

Lords Of Tram GKA Big Air Kite World Cup France 2023

It is a pleasure to announce the FIRST Big Air World Cup event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2023 which will be held in

Barcares, France.

The dates of the open window period will be from the 01st of April to the 30th of April 2023.

This is a 4-Star GKA Big Air Kite World Cup and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2023 GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook.

Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter to the GKA Big Air Kite World Cup shall pre-register and present the video application through the GKA Kite World Tour website or under the following direct link:

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/lords-of-tram-gka-big-air-world-cup-2023-video-application/>

or via email tom@global-kitesports.org or by other means to be specified by the GKA 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 online after the application of the competitor got approved by the GKA Sports committee by latest one day after the preregistration period closes. Exceptions can only be granted by the GKA 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 GKA 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 and send the video application for the event **by 23.59h of the 28th of February 2023.**

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. Entry fee is to be paid via credit card during the online registration.

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 during the online registration. When not competing in their country of residence, the membership includes athletes insurance for accident and third party liability during the competition.

The cost of the **GKA membership** is 80.- Euro for competing in one event and 160.- Euro for being able to compete the whole year.

All entry fee and GKA membership payments must be made before the **10th of March 2023** via credit card payment through the online registration tool.

Important Info

- It's recommended to wear a helmet during competition!
- All riders need to wear impact vest during the competition!
- All riders need to wear safety leash during competition!
- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training.
- 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 sticker to be placed one on the top and one 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.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.
- 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 side event that all riders have to join via social media and share.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts – @gkakiteworldtour @qatarairways #GKAKiteWorldTour #GKABigAir #kiteboarding #kitesurfing #qatarairways #gkaxqa @lordsoftram #lordsoftram @portbarcares #portbarcares

Entry restrictions

Entry-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, late 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 GKA event if he meets the following conditions:

- He/she 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.
- The competitor cannot hold the GKA, the GKA Event GmbH or the event-organizer responsible for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- The competitor cannot hold the GKA, the GKA Event GmbH or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- **He/she holds a valid competitor's membership with the GKA Kite World Tour**

Entry allocation

24 MALE RIDERS:

- The top 8 Big Air male riders from the 2022 GKA Big Air World rankings are already pre-qualified
- Top 12 video applications will be selected by the GKA sports committee.
- 2 entries will be via the GKA Wildcard invitation.
- 2 entries will be via the Lord Of Tram Organiser Wildcard invitation.

12 FEMALE RIDERS:

- The top 4 Big Air Female riders from the 2022 GKA Big Air World rankings are already pre-qualified
- Top 6 video applications will be selected by the GKA sports committee.
- 1 entry will be via the GKA Wildcard invitation.
- 1 entry will be via the Lord Of Tram Organiser Wildcard invitation.

Riders will enter the event according to the following qualifying structure:

Male Twin-tip	
CATEGORY	24 Riders
2022 GKA Kite World Tour Ranking	1-8
Video Application Ranking	9-20
GKA Wildcard	21-22
Organiser Wildcard	23- 24

Female Twin-tip;	
CATEGORY	12 Riders
2022 GKA Kite World Tour Ranking	1-4
Video Application Ranking	5-10
GKA Wildcard	11
Organiser Wildcard	12

For GKA wildcards the KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation in International Big Air Competitions as well as their kite merits.

To enter via Video application Ranking, competitors must submit their video applications through the online application page on the GKA Kite World Tour website:

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/lords-of-tram-gka-big-air-world-cup-2023-video-application/>

GKA wildcards and video entry wildcards competitors will be seeded by draw.

If any of the competitors cannot compete in this event due to an injury or other reasons, the empty spot will be given to the next ranked rider in the qualification group (either GKA ranking, wildcard or video application).

The GKA will publish the wildcard allocation and the selected video applications on 02nd March 2023, two days after the preregistration period closes.

Disciplines

There will be one official disciplines in this GKA Big Air Kite World Cup - TWIN-TIP BIG AIR

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)

Seeding

The seeding for the GKA Big Air Kite World Championship 2022 in Baraces, France will be according to the 2022 Big Air rankings;

MEN			WOMEN		
1	ANDREA	PRINCIPI	1	MIKAILI	SOL
2	LIAM	WHALEY	2	ZARA	HOOGENRAAD
3	GIEL	VLUGT	3	NATHALIE	LAMBRECHT
4	LORENZO	CASATI	4	MICHAELA	PILKENTON
5	JESSE	RICHMAN			
6	JEREMY	BURLANDO			
7	EVAN	KLIJN			
8	LUCA	CERUTI			

Travel info

Closest Airport to fly to is Perpignan, but most international flights connection are to Barcelona, Girona, Montpellier or Toulouse. Driving distances from the different airports are ...

