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CHAPTER 1: GENERAL RULES

1. INTRODUCTION

The GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook is published by the GKA Sport Committee in January 2020. This Rulebook will be revised and published every year by the GKA Sport Committee.

GKA Kite World Tour competitions are sanctioned and approved by the GKA Event GmbH.

All GKA Kite World Tour competitions shall be managed under the GKA Kite World Tour Event Organizers Manual and the GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook.

2. FUNDAMENTAL RULES

2.1 Language

2.1.1 English is the official language of the GKA Kite World Tour, which will henceforth be referred to as KWT.

2.2 Rule Intentions

2.2.1 The event rules are designed to allow the best competitor to win because of their high level of skill, good use of equipment and good fortune. The rules are not designed to allow a winner to prevail because of certain procedures or raising arguments over legalities. All disputes surrounding rules should be carried out with regard to this principle.

2.3 Responsibility of Competitors

2.3.1 Each competitor is responsible to decide whether or not to start or to continue the competition and to provide for their safety.

2.4 Safety

2.4.1 The most important aspects of competition are safety and fair play. Unsafe competitors will be warned, fined or disqualified.

2.4.2 Sailing in a manner that can be considered to be dangerous or a threat to the safety of other competitors will not be tolerated. All disputes under the rules shall be conducted on this principle.
2.4.3 When in a position to do so, each competitor must render every possible assistance to a competitor in danger and assist organizers with any rescue information in the event of a rescue being needed.

2.5 Safety Systems

2.5.1 Safety leashes that ensure the kite remains secured to the harness once the quick release safety system has been deployed are compulsory for all competitors. Each competitor must use a reliable quick release safety system. Competitors will be disqualified from the event if they ride without a safety leash.

2.5.2 In the event of a dangerous occurrence, chicken loops that safely release all power from the kite must be installed on all competitors' kite bars.

2.5.3 Unless included in the Race Notice or the specific event instructions, helmets and personal flotation devices are optional. If a Race Notice of a specific event does require personal buoyancy, then every rider / competitor must wear a personal flotation device that conforms to the minimum ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) standard requirement. (A Race Notice may however allow for alternative or additional standards).

2.5.4 Kite launching and landing areas for competitors' equipment will be defined by the event organizer and that zone must be respected. Spectator access will be restricted and any media representatives will need to be authorized by the Race Director to access this area - and they will do so at their own risk.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 Abandonment

3.1.1 An abandoned heat is one which the Race Committee declares void at any time after the starting signal, and which may be re-sailed at its discretion.

3.2 Capsize

3.2.2 A competitor is capsized if

(i) their kite is in the water,
(ii) their lines are tangled with another competitor’s lines, or
(iii) the competitor has, clearly by accident and for a significant period of time,
    (a) fallen into the water or
b) become disconnected from the board.

3.3 Clear Astern / Clear Ahead / Overlap

3.3.1 A board is clear astern of another when its board and rig are abaft an imaginary line projected abeam from the aftermost point of the other’s board and rig. The other board is clear ahead. The boards overlap when neither is clear astern.

3.4 Competing

3.4.1 A board is competing from its starting signal until the finishing signal or until the heat has been postponed or abandoned or until the competitor has finished their jump.

3.5 Keep Clear

3.5.1 A competitor keeps clear of a right-of-way competitor

(i) if the right-of-way competitor can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and,

(ii) when the competitors are overlapped, if the right-of-way competitor can also, without immediately making contact, change course in both directions or move their kite in any direction.

3.6 Leeward and Windward

3.6.1 A competitor’s leeward side is the side that is or, when they are head to wind, was away from the wind. However, when sailing by the lee or directly downwind, their leeward side is the side on which their kite lies. The other side is their windward side. When two competitors on the same tack overlap, the one whose board is on the leeward side of the other’s board is the leeward competitor. The other is the windward competitor.

3.7 Looping

3.7.1 A kite is looping when it is being flown in a single loop or in a pattern of repeated loops, clockwise, counter clockwise or alternating between the two.

3.8 Mark

3.8.1 A mark is any object specified in the Sailing Instructions which delimits the competition area.

3.9 Overtaking
3.9.1 A board is overtaking from the moment it gains an overlap from clear astern until the moment it achieves a position clear ahead of the overtaken board.

