



GKA FREESTYLE WORLD CUP FRANCE 2019 MONDIAL DU VENT, LEUCATE

It's a pleasure to announce the first Freestyle World Cup of the 2019 GKA Kite World Tour will be a

4-STAR FREESTYLE WORLD CUP*

held at the Mondial du Vent in Leucate, France.

The dates will be from 20th to the 25th of April 2019.
This competition is sanctioned and governed by the GKA Kite World Tour (KWT) Rulebook 2019.

Registration

Entry procedure and registration

All competitors planning to enter a GKA Kite World Tour event shall pre-register through the registration link on the dedicated event page on the GKA Kite World Tour website:

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/register/>

or via email to tom@global-kitesports.org 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 register or to apply for an entry for an event and to ensure that the application has been received timely and correctly.

According to rule 11.2, fines and/or having their next events applications cancelled may be handed out to a pre-registered and / or qualified competitor who, without advanced notice fails to show up at an event.

Complete and signed entry forms for event registration must be signed and completed at the event inscription by the time stated in the Race Notice. Exceptions can only be granted by the KWT Representative.

If a competitor is unable to complete and sign the inscription documents 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.

All riders shall register for the event through the online form or by mailing to tom@global-kitesports.org by **23.59h of the 5th of April 2019**.

The registration mail should contain:

- Full Name:
- Nationality:
- Hometown:
- Age:
- Federative License Number:
- Sponsors:
- Passport number:
- Telephone/WhatsApp:
- Facebook page:
- Instagram account:
- Email:
- Food specifics:
- COMPLETE FLIGHT DETAILS OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:

All attending riders need to be members of a national NATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION and/or WORLD SAILING and have to be insured via the NATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION and/or WORLD SAILING.

You need to email a copy of your federative membership license and insurance certificate via email to tom@global-kitesports.org . If you don't have medical insurance that covers you up to 3.000.000 Euros you have to buy one with the French federation FFVoile for the duration of the event. The cost for this insurance is 10.-Euro and you can transfer the amount together with the entry fee. Competitors without insurance will not be allowed to enter the water during competition!

Cost of entry fee is 120.- Euro via Wire Transfer to the GKA Bank account below and 160.-Euro or 180.-USD cash on site. Bring exact quantities if payment is to be made onsite.

Bank transfer payments have to be done to the following account:

GKA Event GmbH
IBAN: DE75 2005 0550 1002 3050 17
BIC/Swift: HASPDEHHXXX

Bank Address:
Hamburger Sparkasse
Adolfsplatz / Gr. Burstah
20457 Hamburg, Germany

Bank transaction costs are going to the account of the SENDER/ORGANIZER/OBLIGOR.

Make sure to put the full name of the rider and the name of the event in the transfer's subject. All registration payments must be made before the 10th of April 2018 and credited to the GKA bank account latest 7 days prior to the event. Bank transaction-costs are paid by the rider.

Entry restrictions

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

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.

Payments can be made by bank transaction or cash at the inscription at the respective event.

Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or US Dollar currency.

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.

Entry allocation

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

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	-	-	-

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

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

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)

Two weeks before the event, Local Organizer Wildcards shall be approved by the KWT Sports Commission.

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.

The GKA will publish the wildcard allocation 14 days before the event. The number of injury wildcards to be granted according to rule 17.3. remains unknown until then.

Wild card applications need to be done via mailing to tom@global-kitesports.org

Seeding

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

For the first World Cup, the 2018 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.

Injury wildcard

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 time of the injury.

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.

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.

A rider who has received an injury wildcard will be seeded in accordance with the following when returning from injury, until the start of next scheduled event after the 365 days from the date of their injury, except if they improve their ranking:

- (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.

