



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.

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

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	Valentin Rodriguez
2	Adeuri Corniel
3	Liam Whaley
4	Maxime Chabloz
5	Carlos Mario
6	Gianmaria Coccoluto
7	Arthur Guillebert
8	Nicolas Delmas
9	Louka Pitot
10	Stefan Spiessberger
11	Juan José Rodriguez
12	Posito Martinez
13	Romain Giuliano
14	Joselito Del Rosario
15	Alex Neto
16	Aron Rosslee
17	Paul Serin
18	Valentin Garat
19	Jonas Ouahmid
20	Luis Alberto Cruz
21	Set Teixeira
22	James Robby
23	Erick Anderson
24	Alex Pastor
25	Oswald Smith
26	Edgar Ulrich
27	Oscar Perrineau
28	Karim Mahmoud
29	Nelson Gomez
30	Kalu De Sousa
31	Jeremy Burlando
32	Stijn Mul
33	Abderrahim Moutaouakil
34	Julien Krikken
35	Cohan van Dijk
36	Tom Recalde
37	Jerome Cloetens
38	Gabriel Galindo
39	Christophe Tack
40	Anthar Racca
41	Manoel Soares
41	Matteo Dorotini

43	Erisverton Ribeiro
43	Guilherme Costa
43	Xaver Kiebler
46	Omar Modrek
47	Lorenzo Calcaño
47	Christian Tio
49	Théo Fermon
50	Davi Ribeiro
50	Rafa Monteiro
50	Mateus Mendez
53	Manu de Pfyffer
53	Phil Larcher
55	Sergei Borisov
55	Lucas Ferreira
57	Jan Burgdörfer
57	Francisco Pereira
57	Victor Emanuel
60	Yassine Bouceta
61	Simon Lamusse
61	Romain Rivalland
61	Rondolphe Duc
64	Lorenzo Casati
64	Joseba Prieto
66	Dennis Petersen
66	Bruno Vasconcelos
66	Jack Rieder
66	Joao Lucas
70	Abderrahim Ittalad
70	Larbi Ed-derkaoui
72	Anton Uzhegov
72	Dennis Groschupf
72	Desvaux de Marigny
72	Riccardo Fortunato
76	Lazare Gournay
76	Serkan Erkek
78	Manuel Lopez Torres
79	Robin Krikken
79	Antoine Fermon
79	Jacopo Cantini
79	Arthur Krikken

Women

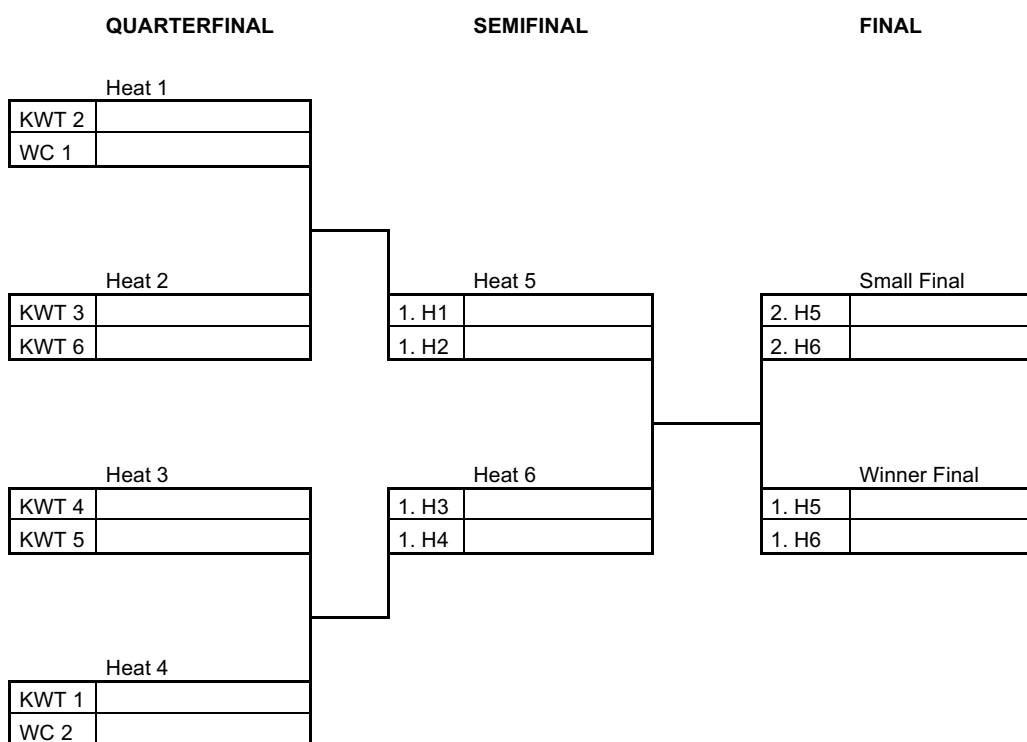
1	Mikaili Sol
2	Bruna Kajiya
3	Pippa van Iersel
4	Rita Arnaus
5	Paula Novotna
6	Claudia Leon
7	Therese Taabbel
8	Nathalie Lambrecht
9	Francesca Bagnoli
10	Alexandra Torres
11	Maureen Castelle
12	Daniela Moreno
13	Estefania Rosa
14	Hannah Whiteley
15	Osaia Reding Commaille
16	Alina Kornelli
16	Nina Font
18	Helena Brochocka
19	Varvara Kazbanova
20	Lorena Schamann
21	Angelica Freitas
22	Pauline Valesa
22	Romy Piveteau
24	Matilda Roux



