



# GKA KITE-SURF WORLD CUP Cape Verde 2023

## 17.03.-27.03.2023

*It is a pleasure to announce the first Kite-Surf event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2023*

*which will be held in Sal, Cape Verde*

The dates will be from the 17<sup>th</sup> of March to the 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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/#1675283733781-db7efac3-2c34>

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 form **by 23.59h of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 for each discipline. - 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 26th of 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:

- 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 competitors membership with the GKA Kite World Tour

### **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's.
- 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:

### **Equipment storage**

There will be equipment storage on site during the event period from 17<sup>th</sup> March until the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Travel info**

Airports: For international arrivals there is one main airport that are best to fly into.

- SAL, CAPE VERDE (SID)

### **Organiser Contact:**

Nautic Sport Eventos Lda  
Ilha do Sal, Santa Maria  
Djo and Giada: [nseventos.cv@gmail.com](mailto:nseventos.cv@gmail.com)

### **Event Location**

Location 1:  
Punta Preta Beach  
Santa Maria  
Sal, Cabo Verde

Location 2:  
Kite Beach

**Location map:**



**Travel documents and Visa:**

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email [liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org](mailto:liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org) and he will issue you the document.

**Accommodation for competitors:**

For this event there will be no free accommodation offered for the top riders, but a special riders rate for all competitors in Melia Sol Dunas Hotel from 16.-28.3.2023

**Melia Sol Dunas**

Riders: 60 euro per day per person In all inclusive in a double room  
Offer valid for bookings from 16.-28.3.2023

Please book your room directly with these contacts:

[Erikson.goth@melia.com](mailto:Erikson.goth@melia.com)  
[reservations.sol.dunas@melia.com](mailto:reservations.sol.dunas@melia.com)  
[alicia.brito@melia.com](mailto:alicia.brito@melia.com)

Alternative Options:

**Damfjord Boutique Hotel**

The DAMFJORD Boutique Hotel, located in the heart of Santa Maria, on Rua das Salinas, 100 meters from the new pedestrian street (center of all activity in the city of Santa Maria). It has 13 rooms (4 doubles (with balcony) and 9 twins), fully equipped, designed to meet the expectations and needs.

1 pax (Single) 4,950\$00 / 45€  
2 Pax (Double) 7,700\$00 / 70€

Tourist tax included (Decree-Law nº 44/2017) - 276\$00 / 2.5€ per person, per night  
Continental breakfast - included



VAT at the current rate - included

[bookingdamfjord@gmail.com](mailto:bookingdamfjord@gmail.com)

Contacts and Reservations;

Email: [bookingdamfjord@gmail.com](mailto:bookingdamfjord@gmail.com)

Mobile: +238 596 36 96

Address: DAMFJORD Boutique Hotel - Santa Maria – Sal Island Union Tour Lda. NIF: 251 681 408

### *Maria's Apartments*

ApartmentT3: 6 people 120 euros/day

ApartmentT2: 4 People 80 Euros/day

[businessmaria7@mail.com](mailto:businessmaria7@mail.com)

### **Weather:**

March in Sal offer mostly moderate warm weather. The average air temperatures vary from 18°C at night to 25°C during daytime and the water temperature is around 22-23°C. So, bringing sweater/jacket for clothing and a light wetsuit is recommended.

### **Wind Information**

Northeast trade wind blows mainly from 15 – 25 knots

### **Spots:**

For wave competition: Punta Preta or Kite Beach

### **Event Schedule**

#### ***Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March***

09:00-11:00 – Inscription

12:00 - `Riders Briefing

13:00 - First Possible start for competition

19:00 – Opening Ceremony at Hotel Odjo D'Agua

#### ***Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March***

10:00 – Skippers Meeting

10:30 – First possible start

#### ***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March***

10:00 – Skippers Meeting

10:30 – First possible start

#### ***Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March***

10:00 – Skippers Meeting

10:30 – First possible start

#### ***Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March***

10:00 – Skippers Meeting

10:30 – First possible start

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

10:00 – Skippers Meeting  
10:30 – First possible start

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

10:00 – Skippers Meeting  
10:30 – First possible start

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

10:00 – Skippers Meeting  
10:30 – First possible start

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

10:00 – Skippers Meeting  
10:30 – First possible start

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

10:00 – Skippers Meeting  
10:30 – First possible start

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

10:00 – Skippers Meeting  
10:30 – First possible start  
20:30 – Closing Ceremony and prize giving at Bikini Beach

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!

