



PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

WINDSURFER

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

January 22nd – January 26th 2025



Supported by



Presented by



A. Organising Authority and Location of Race

Toronto Amateur Sailing Club (TASC)

27 Victory Parade, Toronto New South Wales 2283

on behalf of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia and the Australian Windsurfing Association.

B. COVID-19

The event will adhere to all health and legal directions in force during the event and may require QR code sign-in, social distancing, wearing of masks, limit group sizes, mandatory vaccination and other requirements as mandated by the Federal and/or New South Wales Department of Health.

Updates on requirements will be provided as required.

C. Rules & Definitions

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021 – 2024) and the Windsurfer Class rules, except where these are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs). The Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules (Appendix B of the RRS) do not apply.

If there is conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence.

C.1. - Rule 13. - While Tacking

Rule 13 is changed to:

After a board passes head to wind, she shall keep clear of other boards until her sail has filled.

During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two boards are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall keep clear.

C.2. - Rule 31. - Touching a Mark

Rule 31 is changed to:

While racing, a board shall not touch a starting mark before starting or a finishing mark after finishing. A board may touch a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing.

C.3. - Rule 42. - Propulsion (Pumping)

As per Windsurfer Class rules, Rule 42 is changed to:

“A board shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sail, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted actions of the competitor except that when:

(i) Course racing

and competitors are sailing to windward or on a close-hauled course, pumping (continuous and/or repetitive movement of the rig to induce wind-flow over the sail) is prohibited except for the first 30 seconds after the starting signal, at which time a horn will sound and pumping whilst sailing on an upwind course is no longer permitted. “

A member of the race committee or a designated observer who sees a competitor infringing these pumping restrictions may disqualify a competitor without a hearing.

Note: Pumping is unrestricted for the slalom and marathon events.

C.4. - Rule 44. - Penalties at the time of Incident

Rule 44 is changed to:

44.1 Taking a Penalty

A board may take a 360°-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or may have broken Rule 31. However, if the board caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

44.2 360°-Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other boards as soon after the incident as possible, a board takes a 360°-Turn Penalty by promptly making a 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe. When a board takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes.

C.5. – Definition - Tack, Starboard or Port

Definition is changed to:

A board is on the tack, starboard or port, corresponding to the competitor's hand that would be nearer the mast if the competitor were in normal sailing position with both hands on the wishbone and arms not crossed.

A board is on starboard tack when the competitor's right hand would be nearer the mast and is on port tack when the competitor's left hand would be nearer the mast.

C.6. – Definition - Capsized

Definition is changed to:

A board is capsized when she is not under control because her sail or the competitor is in the water.

D. Eligibility

Windsurfer Class boards including Windsurfer LT, Windsurfer One Design and Original Windsurfers using class supplied and approved equipment.

All competitors shall:

1. Be paid up members of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA) for the 2024/25 membership year.

You can check if you are a current member of the WCAA [here](#)

You can join the WCAA here including taking the required insurance as detailed below [here](#)

2. Have current Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) 3rd party liability insurance either through WCAA membership with insurance or membership of Windsurfing Queensland (WQ) or another affiliated Australian Windsurfing Association (AWA) state or club-based organisation.

You can check the AWA register [here](#)

3. Have a unique sail number, displayed in accordance with the Windsurfer Class Rules.

E. Entry Fee & Registration

Competitors will pay the prescribed entry fees as detailed below.

The event entry fee includes racing, event merchandise, social events and presentation.

For entries received after 11.59pm on December 15, 2024, a late entry fee of \$50 will be added to each category price.

No entries will be accepted after 11.59pm on January 15, 2025.

Competitor Entry Fees (\$AUD)	
Category A - Adult over 21 years of age	= \$280
Category B - Adult who is sailing in their first WCAA Australian Championships OR has not competed in the WCAA Australian Championships since 2017 OR a full-time student OR between the age of 19 years – 21 years	= \$240
Category C - Under 19 years	= \$200
Category D - Family entry (any number of competitors from the same family)	= \$460

Entries are available online – [click here](#) or copy the url: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/R4wSfGbeaV>

If the event is cancelled prior to the first racing day due to COVID-19 restrictions in New South Wales a full refund will be provided to all competitors.

If border restrictions change from current settings happening in your State and you cannot attend due to quarantine, lockdowns, etc a full refund will be provided.

Two social events are included with sailor registration. These include a meal but not drinks.

Additional tickets for friends and family are available as part of the registration process.

F. Charter Boards

A limited number of charter boards may be available.

Available to sailors from North QLD, WA, TAS and SA on a first come basis.

