



# GKA KITE-SURF WORLD CUP GERMANY 2021

## Land Rover Kitesurf World Cup Sylt

*It is a pleasure to announce the first Kite-Surf event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2021*

*which will be a*

**4-STAR Freestyle World Cup\***

*held in Westerland on the island of Sylt in Germany.*

The dates will be from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2021.

This is a 4-Star GKA Kite World Tour event and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2020 GKA KWT Rulebook.

### **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.maxfunregister.com/event/2021/gka-kite-world-tour-2021/booking>

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 must preregister for the event through the online registration platform form **by 23.59h of the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2021.**

The registration does 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:

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 125.- Euro and fees need to be paid via credit card during the online registration.



Every competitor needs to hold a valid GKA membership. The GWA membership needs to be obtained before or at the same time when confirming participation for an event and can be paid during the online registration. The membership includes athletes insurance for accident and third party liability during the competition.

All entry fee and GKA membership payments must be made before the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2021 via credit card payment through the online registration tool.

### **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. For certain exceptions approved by the tour management, 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 30 male competitors and 30 female competitors entering this event.

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

CATEGORY	Kite Surf & Freestyle Discipline	
	30 Riders	15 Riders
TOP 16	1-16	1-7
GKA Wildcard	17-18	8-9
Round 1 competitors	19-28	10-13
National Ranking or Organizer Wildcard	29-30	14-15

For GKA wildcards the KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation in past 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 **28th of July 2021**, one day after the preregistration 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

Competitors will be seeded in the elimination ladder based on their 2019 GKA KWT ranking and their result in the only event of 2020. By the fact that there was no World Champion crowned in the year 2020, the result from the GKA Kite-Surf World Cup Cabo Verde 2020 will count towards the 2021 World Championship and will be treated for the seeding like the first event of the season by the rulebook (50% 2019 KSWT ranking, 50% Cabo Verde 2020)

## Injury wildcard

To be entitled to an injury wildcard, a competitor must be ranked top 16 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 19.

The seeding list for GKA Kite-Surf World Cup Germany, Sylt 2021:

### Men

1 James Carew	44 Ricardo Bettancourt
2 Airton Cozzolino	44 Yuri Neves
3 Pedro Matos	46 Ruben Cano
4 Reece Myerscough	46 Emmanuel Sousa
5 Mitu Monteiro	46 Gollito Estredo
6 Simon Joosten	46 Rafael do Costa
7 Francesco Capuzzo	50 Yassine Bouceta
8 Anderson Reboucas	50 Daniel Weber
9 Jan Marcos Riveras	50 Amin Abaid
10 Nicola Abadjiev	50 Moumin Maji
11 Arsenio Dias	54 Marvin Louis
12 Luke Millard	54 Daniel Kux
13 Kiko Roig	54 Alessandro D'Ambrosio
14 Camille Delannoy	54 Brendon Lanonne
15 Sebastian Ribeiro	58 Keanu Mertens

### Women

1 Carla Herrera
2 Charlotte Carpentier
3 Johana C. Edin
4 Peri Roberts
5 Frances Kelly
6 Susanne Schwarztrauber
7 Irina Jenni
8 Irati Fonseca
9 Mikali Sol
10 Ines Correia
11 Capucine Delannoy
12 Marcela Witt
13 Sonja Bunte
14 Odile Cavin
15 Sabine Beukeleers



