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1 INTRODUCTION

The GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook is published by the GKA Sport Committee in January 2019. This Rulebook will be revised and published every year by the GKA Sport Committee.

GKA Kite World Tour competitions are sanctioned and approved by the Global Kitesports Association e.V. (GKA).

All GKA Kite World Tour competitions shall be managed under the GKA Kite World Tour Event Organizers Manual and the GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook.

2 FUNDAMENTAL RULES

2.1 Language

- 2.1.1 English is the official language of the GKA Kite World Tour, which will henceforth be referred to as KWT.

2.2 Rule Intentions

- 2.2.1 The event rules are designed to allow the best competitor to win because of their high level of skill, good use of equipment and good fortune. The rules are not designed to allow a winner to prevail because of certain procedures or raising arguments over legalities. All disputes surrounding rules should be carried out with regard to this principle.

2.3 Responsibility of Competitors

- 2.3.1 Each competitor is responsible to decide whether or not to start or to continue the competition and to provide for their safety.

2.4 Safety

- 2.4.1 The most important aspects of competition are safety and fair play. Unsafe competitors will be warned, fined or disqualified.
- 2.4.2 Sailing in a manner that can be considered to be dangerous or a threat to the safety of other competitors will not be tolerated. All disputes under the rules shall be conducted on this principle.

- 2.4.3 When in a position to do so, each competitor must render every possible assistance to a competitor in danger and assist organizers with any rescue information in the event of a rescue being needed.

2.5 Safety Systems

- 2.5.1 Safety leashes that ensure the kite remains secured to the harness once the quick release safety system has been deployed are compulsory for all competitors. Each competitor must use a reliable quick release safety system. Competitors will be disqualified from the event if they ride without a safety leash.
- 2.5.2 In the event of a dangerous occurrence, chicken loops that safely release all power from the kite must be installed on all competitors' kite bars.
- 2.5.3 Unless included in the Race Notice or the specific event instructions, helmets and personal flotation devices are optional. If a Race Notice of a specific event does require personal buoyancy, then every rider / competitor must wear a personal flotation device that conforms to the minimum ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) standard requirement. (A Race Notice may however allow for alternative or additional standards).
- 2.5.4 Kite launching and landing areas for competitors' equipment will be defined by the Event organizer and that zone must be respected. Spectator access will be restricted and any media representatives will need to be authorized by the Contest Director to access this area - and they will do so at their own risk.

3 DEFINITIONS

3.1 Abandonment

- 3.1.1 An abandoned heat is one which the Race Committee declares void at any time after the starting signal, and which may be re-sailed at its discretion.

3.2 Capsize

- 3.2.1 A competitor is capsized if
- (i) their kite is in the water,
 - (ii) their lines are tangled with another competitor's lines, or
 - (iii) the competitor has, clearly by accident and for a significant period of time,
 - (a) fallen into the water or

(b) become disconnected from the board.

3.3 Clear Astern / Clear Ahead / Overlap

3.3.1 A board is clear astern of another when its board and rig are abaft an imaginary line projected abeam from the aftermost point of the other's board and rig. The other board is clear ahead. The boards overlap when neither is clear astern.

3.4 Competing

3.4.1 A board is competing from its starting signal until the finishing signal or until the heat has been postponed or abandoned or until the competitor has finished their jump.

3.5 Keep Clear

3.5.1 A competitor keeps clear of a right-of-way competitor

- (i) if the right-of-way competitor can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and,
- (ii) when the competitors are overlapped, if the right-of-way competitor can also, without immediately making contact, change course in both directions or move their kite in any direction.

3.6 Leeward and Windward

3.6.1 A competitor's leeward side is the side that is or, when they are head to wind, was away from the wind. However, when sailing by the lee or directly downwind, their leeward side is the side on which their kite lies. The other side is their windward side. When two competitors on the same tack overlap, the one whose board is on the leeward side of the other's board is the leeward competitor. The other is the windward competitor.

3.7 Looping

3.7.1 A kite is looping when it is being flown in a single loop or in a pattern of repeated loops, clockwise, counter clockwise or alternating between the two.

3.8 Mark

3.8.1 A mark is any object specified in the Sailing Instructions which delimits the competition area.

3.9 Overtaking

3.9.1 A board is overtaking from the moment it gains an overlap from clear astern until the moment it achieves a position clear ahead of the overtaken board.

3.10 Postponement

3.10.1 A postponed heat is one which is not started at its scheduled time and which may be sailed at any time the Race Committee may decide.

3.11 Representative

3.11.1 Any individual with a power authorized under this Rulebook and designated on the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

3.12 Riders Representative

3.12.1 A nominated individual by the competitors. This representative is to be nominated amicably between the competitors present or available at the event. If this decision cannot be made, the highest-ranking competitor per discipline will make a unilateral decision on the Representative provided the competitor accepts the decision.

3.13 Room

3.13.1 The space a competitor needs in the existing conditions, including space to comply with her obligations under right-of-way rules, while maneuvering promptly in a seamanlike way.

3.14 Rule

3.14.1 The rules in this Rulebook, including the Definitions, Race Signals, Introduction or announcements posted in the Official Notice Board together with any update as published in the GKA Website;

3.14.2 the rulebook;

3.14.3 the Notice of Race;

3.14.4 the Sailing Instructions; and

3.14.5 any other documents that govern the event.

3.15 Sports Commission

3.15.1 An appointed commission by the GKA Board members formed by the Sports Director and two GKA Management members who decide on the most relevant KWT competition aspects.

3.16 Tack, Starboard or Port

3.16.1 A competitor is on a tack, starboard or port, corresponding to the competitor's hand that would be forward if the competitor were in normal riding position (riding heel side with both hands on the control bar and arms not crossed). A competitor is on starboard tack when the competitor's right hand would be forward and is on the port tack when the competitor's left hand would be forward.

3.17 Tangle

3.17.1 Two or more competitors shall be considered as tangled when the lines of one kite are wrapped around the lines of another kite.

3.17.2 It is not considered a tangle when kites bump into each other nor when the kite tip catches the lines of another kite without wrapping around. Even if both kites capsize (kites in the water) as a result of the contact, this is not a tangle (unless tangled as a result of above action).

3.17.3 If both kites remain in the air and are quickly separated, this is not considered a tangle even if there is a slight wrap around.

3.18 Transition

3.18.1 A board in transition is one that is changing direction either tacking or gybing or performing a manoeuvre specifically designed to change tacks. A transition starts when the competitor changes course and finishes when is sailing on the new tack.

3.19 Twin Tip

3.19.1 The board used by a competitor to compete.

4 EVENT DISCIPLINES AND DIVISIONS

4.1 Event Disciplines

4.1.1 An event can include one or more of the following disciplines:

- Freestyle
- Kite-surf

4.1.2 Other Special or Show Disciplines may be scheduled in an event.

4.2 Divisions

4.2.1 A KWT event may include one or both from the following divisions:

- Pro Men: any age (Minimum 14 years old within the year of competition).
- Pro Women: any age. (Minimum 14 years old within the year of competition).

4.2.2 Divisions may be created or merged if there are less than six (6) competitors registered per division.

4.2.3 Competitors can only compete in one division per competition.

4.2.4 All scheduled divisions at the events shall be announced in the Race Notice.

5 **SUITABLE CONDITIONS**

5.1 The competition must take place in suitable conditions. This decision shall be made by Race Director, KWT Representative and / or the Head Judge.

When assessing if the conditions are suitable for competition in all disciplines, the event organizing team will take into account the wind speed, wind direction, temperature, incoming and current weather, wave size and ocean currents.

5.2 Shelter on the beach and sensible provisions such as hot food and drinks must be provided by the event organizer if the air temperature drops below 10° Celsius during the competition.

5.3 Competition will not run if the water temperature is not at least 8° Celsius or above.

5.4 The ruling on conditions is final. Protests surrounding the suitability of the conditions will not be heard / taken into account.

6 **ORGANIZERS AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES**

6.1 Event Organizers, National Authorities and Race Committee

6.1.1 KWT recognized and sanctioned events will be run and organized by an individual or group that is recognized by the KWT. From here on they shall be recognized and referred to by the term 'Event

Organizer'. The Manual and KWT rulebook will form the basis and protocol for judging and organization of all KWT competition.

6.1.2 **National Authorities**

The KWT may recognize all legally constituted National Kite Bodies.

