



GKA KITE-SURF WORLD CUP Cape Verde

16.02.-25.02.2024

It is a pleasure to announce the first Kite-Surf event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2024

which will be held in Sal, Cape Verde

The dates will be from the 16th of February to the 25th of February 2024.

This is a 4-Star GKA Kite World Tour event, and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2024 GKA KWT Rulebook.

Registration & Entry procedure

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 16th of January 2024.**

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 SAILING FEDERATION and/or WORLD SAILING and must 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.

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 because of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- The competitor cannot hold the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- He complies with World Sailing Federation Regulation, Eligibility Code
- He holds a valid competitor's membership with the GKA Kite World Tour

Important Information

- Competitors must always wear the official lycra 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, always including harness on the water 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 must join via social media and share.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts: #wingfoilworldtour #globalwingsportsassociation #gwawingfoil #wingfoil #wingsurf #GWACapeVerde

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 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.g. cannot hold 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 16th February until the 25th of February.

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

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 and he will issue you the document.

Accommodation for competitors

Accommodation information will be announced shortly.



Weather

February 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 16th February

09:00-10:30 – Inscription
11:30 - Riders Briefing
12:00 - First Possible start for competition
19:00 – Opening Ceremony

Saturday 17th February

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

Sunday 18th February

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

Monday 19th February

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

Tuesday 20th February

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

Wednesday 21st February

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

Thursday 22nd February

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

Friday 23rd February

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

Saturday 24th February

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

Sunday 25th February

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

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:

- **Kitesurf (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 24 male competitors and 24 female competitors entering this event. Entries into KWT events shall be allocated according to the following table:




	Kite Surf Discipline
CATEGORY	24 Riders
TOP 20	1-16
Video Wildcards	17-20
GKA Wildcards	21-22
Organizer Wildcards	23-24


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 app: <https://app.gkakiteworldtour.com/>
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 **18th of January 2024**, 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 Discipline

The seeding for the upcoming Kite-Surf event in Cape Verde will be done according to the end of year 2023 rankings.

1		Airton Cozzolino
2		Matchu Lopes
3		Pedro Matos
4		Sebastian Ribeiro
5		Gabriel Benetton
6		Camille Delannoy
7		Hendrick Lopes
8		Reece Myerscough
9		Charly Martin
10		Nicola Abadjiev
11		Theo Demanez
12		Matt Maxwell
13		Gray Foster
14		Yaris Dell'omo
15		Clement Roseyro
16		Leonardo Grangeiro
17		Kelton Lopes
18		Kiko Roig
19		Artur Morais
20		Mitu Monteiro
21		Keanu Merten
22		Igor Pestana
23		Mohamed Ali Beqqali
24		Filippe Ferreira
25		Breno Barbosa
26		Arsenio Dias
27		Swann Renoux
28		Matheo Silva
28		Wellington Silva
28		Joao Carlos
28		Luiz Sousa
32		Alemao Roehe
33		Lorenzo Casati
33		James Carew
33		Titik Lopes
36		Alex Middeler
37		Luca Gasperini
37		Francesco Cappuzzo
39		Elvis Nunes
40		Giovanni Rogolino
40		Victor Bruno
42		Achraf Bentajar
42		Mounim Maji
42		Ofek Shalgi
42		Yuri Neves
42		Hamza Addi
42		Abdu Moutaouakil
48		Tim Sermon
48		Louis Gossart
48		Linus Erdmann
48		Lance Krüger
48		Daniel Weber
48		Bennet Hoop
54		Victor Ribas
54		Leo Chines

1		Moona Whyte
2		Capucine Delannoy
3		Camille Losserand
4		Zoe Bazile
5		Kesiane Rodrigues
6		Serena Luz
7		Charlotte Carpentier
8		Sofia Monti
9		Clémence Derrien
10		Sonja Bunte
11		Daniela Moreno
12		Susanne Schwarztrauber
13		Milla Ferreira
14		Bruna Kajiya
15		Luana Saunier
16		Gemma Soloman
17		Luiza Neto
18		Barbara Sgardello
18		Astrid Cheylus
20		Simona Schatzmann
21		Julia Castro
21		Julia Borghi
21		Irati Fonseca

21		Manuela Jungo
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56		Robertney Barros
57		Andrade Vasconcelos
57		Logan Merringer
57		Wyatt Duce
57		Luca Padilha
61		Johannes Sarny
61		Javier Fernandez
63		Raoni Lemos
63		Luis Bulcão
63		Bruno De Laurentis
63		Sergio Caio
67		Pablo Amores
67		Ricardo Bettancourt
67		Jairo Neto

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.
- 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 2024 held in Sal, Cabo Verde will be **20.000 Euro**. The prize money is paid cash by the organiser to the competitors in line with the Rulebook.

18.000 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and 2.000 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) 16.000 Euro of the total prizemoney will be distributed equally amongst all riders entered in the event, 2.000 Euro will go back to the organiser and 2.000 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:

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:

- 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		

If there are 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

If there are 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.

Scoring - Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline

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 analyses the following major elements when scoring a ride:

- Commitment.
- Degree of difficulty.
- Innovative and progressive manoeuvres.
- Combination of major manoeuvres.
- Variety of manoeuvres.
- Speed, power, and flow

The number of waves ridden from each competitor towards the 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 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 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 trick. 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 most 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 must 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 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 favour 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 favour 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.

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 criteria’s:

- 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. A grabbed trick will be rewarded with a higher score than a non-grabbed trick within this criterion, depending on the quality of the execution.
- 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.
- 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.

Rulebook

The “GKA World Tour Rulebook 2024” will soon be available for download on the official GKA World Tour website.

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 also includes 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

1. As a competitor, I agree to respect the racing rules and in particular:
2. To display visibly the sailing-number attributed to me.
3. To always wear the official event-competition-lycra when proceeding to the water (also during training) as well as during interviews, official presentations and on podium.
4. To wear a life jacket and safety helmet during the competition,
5. To follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
6. To always place board stickers (GKA Kite World Tour & Event sponsor) on the top and on the bottom of the board during the event (competitions, interviews, media conferences, award ceremony...).
7. 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.



8. 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 Kite-Surf World Cup Sal, Cape Verde 2023

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Judge: Alvaro Onieva

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We look forward to seeing you very soon!

The GKA Team