**Disciplines**

There will be One Official Disciplines 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)

**Entry Allocation – Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline**

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:

|                     | <b>Kite Surf &amp; Freestyle Discipline</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>CATEGORY</b>     | <b>28 Riders</b>                            |
| TOP 20              | 1-20                                        |
| GKA Wildcards       | 21-22                                       |
| Video Wildcards     | 23-26                                       |
| Organizer Wildcards | 27-28                                       |

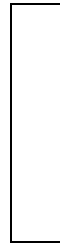
1. For GKA wildcards the KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation in past events as well as their kite merits.
2. For riders aiming for Video wildcards, the athlete needs to submit a Wildcard Video application through the following online form: <https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/wildcard-video-applications/>
3. 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)
4. 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.
5. The GKA will publish the GKA wildcard allocation on **19<sup>th</sup> 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.
6. Wild card enquiries need to be done via mailing to [tom@global-kitesports.org](mailto:tom@global-kitesports.org)

### Seeding - Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline

The seeding for the upcoming Kite-Surf event in Cape Verde will be done according to the end of year 2022 rankings.

| MALE |           |             | FEMALE |                   |                |
|------|-----------|-------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1    | James     | Carew       | 1      | Capucine          | Delannoy       |
| 2    | Matchu    | Lopes       | 2      | Maria Kesiane     | Rodrigues      |
| 3    | Pedro     | Matos       | 3      | Frances           | Kelly          |
| 4    | Sebastian | Ribeiro     | 4      | Camille           | Losserand      |
| 5    | Gabriel   | Benetton    | 5      | Johanna-Catharina | Edin           |
| 6    | Hendrick  | Lopes       | 6      | Marcela           | Witt           |
| 7    | Reece     | Myerscough  | 7      | Bruna             | Kajiya         |
| 7    | Matt      | Maxwell     | 8      | Sonja             | Bunte          |
| 9    | Med Ali   | Beqqali     | 8      | Charlotte         | Carpentier     |
| 10   | Camille   | Delannoy    | 8      | Daniela           | Moreno         |
| 10   | Yaris     | Dell'omo    | 11     | Zoe               | Rodriguez      |
| 10   | Francesco | Cappuzzo    | 12     | Lidiane           | Bazile         |
| 10   | Artur     | Morais      | 12     | Serena            | Sanders        |
| 14   | Nicola    | Abadjiev    | 12     | Susanne           | Luz            |
| 15   | Leonardo  | Grangeiro   | 14     | Barbara           | Schwarztrauber |
| 16   | Airton    | Cozzolino   | 15     | Barbara           | Sgardello      |
| 17   | Kiko      | Roig Torres | 15     | Sophia            | Abreu          |
| 18   | Mounim    | Maji        | 15     | Luiza             | Neto           |
| 18   | Luke      | Millard     | 15     | Estefania         | Rosa           |
| 20   | Wesley    | Silva       | 19     | Clemence          | Derrien        |
| 21   | Charly    | Martin      | 20     | Annemieke         | Kruijt         |
| 21   | Clement   | Roseyro     |        |                   |                |
| 21   | Gray      | Foster      |        |                   |                |
| 21   | Anderson  | Reboucas    |        |                   |                |
| 25   | Jairo     | Neto        |        |                   |                |
| 26   | Tony      | Ciliberto   |        |                   |                |

|    |         |                 |
|----|---------|-----------------|
| 26 | Arsenio | Do Rosario Dias |
| 28 | Kelton  | Lopes           |
| 28 | Keanu   | Merten          |
| 30 | Luca    | Gasperini       |
| 30 | Everton | Martins         |
| 32 | Achraf  | Bentajar        |
| 32 | Reda    | Lafdali         |



### 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:
  - If ranked in the top 4 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 5;
  - If ranked in the top 8 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 9;
  - If ranked in the top 16 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 19.

