

Qatar Airways GKA Youth World Championship

Tarifa, Spain 2024

05.09 – 08.09.24

It is a pleasure to announce the first and only Youth World Championship event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2024 which will be held in

Tarifa, Spain.

The dates of the open window period will be from the 05th of September to the 08th of September 2024.

This is a Youth World Championship, and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2024 GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook.

Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter to the GKA Youth World Championship shall pre-register through the GKA Kite World Tour website or under the following direct link:

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/events/gka-youth-world-championships-tarifa-2024/>

or via email liam@global-kitesports.org or by other means to be specified by the GKA 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 online after the application of the competitor got approved by the GKA Sports committee by latest one day after the preregistration period closes. Exceptions can only be granted by the GKA 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 GKA 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 by 22nd August 2024.

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

Cost of entry is 150,- Euro. If you choose to compete in both disciplines the entry fee will be 200,- Euro in total. Entry Fees include 6 lunches.

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 during the online registration. When not competing in their country of residence, the membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third-party liability during the competition.

The cost of the GKA membership is €40 covering you for this year's one stop World Championship Youth event in Tarifa.

All entry fee and GKA membership payments must be made before the **22nd August 2024**.

Important Info

- It's recommended to wear a helmet during competition!
- All riders need to wear impact vest during the competition!
- All riders need to wear safety leash during competition!
- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training.
- 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 sticker to be placed one on the top and one on the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than \$ 500 for each violation.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.
- 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 side event that all riders have to join via social media and share.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts – @gkakiteworldtour @qatarairways #GKAKiteWorldTour #GKAYouth #kiteboarding #kitesurfing #qatarairways #gkaxqa

Entry restrictions

Entry-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, 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 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 GKA event if he meets the following conditions:

- He/she 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 GKA, the GKA Event GmbH 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 GKA, the GKA Event GmbH or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- **He/she holds a valid competitor's membership with the GKA Kite World Tour**

Entry allocation

For this year's youth event there is no limitations on the number of competitors.

Disciplines

There will be two official disciplines in this GKA Youth World Championship – Twintip freestyle and Strapless Freestyle

Divisions in each discipline:

- Pro Men Twintip Freestyle: U19, U16 & U14
- Pro Women Twintip Freestyle: U19, U16 & U14
- Pro Men Twintip Strapless Freestyle: U19, U16 & U14
- Pro Women Twintip Strapless Freestyle: U19, U16 & U14

Seeding

Competitors will be seeded in the elimination ladder based on their 2023 GKA YOUTH WORLD ranking in the discipline Freestyle and Strapless freestyle.

Travel info

- Malaga (AGP): 2 hours by car
- Jerez (XRY): 1 hour 30min by car
- Seville (SVQ): 2 hour 30min by car

By car:

There are plenty of affordable car rental agencies operating mainly in Malaga and also the other Spanish airports.

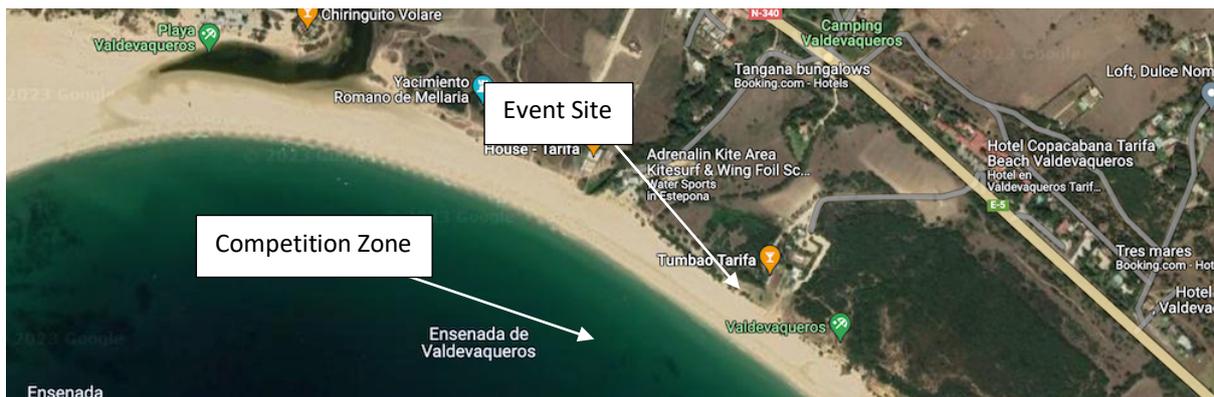
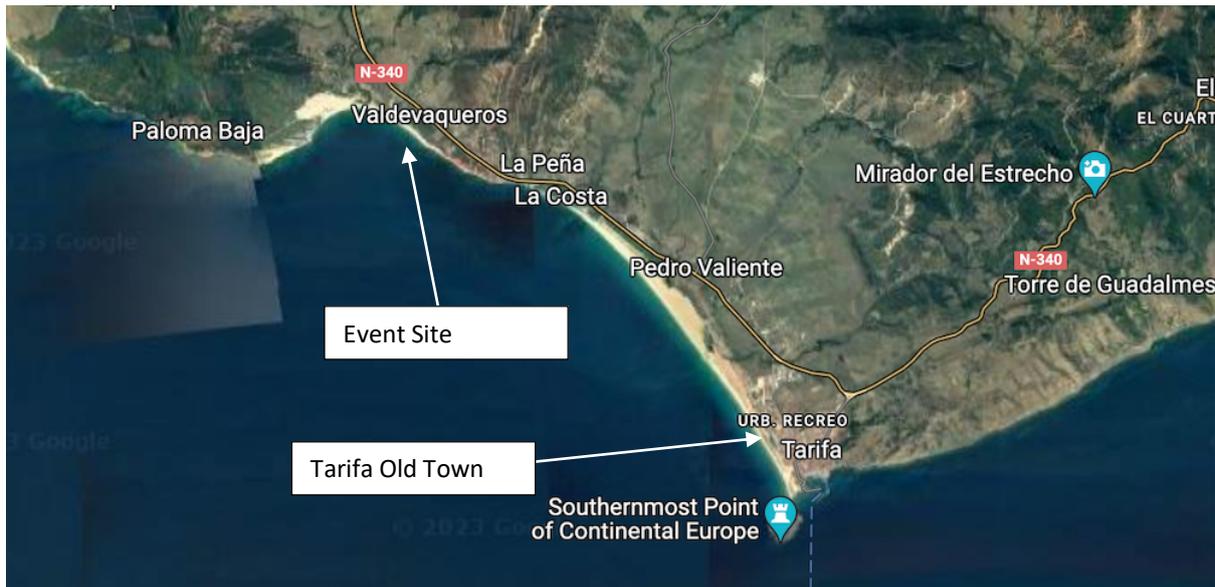
Event Address:

Tumbao Tarifa,
Playa De Valdevaqueros
Tarifa, Spain

Organiser Contact:

Spain kiteboarding association
Juan Antonio Martin – "Peluka"
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Map of event location:



Wind direction:

Levante: Easterly winds blowing 30-50 knots cross off shore at Valdevaqueros.

Poinente: Westerly winds blow lighther than the Levante from from the Atlantic. A colder more gentle breeze arrives cross on shore at Valdevaqueros

You can find the most accurate online wind forecasts on Windguru and Windy.

Accommodation for competitors (Suggestions) –

We recommend getting in touch with Tarifa Kite Hostels for accommodation:

<https://www.tarifakitehostel.com>

If however, you would prefer more of a hotel vibe you can see the following suggestions:

Please contact the hotels directly for reservations.



Copacabana Tarifa Beach:

The Copacabana Tarifa Beach is located on Valdevaqueros beach and offers great views of the Moroccan coast and the dunes of Punta Paloma beach.



Hotel Los Lances Tarifa:

Four-star hotel that presents a modern design and has 100 rooms in four categories. Its outdoor spaces and the area exclusively for adults equipped with Balinese beds and hammocks stand out.



Misiana Tarifa:

A unique space in the center of Tarifa. A charming hotel overlooking two seas, evocative beaches made of light. An accommodation embraced by hundreds of corners that will seduce you when you discover them.

Equipment Storage –

All riders will be responsible for their own equipment during the event.

Event Schedule –

Thursday 05th September

08:30 – 10:00: Registration

11:00: Skippers Meeting

12:00: First Possible Start

Friday 06th September

09:00: Rider Briefing

09:30: First Possible Start

Saturday 07th September

09:00: Rider Briefing

09:30: First Possible Start

Sunday 08th September

09:00: Rider Briefing

09:30: First Possible Start

19:00: Closing Ceremony



Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Participants will be regularly updated on the riders WhatsApp group. The boys will compete for 4 days, so the timings of the event will depend on the conditions of our seminars.

Judging Criteria

Judging Criteria will be available mid-August 2024, but will be based off the current GKA Freestyle rulebook section

Rulebook

The “GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook 2024” can be viewed here -
<https://gkakiteworldtour.com/rulebooks/2024/GKA%20RULEBOOK%202024.pdf>

Covid-19 Pandemic Disclaimer

In case the event will be cancelled because of reasons not under the responsibility of the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer, neither the GWA, nor the GKA Event GmbH, nor the Organizer can be hold legally responsible for any financial losses.

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 GWA, 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 not under the control of the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer.

GKA Youth World Championship Crew, TARIFA –

SKL Manager: Peluka
GKA Tour Manager: Liam Dredge
Race Director: Curro Suardiaz
Head Judge: Dani Jiminez
Judge: Javier Palacios
Judge: David Marín
Judge: Wlady Rodriguez
Media Coordinator & social media: Gemma Hamaini
Live Score Admin: Julio Furest
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Commentator: Chema Quevedo

Any question please contact our Tour Manager Tom Hartmann at tom@global-kitesports.org or Assistant Tour Manager liam@global-kitesports.org

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

Team GKA