Seeding list for GKA Freestyle World Cup Leucate 2019:

Men	Name		Women	Name	
1	Carlos Mario		1	Mikaili Sol	
2	Adeuri Corniel		2	Francesca Bagnoli	
3	Set Teixeira		3	Paula Novotna	
4	Maxime Chabloz		4	Rita Arnaus	
5	Liam Whaley	Injury wildcard	5	Bruna Kajiya	Injury wildcard
6	Valentin Rodriguez		6	Therese Taabbel	
7	Gianmaria Coccoluto		7	Maureen Castelle	
8	Valentin Garat		8	Kristina Belogskaya	
9	Alex Pastor	Injury wildcard	9	Pippa van Iersel	
10	Anthar Racca		10	Estefania Rosa	
11	Stefan Spiessberger		11	Dioneia Vieira	
12	Arthur Guillebert		12	Nathalie Lambrecht	
13	Louka Pitot		13	Claudia Leon	
14	Kalu De Sousa		14	Vera Klabbers	
15	Jerome Cloetens		15	Osaia Reding	
16	Paul Serin		16	Gisel Ozen	
17	Nicolas Delmas	Injury wildcard	17	Leyla Kut	
18	Julien Krikken		18	Maria Vassilau	
19	Joselito del Rosario		19	Alina Kornelli	
20	Edgar Ulrich		20	Any Nuppenau	
21	Erick Anderson				
22	Juan Rodriguez				
23	Jonas Ouahmid				
24	Sergei Borisov				
25	Alex Neto				
26	Aron Rosslee				
27	Manoel Soares				
28	Romain Giulano				
29	Luis Alberto Cruz				
30	Rens Van der Schoot				
31	Lucas Ferreira				
32	Nino Liboni				
33	Posito Martinez				
34	Domantas Jusionis				
35	Serkan Erkek				
36	Mateus Mendes				
37	Marcelino Santos				
38	Stijn Mul				
39	Soufiane Hassouni				
40	Domantas Jusionis				
41	Cohan Van Dijk				
42	Paulo Rogue				
43	Joao Lucas				
44	David Ribeiro				
45	Youssef Keribech				
46	Oscar Perrineau				
47	George Dufty				
48	Erisverton Ribeiro				
49	Lau Duprez				
50	Felipe Macedo				
51	Abraham Moutaouakil				
52	Larbi Ed-derkaoui				
53	Augustas Dudenas				
54	Ivanildo Fernandes				
55	Lucas Muzio				
56	Maximo Reutemann				
57	Leandro Azevedo				
58	Rodrigo Costa				
59	Oussama Bouchabchoub				
60	Yassine Bouceta				

Disciplines

There will be just one Official Discipline in this KWT event: **Twintip Freestyle**

Divisions:

- Pro Men: any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)
- Pro Women: any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)

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

Elimination ladders

The elimination ladder used for freestyle shall be no more than 1 Dingle elimination.

KWT 40 Riders Dingle Elimination

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

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.

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.

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											
8											
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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.

Scoring

The GKA Freestyle World Cup Leucate 2019 will be a **100% freestyle competition**. Only tricks from the freestyle trick categories will be scored, no tricks from the big air trick category. See detailed trick category list in Annex 1 of the GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook 2019 – Discipline Freestyle.

FREESTYLE TRICK CATEGORY			BIG AIR TRICK CATEGORY
1.- Basic Raileys	11.- Front Blind Mobes	21- Toeside Frontside 313s	28- Kiteoops
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		

IMPORTANT INFO

Competitors shall wear an event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing, including harness on the water at all times during the event. Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training – for optimal recognition. Each rider will get only one competition riders' vest at the inscription. Each rider is responsible for his competition riders' vest. In case of loss a replacement is not possible!

All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.

The Riders bracelet authorizes you to enter the equipment storage container and the launching area. You will receive the riders bracelet personally and only at the inscription.

Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/autograph sessions.

There will be a social event-calendar for each event that all riders have to join via social media and share.

Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts:
#GKakiteworldtour #GKAfreestyle #mondialduvent

You can find additional event information on the official event website:
www.mondialduvent.fr

Equipment storage

There will be secure storage for all riders' equipment at the equipment storage containers from Friday, the 19th April until Thursday, the 25th April 2019. Access only allowed with valid rider bracelet.