### Prize money – Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline

The prize money for the GKA KITE-SURF WORLD CUP 2022 held in Sal, Cabo Verde 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              |
| <b>Total 1- 4</b>      | <b>40</b>      | <b>Total 1- 4</b>        | <b>40</b>      |
| 5                      | 5              |                          |                |
| 5                      | 5              |                          |                |
| 5                      | 5              |                          |                |
| 5                      | 5              |                          |                |
| <b>Total 5-8</b>       | <b>20</b>      |                          |                |

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            |
| 5                | 3,5            | 5              | 3,5            |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>50</b>      | <b>Total</b>   | <b>50</b>      |

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              |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>50</b>      | <b>Total</b>     | <b>50</b>      |

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 - Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline

The elimination ladder used for the KWT Kite-Surf event shall be Dingle.

- KWT 28 Riders Dingle Elimination

| ROUND 1 |      |          | ROUND 2 |      |          | ROUND 3 |      |          | ROUND 4 |      |          | SEMI-FINALS |      |          | FINAL   |      |          |
|---------|------|----------|---------|------|----------|---------|------|----------|---------|------|----------|-------------|------|----------|---------|------|----------|
| HEAT #1 | NAME | COUP FL. | HEAT #1 | NAME | COUP FL. | HEAT #1 | NAME | COUP FL. | HEAT #1 | NAME | COUP FL. | HEAT #1     | NAME | COUP FL. | HEAT #1 | NAME | COUP FL. |
| 2       |      |          | 2       |      |          | 2       |      |          | 2       |      |          | 2           |      |          | 2       |      |          |
| 3       |      |          | 3       |      |          | 3       |      |          | 3       |      |          | 3           |      |          | 3       |      |          |
| 4       |      |          | 4       |      |          | 4       |      |          | 4       |      |          | 4           |      |          | 4       |      |          |
| 5       |      |          | 5       |      |          | 5       |      |          | 5       |      |          | 5           |      |          | 5       |      |          |
| 6       |      |          | 6       |      |          | 6       |      |          | 6       |      |          | 6           |      |          | 6       |      |          |
| 7       |      |          | 7       |      |          | 7       |      |          | 7       |      |          | 7           |      |          | 7       |      |          |
| 8       |      |          | 8       |      |          | 8       |      |          | 8       |      |          | 8           |      |          | 8       |      |          |
| 9       |      |          | 9       |      |          | 9       |      |          | 9       |      |          | 9           |      |          | 9       |      |          |
| 10      |      |          | 10      |      |          | 10      |      |          | 10      |      |          | 10          |      |          | 10      |      |          |
| 11      |      |          | 11      |      |          | 11      |      |          | 11      |      |          | 11          |      |          | 11      |      |          |
| 12      |      |          | 12      |      |          | 12      |      |          | 12      |      |          | 12          |      |          | 12      |      |          |
| 13      |      |          | 13      |      |          | 13      |      |          | 13      |      |          | 13          |      |          | 13      |      |          |
| 14      |      |          | 14      |      |          | 14      |      |          | 14      |      |          | 14          |      |          | 14      |      |          |
| 15      |      |          | 15      |      |          | 15      |      |          | 15      |      |          | 15          |      |          | 15      |      |          |
| 16      |      |          | 16      |      |          | 16      |      |          | 16      |      |          | 16          |      |          | 16      |      |          |
| 17      |      |          | 17      |      |          | 17      |      |          | 17      |      |          | 17          |      |          | 17      |      |          |
| 18      |      |          | 18      |      |          | 18      |      |          | 18      |      |          | 18          |      |          | 18      |      |          |
| 19      |      |          | 19      |      |          | 19      |      |          | 19      |      |          | 19          |      |          | 19      |      |          |
| 20      |      |          | 20      |      |          | 20      |      |          | 20      |      |          | 20          |      |          | 20      |      |          |
| 21      |      |          | 21      |      |          | 21      |      |          | 21      |      |          | 21          |      |          | 21      |      |          |
| 22      |      |          | 22      |      |          | 22      |      |          | 22      |      |          | 22          |      |          | 22      |      |          |
| 23      |      |          | 23      |      |          | 23      |      |          | 23      |      |          | 23          |      |          | 23      |      |          |
| 24      |      |          | 24      |      |          | 24      |      |          | 24      |      |          | 24          |      |          | 24      |      |          |
| 25      |      |          | 25      |      |          | 25      |      |          | 25      |      |          | 25          |      |          | 25      |      |          |
| 26      |      |          | 26      |      |          | 26      |      |          | 26      |      |          | 26          |      |          | 26      |      |          |
| 27      |      |          | 27      |      |          | 27      |      |          | 27      |      |          | 27          |      |          | 27      |      |          |
| 28      |      |          | 28      |      |          | 28      |      |          | 28      |      |          | 28          |      |          | 28      |      |          |

