



# Copa Kitley GKA Freestyle Kite WORLD CUP

## Cauipe, Brazil 2023

### 08.11.-11.11.2023

*It is a pleasure to announce the fourth freestyle kite event of the Qatar Airways GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2023 which will be held in Cauipe Lagoon, Brazil.*

The dates will be from the 8<sup>th</sup> of November to the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

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

#### **Entry procedure and Registration**

All competitors planning to enter a KWT event shall pre-register through the registration link on the dedicated event page on the GKA Kite World Tour website:

<https://app.gkakiteworldtour.com/>

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 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2023.**

The registration does contain:

- Full Name:
- Nationality:
- Hometown:
- Date of Birth:
- Federative License Number:
- Sponsors:
- Passport number:
- Telephone/Whatsapp:
- Facebook page:
- Instagram account:

- Email:
- Name of Caddy:
- Food specifics:

All attending riders need to have a valid membership with the GKA and be members of a national NATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION and/or WORLD SAILING and have to be insured via the NATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION and/or WORLD SAILING.

Cost of entry is 125.- Euro and fees need to be paid via credit card through the online link when receiving the entry confirmation.

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GKA membership. The GKA membership needs to be obtained before or at the same time when confirming participation for an event and can be paid via the online payment link. The membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third-party liability during the competition.

All entry fee and GKA membership payments must be made before the 24<sup>th</sup> **November 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.

### **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.

### **Eligibility**

A competitor is eligible for any KWT event if he meets the following conditions:

- (i). He is a member of his Official National Kiteboarding Federation or Association. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of identity and membership may be requested.
- (ii). He has a personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.
- (iii) The competitor cannot hold the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer responsible for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- (iv) The competitor cannot hold the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- (v). He complies with World Sailing Federation Regulation, Eligibility Code
- (vi). He holds a valid competitor's membership with the GKA Kite World Tour

### **Entry allocation**

There is a maximum number of 28 male competitors and 28 female competitors entering this event. Entries into KWT events shall be allocated according to the following table:

CATEGORY	Kite Surf & Freestyle Discipline	
	28 Riders	14 Riders
Seeding List	1-20	1-10
GKA Wildcards	21-22	11
Video Wildcards	23-26	12-13
Organizer Wildcards	27-28	14

- For GKA wildcards the KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation in past events as well as their kite merits.
- For riders aiming for Video wildcards, the athlete needs to submit a Wildcard Video application through the following online form:
- <https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/wildcard-video-applications/>
- Wildcards will be seeded based on their KWT ranking whenever available. If this is not possible, they will be distributed in the KWT ladder according to rule 18.1.1.(ii)
- If any ranked competitor cannot compete in one KWT event due to an injury or other reasons, the empty spot will be given to the next highest ranked competitor. If this is not possible, the KWT Representative may grant exceptionally the available entry to another competitor prior approval from the KWT Sports Commission.
- The GKA will publish the GKA wildcard allocation on **4<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.
- Wild card enquiries need to be done via mailing to [tom@global-kitesports.org](mailto:tom@global-kitesports.org)

### **Equipment**

There are no restrictions on equipment.

## Seeding

The seeding is calculated according to the current 2023 rankings. See below.

### GKA Freestyle World Tour 2023

#### World Ranking

#### Freestyle Men

Ranking #	First Name	Surname
1	Carlos	Mario
2	Gianmaria	Coccoluto
3	Louka	Pitot
4	Maxime	Chabloz
5	Finn	Flugel
6	Valentin	Garat
7	Karim	Mahmoud
8	Valentin	Rodriguez
9	Arthur	Guillebert
10	Manoel	Soares
11	Juan	Rodriguez
12	Posito	Martinez
13	Peyo	Cremades
14	Luis	Cruz
15	Matteo	Dorotini
16	Hironobu	Nakano
16	Baptiste	Jacquemain
18	Jack	Rieder
19	Rashid	Almansoori
20	Pedro	Alexandre
21	Pierfrancesco	Rizzello
21	Carlos David	Arnaun
23	Rashed	Alfalasi
23	Mohammed	Almansoori
23	Ahmed	Alkaabi
26	Rafael	Montero
26	Eliott	Panet
26	Theo	Fermon
29	Luca	Seer
30	Robin	Goetgebuer
31	Eros	Balbinot
31	Alessio	Pintus
31	Hugo	Gaborit
34	Lorenzo	Calcano
35	Julien	Jacquet
35	Nathan	Texier
37	Nelson	Gomez
37	Armando	Sierra
37	Maxime	Guillis
40	Daniel	Pereira
40	Duvan	Macias
42	Jhon	Perez
42	Frank	Charris

