



GKA KITE-SURF WORLD CUP Sylt, Germany 2023

22.08.-27.08.2023

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

which will be held in Sylt, Germany.

The dates will be from the 22nd of August to the 27th of August 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://app.gkakiteworldtour.com/>

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 17th of July 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

Entry-fee payments must be made no later than the end of the inscription-time at the respective event.

After confirmation of participation, the rider will receive a payment link. Payments must be made via credit card. 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 this case an amount of 40,- Euro processing fee will be added to the regular entry-fee.

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.

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:

Membership

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GKA membership. The duration of GKA membership is from the first to the last event of the current year.

Membership fees shall be determined by the GKA at the start of the year and may be changed at any notice during the course of the year.

At the end of the inscription-time, the rider must be able to prove a valid GKA membership. After confirmation of participation, he will receive a payment link. Payments must be made via credit card. 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.

The cost of the GKA membership is 80 € for competing in one event and 160 € per year (to be paid 80 € at the first event entered and 80 € at the second event entered. The total amount of 160 € can also be paid in once at the first event for the complete year. Membership fees are excluding event fees.)

The GKA membership fee for Local / National Wildcard holders is reduced to 20 € for competing in one event and 100 € per year (to be paid 20 € at the first event entered when receiving a wildcard and 80 € at the second event entered).



The membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third-party liability during the competition. Benefits are only provided in accordance with the current ERAG insurance policy. The GKA Kite World Tour, the GKA Event GmbH, the Global Kitesports Association e.V. cannot held liable for any legal and/or financial liability, losses, damages, which might occur from the participation in the competition/event.

Please note that the insurance is only valid for riders not competing in their country of residence. Local riders are **not** insured through their GKA membership.

Equipment storage

There will be equipment storage on site during the event period from 21st to 28th August 2023.

Travel info

Airports: there is an airport on Sylt (GWT), its 5min from event site, but has only domestic flight connections from Germany.

International connections can fly into Hamburg (HAM) and then take a direct train to Sylt.

Travel by car: Travelling by car to Sylt will need you to get on a car train from Niebull to get over to the island of Sylt. You can check car train times and buy tickets here:

- <https://www.syltshuttle.de/syltshuttle-de>
- <https://www.autozug-sylt.de/en/>

Organiser Contact:

MMP Event
Lukas Müller
Email: Lukas.Mueller@mmpevent.de

Event Location

Brandenburger Strand
Kurpromenade 333C
25980 Westerland, Sylt
Deutschland

Travel documents and Visa:

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

Accommodation for competitors:

Free accommodation for the Top 12 riders (male) and Top 4 riders (female) of the current seeding for the event in flats for 2 people- from the day before inscription through one day after the event.

For accommodations contact:

WYN Stand Hotel – There is a 20% discount which can be redeemed until August 4th 2023. As the WYN Strandhotel is one of the most expensive hotels on Sylt, please do not get your hopes up. The Wyn Hotel

as a partner again, but as it is very well booked for the World Cup, the free capacities are limited. Contact the hotel director, Susanne Brunner (s.brunner@wyn-sylt.de and gruppen@wyn-sylt.de).

We have received the following conditions:

20% discount on the daily rate depending on availability - cancellation deadline 14 days - afterwards chargeable 90% / bookings are possible until 4.8.23.

Booking code: COOPKSC23 .

In addition to the WYN Hotel, riders can also use the following contact details to book accommodation:

Apartment Brüning
Strandstraße 13
25980 Westerland / Sylt
Tel: +49 4651 5858
bruening-sylt@t-online.de
www.appartement-bruenig.de

Wiking Apartement Agency
Steinmannstraße 7-9
25980 Westerland /Sylt
Tel: +49 4651 83001
info@wikingsylt.de
www.wiking-sylt.de

There are also possibilities at the local campsite which has fixed caravans for rent (properly equipped with heating, lighting power etc). These are available according to the following details.

Campingplatz Westerland
Süderstraße 66
25980 Westerland / Sylt
Tel: +49 4651 299 19 39
info@duenencamping-westerland.de
www.duenencamping-westerland.de

Location map:



Weather:

Sylt has a northern Europe climate, so weather conditions are rather mild in August. The air temperature during the day can be between 25°C the highest temperatures and lowest of 12°C. The water temperature of the North Sea is around 16°C, so bringing a wetsuit and a jacket is recommended! Sunrise is 05.00h and sunset is 22.00h.

Wind Information

Westerly winds blowing 15-35 knots onshore at Westerland.
Easterly winds blowing around 12-25 knots offshore at Westerland.

Event Schedule

Tuesday 22nd August

09:00-11:00 – Inscription
12:00 - `Riders Briefing
13:00 - First Possible start for competition
19:00 – Opening Ceremony at Strandmuschel on the Kurpromenade

Wednesday 23rd August

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

Thursday 24th August

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

Friday 25th August

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

Saturday 26th August

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

Sunday 27th August

10:00 – Skippers Meeting
10:30 – First possible start
19:00 – Prizegiving 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!