Travel info:

Airports:

Closest Airport to fly to is Perpignan, but most international flights connection are to Marseille, Barcelona, Girona, Montpellier or Toulouse. Driving distances from the different airports are ...

Perpignan:	30 minutes
Montpellier:	80 minutes
Girona:	90 minutes
Toulouse:	120 minutes
Barcelona:	150 minutes
Marseille:	180 minutes

There is a special discount on flight rates with Air France/KLM for participants of the Mondial du Vent. You will receive the rate by entering the following code when making your Air France or KLM booking:

34608AF

By car:

The address of the event headquarter of the GKA Kite Freestyle World Cup Leucate (Mondial du Vent):

Mondial du Vent
26-34, Avenue de la Méditerranée
11 370 La Franqui
Leucate, France

Organizer contact

Valerie Salles
Email: valerie.salles@orange.fr

Location map:



Visa:

For visa info and invitation letter please email: tom@global-kitesports.org

Weather:

Leucate has a Southern European climate with typical spring temperatures that can vary a lot. The average air temperature can be between 18°C the highest and the lowest of 11°C in this time of the year. The average water temperature in April is around 15°C, so don't forget to bring a wetsuit. Sunrise is around 07.00h and sunset around 20.30h.

Wind direction:

Tramontana: strong and offshore, can reach up to 40 knots
Marin: light to moderate sideonshore seabreeze

Event Schedule

19/04/2019, Friday

18.00-20.00: Registration for riders at the race office, Village de la Glisse, Mondial du Vent

20/04/2019, Saturday

09.00: Skippers meeting at the judge tower¹

10.00-19.00h: Kitesurfing competition

11.00: Opening Ceremony at the main stage, Village de la Glisse, Mondial du Vent

21/09/2019, Sunday

09.00: Skippers meeting

09.30-19.00: Kitesurf competition

22/04/2019, Monday

09.00: Skippers meeting

09.30-19.00: Kitesurf competition

23/04/2019, Tuesday

09.00: Skippers meeting

09.30-19.00: Kitesurf competition

24/04/2019, Wednesday

09.00: Skippers meeting

09.30-19.00: Kitesurf competition

25/04/2019, Thursday

09.00: Skippers meeting

09.30-18.00: Kitesurf competition

19.00: Closing Ceremony at the main stage and prize money delivery

Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Skippers Meeting for the following day will always be communicated on the official notice board at the end of the previous day!

Accommodation for competitors:

For accommodations please contact Faiza Madrouse:
faiza.madrouse@mairie-leucate.fr

Here is a list of available accommodations in la Franqui:

