



GKA Freestyle Kite WORLD CUP Colombia 2023

01.03.-05.03.2023

It is a pleasure to announce the second freestyle kite event of the Qatar Airways GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2023 which will be held in Salinas Del Rey, Colombia.

The dates will be from the 01st of March to the 05th of March 2023.

This is a 4-Star GKA Kite World Tour event and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2023 GKA KWT Rulebook.

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 02nd of February 2023.**

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 12th February 2023 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 competitor's 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
Seeding List	1-20	1-10
GKA Wildcards	21-22	11
Video Wildcards	23-26	12-13
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 **4th of February 2023**, 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

Equipment

There are no restrictions on equipment.

Seeding

Seeding to be inserted after the first event in Qatar.

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: 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)

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 two (2) board stickers to be placed on the top and 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, snacks (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 hashtags for all social media posts: @gkakiteworldtour #GKAKiteWorldTour #GKAfreestyle #Colombiakite #Salinasdelrey #Atlantico

Equipment storage

There will be secure storage for all riders' equipment at the equipment storage tent from 28th February, the 6th of March.

Travel info:

Airport: There are 2 options for flying into Colombia both of which are a similar distance to the competition spot. Its best to choose from the following 2 options;

- Barranquilla (BAQ): approximately 45min by car to Salinas del Rey
- Cartagena (CAT): approximately 60min by car to Salinas del Rey

Transfers: For airport transfers please find Drivers 570 contact details below.

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Location Address:

Playa Salinas Del Rey
Santa Veronica
081048 Atlantico
Colombia

Location map:



Visa/Entry Requirements:

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email liam@global-kitesports.org and he will issue you the document.

Accommodation for competitors:

Free accommodation at Kite Eco House or Casa Mambo in double rooms for the Top 10 riders (male) and Top 6 riders (female) from the current seeding list.

Please find other accommodation options below;

ECOXATA
Calle 8 #29ª-26 Villa de Santa Verónica
+57 310 312 6947
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@xata



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@casa.aguavela

FINCA ECO HOTEL NATIVO
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BREES HOTEL
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To book one of the above accommodations please use the contact information above and state you are a rider competing at the event for possible discounts.

Event parking:

There is a free parking at Playa Salinas del Rey.

Weather:

February is one of the driest months in Salinas del Rey. The air temperature during day can be between 30°C the highest temperatures and lowest of 23°C. The water temperature of the sea is around 27°C, so more than a summer shorty is not needed! Sunrise is approximately 06.00h and sunset is 18.00h.

Wind direction

East winds blow side shore to side offshore with 15-25 knots. The main spot has small kickers with flat parts in-between.

You can find the most accurate online wind forecasts on Windguru and Windy.

Event Schedule

Wednesday 01st March

09:00 - 10:30: Rider Inscription
11:00: Opening Ceremony
11:30 – 12:30: Riders Briefing
13:00: First possible Start

Thursday 02nd March

10:00: Skippers Meeting
11:00: First possible start

Friday 03rd March

10:00: Skippers Meeting
11:00: First possible start

Saturday 4th March

10:00: Skippers Meeting
11:00: First possible start

Sunday 5th March

10:00: Skippers Meeting
11:00: First possible start
17:00: Prize Giving/Closing Ceremony

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 FREESTYLE WORLD CUP COLOMBIA 2022 held in Salinas del Rey will be **25.000 Euro**. The prizemoney is paid via cash by the organizer to the competitors in line with the GKA 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 Freestyle 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) **17.500 Euro** of the total prizemoney will be distributed equally amongst all riders entered in the event. **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 Freestyle World Tour end of the year. **5.000 Euro** will be retained to the organizer.

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

If there are 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:

1. 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
2. 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men
3. 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	5,5		
5	5,5		
7	4,5		
7	4,5		
Total 5-8	20		

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

1. 50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 women
2. 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	4	5	4
5	4	5	4
7	3	7	3
7	3	7	3
Total	50	Total	50

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

1. 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
2. 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

Scoring

- There shall be no more than 1 dingle elimination at each KWT event.
- The minimum number of elimination series to constitute a valid score at an event and in order to distribute prize money is one (1) KWT elimination ladder - where the fleet has been eliminated to the top eight riders with a 28 riders Dingle or four riders with a 14 riders Dingle.
- Finishing positions in Dingle Elimination shall be scored as listed in the rule book depending on number of participants.

The elimination procedure shall be.

- Competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.
- "Byes", if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.
- If a majority of the heats of the first round have Byes, the Race Director and Head Judge may position competitors in the next rounds based on their seeding.
- Competitors shall ride one against one, or in groups of up to 4. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder.

Elimination ladders

KWT 28 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND # 1				ROUND # 2				ROUND # 3				ROUND # 4				ROUND # 5				SEMI-FINALS				FINAL			
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Heat Progression

- In those dingle eliminations the winner of the first-round advances to the third round, whilst the second and third advance to the second round.
- The winners and second placed rider of the second-round advance to the third round, whilst the third and fourth placed riders are out of competition.
- The winner of the third-round advance to the fifth round, whilst the second and third placed riders are re-seeded into the fourth round.
- 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.

Judging Criteria

1. Families.

- a) On a regular freestyle event with decent conditions, FOUR (4) tricks will be counted for the final score out of SEVEN (7) different attempts. This could change depending on the conditions presented during competition.
- b) The FOUR (4) highest tricks will be counted to the final score and only the highest score from each family will count towards the final score. Only the **highest score will be counted inside each family** (evolution of the trick).

Maximum trick score potential is 40 points + 7 points (Max variety score) = 47 points.

For the Men's discipline, the **maximum variety potential score** is 4 points. When counting for the final score **three different tricks on three different Sub-families** (Only inside the heel-side family for men division).

To reach the maximum variety score potential, some other Families (2, 3, 4 or 5) must be reached (7 points).

Example: BS317 + KGB5 + HEART ATTACK 7 + FMB = 4 points variety.
BS317 + KGB5 + HEART ATTACK 7 + 310 (313 to blind) = 7 points variety.

Also its possible to get max variety score by using other families:

Example: 313 + CROW MOBE 5 + COMBO + KITELOOP FS 360 = 7 points variety.

For the Women there is no limitation. You can score a maximum variety potential score when reaching the 4 different subfamilies on family 1 or any other of the families.

Example: BS313 + SLIM + HEART ATTACK + FRONT BLIND = 7 points variety.

d) The variety bonus will increase accordingly the more you reach via sub-families/families:

1x sub-family/family = 1
2x sub-family/family = 2
3x sub-family/family = 4
4x sub-family/family (max 3 sub-family in family 1 for men) = 7

e) **Judge Criteria for Combos:** The entire combination of the tricks will be counted as a unique score; judge criteria will be same as freestyle tricks, rewarding specifically the explosivity and linking in between tricks, creativity, combinations, toe or blindside and switch tricks. This combo trick will be score on his own scale from **0.1 to 10 points**.

3. Open Format.

The format will be kept open regarding the conditions however, if the conditions are not suitable for a proper freestyle performance this could then turn into a pure big air competition. Either will be pure freestyle format or pure big air format. The decision will be made by the sport commission and be announced 30 minutes before the change.

Rulebook

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