3.10 Postponement

3.10.1 A postponed heat is one which is not started at its scheduled time and which may be sailed at any time the Race Committee may decide.

3.11 Representative

3.11.1 Any individual with a power authorized under this Rulebook and designated on the Race Notice or Sailing Instructions.

3.12 Riders Representative

3.12.1 A nominated individual by the competitors. This representative is to be nominated amicably between the competitors present or available at the event. If this decision cannot be made, the highest-ranking competitor per discipline will make a unilateral decision on the Representative provided the competitor accepts the decision.

3.13 Room

3.13.1 The space a competitor needs in the existing conditions, including space to comply with her obligations under right-of-way rules, while maneuvering promptly in a seamanlike way.

3.14 Rule

3.14.1 The rules in this Rulebook, including the Definitions, Race Signals, Introduction or announcements posted in the Official Notice Board together with any update as published in the GKA Website;

3.14.2 the rulebook;

3.14.3 the Race Notice;

3.14.4 the Sailing Instructions; and

3.14.5 any other documents that govern the event.

3.15 Sports Commission

3.15.1 An appointed commission by the GKA Board members formed by the Sports Director and two GKA Management members who decide on the most relevant KWT competition aspects.

3.16 Tack, Starboard or Port
3.16.1 A competitor is on a tack, starboard or port, corresponding to the competitor’s hand that would be forward if the competitor were in normal riding position (riding heel side with both hands on the bar and arms not crossed). A competitor is on starboard tack when the competitor’s right hand would be forward and is on the port tack when the competitor’s left hand would be forward.

3.17 **Tangle**

3.17.1 Two or more competitors shall be considered as tangled when the lines of one kite are wrapped around the lines of another kite.

3.17.2 It is not considered a tangle when kites bump into each other nor when the kite tip catches the lines of another kite without wrapping around. Even if both kites capsize (kites in the water) as a result of the contact, this is not a tangle (unless tangled as a result of above action).

3.17.3 If both kites remain in the air and are quickly separated, this is not considered a tangle even if there is a slight wrap-around.

3.18 **Transition**

3.18.1 A board in transition is one that is changing direction either tacking or gybing or performing a manoeuvre specifically designed to change tacks. A transition starts when the competitor changes course and finishes when is sailing on the new tack.

3.19 **Twin Tip board**

3.19.1 The bi-directional board used by a freestyle competitor.

3.20 **Freestyle discipline**

3.20.1 The discipline where competitors perform powered tricks with a Twin Tip board attached to their feet.

3.21 **Big Air discipline**

3.21.1 The freestyle discipline where competitors perform aerial tricks with a Twin Tip board attached to their feet.

3.22 **Wave discipline**

3.22.1 The kite-surf discipline where competitors ride waves with a surf board.

3.23 **Strapless freestyle**
3.23.1 The kite-surf discipline where competitors perform tricks with an unstrapped unidirectional board.

3.24 Hydrofoil board

3.24.1 The unidirectional board used by a hydrofoil freestyle competitor. The board’s hull is fitted underneath with shaped vanes (foils) which lift the hull clear of the water at speed.

3.25 Hydrofoil freestyle

3.25.1 The freestyle discipline where competitors perform tricks with an hydrofoil board.

4. EVENT DISCIPLINES AND DIVISIONS

4.1 Event Disciplines

4.1.1 An event can include one or more of the following disciplines:

   (i) Freestyle
       (a) Freestyle
       (b) Big Air

   (ii) Kite-surf
       (a) Wave
       (b) Strapless freestyle

   (iii) Hydrofoil freestyle

       The rules of which can be found in the relevant discipline section of this Rulebook.

4.1.2 Other Special or Show Disciplines may be scheduled in an event.

4.1.3 All scheduled disciplines at the events shall be announced in the Race Notice.

4.2 Divisions

4.2.1 A KWT event may include one or both from the following divisions:

   (i) Pro Men: any age (Minimum 14 years old within the year of competition).
   (ii) Pro Women: any age. (Minimum 14 years old within the year of competition).
4.2.2 Divisions may be created or merged if there are less than six (6) competitors registered per division.