### GKA Freestyle World Tour 2023

#### World Ranking

#### Freestyle Women

Ranking #	First Name	Surname
1	Bruna	Kajiya
2	Claudia	León
3	Mikaili	Sol
4	Therese	Taabbel
5	Alexandra	Torres
6	Matilda	Roux
7	Nathalie	Lambrecht
8	Francesca	Bagnoli
9	Estefania	Rosa
10	Naïs	Balbinot
10	Giulia	Anania
12	Rita	Arnaus
13	Eva	Dupont

## **Injury wildcard**

- To be entitled to an injury wildcard, a competitor must be ranked top 16 in the KWT ranking at the time of the injury.
- In order to apply for an injury wildcard, an official medical certificate must be delivered to the KWT Sports Commission and there must be evidence that the competitor missed at least 33% of the current year events or combined two years events.
- The maximum period to be granted an injury wildcard will be 365 days from the date of their injury or until the start of next scheduled event after the 365 days.
- A rider who has received an injury wildcard will be seeded in accordance with the following when returning from injury, until the start of next scheduled event after the 365 days from the date of their injury, except if they improve their ranking:
  - A. If ranked in the top 4 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 5;
  - B. If ranked in the top 8 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 9;
  - C. If ranked in the top 16 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 19.

## **Discipline**

There will be only one Official Discipline in this KWT event: Twintip Freestyle (mixed format)

Divisions:

- Pro Men: any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)
- Pro Women: any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)

## **IMPORTANT INFO**

- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training – for optimal recognition above the harness.
- Competitors will get their names printed on their personal lycra.
- Each rider will get one competition riders' vest at the registration. Each rider is responsible for his competition riders' vests. In case of loss a replacement is not possible!
- Competitors shall wear the event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing, including harness on the water at all times during the event and two (2) board stickers to be placed on the top and the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than \$ 500 for each violation. Repeated offenders may be disqualified from the Event and/or Series.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready. There will be free lunch, snacks (sandwiches and fruits) and water provided for all competitors.
- Each rider is entitled to register one caddy. Caddies will not have free access to the Riders Lounge! Caddies will only have access to the launching area and the equipment tent, to help their fellow riders with their kite equipment, starting and landing.
- The Riders ID-Strap authorizes you to enter the equipment storage container. You will receive the Riders ID-Strap personally and only at the registration.

- Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/autograph sessions.
- There will be a social event-calendar for each event that all riders have to join via social media and share.
- Please use these media hashtags for all social media posts: @gkakiteworldtour #GKAKiteWorldTour #GKAfreestyle

### **Equipment storage**

Equipment storage container at the competition spot will be available from 7.-12.11.2023

### **Event parking:**

Parking is available at the lagoon.

### **Travel info:**

**Airports:** Fortaleza is the closet airport and is roughly 60 minutes from Cauipe event site.

### **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.

### **Organiser Contacts:**

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### **Location Address:**

Cauipe Lagoon,  
Cumbuco,  
Brazil

### **Location map:**





**Accommodation for competitors:**

Accommodation providers will be announced shortly.

**Weather:**

The average weather in Cumbuco during November for a typical day range from a high of 32 degrees Celsius and a low of 26. The average day during November has roughly 12 hours of daylight, with sunrise around 05:15 and sunset at 17:30

**Wind direction**

The wind in Cauipe blows at an average of 15-25 knots. At the competition spot the wind direction is cross-onshore.

**Event Schedule**

Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> November

09:00 - 10:00: Rider Inscription



11:00: Riders Briefing  
 12:00: First possible Start  
 17:00: Opening Ceremony

Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> November

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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

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

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

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

Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Skippers meeting for the following day will always be communicated at the end of the previous day!

**Prize money**

The prizemoney for the Copa Kitley GKA FREESTYLE WORLD CUP Cauipe 2023 will be **25.000 Euro**. The prize money is paid via cash by the organizer to the competitors in line with the GKA Rulebook.

**22.500 Euro** will be paid to the winners of the event and **2.500 Euro** (10% of the event prizemoney) will go to the first 3 male and female winners of the GKA Freestyle World Tour end of year ranking, World Championship Title.

