



GKA KITE-SURF WORLD CUP SAL 2019

It is a pleasure to announce the first event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2019 which will be a

5-STAR KITE-SURF WORLD CUP*

held on the island of Sal in Cabo Verde.

Sal is home to some of the best waves of this planet and a world renowned destination for strapless kite surfing.

The dates will be from 25th of February to the 3rd of March 2019.

This is a 5-Star GKA event and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2019 KSWT Rulebook.

Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter a KSWT event shall pre-register via this link attached in the mail.

<https://goo.gl/forms/Jd0JBXQ5mT1myCKO2>

or by other means to be specified by the KSWT 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.

According to rule 10.2, 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 complete by the time stated in the Race Notice. Exceptions can only be granted by the KSWT Representative.

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 KSWT 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 we/are out of the competitor's control. Failure to comply with the above will prohibit a competitor from entering the event.

All riders can register for the event by mailing to tom@global-kitesports.org by the 15th of February 2019.

The registration mail should contain:

- Full Name

- Nationality

- Date of Birth

- Federative License

- Health insurance

- 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.

Cost of entry is 120 € via Wire Transfer to the GKA bank account below and 160 € on site. Please bring exact quantities if payment is to be made onsite.

Wildcards do not have to pay registration fee.

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
Adolfplatz / Gr. Burstah
20457 Hamburg, Germany

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

Please make sure to put the full name of the rider in the transfer's subject. All registration payments must be made before the 18th of February 2019.

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 in Euro or USD is not paid by the end of the announced inscription-time, the rider will **not be allowed to compete**.

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

All cash payments have to be done in Euros or USD only. Any other currency will not be accepted!

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.

The maximum number registered for this KSWT event, including the wildcards is 64 male and 32 female competitors

Disciplines

There will be just one Official Discipline (Wave & Strapless Freestyle Kitesurfing) in a KSWT event, with the following categories:

- Wave
- Strapless Freestyle.

Both categories can be used in any event, even in the same eliminatory depending on the conditions.

Divisions:

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

There shall be no more than 1 single / dingle / double eliminations per each KSWT event.

IMPORTANT INFO

Competitors are asked to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training – for optimal recognition above the harness.

All event dinners and meetings in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.

Free lunch and water will be provided to all competitors during the competition days.

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 hashtags for all social media posts:

#GKAkitesurfworldtour, #kiteworldtour, #strapless, #kswt, #kitesurfworldcupsal

There will be an official event application available for download.

Equipment storage

There will be a secure storage for all riders' equipment in the equipment storage container at the event site from Sunday, the 24th February until Monday, the 4th of March 2019.

Travel info:

Airport : Sal, Cabo Verde (SID)

There are daily international flight connections, mainly via Lisbon.

Taxi from the airport to the event site/hotel cost about 10-15 Euro.

Visa: For Visa information please contact tom@global-kitesports.org

Weather:

February and March in Sal offer mostly moderate warm weather. The average air temperatures vary from 18°C at night to 25°C during daytime and the water temperature is around 22-23°C. So bringing sweater/jacket for clothing and a light wetsuit is recommended.

Wind directions

Northeast trade wind blows mainly from 15 – 25 knots

Spots:

For wave competition:

Punta Preta (righthand reefbreak, cross offshore wind, port tack riding)

For strapless freestyle competition:

Kite Beach (cross onshore wind)

Schedule

Monday, 25th February 2019

09.00h-11.00h: Registration at the Race office at the event site
12.00h: Skippers Meeting at Event site
13.00h-18.00h: Main event
18.30h: Opening Ceremony at Odjo D'Água Hotel

Tuesday, 26th February 2019

Skippers Meeting and main event to be confirmed on the official Notice board the day before

Wednesday, 27th February 2019

Skippers Meeting and main event to be confirmed on the official Notice board the day before

Thursday, 28th February 2019

Skippers Meeting and main event to be confirmed on the official Notice board the day before

Friday, 1st March 2019

Skippers Meeting and main event to be confirmed on the official Notice board the day before