4.2.3 Competitors can only compete in one division per competition.

4.2.4 All scheduled divisions at the events shall be announced in the Race Notice.

5. **SUITABLE CONDITIONS**

5.1 The competition must take place in suitable conditions. This decision shall be made by Race Director, KWT Representative and / or the Head Judge.

When assessing if the conditions are suitable for competition in all disciplines, the event organizing team will take into account the wind speed, wind direction, temperature, incoming and current weather, wave size and ocean currents.

5.2 Shelter on the beach and sensible provisions such as hot food and drinks must be provided by the event organizer if the air temperature drops below 10º Celsius during the competition.

5.3 Competition will not run if the water temperature is not at least 8º Celsius or above.

5.4 The ruling on conditions is final. Protests surrounding the suitability of the conditions will not be heard / taken into account.

6. **ORGANIZERS AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES**

6.1 **Event Organizers, National Authorities and Race Committee**

6.1.1 KWT recognized and sanctioned events will be run and organized by an individual or group that is recognized by the KWT. From here on they shall be recognized and referred to by the term 'Event Organizer'. The Manual and KWT rulebook will form the basis and protocol for judging and organization of all KWT competition.

6.1.2 National Authorities
The KWT may recognize all legally constituted National Kitesurfing Bodies.

6.1.3 Race Committee
Subject to such direction as the GKA and KWT may exercise, all competitions shall be conducted and judged by the Race Committee in conformity with the terms and conditions published in the Race Notice.
The term “Race Committee”, whenever it is used, shall include any person or committee responsible for carrying out any of the designated duties or functions of the Race Committee. The head of the Race Committee should be the Race Director, Head Judge or any other person named in this document as the head of the Race Committee.

6.2 Event Officers

6.2.1 The KWT events shall have the following:

(i) A Race Director.
(ii) A Head Judge.
(iii) At least 5 Judges.
(iv) A KWT Representative

6.2.2 If the Race Director and Head Judge is the same person, then one of the other Judges could also act as the Head Judge if the need arises.

6.2.3 Under special circumstances KWT can also run by 3 judges and one Head Judge.

7. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION OR MEMBERSHIP KWT

7.1 Eligibility

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

(i) The competitor is a member of KWT.
(ii) The competitor is a member of his Official National Kitesurfing Federation or Association. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of identity and membership may be requested.
(iii) The competitor 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.
(iv) The competitor cannot hold responsible the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
(v) The competitor cannot hold responsible the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
(vi) The competitor complies with World Sailing Federation Regulation, Eligibility Code.
7.1.2 The KWT Representative will look after all entries. Although allocated wildcard positions can be awarded by the Event Organizer or the National Association.

7.1.3 The Rulebook specifies the maximum number of 30 competitors registered for a KWT event per discipline, including the wildcards, though these may be modified in the Race Notice.

7.1.4 The Race Notice will give the specifications and information regarding registration.

7.1.5 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.

7.1.6 The right to refuse the registration of any individual whose participation is not in the best interest of the event or the sport is reserved by the KWT.

7.2 Entry procedure and Registration

7.2.1 All competitors planning to enter a KWT event shall pre-register online on the GKA website 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.

7.2.2 A pre–registered and/or qualified competitor failing to show at the event without advance notice may be given a fine according to rule 11.2 fine schedules and may have his next events entry applications cancelled.

7.2.3 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.

7.2.4 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.

7.3 Membership
7.3.1 All competitors who compete in KWT sanctioned or recognized events, or trials of sanctioned events must be KWT registered members.

7.3.2 The duration of KWT membership is from the first to the last event of the KWT season.

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

7.3.4 Membership fees payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event and will only be accepted in Euros or US$ currency.

7.3.5 Membership fee payments can also be made by bank-transaction.

7.3.6 Bank transaction-costs are paid by the rider.

7.3.7 Inscription fee payments made via bank-transaction must show the rider’s full name followed by Membership Fee.

7.3.8 As a guideline below is an indication of the various levels of membership.

(i) GKA Kite World Tour Competitors Membership: 160 Euros per season. (To be paid 80 Euros at the first event entered and 80 Euros at the second event entered. The total amount of 160 Euros can also be paid in once at the first event for the complete year. Membership fees are excluding event fees.)

