



GKA DISTANCE BATTLE 2020 Global Video Competition

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

Global Video Competition

The dates will be from the 22nd of June to the 30th of August 2020.

Event concept

The GKA Distance Battle is a video-based competition that will be presented in live shows. The 8 male and 4 female riders qualify either through their 2019 KWT ranking or through their popularity in a public voting.

The competitors need to ride solo heats at their home spots around the globe, which they film themselves and submit these videos to the GKA. The men ride 3 heats and also produce 3 videos and the women ride 2 heats and produce 2 videos.

These raw and un-edited 5 minute heat videos will be sent to and judged by the GKA World Tour judges and presented in an online live event format with multiple episodes presented by the GKA live commentator in correspondence with the competitors on live video chat. The competition will be broadcasted online live and on demand through the website and social channels of the GKA Kite World Tour and selected media partners.



Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter the GKA Distance Battle event shall pre-register through the registration 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 pre-register or to apply for an entry for an event and to ensure that the application has been received timely and correctly.

All riders can register for the event through the online form or by mailing to tom@global-kitesports.org **by 23.59h of the 14th of June 2020.**

The registration mail should contain:

- Full Name:
- Nationality:
- Hometown:
- Date of Birth:
- Sponsors:
- Telephone/Whatsapp:
- Facebook page:
- Instagram account:
- Email:



Cost of entry is 70.- Euro via wire transfer to the GKA bank account below.

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 and the name of the event in the transfer's subject.
The entry fees must be paid once the participation of the rider is confirmed and has to be done before the 24th of June 2020. Bank transaction-costs are paid by the rider.

Entry restrictions

In the case that the full amount of the inscription fee is not paid by 24th June, the rider will not be allowed to compete.

Eligibility

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

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.

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.



Entry allocation

There is a maximum number of 8 male competitors and 4 female competitors entering this event.

Entries into the GKA Distance Battle shall be allocated according to the following table:

CATEGORY	8 Riders	4 Riders
2019 KWT Ranking	1-6	1-3
Public Voting Wildcard	7-8	4

The top 6 male and top 3 female competitors from the 2019 KWT Ranking, that register for the GKA Distance Battle, will have a guaranteed entry into the event. All other competitors that register will automatically be entering as candidates for the public wildcard voting. Regular competitors of the KWT and also riders that do not attend the KWT, can enter as candidates for the public wildcard voting.

Wildcards that enter through the public voting will be seeded based on their 2019 KWT ranking whenever available. If this is not possible, they will be distributed in the event ladder according to their ranking from the public voting.

If any competitor that qualified through the KWT ranking, cannot compete in the GKA Distance Battle due to an injury or other reasons, the empty spot will be given to the next highest ranked competitor from the 2019 KWT ranking.

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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 Top 6 male and Top 3 female from the 2019 KWT ranking and the candidates for the public voting on **15th of June 2020**, one day after the registration period closes.

The GKA will publish the complete start list including the wildcards voted by public on **22nd of June 2020**, one day after the end of the public voting.

Any fraud regarding the public voting will lead to a disqualification and penalty fine.

Seeding

Competitors will be seeded in the elimination ladder based on their 2019 KWT ranking:



Men

1	Airton Cozzolino
2	Mitu Monteiro
3	James Carew
4	Jan Marcos Riveras
5	Pedro Matos
6	Simon Joosten
7	Reece Myerscough
8	Francesco Capuzzo
9	Anderson Reboucas
10	Kiko Roig
11	Camile Delannoy
12	Nicola Abadjiev
13	Arsenio Dias
14	Tony Ciliberto
15	Graham Harney
16	Luke Millard
17	Kelton Lopes
18	Jorn Donat
19	Pedro Afonso
20	Pedro Amores
21	Willor River Tonkin
22	Elvis Nunes
23	Ralph Boelen
24	Jordy Sanca
25	Sebastian Ribeiro
26	Paulino Pereira
27	Charly Martin
28	Yaris Dell Omo
29	Roani Lemos
30	Mohamed Mansour
31	David Marin
32	Oswald Smith
33	Titik Lopes
34	Keahi de Aboitiz
35	Oscar Perrineau
36	Jeremy Chan
37	Sandro Pisu
37	Djo Silva
39	Alan Trancart
40	Med Ali Beqqali
41	Charlie Wise
42	Linus Punder
43	Titik Lopes
43	Ricardo Bettancourt
43	Yuri Neves

