



INFORMATION TO COMPETITORS FROM THE RACE COMMITTEE

This document does not in any way modify or replace the rules of the competition.

1. Times / Timing / Changes in Schedule

- a. Times will be based on GPS time
- b. Starts will not be delayed for competitors to reach the race area if they could have arrived with reasonable diligence

2. Decision to Race

- a. The race will be started at the scheduled time if the wind conditions and visibility are within the parameters outlined in these policies. Waiting for 'better' conditions may be unfair, and will be avoided.
- b. Races will not be started in less than
 - i. KiteFoil and Formula Kite: an average of 6 knots of wind established over the entire course area.
 - ii. TT:R Slalom: an average of 10 knots of wind established over the entire course area.
 - iii. These lower limits may be higher if there is strong current in the racing area.
- c. Races will not be started if reduced visibility prevents the race management team from sighting the starting line and identifying premature starters. The fact that the first mark cannot be seen from the starting area is not, in and of itself, a reason to postpone racing.
- d. When racing back to back, the interval between the finish line closure and the new warning signal for that group will not be less than 5 minutes. This may be varied according to conditions.

3. Courses and Course Description

- a. The course to be sailed will be displayed at the preparatory signal latest. Competitors are advised, that the course assignment can change until the preparatory signal.
- b. The digit behind the letters refers to the number of upwind legs that must be sailed.

4. Abandonment

- a. On the first half of the first leg, the race management team may abandon in the event of a major, persistent, wind shift (more than 25 degrees). After that, the race management team will let the race continue.
- b. Visibility: The race management team will consider abandoning a race if it is satisfied that a reduction in visibility affects its ability to safely manage racing. The fact that boats cannot see the next mark from the prior mark is not, in and of itself, reason to abandon the race.
- c. Collapse of wind: The race management team may abandon the race when it is unlikely that the leading boat will complete the course within the overall time limit, even if a new wind were to arrive. The further into the race, the less likely it is that the race management team will abandon the race. Once a race has been started, the race management team will not abandon the race simply because the average wind speed decreases beyond the stated limits. The race management team will consider abandoning the race if it is unable to safely manage racing, or a considerable amount of competitors is not able to race anymore.
- d. Competitors are reminded that the decision to race, or to continue to race, is their sole responsibility.

5. Race Committee Protests

- a. Since the primary responsibility for protesting breaches of the rules rests with Competitors, the race management team will not normally protest a kiteboard.
- b. The race management team may protest a boat in the following circumstances:
 - A breach of a sailing instruction that may not be protested by another boat;
 - An apparent breach of good sportsmanship (Rule 2);
 - Failing to take a penalty after knowingly touching a mark, without another kiteboard being able to protest
 - Failing to sail the course (Rule 28)
- c. The race management team will strictly apply Standard Penalties for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [SP]. These are not protestable by competitors. This applies especially, but not limited to:
 - Sailing in the course area when other kiteboards are racing
 - Practice starts will be accepted up to half the distance to the gate
 - Storing hulls on the beach with the fin/foil facing upwards
 - Failure to comply with post-race equipment checks

6. Outside Assistance

- a. Competitors are advised that rescue / support vessels may be limited. It is the competitors decision to accept outside assistance when offered, but it is the responsibility of the competitor to retire after receiving outside help (e.g. to relaunch).
- b. Competitors should keep in mind that it is often only possible to relaunch foil kites for a short period of time after capsizing. Competitors should consider retiring from a race and accepting immediate relaunch assistance instead of trying to relaunch themselves until it is not possible to relaunch, resulting in rescue and the possibility to miss more than just the race in question.

7. Equipment

- a. Competitors may only use equipment listed on their individual equipment registration form. If equipment is marked with an event limitation mark, competitors may only use the equipment with the correct event limitation mark
- b. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Written requests for substitution on the "Request for Change of Equipment" form shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. This can be after racing if there is no possibility to seek authorization from the race committee beforehand.
- c. When a kite has been lost or accidentally damaged beyond repair, a replacement may be made with any other kite listed on the IKA registered equipment list, but only with a size of the same size range

8. Questions on Race Committee Procedure and Policy

- a. Competitors, team leaders and coaches are welcome to discuss procedure and policy with the event technical director. He will usually be available by the race office or race control tower or can be contacted through the Race Office.