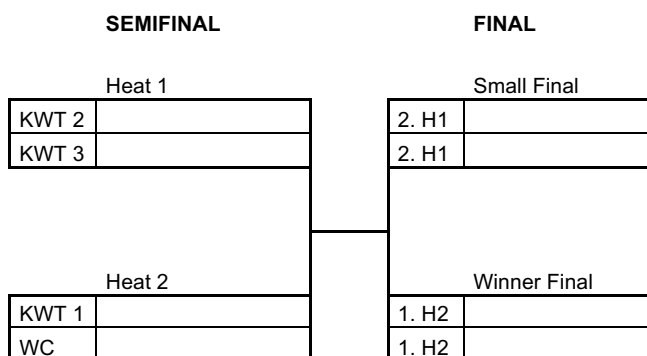
Elimination ladders

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: **Twintip Freestyle (mixed format)**

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 **mixed freestyle competition (Twintip)**. Tricks from the freestyle trick categories and the big air trick categories will be scored according to the wind conditions.

FREESTYLE TRICK CATEGORIES

Only the best trick per family will score.

1.- Raileys

Railey	R
Krypt	K
Krypt to surface pass	K2SP

2.- Unhooked Front rolls

Unhooked Front roll	UHFR
Unhooked Front roll to toeside	UHFR2TS
Unhooked Double Front roll	UHFR7
Unhooked Front roll to surface pass	UHFR2SP

3.- Unhooked Back rolls

Unhooked Back roll	UHBR
Unhooked Double Back roll	UHBR7
Unhooked Back Roll 5	UHBR5
Unhooked Back Roll 5 to surface pass	UHBR2SP

4.- Basic S-Bends

S-Bend	SB
Vulcan	V
Vulcan to surface pass	V2SP
Double S-Bend	2XSB

5.- Basic Hinterbergers

Hinterberger	H
Hinterberger 5	H5
Hinterberger to surface pass	H2SP
Double Hinterberger	2XH

6.- Basic Toeside Raileys

Toeside Railey	TSR
Toeside Railey 1	TSR1

7.- Basic Toeside front rolls

Toeside Front roll	TSFR
Scarrcrow	SC

8.- Basic Toeside back rolls

Toeside Backroll	TSBR
Toeside Backroll to Revert	TSBR2R

9.- Basic Tantrums

Tantrum	T
Tantrum to Toeside	T2TS
Bei Air	BA

10.- Frontside spins & Toeside Backside Spins

Frontside 3	FS3
Frontside 5	FS5
Frontside 7	FS7
Frontside 9	FS9
Frontside 10	FS10
Toeside Backside 1	TSBS1
Toeside Backside 3	TSBS3
Toeside Backside 5	TSBS5
Toeside Backside 7	TSBS7
Toeside Backside 9	TSBS9
Toeside Backside 10	TSBS10

11.- Backside Spins & Toeside Frontside

Backside 1	BS1
Backside 3	BS3
Backside 5	BS5
Backside 7	BS7
Backside 9	BS9
Backside 10	BS10
Toeside Frontside 3	TSFS3
Toeside Frontside 5	TSFS5
Toeside Frontside 7	TSFS7
Toeside Frontside 9	TSFS9
Toeside Frontside 10	TSFS10

