

SFT Pump Foil and E-Foil World Cup Atlanta, USA Atlanta Foil Festival 13.-15.06.2025

It is a pleasure to announce the 6th stop of the SFT WORLD TOUR 2025

which will be held in Atlanta, USA.

The dates will be from the 13^{th} to the 15^{th} of June 2025

This is a SFT World Tour event.

Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter a SFT World Tour event shall register through the link on the respective event page on the SFT World Tour website or under the following direct link:

https://app.surffoilworldtour.com/

or via email to <u>tom@surffoilworldtour.com</u> or by other means to be specified by the SFT Sports Commission, no later than the published closing date for entries for that specific event.

The registration period and payment deadline will close on 13th June 2025. Late registration can be accepted but will result in an additional late-entry fee of 20.- USD more (total entry fee 70.- USD).

Entry restrictions

The entry-fee for this event is 50.- USD per discipline and a SFT membership (one event or full year membership) will be required.

Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency. In this case an amount of 30,- USD processing fee will be added to the regular entry-fee.

In the case that the full amount of the inscription fee is not paid by the end of the announced inscription-time, the rider will not be allowed to compete.



Payment Links

SFT Atlanta Pump Foil Entry Fee (50 USD): <u>https://buy.stripe.com/cN217c6zK2uy1ZS01s</u> SFT Atlanta E-Foil Entry Fee (50 USD): <u>https://buy.stripe.com/cN217c6zK2uy1ZS01s</u>

SFT One event membership fee (20 Euro): <u>https://buy.stripe.com/28o6rw8HS6KOawo15t</u> SFT Full Year membership fee (40 Euro): <u>https://buy.stripe.com/9AQaHM4rCglodIAeWk</u>

Eligibility

A competitor is eligible for any SFT event if he meets the following conditions:

- He has a personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.
- The competitor cannot hold the SFT, the GKA Event Gmbh, Deep Ocean Consulting Ltd or the event-organizer responsible for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- The competitor cannot hold the SFT, the GKA Event Gmbh, Deep Ocean Consulting or the eventorganizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- He holds a valid competitor's membership with the SFT World Tour

Entry allocation

There is a limited number of 16 entries per division for this SFT Pump Foil World Cup. There is a limited number of 16 entries per division for this SFT E-Foil World Cup.

Disciplines

There will be two official disciplines in this SFT World Tour event.

Pump Foil

Divisions: Men Any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition) Women Any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)

E-Foil

Divisions: Men Any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)



Women Any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)

Event Seeding

The seeding for this SFT Pump Foil World Cup will be based on the current SFT Pump Foil Ranking for the time trials. All competitors without ranking will be seeded by draw.

Important Info

- All riders need to wear a helmet during competition!
- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water also during training.
- Each rider will get one competition riders' vest at the registration. Each rider is responsible for his competition riders' vests. In case of loss, no replacement is possible.
- Competitors shall wear the event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing on the water at all times during the event and one SFT board sticker to be placed on the top and on the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than USD 500 for each violation.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.
- Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/autograph sessions.
- There will be a social event-calendar for each side event that all riders must join via social media and share.

<u>Membership</u>

- Every competitor needs to hold a valid SFT membership. The duration of SFT membership is from the first to the last event of the SFT season.
- Membership fees shall be determined by the SFT at the start of the year and may be changed at any notice during the year.
- Competitors are not fully covered by SFT membership. They must still prove that they have accident insurance and a civil liability. There may be a request for medical certificate.
- At the end of the inscription-time, the rider must be able to prove a valid SFT membership. Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency.
- The cost of the SFT membership for this one event is 30.-euro. Competitors competing for the whole year are advised to pay the standard 60 € per year to cover you for all remaining events in 2025.



Travel info

The closest international airport to fly to is Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL).

The drive from Atlanta Airport to Lake Lanier is about 1 hour 15min.