(ii) Local / National wildcards Membership: 100 Euros per season. (To be paid 20 Euros at the first event entered when receiving a wildcard and 80 Euros at the second event entered. Membership fees are excluding event fees.)

7.4 Entry restrictions

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

7.4.2 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.

7.4.3 Payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event.

7.4.4 Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or US$ currency.

7.4.5 Inscription fee payments can also be made by bank-transaction.

7.4.6 Inscription fee payments via bank-transaction have to be credited to the GKA bank-account 7 days prior to the first day of the event.
7.4.7 Bank transaction-costs are paid by the rider.

7.4.8 Inscription fee payments made via bank-transaction must show:

(i) Full rider’s name
(ii) Name of the event the inscription fee is being paid for.

7.4.9 In the case that the inscription fee payments is not made by bank-transaction but in cash an amount of 40,- Euro processing fee will be added to the regular inscription-fee.

8. EQUIPMENT

8.1 There are no restrictions on equipment except those specified in the relevant section of this rulebook.

8.2 To be eligible for competition, boards must work and be powered independently to the kite system.

8.3 Only the power of wind in the kite or water on the board can propel the competitor. Other than that the competitor must remain unassisted. The kiteboard should not make significant progress by swimming, paddling or walking with it.

8.4 If the Race Director deems that certain equipment could cause injury to any riders / competitors / public, then it must be prohibited.

8.5 Every competitor must take responsibility with regard to having their equipment checked by the Race Director. Failure to obey instructions may lead to a penalty / fine under rule 11.2.

8.6 In the interests of safety and maintaining high standards of fair play, the KWT reserves the right to impose further restrictions on equipment. Prohibition will not be made without being announced in the Race Notice.

9. ADVERTISING

9.1 Requirement to carry advertising

9.1.1 For the entire event, including registration day, whether competing, riding as part of an exhibition or other fun event, warming up in the designated area, being interviewed by event media or official press teams, or at any presentations or when on any podiums, all riders, if required by the Race Notice or Race Director, shall:
(i) Wear a standard KWT specification, Event or Tour advertising vest over all other clothing, including harness and life jacket and / or
(ii) Carry Event / Tour advertising stickers in the correct position on the board, kite or lines.

9.1.2 Instructions from the Race Notice, Sailing Instructions, the Race Director or KWT Representative must be followed by Competitors in regard to the proper placement of advertising.

9.1.3 Advertising that is provided must all be in good taste and well represented as judged by the KWT Representative or Race Director. Any branding not deemed to be in good taste by the Race Director or KWT Representative must be replaced with immediate effect.

9.1.4 Each competitor must take sole responsibility to correctly wear their competition vest at all times during the event.

9.1.5 Competitors shall make every effort to guarantee that event and sponsor branding is appropriately respected and neatly arranged on their kite, board, or even their lines. If advertising / branding stickers are lost during competition because of adhesion problems, then a rider will not be held responsible for that.

9.1.6 Competitors can be subject to a fine if they fail to comply with any of the above rules according to rule 11.2 fine schedules. Future event entry application may also be cancelled as a result.

10. GENERAL ATTITUDE AND RESPONSIBILITY AT EVENTS

10.1 Attitude

10.1.1 All members must, by their actions and general attitude, during all events and at all times while within the boundaries of the recognized KWT site or sanctioned events, promote the image of the sport, the sponsors of the event, the KWT and themselves in a professional manner.

10.1.2 Any failure to do so immediately prior to, during and immediately after a KWT event may result in appropriate fines being levied by the KWT. More severe cases of bringing the sport into disrepute may result in the suspension or expulsion of a competitor from the KWT after due consideration by the KWT Sports Commission.

10.2 Social media
10.2.1 Any post on social media channels made by any member, competitor or Event Official will be considered a public statement. A post considered abusive or detrimental to the best interests of the KWT and the sport in general, or that could be considered to bring the KWT or the sport into disrepute shall be considered as an unsportsmanlike conduct and may be penalized under rule 11.2 fine schedules.

10.2.2 Any post from a competitor on social media about a sanction imposed under this Rulebook shall be done with the consent of the KWT Representative.