- KWT 14 Riders Dingle Elimination

| ROUND 1 |      |          | ROUND 2 |      |          | ROUND 3 |      |          | ROUND 4 |      |          | SEMI-FINALS |      |          | FINAL   |      |          |
|---------|------|----------|---------|------|----------|---------|------|----------|---------|------|----------|-------------|------|----------|---------|------|----------|
| HEAT #1 | NAME | COUP FL. | HEAT #1 | NAME | COUP FL. | HEAT #1 | NAME | COUP FL. | HEAT #1 | NAME | COUP FL. | HEAT #1     | NAME | COUP FL. | HEAT #1 | NAME | COUP FL. |
| 1       |      |          | 1       |      |          | 1       |      |          | 1       |      |          | 1           |      |          | 1       |      |          |
| 2       |      |          | 2       |      |          | 2       |      |          | 2       |      |          | 2           |      |          | 2       |      |          |
| 3       |      |          | 3       |      |          | 3       |      |          | 3       |      |          | 3           |      |          | 3       |      |          |
| 4       |      |          | 4       |      |          | 4       |      |          | 4       |      |          | 4           |      |          | 4       |      |          |
| 5       |      |          | 5       |      |          | 5       |      |          | 5       |      |          | 5           |      |          | 5       |      |          |
| 6       |      |          | 6       |      |          | 6       |      |          | 6       |      |          | 6           |      |          | 6       |      |          |
| 7       |      |          | 7       |      |          | 7       |      |          | 7       |      |          | 7           |      |          | 7       |      |          |
| 8       |      |          | 8       |      |          | 8       |      |          | 8       |      |          | 8           |      |          | 8       |      |          |
| 9       |      |          | 9       |      |          | 9       |      |          | 9       |      |          | 9           |      |          | 9       |      |          |
| 10      |      |          | 10      |      |          | 10      |      |          | 10      |      |          | 10          |      |          | 10      |      |          |
| 11      |      |          | 11      |      |          | 11      |      |          | 11      |      |          | 11          |      |          | 11      |      |          |
| 12      |      |          | 12      |      |          | 12      |      |          | 12      |      |          | 12          |      |          | 12      |      |          |
| 13      |      |          | 13      |      |          | 13      |      |          | 13      |      |          | 13          |      |          | 13      |      |          |
| 14      |      |          | 14      |      |          | 14      |      |          | 14      |      |          | 14          |      |          | 14      |      |          |

#### Heat Progression:

- 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.
- The winners of the second round heats advance to the third round, whilst the second placed riders are out of competition.
- 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.
- 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 - Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline**

Scoring Categories and Judging Criteria:

### **Wave:**

- 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.
- 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.

**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

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.

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.

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.

### **Strapless Freestyle:**

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.

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.

### **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.

### **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.

If a competitor “butt checks” when landing the trick and doesn’t loose 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Judges may not change their scores. If there are any mistake the judge should have the Head Judge make the correction for them.

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.

