



GKA KITE-SURF WORLD CUP Morocco 2022 Price Moulay El Hassan Kite-Surf World Cup Dakhla 27.9.-2.10.2022

It is a pleasure to announce the first Kite-Surf event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2022

which will be a

5-STAR Kite-Surf World Cup*

held in Dakhla on the most Southern tip of Morocco.

The dates will be from the 27th of September to the 2nd of October 2022.

This is a 5-Star GKA Kite World Tour event and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2022 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.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.

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 form **by 23.59h of the 30th of August 2022.**

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 through the online link when receiving the entry confirmation.

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GKA membership. The GKA membership needs to be obtained before or at the same time when confirming participation for an event and can be paid via the online payment link. 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 13th of October 2022 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 28 male competitors and 28 female competitors entering this event.

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

CATEGORY	Kite Surf & Freestyle Discipline	
	28 Riders	14 Riders
TOP 22	1-22	1-11
GKA Wildcards	23-24	12
Video Wildcards	25-26	13
Organizer Wildcards	27-28	14

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 aiming for Video wildcards, the athlete needs to submit a Wildcard Video application through the following online form:

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/wildcard-video-applications/>

Wildcards 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 **31st of August 2022**, 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 enquiries need to be done via mailing to tom@global-kitesports.org

Seeding

As this is the first event of the season, competitors will be seeded in the elimination ladder based on the 2021 KWT ranking.

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.

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)

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 and 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 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 and lunch and dinner provided for all competitors.

Each rider is entitled to register one caddy. Caddies will have free access to the Riders Lounge! Caddies will 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 #dakhlaattitude #westpoint #onmt #cridakhla #MDJS #dakhlaevents #2m #tvlaayoun #medi1tv #arrayadia #alaoula #hitradio #crt #radiomars #mapnews

Equipment storage

There will be secure storage for all riders' equipment at the equipment storage tent from Monday, the 26th of September until Monday, the 3rd of October 2022. Access only allowed with valid Rider/Caddy ID-Straps.

Travel info:

Airports:

Dakhla (VIL): 15min by car

Airport Transfer:

There will be transfer from Dakhla airport to the competition hotel/event site. If you want to make use of that transfer, then you need to send your flight details to the organizer until Tuesday 20th September latest.

By car:

The address of the GKA Kite-Surf World Cup Morocco 2022 in Westpoint:

Westpoint Dakhla Hotel
Oum Lambouir
Dakhla, Morocco

Organiser Contact:

Laila Ouachi
Email: ouachilaila@gmail.com
Whatsapp: +212 661290299

Location map:



Visa:

For visa info please email: tom@global-kitesports.org

Accommodation for competitors:

Competition hotel:

Westpoint Dakhla Hotel
Oum Lambouir
Dakhla, Morocco

Free accommodation for the Top 10 riders (male) and Top 6 riders (female) of the current seeding for the event in rooms for 4 people- from the day before inscription through one day after the event (26.9.-3.10..2022) at the competition hotel Westpoint.

For all other athletes, there will be a special riders rate up on availability of 50 Euro/night including full board in bungalows shared by 4 persons.

Any rider staying at Westpoint Dakhla Hotel before or the competition period, will receive a 5% promotion on their booking and after the competition, the normal rate is used according to occupancy.



These are the regular rates:

September 2022 (low season):

Single Bungalow: 100 Euro

Double Bungalow: 140 Euro

Triple Bungalow: 168 Euro

Quadruple Bungalow: 192 Euro

October 2022 (high season):

Single Bungalow: 126 Euro

Double Bungalow: 179 Euro

Triple Bungalow: 221 Euro

Quadruple Bungalow: 252 Euro

For inquiry regarding accommodations contact:

Laila Afife: laila.afife@dakhla-attitude.com

Tel: +212673328147

Event parking:

There is free parking at the event site.

Weather:

Dakhla in October has a dry climate. The air temperature during day can be between 24°C the highest temperatures and lowest of 18°C. The water temperature of the sea is around 20°C, so bringing a wetsuit is recommended! Sunrise is approximately 08.00h and sunset is 20.00h.

Wind direction

North winds blow sideoffshore in Westpoint with 15-25 knots.



Event Schedule

Tuesday, 27th September 2022

08.30-10.00: Registration for riders in the Sports Center in Westpoint Dakhla Hotel

11.00: Skippers Meeting

12.00-18.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup

Wednesday, 28th September 2022

10.00: Skippers Meeting

10.00-18.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup

Thursday, 29th September 2022

10.00: Skippers Meeting

10.00-18.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup

Friday, 30th September 2022

10.00: Skippers Meeting

10.00-18.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup

Saturday, 1st October 2022

10.00: Skippers Meeting

10.00-18.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup

Sunday, 2nd October 2022

10.00: Skippers Meeting

10.00-18.00: Kitesurf competition: GKA Kite-Surf World Cup

19.00: Prize giving ceremony: GKA Kitesurf World Tour

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 2022 held in Dakhla, Morocco will be **25.000 Euro**. The prize money is paid cash by the organiser to the competitors in line with the Rulebook.

22.500 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and **2.500 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 be distributed equally amongst all riders entered in the event, 2.500 Euro will go back to

the organiser and 2.500 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.

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

1. if there is 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:

40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women

40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with more than 16 competitors (4 riders in equal 5th place)

gender with 16 or more		gender with less than 16	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	15	1	15
2	10	2	10
3	8	3	8
4	7	4	7
Total 1- 4	40	Total 1- 4	40
5	5		
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Total 5-8	20		

2. if there is 16 or more competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:

50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 women,

50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 men

16 or more women		16 or more men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	14	1	14
2	9	2	9
3	7	3	7
4	6	4	6
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
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Total	50	Total	50

3. if there is less than 16 competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:

50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women

50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

Less than 16 women		Less than 16 men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7
Total	50	Total	50

If the women's or men's division doesn't take place, the full amount allocated as prize money will be added to the one and only division.

Elimination ladders

- (i) The elimination ladder used for the KWT Kite-Surf event shall be Dingle.
- (ii) KWT 28 Riders Dingle Elimination

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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) Overall Impression Scoring:

There is no limitation of a 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 a limitation of a maximum of 12 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.

(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 2022” is available for download on the official GKA Kite World Tour website:

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/rulebooks/2022/GKA%20Kite%20World%20Tour%20Rulebook%202022.pdf>

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