46	Ruben Cano
46	Emmanuel Sousa
46	Gollito Estredo
46	Rafael do Costa
50	Yassine Bouceta
50	Daniel Weber
50	Amin Abaid
50	Moumin Maji
54	Marvin Louis
54	Daniel Kux
54	Alessandro D'Ambrosio
54	Brendon Lanonne
58	Keanu Mertens
58	Gustavo Arrojo
58	Georgi Vasilev
58	Fabian Muhmenthaler
62	Roberto Barros
62	Elton Andrade
64	Andrade Vasconcelos
64	L.E. Da Souza
64	Luca Gasperini
64	Marcos Araujo
64	Francisco Dionatan
69	Javier Fernández
69	Reda Lafdali
69	El Mami Rayban
69	Achraf Bentajar
69	Hamza Finou
74	Loz Silvester
74	Joshua Emanuel
74	Baba Ricot
74	Rodrick Pijls
78	Dirk Derksen
78	Igor Tkatsch
80	Liberio Cozzolino
80	Haydn Fischer
82	Hugo Marin
82	Daute Macias
82	Jonatan Perez
82	Nicolla DE Serio
82	Zenedine Lucas

Women

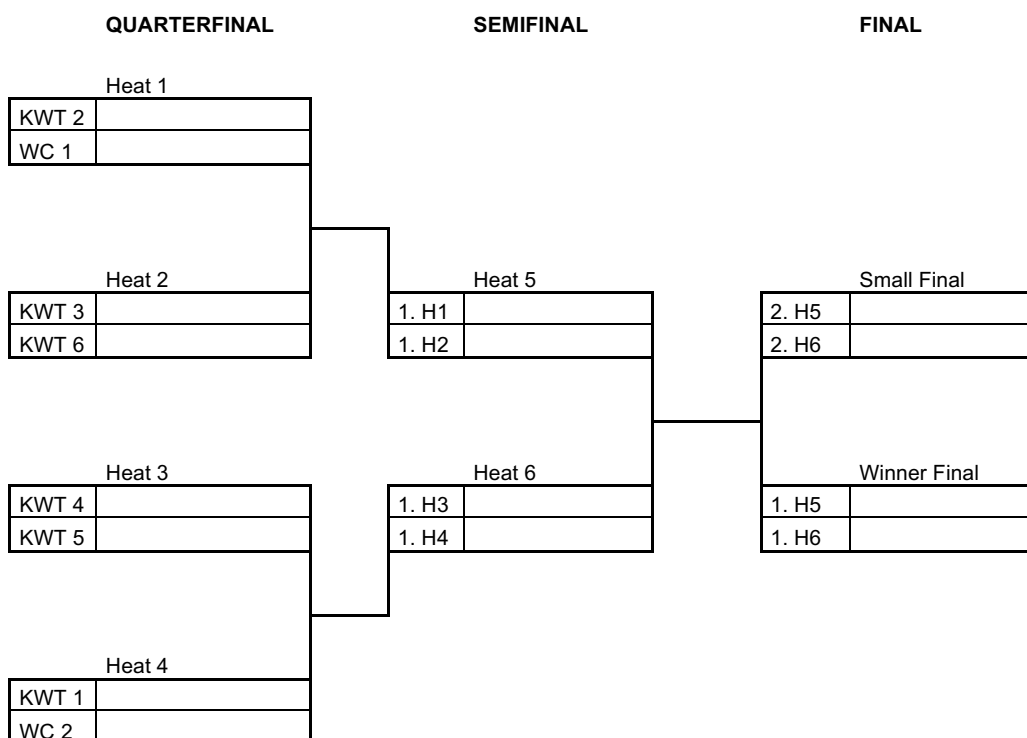
1	Carla Herrera
2	Charlotte Carpentier
3	Johana C. Edin
4	Frances Kelly
5	Sussane Schwarztrauber
6	Irina Jenni
7	Sonja Bunte
8	Capucine Delannoy
9	Peri Roberts
10	Sabine Beukeleers
11	Barbara Sgardello
12	Irati Fonseca
13	Arianna Casaburo
14	Mikali Sol
15	Kirsty Jones
16	Jalou Langeree
17	Moona White
18	Ninja Ricot
19	Ines Correia
20	Marcela Witt
21	Maria Kinkina
22	Sophia Abreu
23	Olivia Jenkins
24	Odile Cavin
25	Didi Lopes
26	Kesiane Rodriguez
27	Alexandra Pobedinskaya
28	Stella Groschupf
28	Ranja Schlotte
29	Adriana Harlan
30	Alina Froschmeier
31	Varvara Kazbanova
31	Kathrin Kühnert