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

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

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

1. 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
2. 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men
3. 20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with more than 16 competitors (4 riders in equal 5th place)

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



7	4,5
7	4,5
<b>Total 5-8</b>	<b>20</b>

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	<b>4</b>	5	<b>4</b>
5	4	5	4
7	3	7	3
7	3	7	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

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

### 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.



- From the fourth round on, the winner and second placed rider of the heats advance to the next round, whilst the third and fourth placed riders are out of competition, until the final.

### **Judging Criteria**

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

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.

Technical Difficulty – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.

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.

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.

Smoothness – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.

Innovation – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

### **Trick's groups and families.**

To check the Variety groups and families in the APPENDIX A1 and A2 of this rulebook.

There are two groups of tricks:

- a) Heelside group.
- b) Variety group.

Inside the “**Heel side**” group there are the following trick families:

- Raley or flat Based
- Slim & KGB
- Hintenbergers and Heart Attacks
- Mobes

Inside the “**Variety**” group there are the following trick families:

- Rewinds.
- Toesides or blind sides.
- Combos.
- Double inverted rotations.
- Kiteloops or Downloop handle passes.

The Youth tricklist is located in Appendix A3 of this rulebook.

Tricks counting for the MEN competition:

When 4 (four) tricks are counting for the final score:

A maximum of 2 (two) tricks counting from the heel side group from different families.  
A maximum of 3 (three) tricks counting from the variety group from different families.

All these combinations are possible as longest each trick counted is from a different family:

- a) 1x Heel side and 3x Variety
- b) 2x Heel side and 2x Variety.

When 3 (three) tricks are counting for the final score:

A maximum of 2 (two) tricks counting from the heel side group from different families.  
A maximum of 2 (two) tricks counting from the variety group from different families.

All these combinations are possible as longest each trick counted is from a different family:

- a) 1x Heel side and 2x Variety.
- b) 2x Heel side and 1x Variety.

Tricks counting for the WOMEN competition:

When 4 (four) tricks are counting for the final score:

A maximum of 3 (three) tricks counting from the heel side group from different families.  
A maximum of 3 (three) tricks counting from the variety group from different families.

All these combinations are possible as longest each trick counted is from a different family:

- a) 1x Heel side and 3x Variety.
- b) 2x Heel side and 2x Variety.
- c) 3x Heel side and 1x Variety.

When 3 (three) tricks are counting for the final score:

A maximum of 2 (two) tricks counting from the heel side group from different families.  
A maximum of 2 (two) tricks counting from the variety group from different families.

All these combinations are possible as longest each trick counted is from a different family:

- a) 1x Heel side and 2x Variety.
- b) 2x Heel side and 1x Variety.

**FREESTYLE HEELSIDE GROUP**

Group		GROUP 1 "HEEL SIDE" (MAX 2 TRICKS COUNT FOR MEN)						
Family		1. RALEY OR FLAT BASED	2. SLIM & KGB	3. HINTERBERGERS AND HEART ATTACKS		4. MOBES		
Pop	P		Back to Blind	B2B	Hinterberger to wrapped	H2W	Back Roll to wrapped	BR2W
Raley	R		Back backside 1	B2B	Hinterberger Frontside 3	HFS3	Back Mobe	BM
Krypt	K		KGB	KGB	Hinterberger Frontside 5	HFS5	Back Mobe 5	BM5
Vulcan	V		KGB 5	KGB5	Hinterberger Frontside 7	HFS7	Back Mobe 7	BM7
Back Roll	BR		KGB 7	KGB7	Hinterberger Frontside 9	HFS9	Back Mobe 9	BM9
Front Roll	FR		KGB 9	KGB9	Double Hinterberger Frontside 3	2xHF3	Front Blind	FB
S-bend	SB		Front roll to wrapped	FR2W	Double Hinterberger Frontside 5	2xHF5	Front Blind Mobe	FBM
Frontside 3	FS3		Slim	SLIM	Double Hinterberger Frontside 7	2xHF7	Front Blind Mobe 5	FBM5
Frontside 5	FS5		Slim 5	SLIM5	S-Bend to Blind	SB2B	Front Blind Mobe 7	FBM7
Frontside 7	FS7		Slim 7	SLIM7	Double S-Bend to Blind	SB2B		
Frontside 9	FS9		Slim 9	SLIM9	S-Bend backside 1	SBBS1		
Frontside 10	FS10		S-Mobe	SM	Heart Attack	HA		
Toeside Backside 1	TSBS1		S-Mobe 5	SM5	Heart Attack 5	HA5		
Toeside Backside 3	TSBS3		S-Mobe 7	SM7	Heart Attack 7	HA7		
Toeside Backside 5	TSBS5		S-Mobe 9	SM9	Heart Attack 9	HA9		
Toeside Backside 7	TSBS7				Double Heart Attack 5	HA5		
Toeside Backside 9	TSBS9				Double Heart Attack 7	HA7		
Toeside Backside 10	TSBS10							
Backside 1	BS1							
Backside 3	BS3							
Backside 5	BS5							
Backside 7	BS7							
Backside 9	BS9							
Backside 10	BS10							
Toeside Frontside 3	TSFS3							
Toeside Frontside 5	TSFS5							
Toeside Frontside 7	TSFS7							
Toeside Frontside 9	TSFS9							
Toeside Frontside 10	TSFS10							
Raley to blind	R2B							
Blind Judge	BJ							
Backside 313	BS313							
Backside 315	BS315							
Backside 317	BS317							
Backside 319	BS319							
Backside 3110	BS3110							
Raley to wrapped	R2W							
313	313							
315	315							
317	317							
319	319							
3110	3110							