The event address

Location:

Atlanta Foil Fest Lake Lanier Olympic Park 3105 Clarks Bridge Road Gainesville, GA 30506 USA

Organiser Contact:

Jason Burton Email: <u>burtonoutdooradventures@gmail.com</u> phone: +1 (770) 447-0869



Travel documents and Visa:

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email <u>tom@surffoilworldtour.com</u> and he will issue you the document.

Accommodation for competitors:

Link to Hotels in Gainesville:

Courtyard Gainesville +17705324508 Fairfield Inn & Suites Gainesville +16789714670 TownePlace Suites Gainesville +16789714102

Link to Airbnb in the area: https://www.airbnb.com/lake-lanier-ga/stays

Weather:

Lake Lanier in June shows typical summr temperatures with an average temperature of $25^{\circ}C$ (77°F) and highest day temperatures $31^{\circ}C$ (88°C) and lowest night temperatures $19^{\circ}C$ (66°C). The average water temperature in June is around 25°C (77°C). Sunrise is around 06.30h and sunset around 20.30h.

Event Schedule

Friday 13th June 13:00-14:00: Riders registration and check-in 14:30: Pump Foil Riders briefing 15:00: Pump Foil time trials qualification 17:00: E-Foil Enduro

Saturday 14th June

07:30: E-Foil Riders briefing 08:00: E-Foil time trials qualification 09:00: Pump Foil Riders briefing 09:15: Pump foil competition 11:00: E-Foil Riders briefing 11:15: E-Foil competition 13:00: Beta FreeFoil 5K Enduro Pump Challenge 14:30: FSRL Wake Foil Competition 18:00: Official Awards Ceremony and Prize giving SFT E-Foil and Pump Foil



Sunday 15th June

08:00: FSRL 1v1 Race Meeting 09:00: FSRL 1v1 Competition 12:00: FSRL Wake Foil Finals 13:00: FSRL 1v1 Finals 14:00: Official Awards Ceremony FSRL Wake Foil and 1v1

Equipment

- Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition. There are not any restrictions on the size, length and width of the quiver.
- There are no restrictions on dimensions or contructions of the boards.
- Footstraps, pads and wax are allowed.
- No propulsion assisted devices are allowed for the pump foil competition
- The use of a helmet is mandatory.

Prize money

The total prize money for the Atlanta Foil Fest SFT Pump Foil World Cup 2025 will be **4.000 USD.** The total prize money for the Atlanta Foil Fest SFT E-Foil World Cup 2025 will be **4.000 USD.**

The prize money will be split between men and women according to the ratio of participants. There must be a minimum of 3 competitors to run a valid division, otherwise men and women run together in one divison.

The top 3 riders of each division share the allocated prize money based off the following breakdown;

- 1st place: 50%
- 2nd Place: 30%
- 3rd Place: 20%



SFT World Tour

As a competitor, I agree to respect the racing rules and in particular:

- to display visibly the competitor-number attributed to me.
- to always wear the official event-competition-lycra when proceeding to the water (also during training) as well as during interviews, official presentations and on podium.
- to wear a safety helmet during the competition,
- to follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
- to place board stickers (SFT Wingfoil World Tour & Event sponsor) on the top and on the bottom of the board at all times during the event (competitions, interviews, media conferences, award ceremony...).
- to take note that all rider meetings, opening/closing ceremonies and media conferences requested by the Event Organizer are mandatory to all riders. I assure that I'll be on time and ready.
- I'm aware that a non-observance of this rule will incur a fine of up to 500 USD. Any competitor finishing in the top 3 positions who fails to attend the awards ceremony on time without being justified by a force of major circumstance will incur a fine equal to their earned prize money for the event. Furthermore, fine can incur an additional penalty of up to 1.000 USD and suspension for the next event.

Event site





Pump Foil competiton

Format

The Atlanta Foil Fest SFT Pump Foil Competition 2025 will consist of various distinctive courses, designed to test different aspects of foiling skills. There will be 2 days of competiton on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th June 2025.

Time Trials - Qualification Series

Day 1 on Friday 13th June will run the time trials, that count as qualification and seeding for the elimination series on the following day. If a competitor is missing the time trial race on day 1, the athletes can still compete on day 2 for the elimination series, but will be entering the first elimination race with a seeding lower than those who have participated in the time trials.