**STRAPLESS TRICKLIST 2021**

\* Coloured fields (except white) are sub-categories. Only one trick within each sub-category can count towards the final score.

| AIR TRICKS (1 TRICK)          |           | BOARD OFFS / RODEOS (2 TRICKS)   |        | KITELOOPS (2 TRICKS)                  |         |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| AIR                           | AIR       | ONE FOOT                         | OF     | KITELOOP                              | KL      |
| AIR TO BLIND                  | A2B       | BOARD OFF                        | BO     | KITELOOP BOARD OFF                    | KLBO    |
| BODY 360                      | B360      | RODEO                            | R      | KITELOOP RODEO                        | KLBR    |
| AIR REVERSE                   | AR        | FRONT ROLL ONE FOOT              | FR0F   | KITELOOP BACKROLL                     | KLBR    |
| AIR 360                       | A3        | BACK ROLL ONE FOOT               | BR0F   | KITELOOP DOUBLE BACKROLL              | KL2BR   |
| TOESIDE AIR                   | TA        | HAND STAND                       | HS     | KITELOOP BACKROLL BOARD OFF           | KLBRBO  |
| TOESIDE AIR REVERSE           | TSAR      | HAND STAND 360                   | HS360  | KITELOOP DOUBLE BACKROLL BOARD OFF    | KL2BRBO |
| TOESIDE AIR 360               | TSA3      | JESUS WALK                       | JW     | KITELOOP RODEO BACKROLL               | KLBR    |
| TOESIDE AIR 540               | TSA5      | BARE FOOT                        | BF     | KITELOOP RODEO DOUBLE BACKROLL        | KLBR2BR |
| TOESIDE AIR 720               | TSA7      | HAND VARIAL                      | HV     | KITELOOP RODEO TRIPLE BACKROLL        | KLBR3BR |
| AIR TRICKS INNOVATION         | ATI       | FRONT ROLL HAND VARIAL           | FRHV   | KITELOOP FRONTROLL (BOOGIE)           | KLFR    |
| BACK ROLLS (1 TRICK)          |           | BACK ROLL SUPERMAN               | BRS    | KITELOOP DOUBLE FRONTROLL             | KL2FR   |
| BACK ROLL                     | BR        | TIC TAC                          | TT     | KITELOOP FRONTROLL BOARD OFF (BOOGIE) | KLFRBO  |
| BACK ROLL S                   | BRS       | TIC TAC REWIND                   | TTR    | KITELOOP DOUBLE FRONTROLL BOARD OFF   | KL2FRBO |
| DOUBLE BACK ROLL              | 2BR       | TIC TAC RODEO                    | TTR    | KITELOOP RODEO FRONTROLL (BOOGIE)     | KLFRFR  |
| TRIPLE BACK ROLL              | 3BR       | DOUBLE TIC TAC                   | 2TT    | KITELOOP RODEO DOUBLE FRONTROLL       | KL2FRFR |
| BACK ROLL INNOVATION          | BR1       | FLIP                             | FL     | KITELOOP TIC TAC                      | KLTF    |
| FRONT ROLLS (1 TRICK)         |           | RODEO FLIP                       | RFL    | KITELOOP FLIP                         | KLFL    |
| FRONT ROLL                    | FR        | TIC TAC FLIP                     | TTF    | CONTRALOOP BACKROLL BOARD OFF         | CLBRBO  |
| FRONT ROLL TO BLIND           | FR2B      | TIC TAC RODEO FLIP               | TTRFL  | CONTRALOOP BACKROLL RODEO             | CLBR    |
| DOUBLE FRONT ROLL             | 2FR       | FRONT ROLL BOARD OFF             | FRBO   | CONTRALOOP BACKROLL TIC TAC           | CLBRTT  |
| DOUBLE FRONT ROLL TO BLIND    | 2FR2B     | DOUBLE FRONT ROLL BOARD OFF      | 2FRBO  | CONTRALOOP BACKROLL FLIP              | CLBRFL  |
| TRIPLE FRONT ROLL             | 3FR       | TRIPLE FRONT ROLL BOARD OFF      | 3FRBO  | CONTRALOOP BACKROLL RODEO FLIP        | CLBRFLR |
| FRONT ROLL TO REVERSE         | FR2R      | FRONT ROLL RODEO                 | FRR    | CONTRALOOP BACKROLL RODEO TIC TAC     | CLBRRTT |
| FRONT ROLL INNOVATION         | FR1       | DOUBLE FRONT ROLL RODEO          | 2FRR   | KITELOOPS INNOVATION                  | KLI     |
| HANDLE PASSES (1 TRICK)       |           | TRIPLE FRONT ROLL RODEO          | 3FRR   | KICK TRICKS (SHOVE-IT) (1 TRICK)      |         |