10.3 Exhibition events

10.3.1 An exhibition event does not count towards the official result. If instructed by the Race Director, all registered competitors must compete in exhibition events. The Race Director must first obtain the KWT Representative's permission to hold exhibitions in which the competitors are required to participate.

10.3.2 Failure by a competitor to participate without the KWT Representative's prior permission may lead to a penalty under rule 11.2 fine schedules. Future event entry applications may also be cancelled.

10.4 Official attendance

10.4.1 Mandatory competitor’s meeting
A mandatory meeting for all competitors at least half-an-hour before the start of the first heat will take place on the first day of official competition. All competitors will receive an announcement as to the official time and location for the meeting at registration.

10.4.2 Media conference and interviews
All competitors may be required to attend a post heat media conference immediately after the end of the heat or at any reasonably possible time, taking into kindness the commitments of competition, whether he / she is the winner or the loser. Competitors must wear the event sponsors' advertising vest or a suitable substitute supplied by the Event Organizer or KWT Representative during this conference as required.

10.4.3 Official ceremonies and events
It is mandatory for all competitors to ensure their punctual attendance at all scheduled official events or ceremonies announced in the Race Notice or Sailing Instructions.

10.4.4 Presence on site
All riders / competitors are required to stay within the event site boundaries for the entire duration of the event, as published in the Race
Notice. Permission in writing must be obtained from the KWT Representative by any rider / competitor wishing to be made exempt from this rule for a particular event.

10.4.5 If any competitor fails to comply with any of the above rules they may be penalized under rule 11.2 fine schedules. Future events entry applications may also be cancelled / dismissed.

11. DISCIPLINARY CODE OF CONDUCT AND FINES

11.1 General codes and fines

11.1.1 The rules set forth under this section apply to the conduct of each competitor, caddies, coaches, Event officials, KWT staff or competitors' relatives while within the event site boundaries, except where the specific offenses described therein are considered to bring the sport into disrepute or are directed towards an Event Organizer, sponsor, the KWT or KWT staff.

11.1.2 Fines that are applied for breaking this code are payable to the KWT. Any applied fines must be paid before any competitor will be allowed to compete in any further event or heat recognized or sanctioned by the KWT.

11.1.3 The KWT Representative, Race Director or Head Judge may discipline and fine competitors. In all cases the Race Director and / or Head Judge shall consult with the KWT Representative before imposing any fines or penalties under the code of conduct.

11.1.4 The Event committee will consider the seriousness of the offense, the current ranking of the competitor and if the rule violation is a repetition when imposing a fine or penalty.

11.1.5 Fines may be imposed for each individual rule violation. If different rules have been broken / violated during a single incident, each individual violation of the rules may be penalized accordingly.

11.1.6 The KWT will notify any competitors in writing of fines levied against them. Any competitor wishing to appeal against a fine may submit a written appeal to the KWT. This appeal will be considered by a committee consisting of the Head Judge, a KWT Representative and a Sports Commission representative. Where it is not possible for an appeal to be heard by this committee i.e. after an event has finished, then the appeal may be heard by the KWT Sports Commission.
11.2 **Fines and disqualifications**

11.2.1 Failure to obey written or verbal instruction
If a competitor or relative fails to follow clear written or verbal instructions at an event, they may be subject to a fine of not more than $500 per violation and / or a warning or disqualification from the series or event.

11.2.2 Kiting in the competition area when not competing
Breaches of conduct under this rule will incur a fine of no more than $300 per violation and / or a warning or disqualification from the series or event.

11.2.3 Failure to return the colored advertising vest after the heat
Any competitor failing to return their colored lycra vest after their heat when returning to the beach will incur a fine of no more than $50 per violation.

11.2.4 Failure to attend an event that a competitor has entered
Any pre-registered and / or qualified competitor who fails to attend the event without personal advance notice and / or has an adequate excuse (as determined by the KWT Sports Commission) will incur a fine of no more than $1,000 and / or may have their next event entry applications cancelled / dismissed. If a competitor / rider fails to attend events on multiple occasions, the loss of seeding rights shall be increased by one event for each no-show.
A competitor who sealed the World Champion title before the end of the season and then fails to attend all remaining events of the current season will incur a fine of no more than $5,000 per missed event.