6.1.3 **Race Committee**

Subject to such direction as the GKA and KWT may exercise, all competitions shall be conducted and judged by the Race Committee in conformity with the terms and conditions published in the Race Notice. The term "Race Committee", whenever it is used, shall include any person or committee responsible for carrying out any of the designated duties or functions of the Race Committee. The head of the Race Committee should be the Contest Director, Head Judge or any other person named in this document as the head of the Race Committee

6.2 Event Officers

6.2.1 The KWT events shall have the following:

- (i) A Contest Director.
- (ii) A Head Judge.
- (iii) At least 5 Judges.
- (iv) A KWT Representative

6.2.2 If the Contest Director and Head Judge is the same person, then one of the other Judges could also act as the Head Judge if the need arises.

6.2.3 Under special circumstances KWT can also run by 3 judges and one Head Judge.

7 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION OR MEMBERSHIP KWT

7.1 Eligibility

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

- (i) The competitor is a member of his Official National Kite Federation or Association.
A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of identity and membership may be requested.
- (ii) The competitor 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.

- (iii) The competitor cannot hold responsible the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- (iv) The competitor cannot hold responsible the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- (v) The competitor complies with World Sailing Federation Regulation, Eligibility Code.

7.1.2 The KWT Officer will look after all entries. Although allocated wildcard positions can be awarded by the Event Organizer or the National Association.

7.1.3 The Rulebook specifies the maximum number of 40 men and 16 women competitors registered for a KWT event per freestyle discipline, including the wildcards, though these may be modified in the Race Notice

7.1.4 The Race Notice will give the specifications and information regarding registration.

7.1.5 In order to enter the event, Parental consent / authorization must be received for all competitors who are under the age of 18 years old at the registration date.

7.1.6. The right to refuse the registration of any individual whose participation is not in the best interest of the event or the sport is reserved by the KWT.

7.2 Entry procedure and Registration

7.2.1 All competitors planning to enter a KWT event shall pre-register online on the GKA website or by other means to be specified by the KWT Sports Commission, no later than the published closing date for entries for that specific event.

Ultimately it is the competitors' responsibility to pre-register or to apply for an entry for an event and to ensure that the application has been received timely and correctly.

7.2.2 A pre-registered and/or qualified competitor failing to show at the event without advance notice may be given a fine according to rule 11.2 fine schedules and may have his next events entry applications cancelled.

7.2.3. Entry forms for event registration must be signed and complete by the time stated in the Race Notice. Exceptions can only be granted by the KWT Representative.

7.2.4 If a competitor is unable to complete registration at the published time and place in the Race Notice for reasons beyond their control, then the competitor should contact the KWT Representative with details of their delay, and must gain consent for their registration period to be extended. Evidence must be supplied to support reasons showing that the circumstances were out of the competitor's control. Failure to comply with the above will prohibit a competitor from entering the event.

7.3 Entry restrictions

7.3.1 Inscription-fee payments must be made no later than the end of the inscription-time at the respective event.

7.3.2 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.

7.3.3 Payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event.

7.3.4 Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or US\$ currency.

7.3.5 Inscription fee payments can also be made by bank-transaction.

7.3.6 Inscription fee payments via bank-transaction have to be credited to the GKA bank-account 7 days prior to the first day of the event.

7.3.7 Bank transaction-costs are paid by the rider.

7.3.8 Inscription fee payments made via bank-transaction must show:

- (i) Full rider's name
- (ii) Name of the event the inscription fee is being paid for.

7.3.9 In the case that the inscription fee payments is not made by bank-transaction but in cash an amount of 40,- Euro processing fee will be added to the regular inscription-fee.

8 EQUIPMENT

8.1 There are no restrictions on equipment.

- 8.2 To be eligible for competition, boards must work and be powered independently to the kite system.
- 8.3 Only the power of wind in the kite or water on the board can propel the competitor. Other than that the competitor must remain unassisted. The kite board should not make significant progress by swimming, paddling or walking with it.
- 8.4 If the Contest Director deems that certain equipment could cause injury to any riders / competitors / public, then it must be prohibited.
- 8.5 Every competitor must take responsibility with regard to having their equipment checked by the Contest Director. Failure to obey instructions may lead to a penalty / fine under rule 11.2.
- 8.7 In the interests of safety and maintaining high standards of fair play, the KWT reserves the right to impose further restrictions on equipment. Prohibition will not be made without being announced in the Race Notice.

9 ADVERTISING

9.1 *Requirement to carry advertising*

- 9.1.1 For the entire event, including registration day, whether competing, riding as part of an exhibition or other fun event, warming up in the designated area, being interviewed by event media or official press teams, or at any presentations or when on any podiums, all riders, if required by the Race Notice or Contest Director, shall:
- (i) Wear a standard KWT specification, Event or Tour advertising vest over all other clothing, including harness and life jacket and / or
 - (ii) Carry Event / Tour advertising stickers in the correct position on the board, kite or lines.
- 9.1.2 Instructions from the Race Notice, Sailing Instructions, the Contest Director or KWT Representative must be followed by Competitors in regard to the proper placement of advertising.
- 9.1.3 Advertising that is provided must all be in good taste and well represented as judged by the KWT Representative or Contest Director. Any branding not deemed to be in good taste by the Contest Director or KWT Representative must be replaced with immediate effect.

- 9.1.4 Each competitor must take sole responsibility to correctly wear their competition vest at all times during the event.
- 9.1.5 Competitors shall make every effort to guarantee that event and sponsor branding is appropriately respected and neatly arranged on their kite, board, or even their lines. If advertising / branding stickers are lost during competition because of adhesion problems, then a rider will not be held responsible for that.
- 9.1.6 Competitors can be subject to a fine if they fail to comply with any of the above rules according to rule 11.2 fine schedules. Future event entry application may also be cancelled as a result.

10 GENERAL ATTITUDE AND RESPONSIBILITY AT EVENTS

10.1 Attitude

All members must, by their actions and general attitude, during all events and at all times while within the boundaries of the recognized KWT site or sanctioned event, promote the image of the sport, the sponsors of the event, the KWT and themselves in a professional manner.

Any failure to do so immediately prior to, during and immediately after a KWT event may result in appropriate fines being levied by the KWT. More severe cases of bringing the sport into disrepute may result in the suspension or expulsion of a competitor from the KWT after due consideration by the KWT Sports Commission.

10.2 Social media

- 10.2.1 Any post on social media channels made by any member, competitor or Event Official will be considered a public statement. A post considered abusive or detrimental to the best interests of the KWT and the sport in general, or that could be considered to bring the KWT or the sport into disrepute shall be considered as an unsportsmanlike conduct and may be penalized under rule 11.2 fine schedules.

- 10.2.2 Any post from a competitor on social media about a sanction imposed under this Rulebook shall be done with the consent of the KWT Representative.

10.3 Exhibition events

10.3.1 An exhibition event does not count towards the official result. If instructed by the Contest Director, all registered competitors must compete in exhibition events. The Contest Director must first obtain the KWT Representative's permission to hold exhibitions in which the competitors are required to participate.

10.3.2 Failure by a competitor to participate without the KWT Representative's prior permission may lead to a penalty under rule 11.2 fine schedules. Future event entry applications may also be cancelled.

10.4 Official attendance

10.4.1 Mandatory competitor's meeting

A mandatory meeting for all competitors at least half-an-hour before the start of the first heat will take place on the first day of official competition. All competitors will receive an announcement as to the official time and location for the meeting at registration.

10.4.2 Media conference and interviews

All competitors may be required to attend a post heat media conference immediately after the end of the heat or at any reasonably possible time, taking into kindness the commitments of competition, whether he / she is the winner or the loser. Competitors must wear the event sponsors' advertising vest or a suitable substitute supplied by the Event Organizer or KWT Representative during this conference as required.

10.4.3 Official ceremonies and events

It is mandatory for all competitors to ensure their punctual attendance at all scheduled official events or ceremonies announced in the Race Notice or Sailing Instructions.

10.4.4 Presence on site

All riders / competitors are required to stay within the event site boundaries for the entire duration of the event, as published in the Race Notice. Permission in writing must be obtained from the KWT Representative by any rider / competitor wishing to be made exempt from this rule for a particular event.

10.4.5 If any competitor fails to comply with any of the above rules they may be penalized under rule 11.2 fine schedules. Future events entry applications may also be cancelled / dismissed.

