

GKA Freestyle Kite WORLD CUP Taiba 2022

08.11.-12.11.2022

It is a pleasure to announce the final freestyle kite event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2022 which will be held in Taiba, Brazil.

The dates will be from the 08th of November to the 12th of November 2022.

This is a 5-Star GKA Kite World Tour event and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2022 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 11th of October 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 11th 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- He complies with World Sailing Federation Regulation, Eligibility Code
- 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
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 **12th of October 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

Equipment

There are no restrictions on equipment.

Seeding

At the time of closing pre-registration, the list below is the current seeding list. The top 22 riders will be pre-qualified according to this seeding list;

For the competition the riders will be seeded within the elimination ladder according to the updated seeding including the result from the GKA freestyle world cup in Neom, Saudi Arabia

MEN			FEMALE		
1	Carlos	Mario	1	Mikaili	Sol
2	Arthur	Guillebert	2	Rita	Arnaus
3	Maxime	Chabloz	3	Bruna	Kajiya
4	Jeremy	Burlando	4	Estefânia	Rosa
5	Posito	Martinez	5	Claudia	León
6	Manoel	Soares	6	Pippa	van Iersel
7	Juan	Rodriguez	7	Nathalie	Lambrecht
8	Gianmaria	Coccoluto	8	Suami	Carvallo
9	Valentín	Rodriguez	9	Katie	Potter
10	Adeuri	Corniel	10	Karolina	Winkowska
11	Guilherme	Costa	11	Hannah	Whiteley
12	Luis Alberto	Cruz	12	Luiza	Crispim
13	Robin	Goetgebuer	13	Pavla	Novotna
14	Lorenzo	Calcano	14	Alexandra	Torres
15	Carlito	Martinez	14	Holly	Keenan
16	Louka	Pitot	16	Nina	Font
17	Karim	Mahmoud	17	Helena	Brochocka
18	Ewan	Jaspan			
19	Erick	Anderson			
20	Nelson	Gomez			
20	Finn	Flugel			
22	Valentin	Garat			
23	Joselito	Del Rosario			

24	Pierfrancesco	Rizzelo			
24	Andrés	Qintero			
24	Daniel	Pereira			
24	Paul	Serin			
28	Matteo	Dorotini			
29	Oswald	Smith			
30	Jonas	Ouahmid			
31	Alex	Neto			
31	Matheus	Mendez			
33	Duvan	Macías			
33	Renzo	David			
35	Julian	Krikken			
36	Davi	Ribeiro			
36	Jack	Rieder			
38	Manu	de Pfyffer			
38	Christophe	Tack			
40	Luca	Seer			
40	Michele	Berti Esclapon			
40	Romain	Giuliano			
40	Jerome	Cloetens			
44	Carlos	Magno			
44	Tom	Seager			
46	Nicolas	Franco			
46	João	Lucas			
48	Ramiro	Gallart			

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 one (1) board sticker to be placed on the top or on the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than \$ 500 for each violation. Repeated offenders may be disqualified from the Event and/or Series.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready. There will be free lunch snack (sandwiches and fruits) and water provided for all competitors.
- Each rider is entitled to register one caddy. Caddies will not have free access to the Riders Lounge! Caddies will only have access to the launching area and the equipment tent, to help their fellow riders with their kite equipment, starting and landing.
- The Riders ID-Strap authorizes you to enter the equipment storage container. You will receive the Riders ID-Strap personally and only at the registration.
- Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/autograph sessions.
- There will be a social event-calendar for each event that all riders have to join via social media and share.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts: @gkakiteworldtour, @qatarairways, @visitqatar, @fuwairit_kite_beach

#GKAKiteWorldTour #GKATaiba #GKAKitesurf #kiteboarding #kitesurfing
#fuwairitkitebeach #visitqatar #discoverqatar #QatarAirways #gkaxqatarairways

Equipment storage

Storage container will be available from 6th –13th November

Travel info:

Airport: Fortaleza Airport is the closest international airport roughly 90 minutes from Taiba.

Organiser Contact:

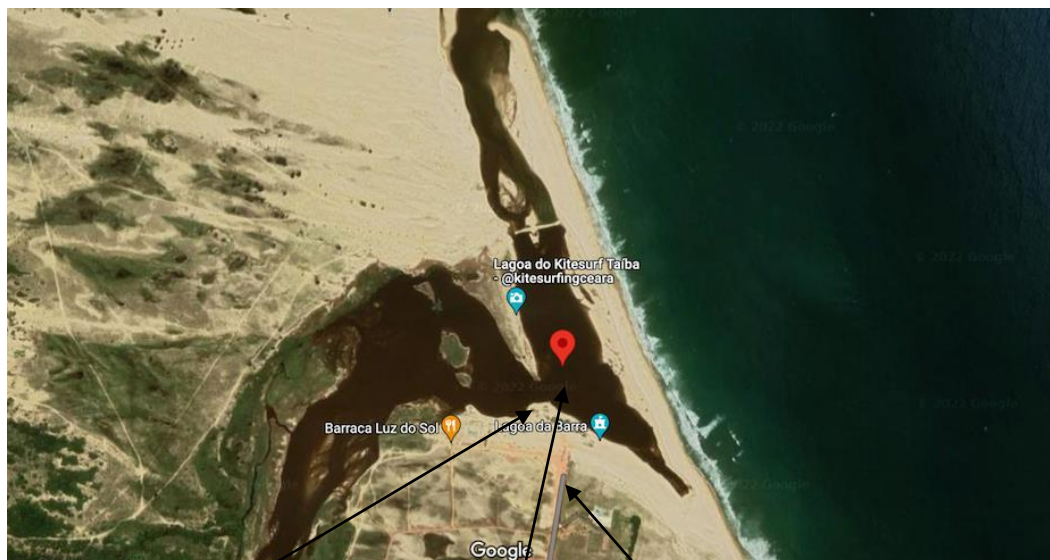
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Location Address:

The address of the GKA Kite-Surf World Cup Taiba, Brazil 2022 is:

Taiba Kitesurf Lagoon

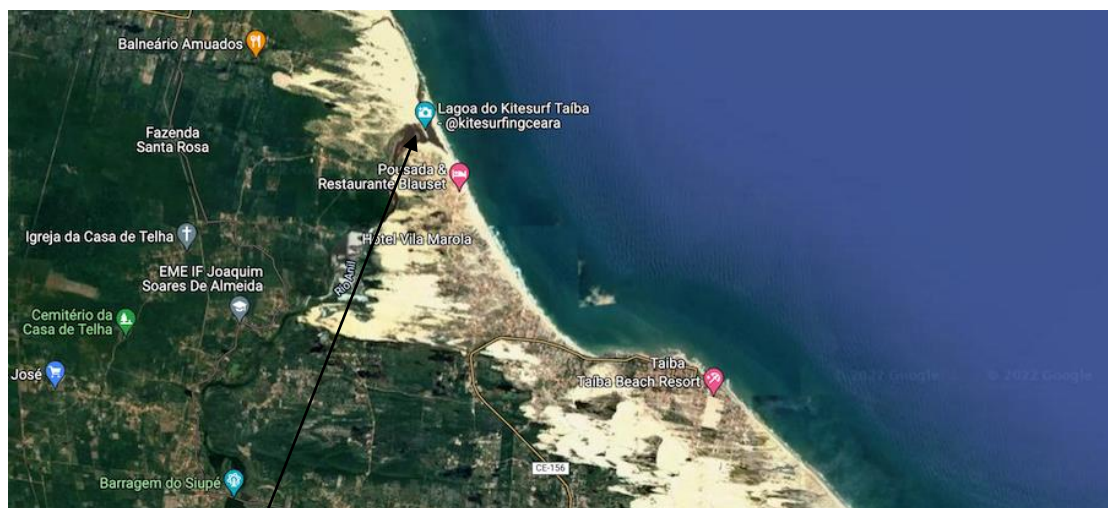
Location map:



JUDGES
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COMPETITION
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ACCESS ROAD TO
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EVENT
LOCATION

Visa:

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

Accommodation for competitors:

The top 10 men and top 6 women will receive free accommodation.

Accommodation providers will be uploaded shortly with all relevant information.

Event parking:

Free parking at the lagoon

Weather:

The average temperature in Taiba during November for a typical day range from a high of 89°F (32°C) and a low of 78°F (26°C). The average day in Taiba during November has 12.3 hours of daylight, with sunrise at 5:12 AM and sunset at 5:28 PM.

A wetsuit will not be needed in Brazil as the water temperature is very warm.

Wind direction

The wind in Taiba during November blows at an average speed of 15-25 knots.

The direction is East South East. The competition is in Taiba Kite lagoon which is pure flat water.

Event Schedule**Tuesday 8th November**

- 10:00 – 14:00: Rider Training
- 15:00 – 16:30: Riders Inscription @ Casa Kite Taiba
- 17:00: Opening Ceremony @ Casa Kite Taiba

Wednesday 9th November

- 10:00: Riders Briefing
- 11:00: First possible start
- 17:00: End of the day

Thursday 10th November

- 10:00: Riders Briefing
- 11:00: First possible start
- 17:00: End of the day

Friday 11th November

- 10:00: Riders Briefing
- 11:00: First possible start
- 17:00: End of the day

Saturday 12th November

- 10:00: Riders Briefing
- 11:00: First possible start
- 16:00: End of the day
- 19:00: Prize Giving and 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 prize money for the GKA FREESTYLE KITE WORLD CUP 2022 held in Taiba, Brazil 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 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

For further Information please read the GKA Rule book here:

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

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.

For more information on eliminations please read the GKA rule book by following the link here:
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Judging Criteria

Ties in Freestyle Discipline heats:

In case of tie in the freestyle format, 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.

Freestyle 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 A 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, only the highest score per freestyle trick category will count towards the final heat score from each competitor.
- In the big air trick category, up to three highest scores per category may count towards the final heat score from each competitor. However, if a trick is repeated or if it is an evolution of the same trick, only the highest score from those will count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

Judging Criteria are applied to score the quality of the execution of each individual tricks. Each judge analyze the following major elements when scoring a trick:

- a. 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.
- b. Technical Difficulty – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.
- c. 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, kite position, height and amplitude during the trick.
- d. Risk factor – The 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.
- e. Smoothness – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.
- f. Innovation – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

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Rulebook

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