

# FWC Regatta Tier Format



## Purpose

This document is intended to outline how the Formula Wave Class will participate with and host regattas across the country with various levels of involvement depending on the regatta structure. The intention is to bring the FWC sailing format to more sailors and provide more opportunities to race and accrue season points.

## Tier Structure

The Formula Wave Class will categorize participating regattas into three tiers.

### *Tier 1*

The first tier is reserved for the Formula Wave Class Annual Championship, or any special event hosted by the FWC (example – US Sailing Multihull Championship). Regattas in this first tier will receive heavy promotion and heavy involvement by the FWC and will likely require most resources. These regattas should be first class regattas with the works provided (t-shirt or giveaway, some meals, social activities planned and promoted). These regattas will typically be 3+ days in length. All sailors must be FWC members to participate.

### *Tier 2*

The second tier is reserved for the FWC Regional Regattas. Regattas in this tier will require involvement from the FWC but should be organized and planned by the local sailing group in conjunction with the host yacht club. It is strongly recommended these regattas provide at least one meal and some light breakfast options, and a shirt or giveaway if budget allows. It is recommended to use available budget on some kind of social activity before a shirt or giveaway. These regattas should be 3-day regattas. All sailors must be FWC members to participate.

### *Tier 3*

The third tier can encompass any other regatta who wishes to offer a Wave start using the FWC rules and sailing format. Regattas who wish to do so will be given a copy of the FWC rules and bylaws and will be allowed to use the FWC logo in promotion material. The FWC will not have any hand in planning but will promote the regatta on the class website and social pages. These regattas can be 2 day weekend events and paired with any other sailing class or regatta. The amount of frills offered at these events is completely up to the organizing group. FWC membership is not required, but non-FWC members will not accrue season points. Points will not be retroactive if a non-member races in a tier 3 regatta and chooses to become a member at a later point in time. Points will only accrue from time of active calendar year membership going forward. Regatta organizers will be required to provide results to the FWC scorekeeper within one week of the regatta ending, or season points will not be distributed to participating sailors. Regattas must have a minimum of 5 waves to qualify as a tier 3 FWC points regatta. The FWC will NOT be the Organizing Authority for any Tier 3 regattas. They must be paired with an existing event.

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## Sailor and Host Benefits

By using this Tier structure, we can expand access to FWC sailing to regattas all across the country that had previously not seen any FWC involvement or local regional regattas. Host regattas will get access to a set of rules and a racing format that has proven to be successful, and the branding and promotion of a growing racing class. Survey data shows a desire for 2 day racing opportunities, and by offering a FWC start using the FWC rules, regattas can increase attendance, engagement, and local fleet building.

Sailors will now have expanded access to accrue season points. Points given will be weighted by the tier structure as follows:

Tier 1 regattas will receive double points.

Tier 2 regattas will receive standard points.

Tier 3 regattas will receive half points.

Point accrual will be unlimited, and a sailor will not be capped based on how many regattas are attended.

The FWC will maintain a season points document on its website.

## Changes to Structure

The FWC reserves the right to make changes to this structure at any time. If changes are needed, regattas that are already planned in any Tier will be allowed to proceed as normal with the same promotion and points distribution as planned before the change.