- Perpignan: 30 minutes
- Montpellier: 2hr
- Girona: 90 minutes
- Toulouse: 1hr 20
- Barcelona: 2hr 50

By car:

The address of the event for Lord of Trams is - Lords Of Tram, Barcares, Av. des Dosses, 66420 Le Barcarès, France

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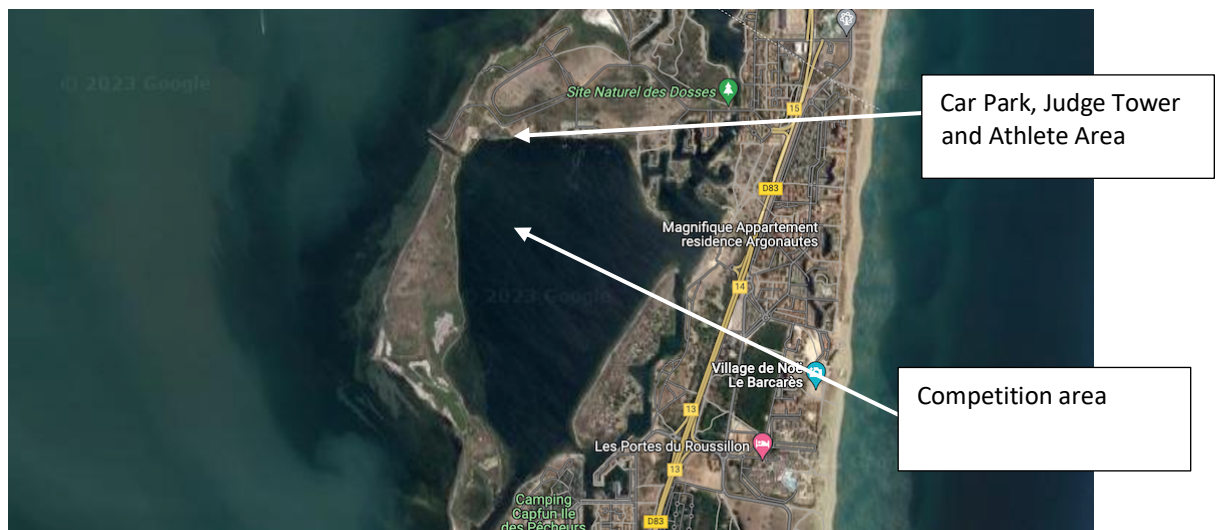
Organiser Contact:

Name: Tristan Hattu

Email: lordsoftram@gmail.com

Phone: +33 6 10 62 42 32

Map of event location:



Travel documents and Visa:

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

Weather:

The average maximum daytime temperature in Port Leucate in April lies at 17.0°C (62.6°F). The average minimum temperature is 7.8°C (46.04°F). The sea Temperature is averagely sits around 13.8°C in April.

Wind direction:

Tramontana north west winds blow offshore at the competition spot. The crew will look to run competition in 30 knot+ conditions.

Event Schedule

With the event window being 1 month long the event could happen at any given moment. Lord of Trams and GKA will coordinate with its selected riders when competition could possibly start. As soon as a suitable forecast is on the radar competitors will be informed and green light for the competition will be given a minimum 72 hours before the start.

Inscription and briefing will happen on the day before the competition. Times to be announced.

Prize giving will take place right after the final on the same day as competition.

Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Participants will be regularly updated on the riders WhatsApp group.

Prize money

The prizemoney for the GKA Big Air Kite World Cup France held in Baraces will be 16.000 Euro.

The prize money will be equally distributed in between top four riders from each of the disciplines and genders like this:

TOTAL PRIZEMONEY AFTER TAXES: 00000 Euro.		
POSITION	PERCENTAGE	PRIZE
1	19%	€3040
2	14%	€2240
3	10%	€1600
4	7%	€1120

Any competitor who, in the opinion of the Race Director, causes any unnecessary delay in the smooth running of an event (e.g. not attending the prize giving ceremony on time), or violates any part of the KWT Code of Conduct, may be excluded from this prize split. The Race Director's decision may not be appealed, although they may be required to give their reasons for the decision in writing.