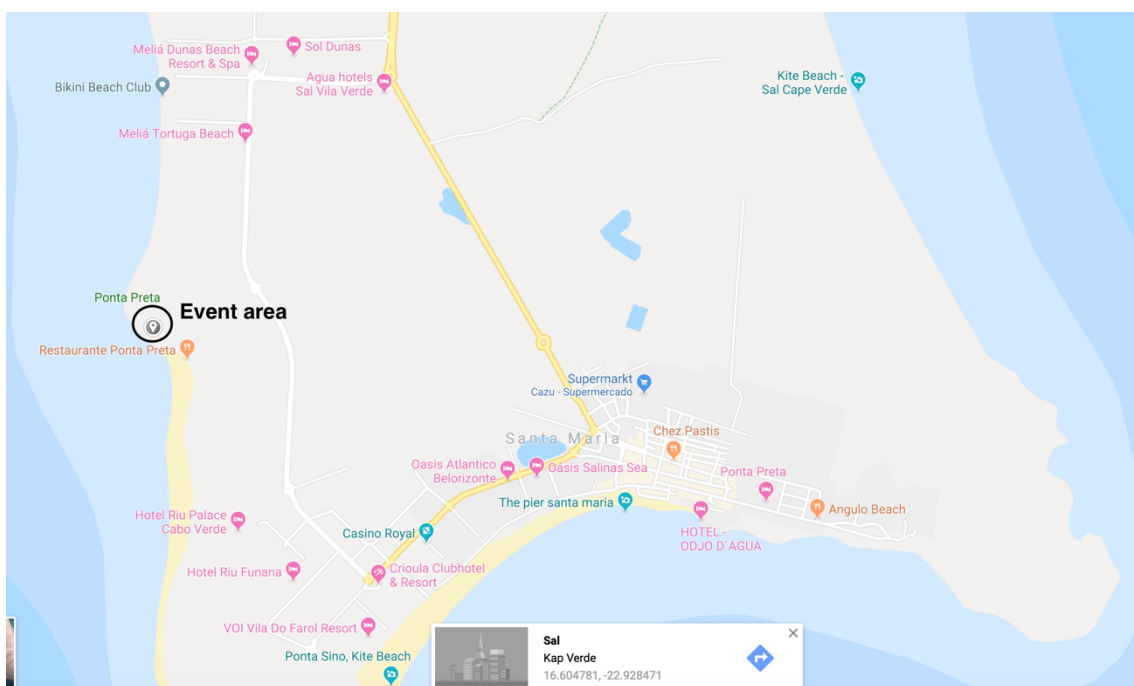
Saturday, 2nd March 2019

Skippers Meeting and main event to be confirmed on the official Notice board the day before

Sunday, 3rd March 2019

Skippers Meeting and main event to be confirmed on the official Notice board the day before
20.00h: Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony at Kite Beach, Djo&Mito Kiteschool

Location map:



Address of event site:

Punta Preta beach
Santa Maria
Sal, Cabo Verde

Contact of organiser:

Nautic Sport Eventos Lda
Ilha do Sal, Santa Maria
Djo and Gaida: nseventos.cv@gmail.com

Accommodation and car rental for competitors:

Event partner hotel:

Melia Dunas Beach Resort & Spa

<https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/cabo-verde/isla-de-sal/melia-dunas/index.html>

Top 12 men and Top 3 women have free accommodation full board at Melia Dunas Beach Resort & Spa from one day before the event to one day after the event (24.2.-4.3.2019)

We have a special rate for all other riders at Melia Dunas Beach Resort & Spa.
Double room including full board for approximately 80€ per person (to be confirmed).

Contact for hotel reservation: nseventos.cv@gmail.com

There will be a daily bus from the Hotel Melia Dunas to the event site.
Distance from Hotel Melia Dunas to Punta Preta is 2min drive and to Kite Beach is 5min drive.