If not filled by January 1st will be open to sailors from other areas.

Pick up at Toronto Amateur Sailing Club on January 21.

For more information and to reserve, contact Greg Johns at Windgenuity: wwindgen@bigpond.net.au

G. Registration

All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.

At Registration:

- o All competitors will have to sign an Entry Form which includes the Entry Declaration and Disclaimer of Liability;
- o All competitors will have their AWA Third party liability (TPL) Insurance checked;
- o Competitors under 18 years of age must have an 'Emergency Contact Form' and 'Media Consent Form', completed by their parent/guardian;
- o Male competitors will have their weight recorded;
- o Proof of age of a competitor may be checked, if required by the Organising Authority

Registration will occur at TASC between 1500 and 1800hrs on Tuesday, January 21st 2025, and between 0800 and 1000hrs on Wednesday, January 22nd 2025.

H. Schedule

Day/Date	Event	Time	Location
Tuesday 21/1/2025	Registration	1500 – 1800hrs	TASC
	Social - Meet & Greet social (low key – pay as you go)	PM	To be advised
	Overnight board storage		TASC
Wednesday 22/1/2025	Registration	0800 – 1000hrs	TASC
	Briefing	1100hrs	TASC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1200hrs	TASC
	Racing Session 2	PM	TASC
	Social – Welcome Party (dinner included for sailor)	~1900hrs	To be advised
	Overnight board storage		TASC
Thursday 23/1/2025	Briefing	0930hrs	TASC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	TASC
	Racing Session 2	PM	TASC
	Social – TBC (pay as you go)	PM	To be advised
	Overnight board storage		TASC
Friday 24/1/2025	Briefing	0930hrs	TASC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	TASC
	Racing Session 2	PM	TASC
	Social - Celebration Party (dinner included for sailor)	~1900hrs	To be advised
	Overnight board storage		TASC
Saturday 25/1/2025	Briefing	0930hrs	TASC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	TASC
	Racing Session 2	PM	TASC
	Social – TBC (pay as you go)	PM	To be advised
	Overnight board storage		TASC
Sunday 26/1/2025	Briefing	0930hrs	TASC
	Racing Session 1 - Warning Signal not before	1000hrs	TASC
	Racing Session 2 - No warning signal after	1500hrs	TASC
	Presentation ASAP after last race		To be advised
	Event Close		

The event will be run on an ‘on call’ basis.

Competitors are strongly advised not to leave the vicinity of TASC during racing sessions as decisions to race may be made quickly based on changing conditions or racing requirements.

Decisions will be made by the Organising Authority based on safety, conditions and requirements to complete each of the four competition disciplines.

Competitors will be briefed before each racing session as to what discipline(s) will be run.

Multiple briefings may be held, and changes may be made through verbal instructions or notices to competitors.

More than one discipline may be run in a racing session, and/or divisions may undertake different disciplines within one racing session.

I. Competition Disciplines

Competition will be conducted in the disciplines of Course Racing, Marathon, Slalom and Freestyle.

Target competition program is nine (9) Course Races, one (1) Marathon, one (1) complete round of Slalom and one (1) Freestyle event.

J. Competition Divisions

Racing will be conducted for **Open** and **Cruiser** categories.

Cruiser category is for first time / returning racers, novices and more relaxed racers and will sail a shorter course.

For Open categories, the following gender & weight divisions will be scored:

Women

Men – A. Light / B. Medium / C. Heavy

(subject to numbers a D. Super Heavy division may be added at the discretion of the Organising Authority)

Weight Divisions will be allocated by the following method as per Class Rules:

Split Weights:

- (i) Male competitors will be divided into up to 4 categories of weight (A-D) of equal numbers, including Youth and Juniors.
- (ii) After the weighing procedure, in case the total number cannot be divided by four, the first category with one competitor more will be determined upon a random draw. In case two competitors have the same weight, the younger competitor will be considered the lighter.
- (iii) Before the start of the first race, a second weighing procedure may be called for the athletes close to the limits of the categories, in order to recheck the correct registered weight.
- (iv) Where there is a significant difference between cut-off weights and/or a number of competitor weights that are close to the limits between divisions, the Organising Authority may, in its absolute discretion, increase or decrease the number of competitors in a division to promote closer and fairer racing.

Weighing Procedure

- (i) Weighing of competitors will be conducted during the event registration period on the official scales provided by the Organising Authority.
- (ii) Competitors will weigh in T-shirt and shorts only (no footwear) – with all pockets emptied.
- (iii) Competitors may be re-weighed at any time during an event at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- (iv) If subsequent weighing of a competitor indicates a variation of more than 2 kilograms from the original weight that would cause a competitor to change weight division the Organising Authority will assess the circumstances and have the option to change the competitor's division.