12.- Backside 313s

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

13.- Frontside 313s

Railey to wrapped	R2W
313	313
315	315
317	317
319	319
3110	3110

14.- Advanced Hinterbergers

Hinterberger to wrapped	H2W
Hinterberger Frontside 3	HFS3
Hinterberger Frontside 5	HFS5
Hinterberger Frontside 7	HFS7
Hinterberger Frontside 9	HFS9
Double Hinterberger to wrapped	2XH2W
Double Hinterberger Frontside 3	2XHFS3
Double Hinterberger Frontside 5	2XHFS5
Double Hinterberger Frontside 7	2XHFS7
Double Hinterberger Frontside 9	2XHFS9

15.- Advanced S-Bends

S-Bend to Blind	SB2B
S-Bend backside 1	SBBS1
Heart Attack	HA
Heart Attack 5	HA5
Heart Attack 7	HA7
Heart Attack 9	HA9
Double S-Bend to Blind	2XSB2B
Double S-Bend backside 1	2XSBBS1
Double Heart Attack	2XHA
Double Heart Attack 5	2XHA5
Double Heart Attack 7	2XHA7

16.- Slim Chances

Front roll to wrapped	FR2W
Slim	SLIM
Slim 5	SLIM5
Slim 7	SLIM7
Slim 9	SLIM9

17.- S-Mobes

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

18.- KGBs

Back to Blind	B2B
Back backside 1	B2B
KGB	KGB
KGB 5	KGB5
KGB 7	KGB7
KGB 9	KGB9
Double back to blind	B2Bb
Double KGB	2KGB

19.- Back Mobes

Back Roll to wrapped	BR2W
Back Mobe	BM
Back Mobe 5	BM5
Back Mobe 7	BM7
Back Mobe 9	BM9

20.- Front Blind Mobes

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

21.- Double Half Cabs Variations

Double Half Cab	2XHC
Double Half Cab Mobe	2XHCM
Double Half Cab Mobe 5	2XHCM5

22.- Advanced Tantrum Variations

Double Tantrum	2XT
Tantrum to Blind	T2B
Tantrum Backside 3	TBS3
Bei 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

23.- Toeside Frontside 313s

90210	90210
Oh Really	OR
Oh Really 7	OR7

24.- Toeside Backside 313s

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

25.- G-Spots

G-Spot	GS
Blind Pete	BP
Blind Pete 5	BP5

26.- Crowmobes

Crow Mobe	CM
Crow Mobe 5	CM5
Crow Mobe 7	CM7

27.- Tootsie Rolls

Tootsie Roll	TR
Dum Dum	DD
Dum Dum 5	DD5

28.- Pete Roses

Pete Rose	PR
Pete Rose 5	PR5
Pete Rose 7	PR7



BIG AIR TRICK CATEGORY

Up to three tricks per family can score, but not the same trick.

29.- Kiteoops

Kiteoop	KL
Kiteoop Backroll	KLBR
Kiteoop Backroll 7	KLBR7
Kiteoop Frontroll	KLFR
Kiteoop Frontroll 7	KLFR7
Kiteoop Double Half Cab	KL2HC
Kiteoop Double Half Cab Mobe	KL2HCM
Kiteoop One Foot	KLOF
Kiteoop Board Off	KLBO
Kiteoop Tic Tac	KLTT
Kiteoop Frontroll Board Off	KLFRBO
Kiteoop KGB (HK to UNHK)	KLKGB
Kiteoop Backroll Frontside 3 (HK to UNHK)	KLBRFS3
Kiteoop Backroll Frontside 5 (HK to UNHK)	KLBRFS5

32.- Jumps & Rolls

Jump	J
Front Roll	FR
Front Roll 7	FR7
Front Roll 10	FR10
Back Roll	BR
Back Roll 5	BR5
Back Roll 7	BR7
Back Roll 9	BR9
Back Roll 10	BR10
Kung Fu	KF

30.- 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

31.- Board offs

One Foot	OF
Backroll One Foot	BR OF
Frontroll One Foot	FR OF
Frontroll 7 One Foot	FR7 OF
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
Backroll 10 Board Off	BR10BO
Frontroll Board Off	FRBO
Frontroll 7 Board Off	FR7BO
Frontroll 10 Board Off	FR10BO
Backroll Tic Tac	BR TT
Backroll 7 Tic Tac	BR7 TT
Frontroll Tic Tac	FR TT
Frontroll 7 Tic Tac	FR7 TT
Backroll Flip	BR FL
Backroll 7 Flip	BR7 FL
Frontroll Flip	FR FL
Frontroll 7 Flip	FR7 FL
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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 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%202020.pdf>



GKA Staff at the Distance Battle 2020

Tour Manager: Tom Hartmann

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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