11.2.5 Failure to compete
Any competitor failing to show at their heat before the end of the heat without advance notice and with it being due to any extenuating circumstances, including injury, will incur a fine of no more than $200 per violation.

11.2.6 Littering
Members found to be littering or causing any other environmental damage within the boundaries of the event site will incur a fine of no more than $200 per violation.

11.2.7 First day competitor's meeting
Any competitor failing to attend the first day competitor’s mandatory meeting as prescribed in Rule 10.4.1 will incur a fine of no more than $200.

11.2.8 Media conference
Any competitor failing to attend a media conference as prescribed in Rule 10.4.2 will incur a fine of no more than $500.
11.2.9 Official ceremonies or events
Any competitor failing to attend an Official ceremony or event as prescribed in Rule 10.4.3 will incur a fine of no more than $250. 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.

11.2.10 Presence on site
Any competitor failing to remain present on site as prescribed in Rule 10.4.4 will incur a fine of no more than $300 and / or a warning or disqualification from the series or event.

11.2.11 Advertising
All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in Rule 9.1. Breaching the rules of the various categories of this section will incur a fine of no more than $300 for each violation and / or warning or disqualification from the series or event.

11.2.12 Audible obscenities
Any competitor using an audible obscenity in any language will incur a fine of no more than $500 for each violation. For the verification of this rule, audible obscenities are defined as words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by any officials in the proximity.

11.2.13 Visible obscenities
Any competitor making an obscene gesture of any kind will incur a fine of up to $500 for each violation and / or warning or disqualification from the series or event. For the verification of this rule, a visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs or gestures by a competitor using his hands, body, or kiting equipment that is commonly understood to have an obscene meaning or message.

11.2.14 Verbal abuse
Any competitor heard to be verbally abusive towards an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person will incur a fine of no more than $500 for each violation and / or warning or disqualification from the series or event. For the verification of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person that implies dishonesty, or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

11.2.15 Abuse of event equipment
Any competitor abusing or damaging event equipment, violently or dangerously or with anger, will incur a fine of no more than $300 plus the costs of repairing or replacing any damaged equipment and / or warning or disqualification from the series, event or elimination.
11.2.16 Physical abuse
Any competitor found to have been physically abusive to an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person will incur a fine of no more than $500 for each violation, and / or disqualification from the series or event. For the verification of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorized touching of an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person.

11.2.17 Unsportsmanlike conduct
Any competitor failing to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times, and / or to give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators, members of the media or other persons will incur a fine of no more than $5,000 for each violation and / or disqualification from the series or event and / or may have their next event entry applications cancelled / dismissed. For the verification of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport, but does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on site offense contained in these rules. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the use of illegal drugs, gambling, bribery, sexual harassment or abuse, giving, making issuing, authorizing or endorsing any public statement, having, or designed to have, an effect that is prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the KWT, the event or the kitesurfing sport in general.

If the Head Judge believes that a competitor is abusing or misusing the protest system, then he / she may propose that a fine be levied in the category of unsportsmanlike conduct.

11.2.18 Coaches, team managers and family relatives
Competitors take responsibility for the presence of their coaches, managers, representatives, family relatives and any ancillary staff. The violation of any KWT Code of Conduct rules by any of these individuals will result in the appropriate penalty being applied to the competitor.

11.2.19 Future disciplinary action
When the KWT Representative, Race Director or Head Judge excludes a competitor from further participation in an event, or takes further disciplinary action against the competitor after a gross breach of good manners or unsportsmanlike conduct, their action shall be reported to the GKA sports commission, who may reconsider the matter after further investigation and impose further penalties, including the recovery of costs for any damage caused to property and equipment.

11.2.20 Hotel Accommodation
The good name of KWT and the competitive preparation of competitors should not be compromised by competitors causing damage, inconvenience to other guests or boorish, rowdy behaviour in official hotels.
or other accommodation. Such behaviour may result in the KWT disallowing a competitor from residing in official hotel accommodation and may result in further action under the Code of Conduct.

Competitors must officially check out of the hotel when involved in a Championship and must pay their room bill (if applicable) and their own hotel extras (e.g. phone, drinks, food). They will be liable for a fine up to $500 failing to settle a room account and for a fine up to $250 if they should leave the hotel without paying all they hotel extras.