16 Tony Ciliberto	58 Gustavo Arrojo	16 Kesiane Rodriguez
17 Charly Martin	58 Georgi Vasilev	17 Barbara Sgardello
18 Graham Harney	58 Fabian Muhmenthaler	18 Stella Groschupf
19 Kelton Lopes	62 Roberto Barros	19 Arianna Casaburo
20 Matchu Lopes	62 Elton Andrade	20 LILIAN MALSCHAERT
21 Jordy Sanca	64 Andrade Vasconcelos	21 Kirsty Jones
22 Jorn Donat	64 L.E. Da Souza	22 Jalou Langeree
23 Djo Silva	64 Luca Gasperini	23 Moona White
24 Pedro Afonso	64 Marcos Araujo	24 GIULIA BÖHMERLE
25 Pedro Amores	64 Francisco Dionatan	25 Didi Lopes
26 Titik Lopes	69 Javier Fernández	26 Ninja Ricot
27 Alan Trancart	69 Reda Lafdali	27 Maria Kinkina
28 Elvis Nunes	69 El Mami Rayban	28 Sophia Abreu
29 Willor River Tonkin	69 Achraf Bentajar	29 Alina Froschmeier
30 Yaris Dell Omo	69 Hamza Finou	30 Olivia Jenkins
31 Ralph Boelen	74 Luis Brito	31 CLÉMENCE DERRIEN
32 Paulino Pereira	75 Loz Silvester	32 JULIA CASTRO
33 Oscar Perrineau	75 Joshua Emanuel	33 ELKE HOLZ
34 Roani Lemos	75 Baba Ricot	34 MONICA GILARDONI
35 Mohamed Mansour	75 Rodrick Pijls	35 Alexandra Pobedinskaya
36 David Marin	79 Dirk Derksen	36 Ranja Schlotte
37 Oswald Smith	79 Igor Tkatsch	37 Adriana Harlan
38 Keahi de Aboitiz	81 Libero Cozzolino	38 Varvara Kazbanova
39 Jeremy Chan	81 Haydn Fischer	39 Kathrin Kühnert
40 Sandro Pisu	83 Hugo Marin	
41 Med Ali Beqqali	83 Daute Macias	
42 Charlie Wise	83 Jonatan Perez	
43 Linus Punder	83 Nicolla DE Serio	
	83 Zenedine Lucas	

## Discipline

There will be only one Official Discipline in this KWT event: **Kite-Surf (Wave and 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)



## **Covid-19 Pandemic Disclaimer**

Every competitor must be aware of the Covid-19 pandemic situation and its changing restrictions and regulations on travel protocols and event regulations. In case the event will be cancelled because of reasons not under the responsibility of the GKA, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer, neither the GKA, nor the GKA Event GmbH, nor the Organizer can be held legally responsible for any financial losses.

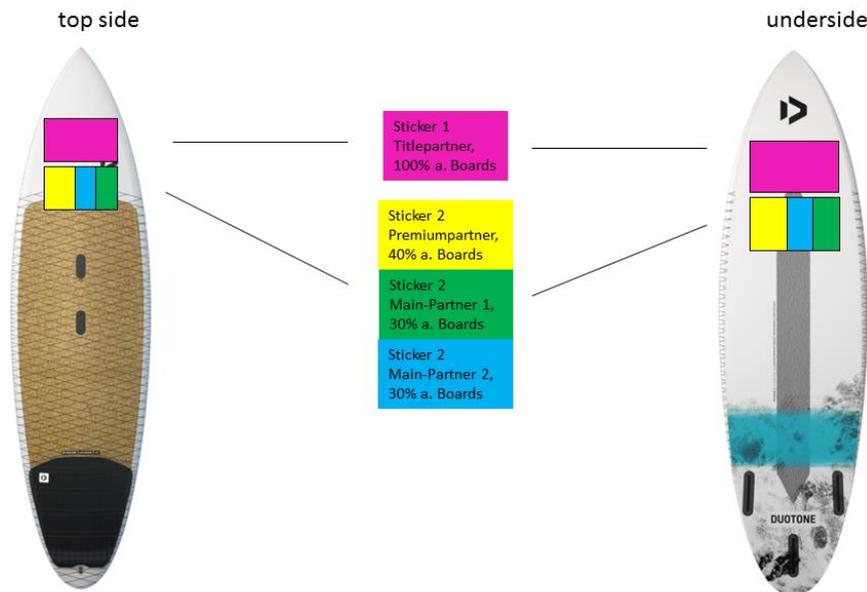
The rider is aware about the global Covid-19 pandemic, which might cause travel restrictions, the changing of laws and custom-procedures worldwide on very short notice. Each rider takes part in the event at his or her own risk, which includes also all travels because of his or her participation at this event. Each rider is responsible for ensuring and fulfilling all relevant individual travel requirements as well as fulfilling all legal requirements for border controls, which are necessary for the participation in the event and for the return home. The GKA, the GKA Event GmbH and the event Organizer cannot be held legal and/or financial liable by the rider for damage and/or financial losses caused by travel restrictions, quarantine measures, flight changes or flight cancellations, tests required for entering or exit countries or because of any other regional, national or international measures associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic. There will be special measures health document for all riders and crew that needs to be signed and followed/

## **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 assigned board stickers on the top and on the bottom of the board. Two stickers on the top deck of the board and two on the bottom (see picture – positions may change). Andreas Velbinger from Tramontana Grafixx will help you to apply the stickers correctly – he will be also your contact person during the event in case you have lost one sticker.



