	counts	counts	–
Total Distance	counts	counts	–

The following applies to all Disciplines:

- Only activities on water count. The attempt must be completed purely by kitesurfing (twintip, hydrofoil or directional), winging, or windsurfing.
- If any part of the session is not over water, or otherwise manipulated, the session will be invalidated, and Disciplinary Action will be taken.
- There are no gender or age categories. All riders compete together for their Country.

Discipline: Max Height

All General Rules apply.

Start Date	September 12, 2026 0:00h
End Date	October 11, 2026 23:59h
Tech Requirements	WOO 3.0 or WOO 4.0
Counted Metric	Max Height (highest single jump)
Profile Requirements	Country chosen at Entry

1. The height of your single highest jump of all your Valid WOO Worlds 2026 Sessions counts in this Discipline.
2. Height must be recorded on a WOO 3.0 or WOO 4.0 Sensor. Smartwatch and phone data do not count.
3. The WOO Mount must be attached to the board according to the official WOO Mounting instructions.
4. This Discipline comes down to a single good session – one jump is all it takes.

Discipline: Total Height

All General Rules apply.

Start Date	September 12, 2026 0:00h
End Date	October 11, 2026 23:59h
Tech Requirements	WOO 3.0 or WOO 4.0, or Smartwatch (Apple or Android)
Counted Metric	Total Height (sum of all jump heights)
Profile Requirements	Country chosen at Entry

1. For each rider, we will count the Total Height (all jump heights added together) of all Valid WOO Worlds 2026 Sessions across the whole Competition Period.
2. Deliberately posting duplicate sessions from the same, or a second WOO sensor or Watch are not allowed and will result in disqualification and/or further consequences.
3. This Discipline rewards volume across the month.

Discipline: Jump Count

All General Rules apply.

Start Date	September 12, 2026 0:00h
End Date	October 11, 2026 23:59h
Tech Requirements	WOO 3.0 or WOO 4.0, or Smartwatch (Apple or Android)
Counted Metric	Jump Count (total number of jumps landed)
Profile Requirements	Country chosen at Entry

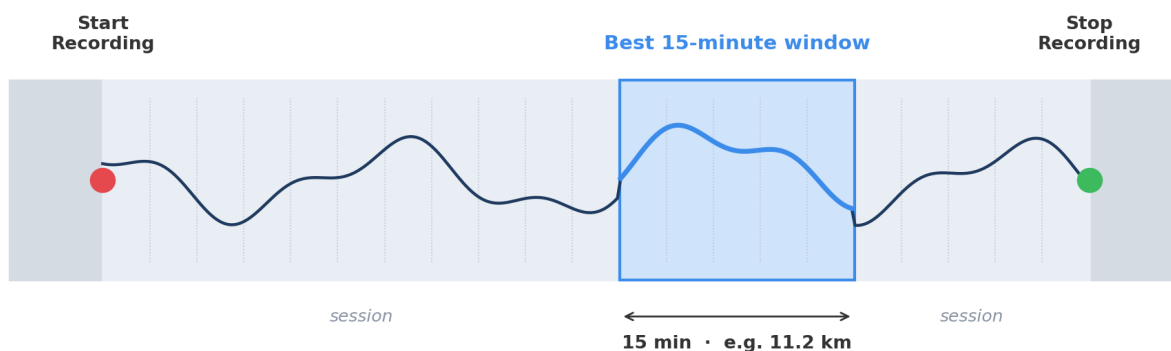
1. For each rider, we will count the total number of jumps of all Valid WOO Worlds 2026 Sessions across the whole Competition Period.
2. Deliberately posting duplicate sessions from the same, or a second WOO sensor or Watch are not allowed and will result in disqualification and/or further consequences.
3. This Discipline rewards volume across the month.

Discipline: Distance in 15 Minutes

All General Rules apply.

