



## GKA HYDROFOIL FREESTYLE SUPER GRAND SLAM BRAZIL 2020 Super Foil Brazil, Fortaleza

*It is a pleasure to announce the first ever Hydrofoil Freestyle event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR*

*which will be a*

**3-STAR Hydrofoil Freestyle Grand Slam\***

*held in Fortaleza, Brazil.*

The dates will be from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.

This is a 3-Star GKA Kite World Tour event and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2020 GKA KWT Rulebook. Due to the current worldwide Covid-19 situation and, the GKA Sports Committee and World Sailing have agreed on not having this event count towards the World Championship, as the requirements for an official World Championship status can not be met.

### **Registration**

#### **Entry procedure and Registration**

All competitors planning to enter a KWT 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](mailto: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. 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 complete by the time stated in the Race Notice. Exceptions can only be granted by the KWT 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 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 can register for the event through the online form or by mailing to [tom@global-kitesports.org](mailto:tom@global-kitesports.org) by **23.59h of the 3rd of November 2020.**

The registration mail should contain:

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

All attending riders need to have a valid membership with the GKA and 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 80.- Euro to be paid via Wire Transfer to the GKA Bank account below or 120.- Euro or 140.- USD when paid cash on site. Please bring exact quantities if payment is to be made on site.

If a competitor does not hold a valid GKA membership, he needs to buy a one-event membership for 30.-Euro or 35.-USD. The membership includes athletes insurance for accident and third party liability during the competition.

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.** All registration payments must be made before the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 and credited to the GKA bank account latest 3 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 in cash at the inscription at the respective event.

Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD 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.



## 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
- (vi). He holds a valid competitors membership with the GKA Kite World Tour**

## Entry allocation

There is a maximum number of 24 male competitors and 24 female competitors entering this event.

If the number of preregistered riders exceeds 24 the GKA KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation and results in other international and national 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)

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 GKA wildcard allocation on **4th of November 2020**, one day after the registration period closes. 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](mailto:tom@global-kitesports.org)



## Seeding

The GKA Hydrofoil Freestyle Super Grand Slam is the first event in this discipline, therefore no valid ranking list can be taken into consideration for the event seeding. We will run a qualification round and the competitors will be seeded in the main event ladder according to their result of the qualification round.

## Discipline

There will be only one Official Disciplines in this KWT event: **Hydrofoil 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)

There is a minimum number of 4 competitors needed to run a separate division, otherwise all male and female competitors will run together in one division.

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## Important Info

Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training – for optimal recognition above the harness. Competitors will get their names printed on their personal lycra.

Each rider will get one competition riders' vest at the registration. Each rider is responsible for his competition riders' vests. In case of loss a replacement is not possible!

Competitors shall wear the event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing, including harness on the water at all times during the event and one (1) board sticker to be placed on the top or on the bottom of the board.

All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second



offence of not more than \$ 500 for each violation. Repeated offenders may be disqualified from the Event and/or Series.

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

There will be free lunch snack (sandwiches and fruits) and water provided for all competitors.

Each rider is entitled to register one caddy. Caddies will not have free access to the Riders Lounge! Caddies will only have access to the launching area and the equipment tent, to help their fellow riders with their kite equipment, starting and landing..

The Riders ID-Strap authorizes you to enter the equipment storage container. You will receive the Riders ID-Strap personally and only at the registration.

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 #GKAkiteWorldTour #GKAhydrofoilfreestyle #superfoilbrasil #superfoilbrasil2020 #superfoil #hydrofoil #hydrofoilkite #wingfoil #kitefoil

### **Equipment storage**

There will be secure storage for all riders' equipment at the equipment storage box from Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of November after inscription until Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of November in the evening. Access only allowed with valid Rider/Caddy ID-Straps.

### **Travel info:**

#### **Airports:**

Fortaleza (FOR): approximately 20 min by car to the event site (10km).