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 Euro 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 **breakfast, snacks, fruits, lunch and water** provided for all competitors.

Each rider is entitled to register one caddy. Caddies will not have free access to the Riders Lounge but can buy a catering package for 45 Euro for the whole week and then have also 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 **tent**. 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 #Kitesurfworldcupsylt **#kitesurfworldcup**  
**#landroverkitesurfworldcupsylt #LandRover #muellermilch #gtradiat**



## Equipment storage

There will be secure storage for all riders' equipment at the equipment storage tent from Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of August until Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2021. Access only allowed with valid Rider/Caddy ID-Straps.

## Travel info:

Most international flights go to Hamburg, some selected domestic and continental flights go directly to Sylt. There is a convenient train connection from the airport in Hamburg to Westerland, Sylt.

## Airports:

Sylt (GWT): 5 minutes by car/taxi

Hamburg (HAM): 4 hours by train or 3 hours by car and DB Sylt Shuttle (car transport train from Niebüll)

## By car:

From Hamburg it is about 3 hours drive by car. You need to get to Niebüll, then take a car train (DB Sylt Shuttle) to reach the island of Sylt.

[www.syltshuttle.de](http://www.syltshuttle.de)

If you are travelling by car you can get a voucher for the car transport train (DB Sylt Shuttle). You will get a discount around 25%. This voucher is **ONLY** for the car transport train **NOT** for the normal train. If you would like to have a voucher please email to Lion Douven: [douven@act-agency.com](mailto:douven@act-agency.com)

**Vouchers are available already and the Deadline to apply is: 02<sup>nd</sup> of August 2021**

## The adress of the GKA Kite-Surf World Cup Sylt:

Brandenburger Strand  
Brandenburger Strasse  
25980 Westerland, Sylt  
Deutschland

## Organiser Contact:

Act Agency GmbH  
Christian Egge  
Email: [egge@act-agency.com](mailto:egge@act-agency.com)



**Location map:**



**Visa:**

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

**Accommodation for competitors:**

Free accommodation for the Top 12 riders (male) and Top 4 riders (female) of the current seeding for the event in flats for 2 people- from the day before inscription through one day after the event (16. - 23.8.2021)

For accommodations contact:

Insel Sylt Tourismus Service  
Phone: +49 4651 998 0  
Fax: +49 4651 998 6000  
[info@westerland.de](mailto:info@westerland.de)  
[www.insel-sylt.de](http://www.insel-sylt.de)

In addition to the Tourism Service Sylt, riders can also use the following contact details to book accommodation:

Apartment Brünig  
Strandstraße 13  
25980 Westerland / Sylt  
Tel: +49 4651 5858  
[bruenig-sylt@t-online.de](mailto:bruenig-sylt@t-online.de)  
[www.appartement-bruenig.de](http://www.appartement-bruenig.de)

Wiking Apartment Agency  
Steinmannstraße 7-9  
25980 Westerland /Sylt  
Tel: +49 4651 83001  
[info@wikingsylt.de](mailto:info@wikingsylt.de)



[www.wiking-sylt.de](http://www.wiking-sylt.de)

There are also possibilities at the local campsite which has fixed caravans for rent (properly equipped with heating, lighting power etc). These are available according to the following details.

Campingplatz Westerland  
Süderstraße 66  
25980 Westerland / Sylt  
Tel: +49 4651 299 19 39  
[info@duenencamping-westerland.de](mailto:info@duenencamping-westerland.de)  
[www.duenencamping-westerland.de](http://www.duenencamping-westerland.de)

#### Event parking:

It is possible to park with a van or a camper at the event parking "Brandenburger Strand" next to the equipment tent. For parking you need a parking permission, which you get from the organizer.