11 DISCIPLINARY CODE OF CONDUCT AND FINES

11.1 General codes and fines

- 11.1.1 The rules set forth under this section apply to the conduct of each competitor, caddies, coaches, Event officials, KWT staff or competitors' family relatives while within the event site boundaries, except where the specific offenses described therein are considered to bring the sport into disrepute or are directed towards an Event Organizer, sponsor, the KWT or KWT staff.
- 11.1.2 Fines that are applied for breaking this code are payable to the KWT. Any applied fines must be paid before any competitor will be allowed to compete in any further event or heat recognized or sanctioned by the KWT.
- 11.1.3 The KWT Representative, Contest Director or Head Judge may discipline and fine competitors. In all cases the Contest Director and / or Head Judge shall consult with the KWT Representative before imposing any fines or penalties under the code of conduct.
- 11.1.4 The Event committee will consider the seriousness of the offense, the current ranking of the competitor and if the rule violation is a repetition when imposing a fine or penalty.
- 11.1.5 Fines may be imposed for each individual rule violation. If different rules have been broken / violated during a single incident, each individual violation of the rules may be penalized accordingly.
- 11.1.6 The KWT will notify any competitors in writing of fines levied against them. Any competitor wishing to appeal against a fine may submit a written appeal to the KWT. This appeal will be considered by a committee consisting of the Head Judge, a KWT Representative and a Management Board representative. Where it is not possible for an appeal to be heard by this committee i.e. after an event has finished, then the appeal may be heard by the KWT Sports Commission.

11.2 Fines

- 11.2.1 **Failure to obey written or verbal instruction**
If a competitor or relative fails to follow clear written or verbal instructions at an event, they may be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.
- 11.2.2 **Kiting in the course / competition area when not competing**
Breaches of conduct under this rule will incur a fine of no more than \$300 per violation and / or a warning or disqualification from the series or event.

- 11.2.3 Failure to return the colored advertising vest after the heat
Any competitor failing to return their colored lycra vest after their heat when returning to the beach will incur a fine of no more than \$50 per violation.
- 11.2.4 Failure to attend an event that a competitor has entered
Any pre-registered and / or qualified competitor who fails to attend the event without personal advance notice and / or has an adequate excuse (as determined by the KWT Sports Commission) will incur a fine of no more than \$1,000 and / or may have their next event entry applications cancelled / dismissed. If a competitor / rider fails to attend events on multiple occasions, the loss of seeding rights shall be increased by one event for each no-show. A competitor who sealed the World Champion title before the end of the season and then fails to attend all remaining events of the current season will incur a fine of no more than \$5,000 per missed event.
- 11.2.5 Failure to compete
Any competitor failing to show at their heat before the end of the heat without advance notice and with it being due to any extenuating circumstances, including injury, will incur a fine of no more than \$200 per violation.
- 11.2.6 Littering
Members found to be littering or causing any other environmental damage within the boundaries of the event site will incur a fine of no more than \$200 per violation.
- 11.2.7 First day competitor's meeting
Any rider / competitor failing to attend the first day competitor's mandatory meeting as prescribed in Rule 10.4.1 will incur a fine of no more than \$200.
- 11.2.8 Media conference
Any rider / competitor failing to attend a media conference as prescribed in Rule 10.4.2 will incur a fine of no more than \$500.
- 11.2.9 Official ceremonies or events
Any rider / competitor failing to attend an Official ceremony or event as prescribed in Rule 10.4.3 will incur a fine of no more than \$250.

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.

11.2.10 Presence on site

Any competitor failing to remain present on site as prescribed in Rule 10.4.4 will incur a fine of no more than \$300 and / or a warning or disqualification from the series or event.

11.2.11 Advertising

All riders / competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in Rule 9.1. Breaching the rules of the various categories of this section will incur a fine of no more than \$300 for each violation and / or warning or disqualification from the series or event.

11.2.12 Audible obscenities

Any rider / competitor using an audible obscenity in any language will incur a fine of no more than \$500 for each violation. For the verification of this rule, audible obscenities are defined as words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by any officials in the proximity.

11.2.13 Visible obscenities

Any rider / competitor making an obscene gesture of any kind will incur a fine of up to \$500 for each violation and / or warning or disqualification from the series or event. For the verification of this rule, a visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs or gestures by a competitor using his hands, body, or kiting equipment that is commonly understood to have an obscene meaning or message.

11.2.14 Verbal abuse

Any rider / competitor heard to be verbally abusive towards an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person will incur a fine of no more than \$500 for each violation and / or warning or disqualification from the series or event. For the verification of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person that implies dishonesty, or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

11.2.15 Abuse of event equipment

Any rider / competitor abusing or damaging event equipment, violently or dangerously or with anger, will incur a fine of no more than \$300 plus the costs of repairing or replacing any damaged equipment and / or warning or disqualification from the series, event or elimination.

11.2.16 Physical abuse

Any rider / competitor found to have been physically abusive to an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person will incur a fine of no more than \$500 for each violation, and / or disqualification from the series or event. For the verification of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorized touching of an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person.

11.2.17 Unsportsmanlike conduct

Any rider / competitor failing to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times, and / or to give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators, members of the media or other persons will incur a fine of no more than \$5,000 for each violation and / or disqualification from the series or event and / or may have their next event entry applications cancelled / dismissed. For the verification of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport, but does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on site offense contained in these rules. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the use of illegal drugs, gambling, bribery, sexual harassment or abuse, giving, making issuing, authorizing or endorsing any public statement, having, or designed to have, an effect that is prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the KWT, the event or the Kite sport in general.

If the Head Judge believes that a competitor is abusing or misusing the protest system, then he / she may propose that a fine be levied in the category of unsportsmanlike conduct.

11.2.18 Coaches, team managers and family relatives

Riders / Competitors take responsibility for the presence of their coaches, managers, representatives, family relatives and any ancillary staff. The violation of any KWT Code of Conduct rules by any of these individuals will result in the appropriate penalty being applied to the competitor.

11.2.19 Future disciplinary action

When the KWT Representative, Race Director or Head Judge excludes a competitor from further participation in an event, or takes further disciplinary action against the competitor after a gross breach of good manners or unsportsmanlike conduct, their action shall be reported to the Management Board, who may reconsider the matter after further investigation and impose further penalties, including the recovery of costs for any damage caused to property and equipment.

11.2.20 Hotel Accommodation

The good name of KWT and the competitive preparation of competitors should not be compromised by competitors causing damage, inconvenience to other guests or boorish, rowdy behaviour in official hotels or other accommodation. Such behaviour may result in the KWT disallowing a competitor from residing in official hotel accommodation and may result in further action under the Code of Conduct.

Competitors must officially check out of the hotel when involved in a Championship and must pay their room bill (if applicable) and their own hotel extras (e.g. phone, drinks, food). They will be liable for a fine up to \$500 failing to settle a room account and for a fine up to \$250 if they should leave the hotel without paying all they hotel extras.x

12 ANNUAL RANKING LIST

12.1 Ranking points

12.1.1 Competitors will be awarded points according to the table below and their finishing position after a valid event result.

Position	Points	Position	Points
1	2100	33	1044
2	2067	34	1011
3	2034	35	978
4	2001	36	945
5	1968	37	912
6	1935	38	879
7	1902	39	846
8	1869	40	813
9	1836	41	780
10	1803	42	747
11	1770	43	714
12	1737	44	681
13	1704	45	648
14	1671	46	615
15	1638	47	582
16	1605	48	549
17	1572	49	516
18	1539	50	483
19	1506	51	450
20	1473	52	417
21	1440	53	384

22	1407	54	351
23	1374	55	318
24	1341	56	285
25	1308	57	252
26	1275	58	219
27	1242	59	186
28	1209	60	153
29	1176	61	120
30	1143	62	87
31	1110	63	54
32	1077	64	21

12.1.2 The minimum number of elimination series per discipline and event for scoring in the KWT annual ranking list of the respective discipline(s) is specified in rule 18.3.2

12.1.3 Incomplete elimination series

For any valid event result - and when the elimination series is incomplete - points will be awarded as follows:

(i) The losers of any round within an elimination series that has been completed shall have the points awarded as per their finishing position according to rule 12.1.1 table, even if competitors are tied.

(ii) For any incomplete round within an elimination series, the points for the occupied position and the following unoccupied positions (equal in number to the competitor's standing on the single position) shall be added together, then divided by the number of the competitors in the group.

12.1.4 The number of scores counting towards the KWT Ranking of each discipline depends on how many times the respective disciplines have been completed. The Ranking begins when the first elimination series has been completed for that discipline.

The number of discards shall be in accordance with the table below:

Number of events completed	Number of events discarded
1 – 3	0
4 – 6	1
7 – 9	2
More than 10	3

12.1.5 The last event of the year cannot be counted as a discarded event, except if there is evidence that a competitor is injured.

An official medical certificate must be delivered to the KWT Sports Commission no later than the last day of competition of the last event of the year to be able to discard the last event.

12.1.6 The competitor with the highest total score at the end of the year is the Champion. In 2019 the Champion will be called GKA Freestyle World Champion.