Elimination Series

Day 2 on Saturday 14h June will run the elimination series. The elimination series will run one or multiple races. If multiple races are run, then the results of each race count together towards the event ranking. One race is run in an elimination ladder format, where each heat has 2-4 athletes competing against each other at the same time on the course and the best 1 or 2 athletes advance into the next round until the final of the race.

Race Course:

Friday 13th June - Time Trials - Sprint race (Individual race format)

Courses 1-4 are optional race courses for the time trials.

- Only one competitor in the course at the same time.
- Courses are symetrical and can be completed by turning around the bouys either left or right side, but in the same order, depending on competitors preference.
- Time is measured that the competitor takes to complete the course.
- Time starts when competitor starts from the starting dock and crosses the finish line.
- Each competitor has up to 4 attempts per run when starting from the start dock.
- When competitor is crashing after the first bouy, the athletes can restart once per course.
- Every competitor can lock in two timed runs, the best single time counts.
- Competitors who dont finish the course of the time trial, will be ranked according to their distance they completed on the course.





Saturday 13th June - Elimination series (Group race format)

Courses 5,6 and 7 are examples for elimination series course diagrams. Final courses will be decided by the competition director depending on location and weather conditions and communicated latest at the riders briefing. The minimum number of elimination races is one. Multiple number of elimination races can be run depending on time and weather conditions.

- 2-4 competitors starting from the start docks at the same time.
- Competitor with highest ranking from time trial has first choice of starting position, then second highest ranking and so on. If two competitors in a heat have the same ranking from time trial, a draw needs to decide their starting position.
- All competitors in a heat start at the same time on a starting signal command. The starting signal command will be given in acoustic and visual form by the competition director or any other member of jury.
- All competitors must complete the course in the same way according to the course diagram.
- The result of the heat is determined by whoever completes the course correctly and crossed the finish line first, second, third, fourth. A competitor who completes the course incorrectly is disqualified.
- Depending on the number of competitors in a heat, the first one or two athletes are advancing to the next round.
- Competitors not qualifying for the next round will be ranked in the heat according to their finishing position across the finish line or the distance completed in the course if the finish line is not crossed.
- A heat is valid as soon as the number of competitors that qualify for the next round, have completed the course or 1 minute after the first competitor has completed the course, the ranking of the remaining competitors in the heat is determined according to the distance they have completed on the course.





Crashes in the Elimination series (Group races):

- If a competitor crashes at the start or during the course, the athlete can get back to the dock and start again.
- If all competitors in a heat crash and nobody is flying on foil during a heat, the heat is cancelled and all competitors need to restart the heat from the dock. If a heat needs to be cancelled 3 times because all competitors crash during the course, the result of the heat is determined according to the distance they have completed on the course during the last rerun of this heat.
- If at least one competitor passes the first bouy, the heat will have a valid result. If none of the competitors manages to pass the first bouy, all athletes are disqualified for that heat.
- If two or more competitors crash with each other, the incident is generally treated as a usual racing incident (no rules format), unless one or more athletes act under dangerous riding behaviour.
- Dangerous riding is called by the competiton director or any other member of the jury observing the race, if a competitor behaves in a rude or abusive manner with the intention of putting other competitors in danger. A competitor who acts under dangerous riding will be disqualified from the heat.

Elimination ladder:

Any race in the elimination series is run with an elimination ladder in a knock-out system. In an elimination ladder multiple athletes compete against each other in different heats, where the best competitors of a single heat advance into the next round until the final.

Different elimination ladder systems according to total number of participants and number of participants per heat:

Dingle Elimination 12 with 3-4 competitors per heat



Dingle Elimination 12 with 2 competitors per heat:





Single Elimination 16 with 3-4 competitors in a heat:



Single Elimination 16 with 2 competitors in a heat:





Seeding in Elimination ladder:

For the first race of the elimination series, all competitors get seeded into the elimination ladder according to their result from the time trials. If multiple competitors have the same result from the time trials cause they did not start in the time trials or crashed at the start,

- those competitors who crashed at the start will be seeded below those who have a ranking from the time trials and a draw will determine the positions between those who dont have a ranking.
- Those competitors who did not start at all in the time trials, will be seeded below those who participated in the time trials and a draw will determine the positions between those who have not participated.