Car rental deals:

For car rental deals please contact: nseventos.cv@gmail.com

Prize money

The prize money for the 5-STAR GKA KITE-SURF WORLD CUP 2019 held in Sal, Cabo Verde will be **30.000 Euro** (27.000 Euro will be paid to the Top 8 men and Top 4 women of the event and 3.000 Euro will go towards the overall prize purse of the end of year ranking, Top 3 World Championship Title)

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

Single & Dingle:

MALE	
Position	Percentage
1	30,00%
2	22,50%
3	15,00%
4	8,74%
5	5,94%
5	5,94%
5	5,94%
5	5,94%
Total	100%

FEMALE	
Position	Percentage
1	40,00%
2	30,00%
3	20,00%
4	10,00%
Total	100%

Double:

MALE	
Position	Percentage
1	30,00%
2	22,50%
3	15,00%
4	8,75%
5	7,50%
6	6,25%
7	5,00%
7	5,00%
Total	100%

FEMALE	
Position	Percentage
1	40,00%
2	30,00%
3	20,00%
4	10,00%
Total	100%

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. 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
Men	32	80%
Woman	6	20%
Total	38	

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

Eligibility

A competitor is eligible for any KSWT 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 KSWT, 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 KSWT, 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

Entry allocation

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

CATEGORY	64 Riders	48 Riders	32 Riders	24 Riders	16 Riders	12 Riders
Current KSWT Ranking	1-45	1-32	1-22	1-16	1-12	1-9
GKA Wildcard	46-56	33-40	23-28	17-20	13-14	10
National Ranking or Organizer Wildcard	57-64	41-48	29-32	21-24	15-16	11-12

In the case that there is no National Qualifier Ranking, the spots will be allocated sharing between KSWT and Organizer Wildcards

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

If any ranked competitor cannot compete in one KSWT event due to an injury or other reasons, the empty spot will be given to the next highest ranked competitor.

At the first event that a competitor will compete after an injury, if their ranking is below 24th for men or 12th for women, their entry will be granted as GKA wildcards.

There is a maximum number of 64 male competitors and 32 female competitors entering an event. The restrictions will be used in the following order:

- (i) For top positions, riders with a better current ranking have priority.
- (ii) For GKA wildcards, the KSWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation in 2018 and 2017 KSWT events as well as their kiteboarding merits.
- (iii) For riders with no ranking, kiteboarding merits as well as video footage may be requested and used for selection.

Seeding and Elimination Procedure

The current KSWT Ranking will be seeded in the ladder according to the following:

- (a) For the first KSWT event, seeding will be based as follows:
 - (i). The previous year KSWT annual ranking results as 100% of their score.
- (b) After one (1) valid KSWT event, seeding for the second event will be based as follows:
 - (i). The first current year KSWT event results as 50% of their score.
 - (ii). The previous year KSWT annual ranking results as 50% of their score.
- (c) After two (2) valid KSWT events, seeding for the third event will be based as follows:
 - (i). The current year KSWT event results after two (2) events as 66.6% of their score.
 - (ii). The previous year KSWT annual ranking results as 33,3% of their score.
- (d) After three (3) valid KSWT events, seeding for the next events will be based in the current year KSWT ranking.

THE TOP 12 SEEDED MALE AND TOP 3 SEEDED FEMALE COMPETITORS FOR THIS EVENT ARE:

RANK 18	SURNAME	NAME
1	COZZOLINO	AIRTON
2	DE ABOITIZ	KEAHI
3	LOPES	MATCHU
4	MONTEIRO	MITU
5	DELANNOY	CAMILLE
6	RIVERAS	JAN MARCOS
7	MATOS	PEDRO
8	PEREIRA.	PAULINO
9	RIBEIRO	SEBASTIAN
10	CAREW	JAMES
11	ARROJO	GUSTAVO
12	BOELEN	RALPH

RANK 18	SURNAME	NAME
1	LANGEREE	JALOU
2	HERRERA	CARLA
3	CARPENTEIR	CHARLOTTE

Elimination shall be single, dingle or double eliminations.

The Elimination procedure shall be:

- (i) competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder for the first elimination series according to the event Seeding List and the seeding distribution table below.
- (ii) If there isn't a previous year nor a current ranking, competitors will be distributed in the KSWT 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 sail one against one in pairs, or in groups of up to 8 determined by the elimination ladder. The declared winner of each pair or the top half of the large groups shall advance on the elimination ladder. Once a round is started, the format shall stay the same until that round is completed. The format refers to either one on one or groups with the top half advancing.