12.1.7 Ties in annual ranking lists

When there is a tie in total points of a KWT annual ranking list, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- (i) In favor of the competitor who has beaten the other in more events in the relevant discipline excluding all discarded events results.
- (ii) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's event discipline results shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor(s) with the best result(s) excluding all discarded events results.
- (iii) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their results in the last event. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied competitors' results in the next-to-last event results and so on until all ties are broken. These results shall be used even if some of them are excluded results.

13 PRIZE MONEY

13.1 Prize money

13.1.1 Event Organizers and KWT contracts will take precedence when it comes to prize money levels as set by the KWT Management Board and the GKA.

13.1.2 The total prize money amount at the event for each discipline and division shall be announced in the Race Notice or entry form.

13.1.3 Any competitor who, in the opinion of the Contest Director, causes any unnecessary delay in the smooth running of an event (e.g. not attending the prize giving ceremony on time), or violates any part of the KWT Code of Conduct, may be excluded from this prize split. The Contest Director's decision may not be appealed,

although they may be required to give their reasons for the decision in writing.

13.1.4 Any rider is responsible by himself or herself for paying the applicable taxes for the prize money received. The rider keeps the KWT, the GKA, the event-organizer and any third party free from the riders' personal tax liabilities. The KWT, the GKA and the event-organizer have the right to inform the tax-authorities about the name of the rider and the amount of prize money received by him or her, if required by the tax-authorities.

13.1.5 Event Organizers and KWT contracts will take precedence when it comes to prize money levels as set by the KWT Management Board.

13.2 Prize money distribution

13.2.1 The full amount of the advertised prize money shall be payable when a valid result stands as per the rule 18.3.2

13.2.2 The KWT, the GKA and/or the event-organizer have got the right to subtract the competitors' individual withhold-tax from the prize-money to be paid out. The KWT, the GKA and/or the event-organizer have got the right to pay the individual withhold-tax on behalf of the competitor to the national tax-authorities of the country in which the event takes place. The KWT, the GKA and/or the event-organizer shall give all necessary information and documents of the tax-payment made to the competitor for his personal disposal.

13.2.3 Ten per cent (10%) of the available prize money per event may be allocated to the overall ranking.

13.2.4 The prize money distribution between gender will be done proportionally. The minimum women's prize division will be 20% of the total prize amount with only 6 participants, and will increase depending on the final number of women in proportion to the number of men competing (percentage will be rounded).

Different scenarios:

	Participants	Percentage
Men	32	80%
Woman	6	20%
Total	38	

	Participants	Percentage
Men	32	67%
Woman	16	33%
Total	48	

13.2.5 The prize money distribution for the overall ranking will be distributed according to the following table:

MALE		FEMALE	
Position	Percentage	Position	Percentage
1	50,00%	1	50,00%
2	30,00%	2	30,00%
3	20,00%	3	20,00%
Total	100%	Total	100%

13.2.6 The prize money distribution for a valid and completed KWT event will be done according to the following table:

MALE		FEMALE	
Position	Percentage	Position	Percentage
1	24,00%	1	30,00%
2	18,00%	2	24,00%
3	15,00%	3	20,00%
4	12,00%	4	12,00%
5	8,00%	5	7,00%
6	6,00%	5	7,00%
7	4,00%	Total	100%
8	3,00%		
9	2,50%		
9	2,50%		
9	2,50%		
9	2,50%		
Total	100%		

13.3 *Incomplete events*

13.3.1 An event is considered incomplete when there is no official result and no points are awarded as specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

- (i) The prize money for any incomplete event is divided into two parts. 50% will be returned to the Event Organizer and 50% will be allocated to all officially registered riders / competitors in the relevant event.

- (ii) The 50% allocated to the registered rider/competitors will be distributed as follows:
- a) If no single column within an elimination series has been completed, then the money is split evenly amongst all officially registered competitors.
 - b) If one round within an elimination series has been completed, then the losers of the round shall have 33.3% divided evenly amongst them and the winners of the first round shall have 66.6% divided evenly amongst them.
In the case of a dingle elimination series, then the losers of the round shall have 50% divided evenly amongst them and the winners of the first round shall have 50% divided evenly amongst them.
 - c) If two rounds within an elimination series have been completed, then the losers of the first round shall have 15% divided evenly amongst them, the losers of the second round shall have 28% divided evenly amongst them and the winners of the second round shall have 57% divided evenly amongst them.
In the case of a dingle elimination series, the losers of the second round shall have 15% divided evenly amongst them, the winners of the second round and winners of the first round shall have 85% divided evenly amongst them.
- (iii) Should it be decided to unofficially run competition for the incomplete discipline - up to 10% of the 50% allocated to the competitors at an event, may be offered as unofficial prize money.

13.4 Shared positions

- 13.4.1 When a number of competitors share a single position and their ranking order is not determined, the payment for those competitors shall be distributed as follows:

The prize money for the occupied position and the following unoccupied positions (equal in number to the competitors that end up in a single position) shall be added together, then divided by the number of the group of competitors being paid in this manner.

14 RACE NOTICE

14.1 Publication and content of the Race Notice

- 14.1.1 The Race Notice is a document that must be published by the KWT thirty (30) days before the first day of the event. Exceptions to this

rule may only be made with the approval of the KWT Sports Commission and/or the GKA.

14.1.2 Contents of the Race Notice

The document shall include this information:

- (i) Name of the Event Organizer, the title, place and dates;
- (ii) That the competition is sanctioned by the KWT and governed by the KWT Rulebook;
- (iii) the discipline(s) offered and the schedule;
- (iv) maximum number of elimination series;
- (v) entry conditions and numbers of entries;
- (vi) time and place of registration and conditions for advance registration;
- (vii) registration fees;
- (viii) changes to any rules of the KWT Rulebook;
- (ix) prize money to be awarded and any additional prizes;
- (x) names of the members of the technical committee (Contest Director, Head Judge and Judges).

15 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

15.1 Publication and content of the Sailing Instructions

15.1.1 The KWT Rulebook may be supplemented by written Sailing Instructions, which have the same status as rules.

The Sailing Instructions may alter a rule by specific reference to it, but they shall not alter any rule without prior publication in the Race Notice, after written authorization from the KWT Sports Commission. The Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and any extraordinary instructions may be distributed to competitors.

15.1.2 Contents of the Sailing Instructions

The document shall include this information:

- (i) that the KWT Rulebook, the Race Notice and the Sailing Instructions will be the documents that shall govern the event;
- (ii) the schedule of the event;
- (iii) the competition area;
- (iv) the time limit for finishing;
- (v) the judging criterias and scoring system;
- (vi) the maximum number of eliminations;
- (vii) any changes to the rules.
- (viii) prize money to be awarded and any additional prizes;

- (ix) any special safety information;
- (x) the names of the Contest Director, Head Judge, Judging panel and KWT Representative.

15.1.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes of Sailing Instruction must be approved by the KWT Sports Commission or its Representative and shall be post a notice on the Official Notice Board at least 30 minutes before the start of the heat in which they are to apply.

15.2 Official Notice Board (ONB) and Official Flag Pole (OFP)

15.2.1 All official announcements shall be posted in writing on the Official Notice Board. All competitors' attention will be drawn to all important announcements, such as changes to Sailing Instructions.

15.2.2 The information posted on the Official Notice Board must be checked periodically by all competitors.

15.2.3 At least 15 minutes before the start of the heat, the schedule of event, competition area diagram, and heat duration shall be posted at the official Notice Board. Competitors shall check the Notice Board to know in which heat they will be taking part.

15.2.4 Official Flag Pole (OFP)

All signals shall be made from the place indicated in the Sailing Instructions or in the way indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

15.2.5. The Contest Director shall announce the weather forecast for the day, the schedule for the day and any other relevant information at the daily competitor's meeting.

15.3 Oral Instructions

15.3.1 Oral instructions may only be given if the procedure is stated in the Sailing Instructions.

16 PENALTIES AND REDRESS

16.1 Penalties

16.1.1 A competitor may be disqualified from the event by the Race Committee - even without a hearing if they hinder another competitor while competing.

16.1.2 The Race Committee may disqualify a competitor from the event for infringing the KWT Rulebook, Sailing Instructions or any governing document as described in the Sailing Instructions.

16.2 Redress

16.2.1 A request for redress, or a Head Judge decision to consider redress, shall be based on a claim or possibility that a rider / competitor's score in an elimination series has been, or may be, through no fault of their own, made significantly worse by:

- (i) injury or physical damage caused as a result of the action of another rider / competitor that was breaking a right-of-way rule, or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear;
- (ii) giving help (except to themselves) in compliance with rule 2.4.3; or
- (ii) an action of a rider / competitor, or a member of their crew, that resulted in a penalty under rule 2.4, or a penalty or warning under KWT disciplinary code of conduct rules.
- (iv) crashing because of the action of another rider / competitor who was breaking a right-of-way.