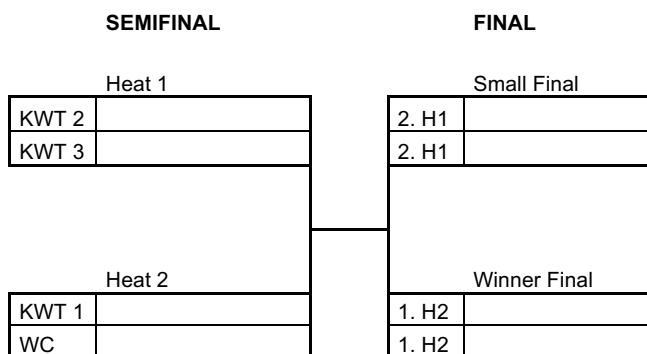
Elimination ladders

The elimination ladder used for the GKA Distance Battle is a single elimination with head-to-head heats (two riders per heat).

GKA Distance Battle - 8 Rider Single Elimination



GKA Distance Battle - 4 Rider Single Elimination





Discipline

There will be only one official discipline in the GKA Distance Battle: **Kite-Surf Strapless 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)

Rules

The filming period to record and submit the heat videos is 5 weeks long from 22nd June till 25th July 2020.

The heats must be filmed without interruption/cut.

The heat duration is 5 minutes.

Filming needs to be done in panoramic format with minimum a 1080HD camera and 60 frames per second rate for fluent slow-motion replays.

Filming should be done from a still position on land avoiding too much backlight. The use of a tripod is recommended to keep a high video quality also when zooming in. The better the quality, the easier the judging.

None of the submitted footage can be published by the riders without permission of the GKA.

Judging

Trick by Trick scoring including replays for judging.

4 tricks will count in a heat. 3 trick categories per heat are predefined by the judging panel, where the best one out of each category is counted plus a 4th individual trick upon competitors choice, but from a different trick category.

No limit on the amount of attempts in the heat.

The judging criteria with specific trick categories for all rounds will be announced on the first day of the filming period (22nd June 2020).

Scoring

The GKA Distance Battle 2020 will be a **strapless freestyle competition (Kite-Surf)**.

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.