For the second and any following race of elimination series, the result of the previous elimination race counts for the seeding of the next race. Shared positions are split for the allocation in the elimination ladder by the result from the time trials.

Event Ranking:

If the Elimination Series runs one race only, the result of that one elimination stands as the final event ranking. All heats need to be completed to have a valid result.

If the Elimination Series runs multiple races, the results of each race count towards the final event ranking. A competitor collects points for every result of a single race according to the position the athlete finishes within that race.

Event ranking points

The winner receives 0,7 points, second place receives 2 points, third place receives 3 points, 4th place receives 4 points and after that the athletes being knocked out receive the average points of all other competitors also being knocked in the same round in same finishing position.

The competitor with the lowest accumulated points is in first positon of the event ranking, the competitor with the second lowest accumulated points is in second position of the event ranking and so on.

Discards

- If four or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor can discard one result of all races. This meaning the highest points collected in a single race will not count towards the event ranking.
- If seven or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor can discard two results of all races. This meaning the two highest points collected in a single race will not count towards the event ranking.
- If ten or more races are completed in the elimination series, every competitor can discard three results of all races. This meaning the three highest points collected in a single race will not count towards the event ranking.



Tie Breaks

If multiple competitors end up with the same total points in the event ranking, a competitor is ranked on top of another competitors by the following order of rules:

- 1. In favour of the competitor with the better result from the time trials
- 2. In favour of the competitor with lower points discarded, if any discard(s) have been effected
- 3. In favour of the competitor who has finished more often on top of the other one throughout all races including discarded races.
- 4. In favour of the competitor with the higher number of first, second, third, etc place finishes throughout all races including discarded races.
- 5. In favour of the competitor who finished better in the last race
- 6. If all of the above rules miss to determine who is finishing on top of the other competitor, then the final event ranking shall stand with a shared position between these competitors.

Starting docks

The starting dock is a rigid floating construction and has identical 5 fingers to have competitors starting from the dock at the same time:

Height from water surface: approximately 45cm (1,5 ft) Width: 400cm (12 ft) Length: 540cm (16 ft)





E-Foil Competition

<u>Format</u>

The Atlanta Foil Fest SFT E-Foil Competition 2025 will consist of 2 separate days of competition on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th June 2025.

E-Foil Enduro

Day 1 on Friday 13th June will be registration and practice day and run the E-Foil Enduro Race . The E-Foil Enduro Race will be a long distance race with all competitors at the same time. **The E-Foil Enduro is not counting towards the SFT E-Foil Event ranking.**

Time Trials

Day 2 on Saturday 14th June will run the time trials first thing in the morning, that count as qualification and seeding for the elimination race later in the day. If a competitor is missing the time trial, the athletes can still compete for the elimination series, but will be entering the elimination race with a seeding lower than those who have participated in the time trials. If there are more than 16 athletes competing in the time trial, only the top 16 ranked athletes from the time trials will qualify for the elimination race.

Elimination Race

The Elimination Race is a head to head format with 2 athletes competing directly against each other in a heat. The race is run in an elimination ladder format, where each heat has 2 athletes competing against each other at the same time on the course and the best athlete advances into the next round until the final of the race.

Race Course:





The race course is a circuit with an identical start and finish line. One lap is completed when the competitor rounds the whole course turning around the bouys in the correct way according to the course diagram and crossing the start/finish line in the same direction as it was started.

Start Sequences:

Lying start:

One or two competitors start at the same time. A competitor needs to wait behind the start line lying on the board. The starting signal will be given visual and/or acoustically by the Race officer with a countdown timer. No board can cross the start line within the last 10 seconds before the start. The starting sequence will be communicated in the following order and sign:

Flag up: Engine check, get ready for starting sequenceFlag down: 10 seconds to startFlag up: countdown 5 seconds to startFlag down: start

Flying start:

On a flying start with one competitor, the rider starts from the start line on the outside track via a command by the race officer. The timing starts when the competitor crossed the start/finish line after half a lap.