11.2.21 Non-payment of membership fees
Non-payment of membership fees may result in the disqualification from the event. Membership fee must be paid before the next event.

12. ANNUAL RANKING LIST

12.1 Ranking points

12.1.1 Competitors will be awarded points according to the table in each Discipline Scoring subsection of this rulebook.

12.1.2 Incomplete elimination series
For any valid event result - and when the elimination series is incomplete - points will be awarded as follows:

(i) The losers of any round within an elimination series that has been completed shall have the points awarded as per their finishing position according to each discipline scoring subsection of this rulebook, even if competitors are tied.

(ii) For any incomplete round within an elimination series, the points for the occupied position and the following unoccupied positions (equal in number to the competitor's standing on the single position) shall be added together, then divided by the number of the competitors in the group.

12.1.3 Competitors will be awarded 30 points on events where there was not a valid result.

12.1.4 The number of scores counting towards the KWT Ranking of each discipline depends on how many times the respective disciplines have been completed. The Ranking begins when the first elimination series has been completed for that discipline. The number of discards shall be in accordance with the table below:
12.1.5 The last event of the year cannot be counted as a discarded event by competitors not attending the event, except if a competitor is not able to attend due to extenuating circumstances including injury, pregnancy or parental leave or death of relatives. The KWT Sports Commission will consider each case and has the right to follow up and investigate all of the cases. In case of injury an official medical certificate must be delivered to the KWT Sports Commission no later than the last day of competition of the last event of the year to be able to discard the last event.

12.1.6 The competitor with the highest total score at the end of the year is the Champion. In 2019 the Champion will be called GKA Kite-Surf World Champion (Kite-Surf discipline), GKA Freestyle World Champion (Freestyle discipline) and GKA Hydrofoil Freestyle World Champion (Hydrofoil Freestyle discipline).

12.1.7 Ties in annual ranking lists
When there is a tie in total points of a KWT annual ranking list, the tie shall be broken as follows:

(i) In favor of the competitor who has beaten the other in more events in the relevant discipline including all discarded events results.

(ii) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor’s event discipline results shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor(s) with the best result(s) including all discarded events results.

(iii) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their results in the last event. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied competitors’ results in the next-to-last event results and so on until all ties are broken. These results shall be used even if some of them are excluded results.

13. PRIZE MONEY

13.1 Prize money
13.1.1 Event Organizers and KWT contracts will take precedence when it comes to prize money levels as set by the KWT sports commission and the GKA.

13.1.2 The total prize money amount at the event for each discipline and division shall be announced in the Race Notice or entry form.

13.1.3 Any competitor who, in the opinion of the Race Director, causes any unnecessary delay in the smooth running of an event (e.g. not attending the prize giving ceremony on time), or violates any part of the KWT Code of Conduct, may be excluded from this prize split. The Race Director’s decision may not be appealed, although they may be required to give their reasons for the decision in writing.

13.1.4 Any rider is responsible by himself or herself for paying the applicable taxes for the prize money received. The rider keeps the KWT, the GKA, the event-organizer and any third party free from the riders’ personal tax liabilities. The KWT, the GKA and the event-organizer have the right to inform the tax-authorities about the name of the rider and the amount of prize money received by him or her, if required by the tax-authorities.

13.1.5 Event Organizers and KWT contracts will take precedence when it comes to prize money levels as set by the KWT sports commission.

13.2 Prize money distribution

13.2.1 The full amount of the advertised prize money shall be payable when a valid result stands as specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

13.2.2 The KWT, the GKA and/or the event organizer have got the right to subtract the competitors’ individual withhold-tax from the prize-money to be paid out. The KWT, the GKA and/or the event organizer have got the right to pay the individual withhold-tax on behalf of the competitor to the national tax-authorities of the country in which the event takes place. The KWT, the GKA and/or the event organizer shall give all necessary information and documents of the tax-payment made to the competitor for his personal disposal.