Scoring

Scoring Categories and Judging Criterias:

(1) Wave:

(i) The maximum number of waves ridden attempts per competitor during a heat 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.

(ii) Each Wave ridden is scored from 0.1 to 10.0 (ten), broken into one-tenth increments (e.g 6.4).

(iii) The following scale may be used to describe a wave ridden that is scored:

0–1.9 = Poor;
2.0–3.9 = Fair;
4.0–5.9 = Average;
6.0–7.9 = Good;
8.0–10.0 = Excellent.

(iv) **Judging Criterias** are applied to score individual waves ridden. Each judge analyzes the following major elements when scoring a ride:

- **Commitment.**
- **Degree of difficulty.**
- **Innovative and progressive maneuvers.**
- **Combination of major maneuvers.**
- **Variety of maneuvers.**
- **Speed, power and flow**

(v) The number of waves ridden from each competitor towards the final result shall be decided by the Head Judge in consultation with the Riders Representative and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

(vi) If a judge misses a wave ride, or part of the wave ride, they 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.

(vii) The Head Judge may re- run the heat according to rule 22.1.4, if all judges miss a wave ridden and there is strong evidence that the wave ridden was missed by all the judges and this wave ridden had a scoring potential that may change the final result.

It’s important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day. Competitors must combine the major key elements in order to be awarded scores in the excellent range.

(2) Strapless Freestyle:

(i) The competition area shall be defined in the Sailing Instructions or in the way indicated in the Official Notice Board at least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the heat. A diagram is recommended.

(ii) Competitors shall be scored while being in the designated competition area. Whether a competitor is in or out of the competition area, will be at the discretion of the senior judge on the relevant panel and the Head Judge.

(iii) Overall Impression Scoring:

There is no limitation in maximum number of trick attempts per heat.

Judges will not assign numerical values to each tricks. They will have a shorthand notation for taking brief notes of the jumps performed on each tack during the heat. They will also write a final score based on the following categories:

* 10 points Technical Difficulty: The technical difficulty and height of a trick landed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height is achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.

* 10 points Variety: Variety of tricks completed during the heat on both tacks.

Repetition of tricks on the same tack will decrease the chances of winning the heat. Repetition of tricks on both tacks (switch tricks) will increase the chances of winning the heat.

* 10 points Overall impression: Considering style, quality vs quantity, innovation and "wow" factor.

(iv) Trick by trick Scoring:

There is no limitation in maximum number of trick attempts per heat.

Only the best 5 tricks with the highest individual scores from different trick categories will count towards the final score from each competitor. One per category, except BOARD OFF and KITE LOOP categories, that can count two.

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.

(v) 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.

(vi) The credit given to butt checked trick landings is directly related to the risk factor involved in the execution of the trick. For tricks with a high degree of risk factor, judges won't deduct points for a butt-checked landing.

(vii) 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 other scoring categories

(viii) If a judge misses a trick, he should place a "M" and he has to consult to the Head Judge before giving the final score of the heat.

(ix) The Head Judge may re-run the heat 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.

(x) Judges may not change their scores. If there are any mistake the judge should have the Head Judge make the correction for them.

(xi) 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.

Trick categories:

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.

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*Any trick with a surface handle pass gets some extra points if done properly

*Any trick done with grabs gets less points.