16.2.2 Requests for a redress shall be made in writing, identifying the reason for making the redress request. If the request is based on an incident in the contest area, it shall be delivered to the race office before the start of the next heat concerned by the redress. Other requests shall be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the reasons for making the request. The head judge shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

16.2.3 If Head Judge decide that the score has been materially prejudiced in any of the circumstances set out above, they shall make as fair an arrangement as possible for all competitors concerned. The Head Judge may take action by themselves without a hearing. This may be to let the results of the heat stand, to adjust the score of the prejudiced competitor, to abandon and re-run the heat, to have a sail-off between certain competitors in the heat, to cancel the heat, to add some more time to the original heat or to adopt some other means. The Head Judge may overrule the Judge's decision if there is evidence that a competitor lost their heat because of a Judges' mistake. They may only re-run the heat, but not adjust the result.

17 ENTRY ALLOCATION, SEEDING AND INJURY WILDCARD

17.1 Entry allocation

17.1.1 There is a maximum number of 40 male competitors and 16 female competitors entering an event.

17.1.2 Entries into KWT events shall be allocated according to the following table:

CATEGORY	40 Riders	32 Riders	16 Riders
Current KWT Ranking	1-24	1-24	1-12
GKA Wildcard	25-36	25-28	13-14
National Ranking or Organizer Wildcard	37-40	29-32	15-16
Injury Wildcards	-	-	-

17.1.3 Current KWT ranking is done according to rule 17.2.1

17.1.4 For GKA wildcards, the KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation in 2018 and 2017 WKC and KWT Air Games events as well as their kite merits.

17.1.5 For riders with no ranking aiming for GKA wildcards, kite merits as well as video footage may be requested and used for selection.

17.1.6 GKA wildcards and organizer wildcards competitors will be seeded based on their KWT ranking whenever available. If this is not possible, they will be distributed in the KWT ladder according to rule 18.1.1.(ii)

17.1.7 One week before the event, Local Organizer Wildcards shall be approved by the KWT Sports Commission.

17.1.8 If any ranked competitor cannot compete in one KWT event due to an injury or other reasons, the empty spot will be given to the next highest ranked competitor. If this is not possible, the KWT Representative may grant exceptionally the available entry to another competitor prior approval from the KWT Sports Commission.

17.1.9 The number of injury wildcards to be granted according to rule 17.3 is unknown until one (1) week before the start of each event.

17.2 Seeding

17.2.1 Competitors will be seeded in the elimination ladder based on their current KWT ranking according to the following:

(a) For the first World Cup, the previous year WKC annual ranking shall be used. WKC previous year annual ranking will be seeded as follows:

- (i) Top 16 of men and 8 of women Elite league. Followed by
- (ii) Top 8 of men and 4 of women Qualifiers league. Followed by
- (iii) Rest of annual Elite league ranking. Followed by
- (iv) Rest of annual Qualifiers ranking.

(b) After one (1) valid World Cup, seeding for the second event will be based as follows:

- (i). The first current year World Cup results as 50% of their score.
- (ii). The previous year WKC annual ranking results as 50% of their score.

(c) After two (2) valid World Cups, seeding for the third event will be based as follows:

- (i). The current year KWT event results after two (2) World Cups as 66.6% of their score.
- (ii). The previous year WKC annual ranking results as 33.3% of their score.

(a) After three (3) valid World Cups, seeding for the next World Cups will be based in the current year KWT ranking.

17.2.2 Points shall be awarded according to rule 12.1.1.

17.2.3 If there is a tie in total points for the seeding, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- (i) In favor of the competitor who has beaten the other in more Events in the relevant discipline excluding all discarded Events results.
- (ii) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's event discipline results shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor(s) with the best result(s) excluding all discarded Events results.
- (iii) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their results in the last event. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied competitors' results in the next-to-last event results and so on until all ties are

broken. These results shall be used even if some of them are excluded results.

- (iv) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors, the competitor(s) with the best elimination score in their last round in the last event will win.
- (v) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's elimination scores in their last event shall be listed in order of best to worst individual scores, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor with the best individual score.

17.3 Injury Wildcards

- 17.3.1 To be entitled to an injury wildcard, a competitor must be ranked top 24 for men and top 12 for women in the KWT ranking at the end of the previous or current season.
- 17.3.2 In order to apply for an injury wildcard, an official medical certificate must be delivered to the KWT Sports Commission and there must be evidence that the competitor missed at least 33% of the current year events or combined two years events.
- 17.3.3 The maximum period to be granted an injury wildcard will be 365 days from the date of their injury or until the start of next scheduled event after the 365 days.
- 17.3.4 A rider who has received an injury wildcard will be seeded in accordance with the following when returning from injury:
 - (a) If ranked in the top 4 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 5;
 - (b) If ranked in the top 8 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 9;
 - (c) If ranked in the top 16 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 17.
 - (d) If ranked in the top 24 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 25.
- 17.3.5 Competitor's non attending KWT Freestyle events under Injury wildcard application, should notify the non-attendance in writing to the KWT Sports Commission at least fourteen (14) days prior to the relevant event start date. A competitor failing to notify in writing and before the mentioned terms the non-attendance, will automatically lose all the Injury wildcard rights.

17.3.6 The KWT Sports Commission may grant other exemptions where extreme circumstances have resulted in the time limit being exceeded.

18 ELIMINATION PROCEDURE, LADDERS AND SCORING

18.1 Elimination procedure

18.1.1 The Elimination procedure shall be:

(i) competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.

(ii) Competitors with no ranking will be distributed in the KWT ladder according to the name drawing that shall be done by the Contest Director at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.

(iii) "Byes," if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.

(iv) Competitors shall ride in groups of up to 4 determined by the elimination ladder. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder. Once a round is started, the format shall stay the same until that round is completed.

18.1.2 Heat distribution

40 Competitors Dingle		32 Competitors Dingle		16 Competitors Dingle	
Heat No.	Competitor	Heat No.	Competitor	Heat No.	Competitor
1	38 vs 34 vs 30 vs 27	1	27 vs 19 vs 11 vs 6	1	14 vs 10 vs 6 vs 3
2	39 vs 35 vs 31 vs 26	2	30 vs 22 vs 14 vs 3	2	15 vs 11 vs 7 vs 2
3	37 vs 33 vs 29 vs 28	3	26 vs 18 vs 10 vs 7	3	13 vs 9 vs 5 vs 4
4	40 vs 36 vs 32 vs 25	4	31 vs 23 vs 15 vs 2	4	16 vs 12 vs 8 vs 1
5	1 st h1 vs 19 vs 11 vs 6	5	28 vs 20 vs 12 vs 5		
6	2 nd h1 vs 22 vs 14 vs 3	6	29 vs 21 vs 13 vs 4		
7	1 st h2 vs 18 vs 10 vs 7	7	25 vs 17 vs 9 vs 8		
8	2 nd h2 vs 23 vs 15 vs 2	8	32 vs 24 vs 16 vs 1		
9	1 st h3 vs 20 vs 12 vs 5				
10	2 nd h3 vs 21 vs 13 vs 4				
11	1 st h4 vs 17 vs 9 vs 8				
12	2 nd h4 vs 24 vs 16 vs 1				

18.2 Elimination ladders

18.2.1 The elimination ladder used for freestyle shall be Dingle elimination.

18.2.2 KWT 40 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			ROUND 4			SEMI FINALS			FINAL		
HEAT #1			HEAT #5			HEAT #13			HEAT #17								
NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.						
38			1st H1 / 27			3rd H7			2nd H14								
34			19			3rd H8			1st H13								
30			11			2nd H5			1st H5								
27			6			2nd H6			1st H6								
HEAT #2			HEAT #6			HEAT #14			HEAT #18			HEAT #21			S. FINAL		
NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.
39			2nd H1 / 30			3rd H5			2nd H13			2nd H19			4th H21		
35			22			3rd H6			1st H14			2nd H20			4th H22		
31			14			2nd H7			1st H7			1st H17			3rd H21		
26			3			2nd H8			1st H8			1st H18			3rd H22		
HEAT #3			HEAT #7			HEAT #15			HEAT #19			HEAT #22			FINAL		
NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.
37			1st H2 / 26			3rd H5			2nd H16			2nd H17			2nd H21		
33			15			3rd H6			1st H15			2nd H18			2nd H22		
29			10			2nd H7			2nd H9			1st H19			1st H21		
28			7			2nd H8			2nd H10			1st H20			1st H22		
HEAT #4			HEAT #9			HEAT #16			HEAT #20								
NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.						
40			1st H3 / 28			3rd H9			2nd H15								
36			20			3rd H10			1st H16								
32			12			2nd H11			1st H11								
25			5			2nd H12			1st H12								
HEAT #5			HEAT #10			HEAT #11			HEAT #12								
NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.	NAME		Rk.						
			2nd H2 / 31			1st H4 / 25			2nd H4 / 32								
			23			17			24								
			15			9			16								
			2			8			1								

- (i) In this dingle elimination the winner and second placed rider of the first round heats advance to the next round, whilst the third and fourth placed riders are out of competition.
- (ii) The winners of the second round heats advance immediately to the fourth round, whilst the second and third placed riders are re-seeded into the third round and the fourth placed riders are out of competition.