K. Equipment

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that their equipment conforms to the current Class Rules.

You can download the Class Rules [here](#)

Equipment inspection may be undertaken at any time during the Event by the Organising Authority to ensure compliance with Class Rules.

Those in Cruiser division may use:

- (i) sails of less than 5.0 metres of any make or model including the Class 4.5 trainer sail
- (ii) masts and booms of any make and model

L. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) including course format and racing procedure will be available online no-later than 3 days prior to the event.

Further instructions may be provided verbally at Briefings and also by Notices to Competitors.

The SIs and Notices to Competitors will be available on the Official Notice Board at TASC.

M. Scoring

Scoring will be conducted by division.

If multiple divisions are raced in a fleet, the across the line results will be rescored into divisional results.

For example, if Category A and Category B raced in the same fleet and the first Category B board finishes third across the line, it is rescored to 1st for the Category B division.

For course racing and marathon, the *Low Point System* - RRS Appendix A Scoring will apply.

Three (3) course races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than 5 course races have been completed a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores.

When from 5 to 7 course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores excluding her worst score ("one drop").

When 8 or more course races have been completed, a board's series course racing score will be the total of her divisional race scores excluding her two worst scores ("two drops").

Slalom and Freestyle scoring will be as per Class Competition Rules.

Overall scoring will be in accordance with Class Competition Rules and includes Course Racing, Marathon and Slalom.

Overall scores will be an aggregate of:

Course Racing : divisional place plus the average score of counted races in the division

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Slalom : divisional place

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Marathon : divisional place

=

Overall score

Age group positions will be calculated based on the sailor's overall score.

Age Group	Age
Junior	Under 15 years on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Youth	Between 15 and under 19 years on the 1st racing day of the Event
Master	40 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Grand Master	50 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Legend	60 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event
Super Legend	70 years or older on the 1 st racing day of the Event

N. Buoyancy

All competitors shall wear whilst racing in course racing, slalom and marathon personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications approved by the National Authority at or above the minimum level required (ie L50/ level 50) or as approved by the Organising Authority (changes rules 27.1 and 40.1.) Attention is drawn to rule 1.2.

O. Trophies and Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Windsurfer Class Association.

The Windsurfer Class Youth Scholarship will be awarded to the best overall placed male and female racing in Open category aged under 19 years on the first day of racing.

Sailors who have previously been awarded a Scholarship are ineligible.

P. Responsibility

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 - Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

It is the competitor's sole decision to enter this event and to start and or to continue to compete. By way of entering, competitors acknowledge and agree that participation in this event can be dangerous and accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. In addition, by way of entering competitors shall hold harmless the Organising Authority, its officers, members, servants and agents and all other competitors in respect of all liability for injury to their person and or loss or damage to their property howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in this event and acknowledge and accept that the organising authority, its officers, members, servants, agents and other competitors accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitor's participation or intended participation in this event or arising for whatever reason in connection with this event.

Competitors will sign a disclaimer of liability at registration.

Q. Advertising

Competitors may be obliged by the Organising Authority to display advertising of sponsors on sails and/or other equipment and/or on their persons in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

R. Media Rights

Competitors give full rights and permission to the Organising Authority and / or Windsurfer Class Association of Australia for use and broadcasting of photographs or videos of persons or boards competing in the event including, but not limited to, spots on television, online mediums and social media and can be used for editorial purpose, promotion or printed information.

Competitors under 18 years of age may opt out when completing the disclaimer of liability at registration.

S. Additional Information

Updates will be provided via any of the following methods – email, social media or website.

Windsurfer Class website: www.windsurferclassaus.com

Windsurfer Class Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/windsurferclassaus>

For specific questions about TASC and local issues:

TASC	Evan McHugh	evanmchugh@bigpond.com	0414 652 484
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Windsurfer Class:	Peter Doolan	petermdoolan@gmail.com	0468 300 299
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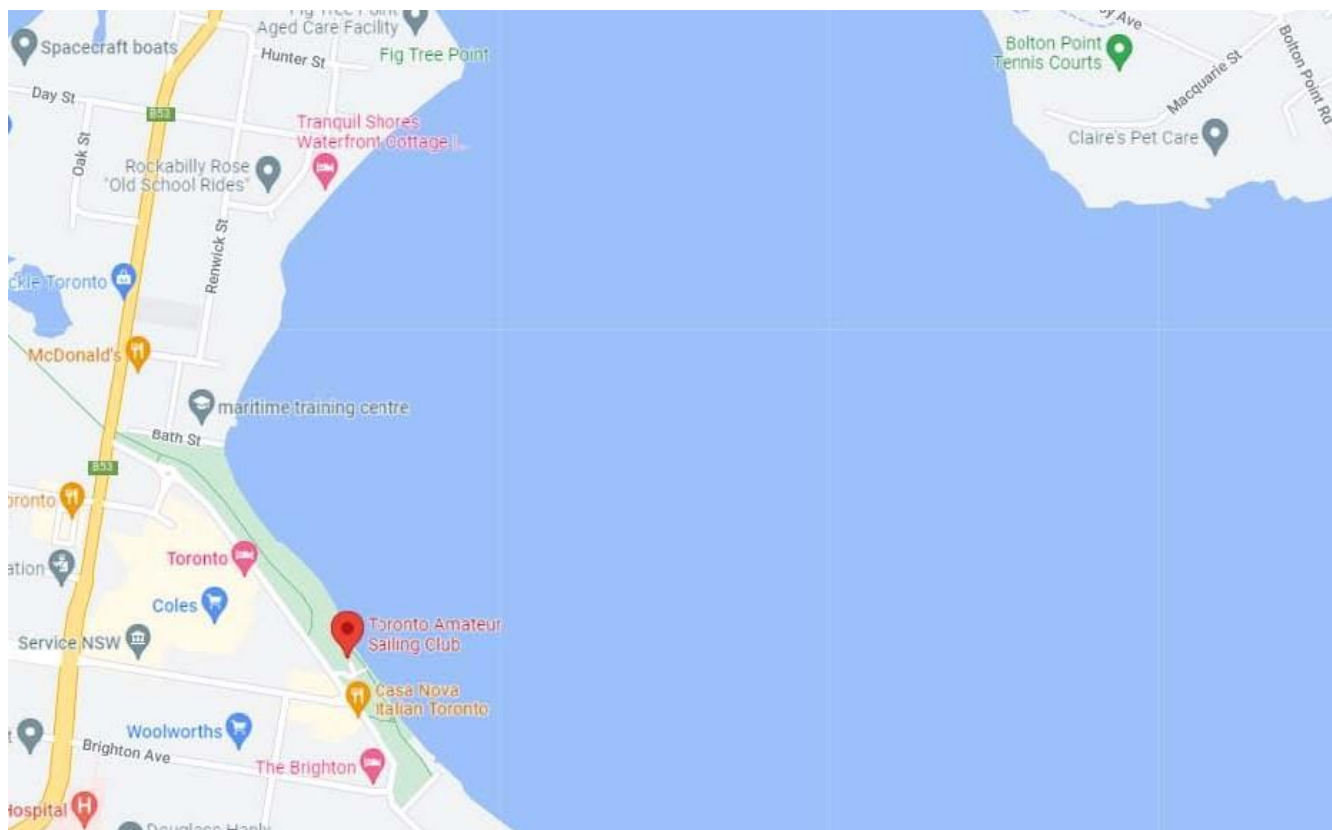
For general event information, entry queries, membership and class matters: windsurfer.regatta.team@gmail.com

Appendix 1 – Regatta Site and Racing Area

Toronto Amateur Sailing Club is located at 27 Victory Parade, Toronto, NSW, 2283, approximately 23 kilometres south of Newcastle and 125 kilometres north of Sydney.

At 110 square kilometres, Lake Macquarie is the largest coastal saltwater lake in Australia, twice the size of Sydney Harbour.

The racing area will be the waters of Lake Macquarie adjacent to the Sailing Club, where water depth averages eight metres. Tidal flow is minimal due to the small opening to the sea on the eastern side of the lake. Slight currents can be produced by rainwater inflows and changes in atmospheric pressure with corresponding rises and falls in water levels in the range of 30 to 50 centimetres.



Weather

Sailing at Lake Macquarie in January is influenced by prevailing weather systems, localised sea breezes and local terrain.

Typically, winds are light and variable during the morning with cooling sea breezes arriving around lunchtime from the north-east or south-east in the range of 14 to 22 knots.

Low pressure systems may produce southerly and south-east winds that range from 12 to 24 knots throughout the day.

Toronto Bay to Green Point has high hills on its southern and eastern sides. Carey Bay to Belmont Bay has high hills on its western and northern sides.