#### **The adress of the GKA Hydrofoil Freestyle Grand Slam Fortaleza:**

Estatua de Icarema Guardia  
Praia de Icarema  
Av. Beira Mar  
1140 Meireles, Fortaleza - CE  
Brazil

#### **Organiser Contact:**

Andrea Reis, Email: [andreareis1@hotmail.com](mailto:andreareis1@hotmail.com)



## Location map:



## Visa:

For visa info please email: [tom@global-kitesports.org](mailto:tom@global-kitesports.org)

## Accommodation for competitors:

Free accommodation at on of the two event partner hotels from 9.-15.11.2020 in double rooms for all preregistered competitors, that register until 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Event partner Hotels:

Gran Marquise Hotel  
Av. Beira Mar, 3980  
Fortaleza – CE  
<http://www.granmarquise.com.br/>

Hotel Sonata de Icarema  
Av. Beira Mar, 848  
Fortaleza – CE  
<https://www.hotelsonata.com.br>

### Event parking:

There is a closed private parking within 3min walk

## Weather:

November is the driest month in Fortaleza, the air temperature during day can be between 32°C the highest temperatures and lowest of 24°C. The water temperature of the sea is around 27°C, so more than a summer shorty is not needed! Sunrise is approximately 05.30h and sunset is 17.30h.



## **Wind direction**

North winds blow crossonshore in Fortaleza with 10-20 knots.

## **Event Schedule**

### **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

11.00-13.00: Inscription @ Race Office

14.00: Riders Meeting

16.30-17.00: Opening Ceremony

### **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

09.00: Skippers Meeting

10.00-17.00: competition

### **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

09.00: Skippers Meeting

10.00-17.00: competition

### **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

09.00: Skippers Meeting

10.00-17.00: competition

### **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

09.00: Skippers Meeting

10.00-17.00: competition

18.00: Closing Ceremony / Prizegiving

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





## Prize money

The prizemoney for the GKA HYDROFOIL FREESTYLE SUPER GRAND SLAM 2020 held in Fortaleza, Brazil will be **7.000 Euro**. The prizemoney is paid cash by the organizer to the competitors in line with the GKA Rulebook.

In the case of “no results” due to an Act of God (i.e. bad weather, no wind) 5.000 Euro of the total prizemoney will be distributed equally amongst all riders entered in the event. 2.000 Euro will be retained to the organizer.

The prize money distribution for a valid and completed Freestyle World Cup event will be done according to the following table:

16 to 24 competitors		4 to 15 competitors	
Position	Percentage	Position	Percentage
1	30,00 %	1	40%
2	22,00 %	2	30%
3	15,00 %	3	20%
4	9,00 %	4	10%
5	6,00 %	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
5	6,00 %		
5	6,00 %		
5	6,00 %		
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>		

Woman’s prize division will be a minimum of 20% with 4 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	24	80%
Woman	4	20%
Total	28	

	Participants	Percentage
Men	24	67%
Woman	12	33%
Total	36	

	Participants	Percentage
Men	24	50%
Woman	24	50%
Total	60	



## Elimination ladders

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

### KWT 24 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			ROUND # 4			ROUND # 5			FINAL ROUND		
Heat	Seed	Name	HEAT # 9			HEAT # 17			HEAT # 25			HEAT # 29			WINNERS FINAL HEAT # 31		
1	2		2ND#5			W1			W17			W24			W29		
1	16		3RD#2			W9			W18			W25			W30		
1	23		2ND#6			W2											
2	8		3RD#1			W10											
2	10		HEAT # 10			HEAT # 18			HEAT # 26			HEAT # 30			MINI FINAL HEAT # 32		
2	17		2ND#7			W3			W19			W27			L29		
3	3		3RD#4			W11			W20			W28			L30		
3	13		2ND#8			W4											
3	22		3RD#3			W12											
4	12		HEAT # 12			HEAT # 20			HEAT # 27			HEAT # 31			1 <sup>st</sup>		
4	19		2ND#1			W5			W21								
5	15		3RD#5			W13			W22								
5	24		2ND#2			W6											
6	7		3RD#5			W14											
6	9		HEAT # 14			HEAT # 22			HEAT # 28			HEAT # 16			2 <sup>nd</sup>		
7	18		2ND#3			W7			W23								
7	4		3RD#8			W15			W24								
7	14		2ND#4			W8											
7	21		3RD#7			W16											
8	5		HEAT # 15			HEAT # 23									3 <sup>rd</sup>		
8	11		2ND#9			W9											
8	20		3RD#2			W17											
			2ND#6			W10											
			HEAT # 16			HEAT # 24									4 <sup>th</sup>		