18.2.3 KWT 16 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND 1			ROUND 2			SEMI FINALS			FINAL		
HEAT #1	NAME	Rk.	HEAT #5	NAME	Rk.	HEAT #7	NAME	Rk.	FINAL	NAME	Rk.
14			3rd H2			2nd H6			2nd H8		
10			3rd H1			1st H5			2nd H7		
6			2nd H4			1st H1			1st H7		
3			2nd H3			1st H2			1st H8		
HEAT #2	NAME	Rk.	HEAT #6	NAME	Rk.	HEAT #8	NAME	Rk.			
15			3rd H4			2nd h5					
11			3rd H3			1st h6					
7			2nd H2			1st h3					
2			2nd H1			1st h4					
HEAT #3	NAME	Rk.									
13											
9											
5											
4											
HEAT #4	NAME	Rk.									
16											
12											
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- (i) In this dingle elimination the winner of the first round heats advance immediately to the third round, whilst the second and third placed riders are re-seeded into the second round and the fourth placed riders are out of competition.

18.3 Heat Schedule

- 18.3.1 The schedule of heats shall be posted at the Official Notice Board. It shall be sole responsibility of each competitor to know in which heat they will be taking part.

18.4 Discipline Scoring

- 18.4.1 There shall be no more than 1 dingle elimination at each KWT event.
- 18.4.2 The minimum number of elimination series to constitute a valid score at an event and in order to distribute prize money is one (1) KWT elimination ladder - where the fleet has been eliminated to the top sixteen riders (40 Dingle) and top eight riders (16 Dingle).
- 18.4.3 Finishing positions are as follows:

40 Riders:

Finishing Position	Position
Heat 24 - 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th	1, 2, 3, 4
Heat 23 - 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th	5, 6, 7, 8
Heat 17 – 20, 3 rd , 4 th	9, 13
Heat 13 – 16, 3 rd , 4 th	17, 21

Heat 5 – 12, 4 th	25
Heat 1 – 4, 3 rd , 4 th	33, 37

16 Riders:

Finishing Position	Position
Heat 9 - 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th	1, 2, 3, 4
Heat 7 – 8, 3 rd , 4 th	5, 7
Heat 5 – 6, 3 rd , 4 th	9, 11
Heat 1 – 4, 4 th	13

19 COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROCEDURE

19.1 *Competition Format*

19.1.1 Identification of competitors

Colored lycra vest will be given by the Beach Marshall located at the official Flag pole two (2) heats prior to competing.

Each competitor shall wear the colored lycra vest as stated in rule 9.1.4. Competitors not wearing the colored lycra vest or not wearing it correctly during their heats will not be scored and may be penalized as specified under rule 11.2 fine schedules.

After the competitor has completed her heat, the colored lycra vest shall be returned to the Beach Marshall when returning to the beach. Competitors failing to return their colored lycra vest after their heat may be penalized as specified under rule 11.2 fine schedules.

19.1.2 Under rule 11.2 fine schedules, a competitor failing to show at his heat to compete without prior notification to the Contest Director may be penalized.

19.1.3 When a competitor does not show at his heat, the competitor(s) must compete the heat alone(s) in case the opponent turns up late. Only if the Contest Director is informed and confident that the competitor will not be competing in their scheduled heat, the daily schedule can be adjusted to reduce the event's running time.

19.1.4 Competition area:

- (i) The competition area shall be defined in the Official Notice Board at least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the heat.
- (ii) Each competitor shall be inside the designated competition area to be scored. Head Judge will be who decide if a competitor is in or out of the competition area.
- (iii) A competitor shall not kite in the competition area while competition is going on, other than during her own heat. A competitor infringing this rule may be penalized as specified under rule 11.2 fine schedules.
- (iv) In some occasions offset marks may be used. These marks have to be rounded or passed by the competitors before attempting a trick inside the competition area.

19.1.5. Interferences:

A competitor shall not interfere with another competitor's right-of-way. Interference may be called if:

- (i) a competitor hinders the scoring potential of a competitor deemed to have right of way.
- (ii) there is deliberate unsportsmanlike action by the competitors in the heat.
- (iii) a competitor doesn't make all assumptions necessary about his jump length, duration and direction to avoid contact with other competitors.

19.1.6 Interference penalty:

- (i) Only if the majority of the judges called the interference the Head Judge shall call an interference penalty.
- (ii) To call an interference penalty a black flag together with a colored flag corresponding to the competitor's competition vest colors in the water will be used when possible. The flag color code used will be posted in the Official Notice Board.
- (iii) If an interference penalty is called on a competitor, then the competitor's final score will be penalized with a loss of 50% of his best scoring trick.

If a Competitor incurs a second interference penalty during the heat, he must immediately leave the competition area and won't be scored from that point, losing 100% of his best scoring trick.

19.1.7 Outside assistance:

Each competitor's efforts on the water shall be individual with only the following means of outside assistance being allowed:

- (i) Competitors that during their heat end up downwind of the competition area will be allowed to make their way back to the competition area by walking upwind on the beach by themselves or getting assistance of another competitor, coach or caddy.
- (ii) During the heat, a competitor could get assistance to re-launch his kite inside of the competition area only from a competitor competing in his heat. A competitor could get assistance to re-launch his kite only when the downed kite is out of the competition area.
- (iii) If a competitor gets assistance inside the competition area from the rescue boat, press boat, Jet ski, or any other craft, they will be disqualified from that heat. The Contest Director can make changes to this rule at certain Events.
- (iv) If a competitor loses his kite during the heat from equipment failure, he will be allowed to replace his kite only outside from the competition area. The competitor has to get out from the competition area by his own means. If he is not wearing a leash, he will not be scored from the point he loses his kite.

Any non-permitted outside assistance in the heat shall be penalized by a warning or disqualification if in the opinion of the Head Judge or Contest Director, such assistance materially prejudiced the result.

19.2 Procedure

19.2.1 Signals.

(i) Starting Signals:

Warning: Red flag displayed.

Preparatory: Red flag removed, yellow flag up

Starting: Yellow flag removed, green flag displayed.

- (ii) Each visual signal may be accompanied by a sound signal, but times shall be taken from the visual signals and mistiming or failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

19.2.2 LED screen.

When there is an available screen for signals it will be used as follows:

- (i) Starting Signals: Screen displays the flags' colors with a countdown.
- (ii) Heat signals:
 - a) Trick attempt 1 to 4: Screen displays the name and position of the rider, the color corresponding to the competitor's competition vest colors in the water, the trick attempt and the trick countdown. Once a score is entered the screen displays it during 5 seconds before displaying the next rider's trick attempt.
 - b) Trick attempt 5 until end of heat: Screen displays the name and position of the rider, the color corresponding to the competitor's competition vest colors in the water, the score needed to improve position, the trick attempt and the trick countdown. Once a score is entered the screen displays during 5 seconds before displaying the next rider's trick attempt.

19.2.3 Trick countdown.

- (i) Every rider will have a time limit to perform their trick attempt.
- (ii) The trick countdown shall be no more than 1 minute 20 seconds. The amount of time per trick attempt will be announced by the Head Judge and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.
- (iii) Once the time has elapsed the rider will lose the ability to perform that trick and will need to wait for the next attempt. The Head Judge may re-start the time if there is strong evidence that the competitor could not perform within the time limit due to an abrupt wind change or because of an external obstruction. i.e. interference from another competitor.

19.2.4 Trick attempt order.

Every competitor will jump one at a time respecting the name order of the heat and the screen instructions. Competitors need to wait until their name or the color corresponding to their competition vest displays on the screen with their countdown in order to perform their trick attempt.

If a competitor performs the trick on the wrong time the score will not be counted and the head judge will decide whether the competitor can repeat the trick attempt or not.