Vision of typical sailing conditions during the 2019 Nationals at Toronto can be found on the Windsurfer Association webpage at <http://www.windsurferclassaus.com/>

Weather Summary – January	
Average Temperature	Mean maximum: 29°C
	Mean minimum: 17°C

Weather Summary – January	
Average Water Temperature	22.4°C
Rainfall	Average Rain Days: 7

Appendix 2 – Additional Information

Toronto Amateur Club Venue & Facilities



Toronto Amateur Sailing Club is located on the western side of Lake Macquarie with views of the lake from the clubhouse deck and bar. The club is adjacent to the Toronto Business District with numerous cafés, Toronto Hotel, Diggers RSL, Royal Motor Yacht Club within easy walking distance.

The club canteen provides hot and cold beverages, snacks and lunches, and post-race sausage sizzles, and is licensed.

Showers, change rooms and a large general lounge room is available.

There are grass rigging areas east and west of TASC, with concrete launch ramps and a pebble 'beach'.

Details of parking locations and trailer storage areas are provided in the attached 'mudmap'

Secure board storage will be available from Tuesday 21st to Sunday 26th January 2024 for a limited number of sailors.

Travel

By car

Lake Macquarie is an easy 90-minute drive north on the M1 Motorway from central Sydney, or a 20-minute drive from Newcastle's city centre.

By plane

There are direct flights to Newcastle Airport, the sixth largest regional airport in Australia, from Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne or Sydney. Hire a car at the airport or take a taxi or rideshare to your Lake Macquarie stay.

By train

The Central Coast and Newcastle line between Sydney and Newcastle runs through western Lake Macquarie, with key stops including Morisset, Fassifern (near Toronto) and Cardiff. XPT Country Link Express trains also stop at Fassifern.

Accommodation

Hotels and Motels

Toronto Hotel

(300 metres from Club) torontohotel.com.au/stay
4959 1033

Centrally located, across the road from the yacht club, all ten rooms have lake views. Parking is available.

Brighton Apartments

(200 metres from club) thebrighton.com.au
4935 8888

A range of accommodation choices including suites, studios and one or two bedroom apartments, some with lake views. Parking is available.

Catalina Motel

(1 kilometre from Club) catalinamotel.com.au

4959 4833

With a warm friendly welcome we invite you to enjoy Catalina Motel's quiet and spacious West Lake Macquarie accommodation! Catalina Motel is conveniently located 5 minutes off the M1 and 1km to Toronto's beautiful foreshore, the Boulevard, restaurants, cafés, clubs and supermarkets. Parking available.

Relax in the comfort of our 18 ground floor, non-smoking Queen, Triple, Family and Disabled Rooms.

Camping and Caravan

Paradise Palms Caravan Park

(2 kilometres from Club) paradisepalmscaravanpark.com.au/

4959 1271

Guests can sit back and relax in the pool that overlooks the pristine waters of Lake Macquarie, or enjoy the use of the park's private jetty. The park offers powered caravan, camping sites, and cabin accommodation just moments away from Toronto and Warners Bay CBD.

Wangi Point Caravan Park

(15 kilometres by road from Club, 7 kilometres by water) lakemacholidayparks.com.au/wangi-point-caravan-park

1800 626 438

This caravan park offers plenty of spacious campsites, that will suit just about any RV, caravan or tent. There is a range of powered, unpowered and ensuite sites available, as well as cabins and villas – some with lake views.

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Limited campsites are available on site, with power available, showers and toilets. Parking available nearby. Contact: evanmchugh@bigpond.com

B and Bs, etc

There are dozens of additional accommodation options in Toronto, Lake Macquarie and surrounds. Many can be found at:

<https://www.visitlakemac.com.au/plan/accommodation>

Air BnB (Airbnb.com.au) and Stayz (stayz.com.au) also offer numerous properties in close proximity to Toronto Amateur Sailing Club.

Activities for Partners

Lake Macquarie cruises

<https://lakemacquarietourism.com.au/>

4044 7000

Step aboard the Lady Mac for a range of experiences including Lunch on the Lake, Loop the Lake, Sunset Dinner Cruise and Boom Net Cruise.

Note that if there is sufficient interest, a Windsurfer Cruise may be announced closer to the event.

Walking trails

For nature and scenery experiences a range of great walks traverse Lake Macquarie, including sections of the Sydney to Newcastle Great North Walk, the Fernleigh Track (a easy access railtrail), Wangi Point circuit walk (great lake scenery), and Warners Bay Foreshore (scenery and coffee shops).

Wineries

Hunter Valley wineries are only 45 minutes from Toronto with numerous cellars doors, boutique breweries, restaurants and local produce outlets, plus Hunter Valley Gardens and ballooning adventures. Tours are available with pick up and return from Lake Macquarie. www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valley

Note that if there is sufficient interest, a Winery Tour may be announced closer to the event.