AVAILABLE HOUSING LA FRANQUI MONDIAL DU VENT 2018					
Housing	Sleeps number	Beds details	Price	Owner's name	Mails/contact
Apartment	6 sleeps	2 bed + 1 convertible sofa	385€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Mme Mignard	marie-helene.mignard@orange.fr
Apartment	7 sleeps	3 bed + 1 convertible sofa	386€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Mme Mignard	marie-helene.mignard@orange.fr
House next to the train station	6 sleeps	2 rooms 2 double bed + 1 convertible	500€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Mme Fandos	fandos.colette@orange.fr
Apartment one room	2 sleeps	2 double beds	420€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week		gercar66@gmail.com
Apartment in front of the sea	6 sleeps	2 rooms 1 double bed 1 bed///1 double bed et 1 bunk bed	600€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Mme Bouzida	nadialaveine@gmail.com
Apartment	5 sleeps	2 room 1 double bed + 1 bed 1 convertible	550€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Mme Goube	ipdaniaux@orange.fr
Apartment	5 sleeps	3 room 1 double bed + 1 bed + 1 double bed	500€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Mr Brau	brosergio9@gmail.com
Apartment one room	3 sleeps	1 sofa and 1 bed	250€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Nicolas Durenque	ndurenque@hotmail.com
Ground floor apartment	6 sleeps	1 double bed 1 sofa/ 1 bed 1 sofa	450€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Nicolas Durenque	ndurenque@hotmail.com
Apartment	5 sleeps	2 rooms 2 double bed + 1 convertible	600€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Mme Fabre	06 37 03 76 74
Apartment in front of the sea	5 sleeps	1 room 1 double bed + 1 double bed/ 1 bunk bed	500€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Mr Gril Philippe	philippe.gril@yahoo.fr
2 apartment	2 sleeps	1 double bed	450€ 1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Mme Fabre	06 37 03 76 74
Apartment 2 rooms first floor	5 sleeps	2 double bed + 1 convertible	50€ for night	Mr Faure	mtfaure@orange.fr /// chris1811@netcourrier.com
Apartment 2 rooms first floor	5 sleeps	3 double bed + 1 convertible	50€ for night	Mr Faure	mtfaure@orange.fr /// chris1811@netcourrier.com
Apartment 1 room first floor	3 sleeps	1 double bed + 1 convertible	40€ lfor night	Mr Faure	mtfaure@orange.fr /// chris1811@netcourrier.com
Apartment 1 room first floor	3 sleeps	1 double bed + 1 convertible	40€ lfor night	Mr Faure	mtfaure@orange.fr /// chris1811@netcourrier.com
Apartment 1 room first floor	2 sleeps	1 double bed	250€ l1 Mondial du vent Event Week	Alex	04 68 45 68 33
House	2 sleeps	1 double bed + 1 convertible	65€ for night	Line	07 50 46 65 08

Van or Camper:

Regular vans can park in la Franqui with their rider bracelet.
 Camper Vans have to park outside near the post office.

Prize money

The prize money for the GKA Freestyle World Cup, Mondial du Vent 2019 held in Leucate, France will be **25.000 Euro** (22.500 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and 2.500 Euro will go to the winners of the end of year ranking, World Championship Title)

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%		

The prize money distribution between gender will be done proportionally to the number of participants. Woman's prize division will be a minimum of 20% with 6 participants and will increase depending on the final number of woman competitors in proportion of the number of men competing (percentage will be rounded). If the women's division doesn't take place, the full amount allocated as prize money will be added to the men's division.

Different scenarios:

	Participants	Percentage		Participants	Percentage
Men	32	80%	Men	40	70%
Woman	6	20%	Woman	16	30%
Total	38		Total	56	

Eligibility

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

- (i). He is a member of his Official National Kiteboarding Federation or Association.
A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of identity and membership may be requested.
- (ii). He has a personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.
- (iii). The competitor cannot hold the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer responsible for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- (iv). The competitor cannot hold the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- (v). He complies with World Sailing Federation Regulation, Eligibility Code.

GKA Staff at the Kite Freestyle World Cup 2019 in Leucate

General Secretary: Dr. Jörgen Vogt

Tour Manager: Tom Hartmann

Race Director: Olaf von Tol

Head Judge: Mallory Hersart de la Villemarque

Judge: Rui Meira

Judge: Alvaro Onieva

Judge: Javo Santangelo

Judge: Victor Hays

Judge: Cesar Portas

Press Officer: Jim Gaunt

Media Coordinator: Gemma Hamaini

Photography: Svetlana Romantsova

Video Production: Mintautas Grigas

Live-Stream: Selim Kemahli – Case Production

Live-Stream Commentator: Lewis Crathern

GKA Office: Janne Vollert

Rulebook

The "GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook 2019 – Discipline Freestyle" is available for download on the official GKA Kite World Tour website:

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/rulebooks/2019/GKA%20Kite%20World%20Tour%20Rulebook%202019%20-%20Discipline%20Freestyle.pdf>

Any question please contact our Tour Manager Tom Hartmann at tom@global-kitesports.org

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

The GKA Team

* **5-STAR World Cup** includes (1) Livestream, (2) International TV coverage and (3) 30.000,- Prizemoney.

4-STAR World Cup includes 2 out of the 3 assumptions of a 5-STAR World Cup.

3-STAR World Cup includes 1 out of the 3 assumption of a 5-STAR World Cup.