19.2.5 Heat duration.

The heat duration shall vary from 20 up to 35 minutes. The transition intervals shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

19.3 *Postponing and abandoning a heat*

19.3.1 The Contest Director may

- (i) postpone or abandon a heat for any reason before the starting signal.
- (ii) after the starting signal abandon a heat because of insufficient wind, or foul weather, or an error in the starting procedure, or because a mark is missing, for other reasons directly affecting the fairness of competition.
- (iii) Postpone or abandon a heat at any time for safety reasons.

19.3.2 Postponement:

A postponement shall be signaled by the raising of the “Answering Pendant”, accompanied by two (2) sound signals. After a postponement the ordinary starting signals shall be used according to rule 19.2.1. The postponement signal shall be lowered, accompanied by a sound signal, one minute before the first warning signal is made.

19.3.3 Abandonment:

The raising of code flag “N”, accompanied by three (3) sound signals, shall signal that the present heat is abandoned.

The Contest Director may decide to restart the heat on the trick round where it was abandoned.

20 RIGHT OF WAY RULES

20.1 General Right of way rules

The choice of right-of-way criteria for each of the above possible situations is the responsibility of the KWT Head Judge, race director or the senior available touring KWT Judge in that order.

20.1.1 A competitor has the right of way over another competitor when the other competitor is required to keep clear of them. However, some rules limit the actions of a right-of-way competitor.

20.1.2 The competitor who's name or color of lycra displays on the screen shall have unconditional right of way for the entire duration of the trick countdown.

20.1.3 Avoiding contact

A competitor shall avoid contact with another competitor if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way competitor or one entitled to *room* or *mark-room*:

- (i) need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other competitor is not keeping clear or giving room or mark-room,
- (ii) shall be exonerated if they break this rule and the contact does not cause damage or injury.

20.1.4 Competitors shall stay clear of the competition area when not competing.

20.1.5 Competitors shall not land jumps on the beach, and shall stay clear of any natural obstructions near the competition area.

20.1.6 If possible, a competitor shall avoid a competitor who has crashed or whose kite is in the water, or who is trying to help a person or vessel in danger.

20.1.7 A competitor who has crashed or run aground shall not interfere with another competitor.

20.1.8 During a *tangle* or collision, if an affected competitor is not competing against the competitor at fault and the action penalizes the competitor's performance, limiting his chances of winning the heat, the affected competitor's heat or trick attempt may be re-run.

20.1.9 From the warning signal to the starting signal, a competitor returning to the shore after competing has to *keep clear* of a competitor who is entering the competition area to compete.

20.1.10 If reasonably possible, a competitor that is not *competing* shall not interfere with a competitor that is *competing*.

20.1.11 In the case of a deliberately unsportsmanlike action by the competitors in the heat, dangerous action, *tangle* or collision, as a result of the infringement of any of the above rules, a warning or disqualification from the heat could be awarded at the discretion of the Contest Director or Head Judge.

21 JUDGING

21.1 Judging Procedure

21.1.1 Selection of judges

Only the KWT Sports Commission can make appointments and substitutions for an event.

An attempt shall be made to ensure that no judge has a vested interest. There should not be family tie with a competitor.

21.1.2 One or two panels of judges, each panel comprising an odd number of judges, no less than three (3) in number, shall score each heat.

When there are five (5) judges, the highest and the lowest scores per heat will be withdrawn and the average scores of the other three (3) judges will be counted as the final trick score.

(i) The judges shall award each competitor's tricks points on a scale from 1 to 10 to be scored in increments of 1/10th of a point.

(ii) Scores are awarded in a number of categories. The number of trick categories to be counted towards the final result is described in rule 21.3.1.

(iii) The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points wins.

(iv) A flag out system may be used to eliminate the competitor with the lowest scores and continue the heat keeping the current heat scores from the remaining competitors on the heat. In case of tie, it will be broken in favor of the competitor with the highest single score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each

competitor's individual scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, even if some of them are excluded scores, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor with the best individual score.

(v) The judging scores of each individual judge shall be shown only to competitors in that heat, on their request.

(vi) Competitors are not allowed to stay in the judge's tower. If a competitor wants to check his judging scores, he shall ask for consent from the Head Judge to enter the judge's tower.

(vii) The scores and the decisions of the judges shall not be appealed.

21.1.3 The Head Judge must be sure that the judges do not discuss scores.

21.1.4 Re-running of heats or trick attempt

The Head Judge has the power to re-run a heat or trick attempt if there is strong evidence that there is a major discrepancy in the judging scores from each individual judge.

If it is possible, the decision to re-run shall be made before announcing a winner of the heat in question.

21.2 Scoring

21.2.1 The maximum number of trick attempts per competitor during a heat will be 7 and only the best 3 or 4 tricks with the highest individual scores from different trick categories will count towards the final score from each competitor.

The amount of trick attempt to count towards the final score will be announced by the Head Judge and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

21.2.2 If a competitor "butt checks" when landing the trick and doesn't lose the board, the judges will still give some credit to the trick. It's at the discretion of each judge to consider if it's a crash or a butt check and to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

The credit given to butt-checked trick landings is directly related to the risk factor involved in the execution of the trick.

21.2.3 Crashes will be scored 0.0 points and will be counted as an attempt.

A trick is a crash only if the majority of the judges consider it as a crash. If the minority of the judges consider a trick as a crash, those

crashes will be withdrawn and the judges will reconsider the trick in the appropriate scoring categories.

- 21.2.4 A Pop or failed trick attempt without crashing will be scored.
- 21.2.5 If a judge misses a trick, or part of the trick, he should place an "M" and that score will be given points equal to the average to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward) of the other judges' scores.
- 21.2.6 The Head Judge may re-run the heat or trick attempt according to rule 21.2.4, if all judges miss a trick and there is strong evidence that the trick was missed by all the judges and this trick may change the final result.
- 21.2.7 Judges may not change their scores. If there are any mistake the judge should have the Head Judge make the correction for them.
- 21.2.8 Tied competitors' heat scores shall be listed in order of best to worst individual scores and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor with the best individual score.

21.3 Trick categories:

21.3.1 The tricks repertoire has been broken down into the following tricks families. The list of tricks included by family is not extensive, and not limited to the described tricks below but gives an indication about how different tricks are being categorized by the judges. The Head Judge has the final say when categorizing a new trick.

FREESTYLE TRICK CATEGORY			BIG AIR TRICK CATEGORY
1.- Basic Raileys	11.- Front Blind Mobes	21- Toeside Frontside 313s	28- Kiteloops
2.- Basic S-Bends	12.- Advanced Tantrum Variations	22- Toeside Backside 313s	29- Dangle Passes
3.- Basic Hinterbergers	13.- Double Half Cabs Variations	23- G-Spots	30- Board offs
4.- Basic Tantrums	14.- Slim Chances	24- Crowmobes	31- Jumps & Rolls
5.- Backside 313s	15.- S-Mobes	25- Fruit Loops	
6.- Frontside 313s	16.- KGBs	26- Tootsie Rolls	
7.- Frontside & Backside Spins	17.- Toeside Raileys	27- Pete Roses	
8.- Advanced S-Bends	18.- Toeside front rolls		
9.- Advanced Hinterbergers	19.- Toeside back rolls		
10.- Back Mobes	20- Toeside Frontside & Backside Spins		

Detailed trick category list: See Annex 1.

21.3.2 Depending on the given conditions, weight given to each trick category shall be modified. The following formats will be used:

- Light wind: 100% freestyle.
- Good wind: strong focus on freestyle with some big-air components.
- Strong wind: strong focus on big air with some freestyle components.

Different examples:

- Light wind:
 - (i) Four 4 best freestyle tricks (from different family) count.
- Good wind:
 - (i) Three 3 best freestyle tricks (from different family) count + 1 best big air trick count or
 - (ii) 2 best freestyle tricks (from different family) count + 2 best big air tricks (from different family) count
- Strong wind:
 - (i) 2 best freestyle tricks (from different family) count + 2 best big air tricks (from different family) count or
 - (ii) 1 best freestyle trick count + 3 best big air tricks (from different family) count.
 - (iii) 4 best big air tricks (from different family) count.

When assessing if the conditions are suitable for a format, the race director will take into account the wind speed, wind direction, temperature, incoming and current weather, wave size and ocean currents.

The weight given to each trick category will be announced by the Head Judge and in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

21.3.3 In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, only the highest score per freestyle trick family will count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

21.3.4 For the big air trick families, more than one highest score per trick family may count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

The amount of tricks from the same trick family counting towards the final heat score will be announced by the Head Judge and in the

Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

21.4 Judging Criteria:

21.4.1 Judges will assign numerical values to each trick attempt based on the following judging criterias:

(i) Height and amplitude – The combination of height and amplitude of the tricks completed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height and amplitude are achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.