**FREESTYLE VARIETY GROUP**

Group		GROUP 2 "VARIETY" (MAX 3 TRICKS COUNT)						
Family		1. RE-WINDS	2. TOE SIDE/BLIND FAMILY	3. COMBOS	4. INVERTED DOUBLE ROTATIONS	5. KITELOOP OR DOWNLOOPS		
313 to blind	3132B	90210	90210	Combo tricks	Double Half Cab	2xHC	Kite loops	KL
BS 313 to wrapped	BS3132W	Oh Really	OR		Double Half Cab Mobe	2XHCM	Down loops	DL
KGB to wrapped	KGB2W	Oh Really 7	OR7		Double Back to Blind	2xB2B	Kite loops handle passes	KLHP
Slim to blind	S2B	Toeside Raley to Blind	TSR2B		Double Tantrum to Blind	2xT2B	Down loops handle passes	DLH
Back mobe to blinds	BM2B	Toeside Backside 180	TSBS180					
FS 3 to blind	FS32B	Toeside Backside 313	TSBS313					
BS 3 to wrapped	BS32W	Toeside Backside 315	TSBS315					
		Pete Rose	PR					
		Pete Rose 5	PR5					
		Pete Rose 7	PR7					
		G-Spot	GS					
		Blind Pete	BP					
		Blind Pete 5	BP5					
		Crow Mobe	CM					
		Crow Mobe 5	CM5					
		Crow Mobe 7	CM7					
		Tootsie Roll	TR					
		Dum Dum	DD					
		Dum Dum 5	DD5					
		Dum Dum 7	DD7					
		Blind Front blind	BDFB					
		Blind Front blind Mobe	BDFBM					
		Blind Slim	BDS					
		Blind Slim 5	BDS5					
		Blind BS 315	BDBS315					

## 2. Open Format.

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

### Rulebook

<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.

The rider is aware about the global Covid-19 pandemic, which might cause travel restrictions, the changing of laws and custom-procedures worldwide on very short notice. Each rider takes part in the event at his or her own risk, which includes also all travels because of his or her participation at this event. Each rider is responsible for ensuring and fulfilling all relevant individual travel requirements as well as fulfilling all legal requirements for border controls, which are necessary for the participation in the event and for the return home. The GKA, the GKA Event GmbH and the event Organizer cannot be held legal and/or financial liable by the rider for damage and/or financial losses caused by travel restrictions, quarantine measures, flight changes or flight cancellations, tests required for entering or exit countries or because of any other regional, national or international measures associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic.

### **GKA Kite World Tour**

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.

**GKA Staff at the Visit Qatar GKA Freestyle Kite World Cup Brazil 2023**

**Tour Manager: Tom Hartmann**



**Assistant Tour Manager: Liam Dredge**  
**Race Director: Juan Antonio Aragon**  
**Head Judge: Alvaro Onieva**  
**Judge: Paulino Pereira**  
**Judge: Ignacio del Aguila**  
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