Start Date	September 12, 2026 0:00h
End Date	October 11, 2026 23:59h
Tech Requirements	GPS sessions must be recorded on the WOO App using either a phone, Apple Watch, Garmin watch, or Android watch.
Counted Metric	Distance in 15 Minutes (best 15-minute window)
Profile Requirements	Country chosen at Entry

1. In this Discipline, all that counts is purely who can travel the longest distance over water in 15 minutes while being powered exclusively by a kite, wing or windsurf sail.
2. The best 15-minute window of any of your Valid WOO Worlds 2026 Sessions counts.
3. The 15-minute window is a rolling window: the WOO App automatically finds the 15 consecutive minutes with the greatest distance anywhere in your session. There is no warm-up buffer – measuring can start from the moment you Start Recording.
4. This Discipline comes down to a single good session.



The WOO App automatically finds the 15 consecutive minutes with the greatest distance anywhere in your session. Only that window counts — the rest of the session is not considered for this Discipline.

Discipline: Total Distance

All General Rules apply.

Start Date	September 12, 2026 0:00h
End Date	October 11, 2026 23:59h
Tech Requirements	GPS sessions must be recorded on the WOO App using either a phone, Apple Watch, Garmin watch, or Android watch.
Counted Metric	Total Distance across the Competition Period
Profile Requirements	Country chosen at Entry

1. For each rider, we will count the Total Distance over water of all Valid WOO Worlds 2026 Sessions across the whole Competition Period.
2. This Discipline rewards volume across the month.

How the Points System Works

1. You ride

One session. Your result lands on the leaderboard for that Discipline automatically, with nothing to submit.

2. Your Country

Every rider your Country adds goes onto the score. A Country counts its best 50 riders in each Discipline, so a nation with 400 entrants counts the same number of riders as one with 50. It stops the biggest scenes winning on volume alone. Below fifty, every extra rider adds to the score.

“Best 50 results” means the best 50 riders: each rider contributes one result per Discipline, and a Country’s score in that Discipline is the sum of its 50 best riders. A Country with only one rider can still compete and score. Every rider counts.

3. The points

Each Discipline ranks Countries on its own and pays the top 30: 50 points for winning it, down to 1 point for 30th place. The full points table is published on the WOO Worlds website.

Finishing position	Points
1st	50
2nd	45
3rd	41
4th	38
5th	35
...	...
30th	1
31st and lower	0

4. The title

Add the five Disciplines together. The Country with the most Total Points wins WOO Worlds 2026. A tie goes to the Country that won the most Disciplines.

Example: a Country can take the title on 231 of a possible 250 points without winning Max Height, the board kiting is known for. Breadth beats dominance.

Extra information

- By completing your Entry and posting a Valid WOO Worlds Session you automatically compete in all five Disciplines for which your session has data.

- An Individual contributes one result per Discipline to their Country.
- If you miss a few days, nothing happens. Three of the five Disciplines reward volume across the month, but Max Height and Distance in 15 Minutes each come down to a single good session.
- After October 11, 2026 the Competition ends, the final scores are calculated, and we find out which Country takes the WOO Worlds 2026 title.

Prizes

The Country prize pot

After transaction fees, 20% of all donations form the prize pot. The top three Countries split the pot, and every euro of it goes to their national maritime rescue organisations, not to riders:

Final position	Share of prize pot
1st	50%
2nd	30%
3rd	20%

The remaining 80% goes to the International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF), supporting 160+ rescue organisations in more than 50 countries.

Rider Lottery

1. There are no individual prizes for performance in the WOO Worlds 2026.
2. Anyone uploading a Valid WOO Worlds Session will automatically participate in the Rider Lottery.
3. Every time you upload a Valid WOO Worlds Session, in any Discipline, you will get one "lottery ticket", so the more you upload the more chances you have of winning.
4. A Valid WOO Worlds Session must be at least 30 minutes long to count as a lottery ticket.
5. We will number all the lottery tickets at the end of the Competition and use a random number generator to determine which lottery tickets win the prizes.
6. Prizes are provided by our partners. Partners and prizes are announced on the WOO Worlds website.