(ii) Technical Difficulty – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat. A grabbed trick will be rewarded with a higher score than a non-grabbed trick within this criteria, depending on the quality of the execution.

(iii) Power – The power during the execution of the tricks. Power will be considered as a combination of speed into the trick to pop and speed out during the landing, height and amplitude, and kite position during the trick.

(iv) Risk factor – Is directly linked to the power, height, amplitude and technical difficulty of the jump, but also to the commitment of the competitor and physical challenge during the execution, duration of the critical moment, and energy on the execution.

(v) Smoothness – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.

(vi) Innovation – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

21.5 Other judging aspects

21.5.1 A crash will be considered when:

- (i) when landing a trick, a competitor is *capsized*, losing control of the board or bar.
- (ii) a competitor finishes a handlepass by pulling the leash to get the bar.
- (iii) a competitor lands a jump but loses the bar.

- (iv) a competitor lands a jump but crashes the kite into water and completely stops.
- (v) a competitor is completely stopped when landing a jump.
- (vi) a competitor lands on their back and lose the control of the board.

21.5.2 Judges may give credit to a landed trick that is not a crash when:

- (i). a competitor butt-checks when landing the trick but keeps riding and control the kite.
- (ii). a competitor grabs the “chicken loop” to regain control of the bar.
- (iii). a competitor lands a jump and crashes the kite into the water, but manages to relaunch it and keep riding without completely stopping.

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23 ANNEX 1 – TRICK LIST

FREESTYLE TRICK CATEGORIES

Only the best trick per family will score.

1.- Basic Raileys

Railey	R
Krypt	K
Krypt to SP	K2SP

2.- Basic S-Bends

S-Bend	SB
Double S-Bend	2SB
Vulcan	V
Vulcan to SP	V2SP

3.- Basic Hinterbergers

Hinterberger	H
Hinterberger 5	H5
Hinterberger to SP	H2SP
Double Hinterberger	2H

4.- Basic Tantrums

Tantrum	T
Tantrum to Toeside	T2TS
Bel Air	BA
Temper Tantrum	TT

5.- Backside 313s

Railey to blind	R2B
Blind Judge	BJ
Backside 313	BS313
Backside 315	BS315
Backside 317	BS317
Backside 319	BS319
Backside 3110	BS3110

6.- Frontside 313s

313	313
315	315
317	317
319	319
3110	3110

7.- Frontside & Backside Spins

Frontside 3	FS3
Frontside 5	FS5
Frontside 7	FS7
Frontside 9	FS9
Frontside 10	FS10
Backside 1	BS1
Backside 3	BS3
Backside 5	BS5
Backside 7	BS7
Backside 9	BS9
Backside 10	BS10

8.- Advanced S-Bends

S-Bend to Blind	SB2B
S-Bend backside 1	SBBS1
Heart Attack	HA
Heart Attack 5	HAS
Heart Attack 7	HA7
Heart Attack 9	HA9
Double S-Bend to Blind	2SB2B
Double S-Bend backside 1	2SBBS1
Double Heart Attack	2HA
Double Heart Attack 5	2HAS
Double Heart Attack 7	2HA7

9.- Advanced Hinterbergers

Hinterberger Frontside 3	HFS3
Hinterberger Frontside 5	HFS5
Hinterberger Frontside 7	HFS7
Hinterberger Frontside 9	HFS9
Double Hinterberger Frontside 3	2HFS3
Double Hinterberger Frontside 5	2HFS5
Double Hinterberger Frontside 7	2HFS7
Double Hinterberger Frontside 9	2HFS9

10.- Back Mobes

Back Mobe	BM
Back Mobe 5	BM5
Back Mobe 7	BM7
Back Mobe 9	BM9

11.- Front Blind Mobes

Front Blind	FB
Front Blind Mobe	FBM
Front Blind Mobe 5	FBM5
Front Blind Mobe 7	FBM7

12.- Advanced Tantrum Variations

Tantrum to Blind	T2B
Tantrum Backside 3	TBS3
Bel Air to Blind	BA2B
Moby Dick	MD
Moby Dick 5	MD5
Moby Dick 7	MD7
Whirly Bird	WB
Whirly Bird 5	WB5
Whirly Bird 7	WB7
Whirly Dick	WD

13.- Double Half Cabs Variations

Double Half Cab	2HC
Double Half Cab Mobe	2HCM
Double Half Cab Mobe 5	2HCM5

14.- Slim Chances

Slim	SUM
Slim 5	SUM5
Slim 7	SUM7
Slim 9	SUM9

15.- S-Mobes

S-Mobe	SM
S-Mobe 5	SM5
S-Mobe 7	SM7
S-Mobe 9	SM9

16.- KGBs

Back to Blind	B2B
Backroll backside 1	BRBS1
KGB	KGB
KGB 5	KGB5
KGB 7	KGB7
KGB 9	KGB9

17.- Basic Toeside Raileys

Toeside Railey	TSR
Toeside Railey 1	TSR1

18.- Basic Toeside front rolls

Mexican Roll	MR
Scarcrow	SC

19.- Basic Toeside back rolls

Toeside Backroll	TSBR
Toeside Backroll to Revert	TSBR2R

20.- Toeside Frontside & Backside Spins

Toeside Frontside 3	TSF3
Toeside Frontside 5	TSF5
Toeside Frontside 7	TSF7
Toeside Frontside 9	TSF9
Toeside Backside 1	TSBS1
Toeside Backside 3	TSBS3
Toeside Backside 5	TSBS5
Toeside Backside 7	TSBS7

21.- Toeside Frontside 313s

90210	90210
Oh Really	OR
Oh Really 7	OR7

22.- Toeside Backside 313s

Toeside Railey to Blind	TSR2B
Toeside Backside 313	TSBS313
Toeside Backside 315	TSBS315

23.- G-Spots

G-Spot	GS
Blind Pete	BP
Blind Pete 5	BPS

24.- Crowmobes

Crow Mobe	CM
Crow Mobe 5	CM5
Crow Mobe 7	CM7

25.- Fruit Loops

Fruit Loop	FL
Flavor Flip	FF
Flavor Flip 5	FF5

26.- Tootsie Rolls

Tootsie Roll	TR
Dum Dum	DD
Dum Dum 5	DD5

27.- Pete Roses

Pete Rose	PR
Pete Rose 5	PR5
Pete Rose 7	PR7

BIG AIR TRICK CATEGORY

Only the best trick per family will score.

28.- Kite-loops

Kite-loop	KL
Kite-loop Backroll	KLBR
Kite-loop Backroll 7	KLBR7
Kite-loop Frontroll	KLFR
Kite-loop Frontroll 7	KLFR7
Kite-loop Double Half Cab	KL2HC
Kite-loop One Foot	KLOF
Kite-loop Board Off	KLBO
Kite-loop Tic Tac	KLTT
Kite-loop Frontroll Board Off	KLFRBO
Kite-loop KGB (HK to UNHK)	KLKGB
Kite-loop Backroll Frontside 3 (HK to UNHK)	KLBRFS3
Kite-loop Backroll Frontside 5 (HK to UNHK)	KLBRFS5

29.- Sent Passes

Sent pass	SP
Double Sent pass	2SP
Triple Sent pass	3SP
Backroll Sent pass	BRSP
Backroll 7 Sent pass	BR7SP
Kung fu pass	KFP
Kung fu double pass	KF2P

30.- Board offs

One Foot	OF
Backroll One Foot	BRof
Frontroll One Foot	FROF
Frontroll 7 One Foot	FR7OF
Board Off	BO
Tic Tac	TT
Double Tic Tac	2TT
Flip	FL
Double Flip	2FL
Tic Tac Flip	TTFL
Board Pass	BP
Backroll Board Off	BRBO
Backroll 7 Board Off	BR7BO
Backroll10 Board Off	BR10BO
Frontroll Board Off	FRBO
Frontroll 7 Board Off	FR7BO
Frontroll 10 Board Off	FR10BO
Backroll Tic Tac	BRTT
Backroll 7 Tic Tac	BR7TT
Frontroll Tic Tac	FRTT
Frontroll 7 Tic Tac	FR7TT
Backroll Flip	BRFL
Backroll 7 Flip	BR7FL
Frontroll Flip	FRFL
Frontroll 7 Flip	FR7FL

31.- Jumps & Rolls

Regular Jump	RJ
Front Roll 3	FR3
Front Roll 7	FR7
Front Roll 10	FR10
Back Roll 3	BR3
Back Roll 5	BR5
Back Roll 7	BR7
Back Roll 9	BR9
Back Roll 10	BR10
Kung Fu	KF