A flying start with two competitors sees a timed start sequence in the same way like on a lying start. The timing of the sequence can be adjusted depending on the course.

False start:

If any competitor on a timed start crosses the start line overearly before the starting signal, the heat will be cancelled and restarted. The one or both competitors who cross the start line early, will receive a warning. If the same competitors does another overearly start on the same heat, the athlete is loosing the heat.

Crashes in the Elimination series (Group races):

- If a competitor crashes at the start or during the course, the athlete can get back on the board and continue the race.
- If at least one competitor completes the course correctly and passes the finish line, the heat will have a valid result. If none of the competitors manages to complete the course correctly and passes the finish line, the heat needs to be rerun.
- Dangerous riding is called by the competiton director or any other member of the jury observing the race, if a competitor behaves in a rude or abusive manner with the intention of putting other competitors in danger. A competitor who acts under dangerous riding will be disqualified from the heat.



Elimination ladder:

The race in the elimination series is run with an elimination ladder in a knock-out system. In an elimination ladder two athletes compete against each other in different heats, where the best competitor of a single heat advance into the next round until the final.

Single Elimination 16 with 2 competitors in a heat:



Seeding in Elimination ladder:

All competitors get seeded into the elimination ladder according to their result from the time trials. If multiple competitors have the same result from the time trials cause they did not start (DNS) or did not finish (DNF) or have been disqualfied (DSQ) in the time trials,

- those competitors who started but did not finish the course (DNF) will be seeded below those who have a ranking from the time trials and a draw will determine the positions between those who dont have a time due to DNF.
- those competitors who started but got disqualified (DSQ) will be seeded below those who have a ranking from the time trials and those who did not finish the course (DNF). A draw will determine the positions between those who got disqualified.
- Those competitors who did not start at all in the time trials (DNS), will be seeded below all others who participated in the time trials, who started but did not finish the course (DNF) and the ones who got disqualified (DSQ). A draw will determine the positions between those who have not participated.

Event Ranking:

If there is only one only elimination race, the result of that one elimination stands as the final event ranking. All heats need to be completed to have a valid result.



Equipment:

The competition is open to any production e-foil equipment, allowing competitors to race with their personal gear. Additionally exhibitor brands may provide demo boards that can be used for the race. A list of the exhibitors with e-foil demo gear can be ask from the event organizer.

Production E-foil equipment to be used for the race must comply with the following rules:

- All parts of the equipment must be original and non modified production equipment.
- Production equipment are parts or products made by the original manufacturer that are available to any customer via regular distribution channels.
- Spare part components of third party suppliers other than the original manufacturer are allowed to be used for the race if they are not enhancing the original power of the battery or the propulsion system and available to buy for any customer as production spare parts.
- The motor of the board must only be electrically powered.
- The equipment can not have more than one propulsion system.

Some manufacturers will provide production batteries and/or demo board for rent and test during the event. Please contact organizer for details.

Safety and Regulations for E-Foil:

- Helmets and impact vests are compulsory (available for rent on-site).
- Competitors must strictly follow all safety guidelines and competition rules explained in the competitors briefing.
- Immediate disqualification applies to unsportsmanlike behaviour, negligence causing incidents or undisclosed modifications to equipment.
- Random technical compliance checks can be conducted post-race.

Protests:

The race jury consists of:

- 1 Contest Director
- 2 Judges at start/finish line
- 1 Judge monitoring course markers

Jury decisions are final and non-appealable. Protests must be submitted in formal way to the contest director within 1 hour post incident.

Rules subject to modification by event SFT and/ or organizers prior to competition. All competitors will be notified of any changes during the pre-competition briefing.*



SFT Atlanta, USA - Team 2025

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Any question please contact our Tour Manager Tom Hartmann at <u>tom@surffoilworldtour.com</u> We look forward to seeing you very soon!

The SFT Team