### KWT 12 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			SEMI FINALS			FINAL		
Heat	Seed	Name	HEAT # 5			HEAT # 9			HEAT # 13			WINNERS FINAL HEAT # 15		
1	3		2ND#3			W1			W9			W13		
1	6		3RD#2			W5			W10			W14		
1	10		2ND#4			W2			W11					
2	2		3RD#1			W6			W12					
2	7		HEAT # 6			HEAT # 10			HEAT # 14			HEAT # 16		
2	11		2ND#1			W3						L13		
3	4		3RD#4			W7						L14		
3	5		2ND#2			W4								
3	9		3RD#3			W8								
4	1		HEAT # 8			HEAT # 12						HEAT # 16		
4	8		2ND#5											
4	12		3RD#5											
			HEAT # 7			HEAT # 11						MINI FINAL		
			2ND#1			W3								
			3RD#4			W7								
			2ND#2			W4								
			3RD#3			W8								
			HEAT # 8			HEAT # 12						1 <sup>st</sup>		
			2ND#1											
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			3RD#3											
			HEAT # 8			HEAT # 12						4 <sup>th</sup>		

In a dingle elimination the winners of the first round heats advance immediately to the third round, whilst the second and third placed sailors are re-seeded into the second round

## Scoring

### Ties in Hydrofoil Freestyle Discipline heats

- (i) In case of tie, it will be broken in favor of the competitor with the highest Technical Difficulty score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, the Execution score and then Variety score will be used respectively 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.



### Overall Impression Scoring Procedure

Judges shall not assign numerical values to each trick. They will have a shorthand notation for taking brief notes of the moves performed on each tack during the heat, and points will be awarded to a number of scoring categories based on an overall impression of the heat:

- (i) Technical Difficulty: The technical difficulty in relation with the risk factor of tricks landed during the heat. Tricks landed with more control and without letting the board touch the water are rewarded in this category.
- (ii) Execution: A combination of smoothness, flow and fluidity during the tricks. The linking of tricks, quality vs quantity, innovation and “wow” factor fall in this category.
- (iii) Variety: Variety of tricks completed during the heat on both tacks.

The maximum points given to each 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.

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 category will be withdrawn and the average scores of the other three (3) judges will be counted as the final score for the category.

The judges shall award each competitor’s category points on a scale from 0.1 to 10.0, broken into one-thousandth increments (e.g 6.444).

Each individual category’s score is rounded to the thousandth place. The rounded scores are added to calculate the final score.

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.

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

There is no limitation of trick attempts per heat, however, crashing multiple times on a specific move will impact the score of the Execution scoring category.

If the competitor’s board touches the water when landing the trick, the judges will give credit to the trick but not as much as if it was landed perfectly. It’s at the discretion of each judge to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

The credit given to tricks where the board touches the water on 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 as much points for such landing.

A trick is a crash only if the majority of the judges consider it as a crash. I

A crash will be considered when:

- when landing a trick, a competitor is capsized, losing control of the board or bar.
- a competitor lands a jump but crashes the kite into water and completely stops.
- a competitor is completely stopped when landing a jump.
- a competitor lands on their back and lose the control of the board.
- a competitor finishes a handlepass by pulling the leash to get the bar.



- a competitor lands an unhooked jump but loses the bar.

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

- (a) a competitor grabs the “chicken loop” to regain control of the bar when performing a handle pass.
- (b) a competitor lands a jump and crashes the kite into the water, but manages to relaunch it and keep riding without completely stopping.

It’s at the discretion of each judge to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

### **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>

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## **GKA Staff at the Hydrofoil Freestyle Super Grand Slam Brazil, Fortaleza 2020**

**General Secretary:** Jørgen Vogt

**Tour Manager:** Tom Hartmann

**Race Director:** Rui Meira

**Head Judge:** Mallory de la Villemarque

**Judge:** Victor Hays

**Judge:** Javo Santangelo

**Judge:** Cesar Portas

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Any question please contact our Tour Manager Tom Hartmann at [tom@global-kitesports.org](mailto: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.