#### **Weather:**

Sylt has a northern Europe climate, so weather conditions are rather mild in August. The air temperature during day can be between 25°C the highest temperatures and lowest of 12°C. The water temperature of the North Sea is around 16°C, so bringing a wetsuit and a jacket is recommended! Sunrise is 05.00h and sunset is 22.00h.

#### **Wind direction**

Westerly winds blowing 15-35 knots onshore at Westerland.  
Easterly winds blowing around 12-25 knots offshore at Westerland.

#### **Event Schedule**

##### **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

09.00: Breakfast @ Competitors Lounge  
10.00: Event start, event radio & side events  
10.00-11.00: Registration for riders in the equipment tent at the beach  
12.00: Skippers Meeting  
13.00-15.00: Lunch @ Competitors Lounge  
13.00-21.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup

##### **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

09.00: Breakfast @ Competitors Lounge  
10.00: Event start, event radio & side events  
10.00-21.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup  
13.00-15.00: Lunch @ Competitors Lounge



#### **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

09.00: Breakfast @ Competitors Lounge  
10.00: Event start, event radio & side events  
10.00-20.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup  
13.00-15.00: Lunch @ Competitors Lounge

#### **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

09.00: Breakfast @ Competitors Lounge  
10.00: Event start, event radio & side events  
10.00-20.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup  
13.00-15.00: Lunch @ Competitors Lounge

#### **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

09.00: Breakfast @ Competitors Lounge  
10.00: Event start, event radio & side events  
10.00-20.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup  
13.00-15.00: Lunch @ Competitors Lounge

#### **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

09.00: Breakfast @ Competitors Lounge  
10.00: Event start, event radio & side events  
10.00-15.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup  
13.00-15.00: Lunch @ Competitors Lunch  
16.00: Prize giving ceremony: GKA Kitesurf World Tour  
17.00: End of event

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 prize money for the GKA KITE-SURF WORLD CUP 2021 held in Sylt, Germany will be **30.000 Euro**. The prizemoney is paid directly by the organizer to the competitors in line after the closing ceremony on the last day of the event. The organizer will subtract the individual withhold tax from the respective individual prizemoney amount. Rider can hand in the receipts for their event related travel and accommodation expenses to make those expenses tax-deductable. **Only receipts handed in BEFORE the payment of prizemoney will be recognised!**

27.000 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and 3.000 Euro (10% of the event prizemoney) will go to the first 3 male and female winners of the GKA Kite-Surf World Tour end of year ranking, World Championship Title.



In the case of “no results” due to an Act of God (i.e. bad weather, no wind) 20.000 Euro of the total prizemoney will distributed equally amongst all riders entered in the event. 3.000 Euro will be kept in the GKA account for the prizemoney to be paid out to the first three male and female winners of the GKA Kite-Surf World Tour end of the year. 7.000 Euro will be retained to the organizer.

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

Above 15 competitors		6 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 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	30	80%
Woman	6	20%
Total	38	

	Participants	Percentage
Men	30	67%
Woman	15	33%
Total	45	

	Participants	Percentage
Men	30	50%
Woman	30	50%
Total	60	



### Elimination ladders

- (i) The elimination ladder used for the KWT Kite-Surf event shall be Dingle.
- (ii) KWT 30 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND #1				ROUND #2				ROUND #3				ROUND #4				ROUND #5				ROUND #6				SEMI-FINALS				FINALS																			
HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL

- (iii) KWT 15 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND #1				ROUND #2				ROUND #3				ROUND #4				SEMI-FINALS				FINALS																											
HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL	HEAT #1	NAME	CLASS	PL

- (iv) Heat Progression:

- (a) In those dingle eliminations the winner of the first round heats advance to the third round, whilst the second advance to the second round and third placed riders are out of competition.
- (b) The winners of the second round heats advance to the third round, whilst the second placed riders are out of competition.
- (c) The winner of the third round heats advance to the fifth round, whilst the second and third placed riders are re-seeded into the fourth round.
- (d) From the fourth round on, the winner and second placed rider of the heats advance to the next round, whilst the third and fourth placed riders are out of competition, until the final.



## Scoring

Scoring Categories and Judging Criteria:

### **(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 Criteria** 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) Trick by trick Scoring:**

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.



### 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 are allowed. Footstraps and wax are not allowed.

### **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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We look forward to seeing you very soon!

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