Any rider is responsible by himself or herself for paying the applicable taxes for the prize money received. The rider keeps the KWT, the GKA, the event-organiser and any third party free from the riders' personal tax liabilities. The KWT, the GKA and the event-organiser have the right to inform the tax- authorities about the name of the rider and the amount of prizemoney received by him or her, if required by the tax- authorities.

Prize money distribution

The full amount of the advertised prize money shall be payable when a valid result stands as specified in the relevant subsections of the GKA Rulebook.

The KWT, the GKA and/or the event organizer have got the right to subtract the competitors' individual withhold-tax from the prize-money to be paid out. The KWT, the GKA and/or the event organizer have got the right to pay the individual withhold-tax on behalf of the competitor to the national tax- authorities of the country in which the event takes place. The KWT, the GKA and/or the event organiser shall give all necessary information and documents of the tax-payment made to the competitor for his personal disposal.

Elimination ladders

24 Riders Dingle Ladder

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12 Riders Dingle Ladder

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Judging Big Air Discipline

Judging procedure

- The general judging rules are located in Chapter 21 of the GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook 2022.

- Judges shall award each competitor's trick scores on a scale from 0.1 to 10.0, broken into one-hundreds increments (e.g 6.44).
- An overall impression score may be used in addition to the trick scores counting towards the final heat result. Criteria of variety, "wow" factor, smoothness, innovation, tricks landed vs crashes, and commitment impact the Overall Impression score. The points awarded to the Overall Impression score counting towards the final result 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.
- The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points wins.
- The maximum number of trick attempts and the trick scores counting towards the final result 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.

Ties in Big Air Discipline heats

- In case of tie in the Big Air format, it will be broken in favor of the competitor with the highest total trick score, excluding the Overall Impression score if there is any. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, 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 counting towards the final score shall be listed in order of best to worst, 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.

Big Air Trick categories

- The tricks repertoire has been broken down in a number of categories. The list of tricks included by category is not extensive, and not limited to the described tricks in appendix D 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.
- In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, if a trick is repeated or if it is an evolution of the same trick (i.e. added rotation), only the highest score from those will count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

Judging Criteria

- Judging Criteria are applied to score the quality of the execution of each individual trick. Each judge analyse the following major elements when scoring a trick:
 1. 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.
 2. Technical Difficulty – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.
 3. Commitment and Risk Factor – Pushing the limits under control will increase the chances of winning the heat. The Risk factor is the commitment of the competitor and physical challenge during the execution, duration of the critical moment, and energy on the execution.
 4. Other judging criteria such as variety, "wow" factor, smoothness, innovation, tricks landed vs crashes, will affect the overall impression.