AIR TRICKS (1 TRICK)		BOARD OFFS (2 TRICKS)		KITELOOPS TRICKS (2 TRICKS)	
AIR	AIR	ONE FOOT	OF	KITELOOP	KL
AIR TO BLIND	A2B	FRONT ROLL ONE FOOT	PROF	KITELOOP BACKROLL BOARD	KLBRBO
BODY 360	B360	FRONT ROLL BOARD OFF	FRBO	KITELOOP BACKROLL	KLBR
AIR REVERSE	AR	FRONT ROLL TIC TAC	FRTT	KITELOOP DOUBLE BACK ROLL	KL2BR
AIR FRONT SIDE 180 S.PASS	AFS180SP	BOARD OFF	BO	KITELOOP TIC TAC	KLTT
AIR 360	A3	TIC TAC	TT	KITELOOP FRONTROLL	KLFR
TOESIDE AIR	TSA	DOUBLE TIC TAC	2TT	KITELOOP FRONTROLL RODEO	KLFRRO
TOESIDE FRONT SIDE 180 S.PASS	TFS180SP	BACK ROLL ONE FOOT	BRFO	KITELOOP RODEO	KLR
TOESIDE AIR REVERSE	TSAR	BACK ROLL BOARD OFF	BRBO	KITELOOP RODEO BACKROLL	KLBR
TOESIDE AIR 360	TSA3	BACK ROLL SUPERMAN	BRS	KITELOOP RODEO FRONTROLL	KLFRFR
TOESIDE AIR 540	TSA5	BACK ROLL TIC TAC	BRTT		
TOESIDE AIR 720	TSA7	BACK ROLL DOUBLE TIC TAC	BR2TT	BACK TRICKS (SHOVE-IT) (1 TRICK)	
		BACK ROLL TRIPLE TIC TAC	BR3TT	SHOVE-IT	SH
		BACK ROLL TIC TAC FLIP	BRTF	SHOVE-IT 3	SH3
		BACK ROLL DOUBLE TIC TAC FLIP	BR2TF	SHOVE-IT 5	SH5
		FLIP	FL	SHOVE-IT 7	SH7
		HAND STAND	HS	ONE FOOT SHOVE-IT 3	OFSH3
		HAND STAND 360	HS360	VARIAL FLIP	VEL
		HAND VARIAL	HV	FLIP 3	FL3
		JESUS WALK	JW	FRONTSIDE BIG SPIN	FSBS
		BARE FOOT	BF	BACKSIDE BIG SPIN	BSBS
		FRONT ROLL HAND VARIAL	FRHV	BACK ROLL SHOVE IT 3	BRSH3
				FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 3	FRSH3
		RODEO TRICKS (1 TRICK)		FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 5	FRSH5
		RODEO	R	FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 7	FRSH7
		TIC TAC RODEO	TTR	DOUBLE FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT	2FRSH3
		BACK ROLL RODEO	BRR	TOESIDE FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT	TFRSH3
		DOUBLE BACK ROLL RODEO	2BRR		
		TRIPLE BACK ROLL RODEO	3BRR		
		BACK ROLL TIC TAC RODEO	BRTR		
		BACK ROLL DOUBLE TIC TAC RODEO	BR2TR		
		BACK ROLL TIC TAC RODEO FLIP	BRTRF		
		BACK ROLL SHOVE IT 3 RODEO	BRSH3R		
		FRONT ROLL RODEO	FRR		
		DOUBLE FRONT ROLL RODEO	2FRR		
		HANDLE PASS TRICKS (1 TRICK)			
		FRONTSIDE 360	FS3		
		BACKSIDE 360	BS3		
		SHIFTY FRONTSIDE 360	SFS3		
		TOESIDE FRONTSIDE 360	TSFS3		
		HANDLE PASS RODEO	HPR		

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

Judging Criteria:

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 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.

Equipment

Only Surf-boards are eligible for use in competition.

In the Wave category footstraps, pads and wax are allowed.

In the Strapless Freestyle category only boards with pads and without footstraps and wax are allowed.

GKA STAFF AT THE KITE-SURF WORLD CUP SAL 2019

SPORT CREW

Tour Manager: Tom Hartmann

Race Director: Juan Antonio Aragón.

Head Judge: Daniel Jiménez

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Judge 2: Rui Meira

Judge 3: Mallory Hersart de la Villemarque

Judge 4: Fadi Issa

Judge 5: Luis de Dios.

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Rulebook

New rule book will be send out via email and will be posted on the official website:

[https://www.global-kitesports.org/world-tours/gka-kite-surf-world-tour/gka-kite-surf-world-tour-race-
notices/](https://www.global-kitesports.org/world-tours/gka-kite-surf-world-tour/gka-kite-surf-world-tour-race-
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Any question please contact our Tour Manager Tom Hartmann: tom@global-kitesports.org

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

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.