| AIR FRONT SIDE 180 S. PASS    | AFS180SP  | BACK ROLL BOARD OFF              | BRBO   | SHOVE-IT                              | SH      |
| TOESIDE FRONT SIDE 180 S.PASS | TSFS180SP | DOUBLE BACK ROLL BOARD OFF       | 2BRBO  | SHOVE-IT 3                            | SH3     |
| FRONT ROLL TO S.PASS          | FR2SP     | TRIPLE BACK ROLL BOARD OFF       | 3BRBO  | SHOVE-IT 5                            | SH5     |
| FRONTSIDE 360                 | FS3       | BACK ROLL RODEO                  | BRR    | SHOVE-IT 7                            | SH7     |
| BACKSIDE 360                  | BS3       | DOUBLE BACK ROLL RODEO           | 2BRR   | ONE FOOT SHOVE-IT 3                   | OF5H3   |
| SHIFTY FRONTSIDE 360          | SFS3      | TRIPLE BACK ROLL RODEO           | 3BRR   | VARIAL FLIP                           | VFL     |
| TOESIDE FRONTSIDE 360         | TSFS3     | FRONT ROLL TIC TAC               | FRTT   | FLIP 3                                | FL3     |
| HANDLE PASS RODEO             | HPR       | FRONT ROLL RODEO TIC TAC         | FRRTT  | FRONTSIDE BIG SPIN                    | FSBS    |
| HANDLE PASS INNOVATION        | HPI       | FRONT ROLL TIC TAC REWIND        | FRRTRE | BACKSIDE BIG SPIN                     | BSBS    |
|                               |           | DOUBLE FRONT ROLL TIC TAC        | 2FRTT  | BACK ROLL SHOVE IT 3                  | BRSH3   |
|                               |           | DOUBLE FRONT ROLL TIC TAC RODEO  | 2FRTR  | FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 3                 | FRSH3   |
|                               |           | DOUBLE FRONT ROLL TIC TAC REWIND | 2FRTRR | FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 5                 | FRSH5   |
|                               |           | FRONT ROLL FLIP                  | FRFL   | FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 7                 | FRSH7   |
|                               |           | FRONT ROLL TIC TAC FLIP          | FRFTFL | DOUBLE FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 3          | 2FRSH3  |
|                               |           | BACK ROLL TIC TAC                | BRTT   | TOESIDE AIR 360 SHOVE IT 3            | TSA3SH3 |
|                               |           | BACK ROLL TIC TAC RODEO          | BRTRR  | KICK TRICKS INNOVATION                | KTI     |
|                               |           | DOUBLE BACK ROLL TIC TAC         | 2BRTT  |                                       |         |
|                               |           | BACK ROLL DOUBLE TIC TAC         | BR2TT  |                                       |         |
|                               |           | BACK ROLL DOUBLE TIC TAC RODEO   | BR2TRR |                                       |         |
|                               |           | BACK ROLL TRIPLE TIC TAC         | BR3TT  |                                       |         |
|                               |           | BACK ROLL FLIP                   | BRF    |                                       |         |
|                               |           | BACK ROLL DOUBLE FLIP            | BR2F   |                                       |         |
|                               |           | BACK ROLL TIC TAC FLIP           | BRFTF  |                                       |         |
|                               |           | BACK ROLL DOUBLE TIC TAC FLIP    | BR2TTF |                                       |         |
|                               |           | BACK ROLL TIC TAC RODEO FLIP     | BRTRFR |                                       |         |
|                               |           | BOARD OFF RODEO INNOVATION       | BO1    |                                       |         |

In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, only the highest score per trick family will count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

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.

### **Rulebook**

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