BIG AIR TRICKLIST

TRICK NAME	ABBREVIATION	TRICK NAME	ABBREVIATION
Sent Jump	SJ	Kite Loop Slim Chance	KLSC
Air	AIR	Kite Loop Front Blind Mobe	KLFBM
Rodeo	ROD	Kite Loop Double Half Cab Mobe (1,2...)	KL2HCM
Back Roll Rodeo (1,2,3...)	BRROD	Sent Pass (1,2,3...)	SP
Front Roll Rodeo (1,2,3...)	FRROD	Sent Pass Rodeo	SPROD
Kung Fu	KF	Back Roll Sent Pass (1,2,3...)	BRSP
Deadman	DM	Front Roll Sent Pass (1,2,3...) a.k.a. Kung fu	FRSP
Deadman Front Roll	DMFR	Kite Loop One Foot	KLOF
Deadman Back Roll	DMBR	Contra Loop One Foot	CLOF
One Foot	OF	Kite Loop Back Roll One Foot (1,2,3...)	KLBRFO
Back Rolls (1,2,3,4...)	BR	Contra Loop Back Roll One Foot (1,2,3...)	CLBRFO
Front Rolls (1,2,3,4...)	FR	Kite Loop Front Roll One Foot (1,2,3...)	KLFRFO
Back Rolls One Foot (1,2,3,4...)	BROF	Contra Loop Front Roll One Foot (1,2,3...)	CLFRFO
Front Rolls One Foot (1,2,3,4...)	FROF	Kite Loop Board Off	KLBO
Board Off	BO	Contra Loop Board Off	CLBO
Back Roll Board Off (1,2,3,4...)	BRBO	Kite Loop Back Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	KLBRBO
Front Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	FRBO	Contra Loop Back Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	CLBRBO
Board Pass (1,2,3...)	BP	Kite Loop Front Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	KLFRBO
Back Roll Board Pass	BRBP	Contra Loop Front Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	CLFRBO
Front Roll Board Pass	FRBP	Kite Loop Rodeo	KLROD
Tic Tacs (1,2,3...)	TT	Contra Loop Rodeo	CLROD
Rodeo Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	ROD TT	Kite Loop Rodeo Backroll (1,2,3...)	KLRODBR
Tic Tac Flip (1,2,3...)	TTFL	Contra Loop Rodeo Backroll (1,2,3...)	CLRODBR
Tic Tac Rodeo Flip (1,2,3...)	TTRODFL	Kite Loop Rodeo Frontroll (1,2,3...)	KLRODFR
Back Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	BRTT	Contra Loop Rodeo Frontroll (1,2,3...)	CLRODFR
Back Roll Rodeo Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	BRROD TT	Kite Loop Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	KLTT
Back Roll Tic Tac Flip (1,2,3...)	BRTTFL	Contra Loop Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	CLTT
Front Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	FRTT	Kite Loop Back Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	KLBR TT
Front Roll Rodeo Tic Tac	FRROD TT	Kite Loop Rodeo Back Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	KLRODBR TT
Front Roll Tic Tac Flip (1,2,3...)	FRTTFL	Contra Loop Backroll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	CLBR TT
Flips (1,2,3...)	FL	Contra Loop Rodeo Backroll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	CLRODBR TT
Rodeo Flip (1,2,3...)	RODFL	Kite Loop Front Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	KLFR TT
Back Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	BRFL	Kite Loop Rodeo Front Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	KLRODFR TT
Back Roll Rodeo Flip (1,2,3...)	BRRODFL	Contra Loop Front Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	CLFR TT
Front Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	FRFL	Contra Loop Rodeo Front Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	CLRODFR TT
Front Roll Rodeo Flip (1,2,3...)	FRRODFL	Kite Loop Flip (1,2,3...)	KLFL
Brodell Flip	BFL	Contra Loop Flip (1,2,3...)	CLFL
Kite Loop	KL	Kite Loop Back Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	KLBRFL
Contra Loop	CL	Kite Loop Rodeo Back Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	KLRODBRFL
Double Kite Loop	2KL	Contra Loop Backroll Flip (1,2,3...)	CLBRFL
S Loop	SL	Contra Loop Rodeo Backroll Flip (1,2,3...)	CLRODBRFL
Kite Loop Back Roll (1,2,3...)	KLBR	Kite Loop Front Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	KLFRFL
Contra Loop Back Roll (1,2,3...)	CLBR	Kite Loop Rodeo Front Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	KLRODFRFL
Kite Loop Front Roll (1,2,3...)	KLFR	Contra Loop Front Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	CLFRFL
Contra Loop Front Roll (1,2,3...)	CLFR	Contra Loop Rodeo Frontroll Flip (1,2,3...)	CLRODFRFL
Kite Loop Double Half Cab	KL2HC	Front Roll Shove It 3	FRSH3
Kite Loop Frontside Pass (3,5,7...)	KLFS	Double Front Roll Shove It 3	2FRSH3
Kite Loop Backside Pass (3,5,7...)	KLBS	Innovation 1	INNO1
Kite Loop Back Roll Frontside Pass (3,5,7...)	KLBRFS	Innovation 2	INNO2
Kite Loop Kgb	KLKGB	Innovation 3	INNO3

Rulebook

The "GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook 2023" will shortly be available for download on the official GKA World Tour website soon.



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.

GKA Lord Of Trams Team

Event Manager: Liam Dredge

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Head Judge: Mallory De La Villemarque

Judge: Simone Timpano

Judge: Jesse Bignon

Judge: Javo Santangelo

Judge: Rui Meira

Judge: Victor Hays

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Any question please contact our Tour Manager Tom Hartmann at tom@global-kitesports.org or Assistant Tour Manager liam@global-kitesports.org

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

Team GKA