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:

	Kite Surf & Freestyle Discipline
CATEGORY	28 Riders
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 **19th 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

Seeding - Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline

The seeding for the upcoming Kite-Surf event in Sylt, Germany will be done according to the same seeding list as GKA Kite-Surf Rio 2023.

MEN

WOMEN

1	Matchu	Lopes		1	Capucine	Delannoy
2	Pedro	Matos		2	Maria Kesiane	Rodrigues
3	Sebastian	Ribeiro		3	Bruna	Kajiya
4	James	Carew		4	Camille	Losserland
5	Reece	Myerscough		5	Charlotte	Carpentier
6	Matt	Maxwell		6	Zoe	Bazile
7	Hendrick	Lopes		7	Serena	Luz
8	Airton	Cozzolino		8	Sonja	Bunte

9	Nicola	Abadjiev		9	Daniela	Moreno Rodriguez
10	Yaris	Dell'omo		10	Clemence	Derrien
11	Artur	Morais		11	Susanne	Schwarztrauber
12	Gabriel	Benetton		12	Moona	Whyte
13	Leonardo	Grangeiro		13	Frances	Kelly
14	Francesco	Cappuzzo		14	Johanna-Catharina	Edin
15	Camille	Delannoy		15	Marcela	Witt
16	Charly	Martin		16	Julia	Borghi Silva
17	Clement	Roseyro		17	Julia	Castro
18	Arsenio	Dias		18	Irati	Fonseca Kohler
19	Luca	Gasperini		19	Lidiane	Sanders
20	Mitu	Monteiro		20	Barbara	Sgardello
21	Jairo	Neto		21	Sophia	Abreu
22	Kelton	Lopes		22	Luiza	Neto
23	Lorenzo	Casati		23	Estefania	Rosa
24	Titik	Lopes		24	Annemieke	Kruijt
25	Med Ali	Beqqali				
26	Robertney	Barros				
27	Elvis	Nunes				
28	Kiko	Roig Torres				
29	Mounim	Maji				
30	Luke	Millard				
31	Wesley	Silva				
32	Gray	Foster				
33	Anderson	Reboucas				
34	Ricardo	Bettancourt				
35	Pablo	Amores				
36	Tony	Ciliberto				
37	Keanu	Merten				
38	Everton	Martins				
39	Reda	Lafdali				
40	Achraf	Bentajar				

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 in Sylt, Germany will be **30.000 Euro**. The prize money is paid cash by the organiser to the competitors in line with the Rulebook.

27.000 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and **3.000 Euro** (10% of the event prizemoney) will go to the first 3 male and female winners of the GKA Kite-Surf World Tour end of year ranking, World Championship Title.

In the case of “no results” due to an Act of God (i.e. bad weather, no wind) 20.000 Euro of the total prizemoney will be distributed equally amongst all riders entered in the event, 2.500 Euro will go back to the organiser and 2.500 Euro will be kept in the GKA account for the prizemoney to be paid out to the first three male and female winners of the GKA Kite-Surf World Tour end of the year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 2)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Elimination ladders - 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	Score	HEAT #4	NAME	Score	HEAT #7	NAME	Score	HEAT #10	NAME	Score	HEAT #13	NAME	Score	HEAT #16	NAME	Score
11			14			17			20			23			26		
12			15			18			21			24			27		
13			16			19			22			25			28		
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113			116			119			124			125			128		
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(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 lose the board, the judges will still give some credit to the trick. It’s at the discretion of each judge to consider if it’s a crash or a butt check and to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

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

(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

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/rulebooks/2023/GKA%20Kite%20World%20Tour%20Rulebook%202023.pdf>

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.

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As a competitor, I agree to respect the racing rules and in particular:

- 1- to display visibly the sailing-number attributed to me.
- 2- to wear the official event-competition-lycra at all times when proceeding to the water (also during training) as well as during interviews, official presentations and on podium.
- 3- to wear a life jacket and safety helmet during the competition,
- 4- to follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
- 5- to place board stickers (GKA Kite World Tour & Event sponsor) on the top and on the bottom of the board at all time during the event (competitions, interviews, media conferences, award ceremony...).
- 6- to take note that all rider meetings, opening/closing ceremonies and media conferences requested by the Event Organizer are mandatory to all riders. I assure that I'll be on time and ready.
- 7- I'm aware that a non-observance of this rule will incur a fine of up to 500 USD. Any competitor finishing in the top 3 positions who fails to attend the awards ceremony on time - without being justified by a force of major circumstance - will incur a fine equal to their earned prize money for the event. Furthermore fine can incur an additional penalty of up to 1.000 USD and suspension for the next event.



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