GKA KITE SURF WORLD TOUR TRICK LIST 2019

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

*Any trick done with graps 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	KLRO
TOESIDE AIR REVERSE	TSAR	BACK ROLL BOARD OFF	BRBO	KITELOOP RODEO BACKROLL	KLBRRO
TOESIDE AIR 360	TSA3	BACK ROLL SUPERMAN	BRS	KITELOOP RODEO FRONTROLL	KLBRFR
TOESIDE AIR 540	TSA5	BACK ROLL TIC TAC	BRTT		
TOESIDE AIR 720	TSA7	BACK ROLL DOUBLE TIC TAC	BR2TT	SHOVE-IT TRICKS (1 TRICK)	
		BACK ROLL TRIPLE TIC TAC	BR3TT	SHOVE-IT	SH
		BACK ROLL TIC TAC FLIP	BR2TF	SHOVE-IT 3	SH3
		BACK ROLL DOUBLE TIC TAC FLIP	BR2TTF	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	VFL
		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
				FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 5	FRSH5
				FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 7	FRSH7
				DOUBLE FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT	2FRSH3
				TOESIDE FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT	TFRSH3
BACK ROLL (1 TRICK)		RODEO TRICKS (1 TRICK)			
BACK ROLL	BR	RODEO	R		
BACK ROLL 5	BR5	TIC TAC RODEO	TTR		
DOUBLE BACK ROLL	2BR	BACK ROLL RODEO	BRR		
TRIPLE BACK ROLL	3BR	DOUBLE BACK ROLL RODEO	2BRR		
		TRIPLE BACK ROLL RODEO	3BRR		
FRONT ROLL (1 TRICK)		BACK ROLL TIC TAC RODEO	BR2TR		
FRONT ROLL	FR	BACK ROLL DOUBLE TIC TAC RODEO	BR2TTR		
FRONT ROLL TO BLIND	FR2B	BACK ROLL TIC TAC RODEO FLIP	BR2TRF		
DOUBLE FRONT ROLL	2FR	BACK ROLL SHOVE IT 3 RODEO	BRSH3R		
DOUBLE FRONT ROLL TO BLIND	2FR2B	FRONT ROLL RODEO	FRR		
TRIPLE FRONT ROLL	3FR	DOUBLE FRONT ROLL RODEO	2FRR		
FRONT ROLL TO REVERSE	FR2R				
TOESIDE FRONT ROLL	TSFR	HANDLE PASS TRICKS (1 TRICK)			
TOESIDE FRONT ROLL 5	TSFR5	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 Strapless Freestyle category, only boards with pads are allowed. Footstraps and wax are not allowed.

Presentation

Heats will be pre-edited by the GKA with split screen, replays and scoring.

Heats will start as split screen with the 2 competitors riding at the same time in separate screens. Name, scores and timer are shown all the time.

As soon as the first trick of a rider is finished (landed or crashed), there will be a slow-motion replay in full screen with the name and scores for that trick, then back to split screen mode in real time until the next trick is finished and the next full screen replay will be shown.

The event itself will be broadcasted in several live shows. One live show covers 4 heats and will last about 50-60 minutes including replays and commercial breaks.

The presenter will host the live shows from the GKA live studio talking to the competitors via video chat and live commentating on the heats that are shown.

He presents the format and the riders, then the first pre-edited heat is shown to the public and riders for the first time followed by a live interview and the next heat. At the end of the live show block there is a summary and updated elimination ladder including outlook to the next live shows.

Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts:

@gkakiteworldtour #GKAKiteWorldTour #GKAdistancebattle

Prize money

The prizemoney for the GKA Distance Battle will be **1.000 Euro**. The prizemoney is paid via bank transfer to the winners only and will be distributed between the gender in proportion of the participants.



Event Schedule

Monday, 1st June 2020

Online registration opens

Sunday, 14th June 2020

23.59h: End of registration period

Monday, 15th June 2020

Announcement of top 6 male and top 3 female riders that qualify through the 2019 KWT ranking and the list of candidates for the public wildcard voting.

Start of public wildcard voting period

Sunday, 21st June 2020

23.59h: End of public voting period

Monday, 22nd June 2020

Publishing of complete startlist

Headjudge announces the judging criteria for all rounds.

Start of filming period

Saturday, 25th July 2020

23.59h: Deadline for submission of heat videos

Monday, 3rd August to Sunday, 30th August 2020

Broadcasting period for the live shows

Be aware that times of competition schedule can change and will be communicated with time ahead!

Rulebook

The "GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook 2020" is available for download on the official GKA Kite World Tour website:

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/rulebooks/2020/GKA%20Kite%20World%20Tour%20Rulebook%2020.pdf>

GKA Staff at the Distance Battle 2020

Tour Manager: Tom Hartmann

Head Judge: Mallory de la Villemarque

Social Media: Rasa Iselionyte

Live Stream Commentator: Josef Ciastula

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

We look forward to seeing you at this first its kind event! **The GKA Team**