13.2.3 Ten per cent (10%) of the available prize money per event may be allocated to the overall ranking.

13.2.4 The prize money distribution between gender will be done proportionally. The minimum women’s prize division will be 20% of the total prize amount with only 6 participants, and will increase depending on the final number of women in proportion to the number of men competing (percentage will be rounded). Different scenarios:
13.2.5 The prize money distribution for the overall ranking will be evenly split between gender and distributed according to the following table:

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<th>Participants</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Men</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Woman</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
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13.2.6 The prize money distribution for a valid and completed KWT event will be specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

13.3 Incomplete Events

13.3.1 An event is considered incomplete when there is no official result and no points are awarded as specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

13.3.2 The prize money for any incomplete event is divided into two parts:

(i) Forty per cent (40%) will be returned to the Event Organizer and
(i) Ten per cent (10%) of the available prize money per event may be allocated to the overall ranking.

(ii) Fifty per cent (50%) will be evenly distributed to all officially registered competitors in the relevant event that are still in the competition.

13.3.3 Should it be decided to unofficially run competition for the incomplete discipline - up to 10% of the 50% allocated to the competitors at an event, may be offered as unofficial prize money.

13.4 Shared positions

13.4.1 When a number of competitors share a single position and their ranking order is not determined, the payment for those competitors shall be distributed as follows:
The prize money for the occupied position and the following unoccupied positions (equal in number to the competitors that end up in a single position) shall be added together, then divided by the number of the group of competitors being paid in this manner.

14. RACE NOTICE

14.1 Publication and content of the Race Notice

14.1.1 The Race Notice is a document that must be published by the KWT thirty (30) days before the first day of the event. Exceptions to this rule may only be made with the approval of the KWT Sports Commission and/or the GKA.

14.1.2 Contents of the Race Notice
The document shall include this information:

(i) Name of the Event Organizer, the title, place and dates;
(ii) That the competition is sanctioned by the KWT and governed by the KWT Rulebook;
(iii) the discipline(s) offered and the schedule;
(iv) maximum number of elimination series;
(v) entry conditions and numbers of entries;
(vi) time and place of registration and conditions for advance registration;
(vii) registration fees;
(viii) changes to any rules of the KWT Rulebook;
(ix) prize money to be awarded and any additional prizes;
(x) names of the members of the technical committee (Race Director, Head Judge and Judges).

15. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD
15.1 Publication and content of the Sailing Instructions

15.1.1 The KWT Rulebook may be supplemented by written Sailing Instructions, which have the same status as rules. The Sailing Instructions may alter a rule by specific reference to it, but they shall not alter any rule without prior publication in the Race Notice, after written authorization from the KWT Sports Commission. The Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and any extraordinary instructions may be distributed to competitors.

15.1.2 Contents of the Sailing Instructions
The document shall include this information:

(i) that the KWT Rulebook, the Race Notice and the Sailing Instructions will be the documents that shall govern the event;
(ii) the schedule of the event;
(iii) the competition area;
(iv) the time limit for finishing;
(v) the judging criteria and scoring system;
(vi) the maximum number of eliminations;
(vii) any changes to the rules.
(viii) prize money to be awarded and any additional prizes;
(ix) any special safety information;
(x) the names of the Race Director, Head Judge, Judging panel and KWT Representative.

15.1.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions
Any changes of Sailing Instruction must be approved by the KWT Sports Commission or its Representative and shall be post a notice on the Official Notice Board at least 30 minutes before the start of the heat in which they are to apply.

15.2 Official Notice Board (ONB) and Official Flag Pole (OFP).

15.2.1 All official announcements shall be posted in writing on the Official Notice Board. All competitors’ attention will be drawn to all important announcements, such as changes to Sailing Instructions.

15.2.2 The information posted on the Official Notice Board must be checked periodically by all competitors.

15.2.3 At least 15 minutes before the start of the heat, the schedule of event, competition area diagram, and heat duration shall be posted at the official Notice Board. Competitors shall check the Notice Board to know in which heat they will be taking part.

15.2.4 Official Flag Pole (OFP).
All signals shall be made from the place indicated in the Sailing Instructions or in the way indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

15.2.5. The Race Director shall announce the weather forecast for the day, the schedule for the day and any other relevant information at the daily competitor’s meeting.

15.3 **Oral Instructions**

15.3.1 Oral instructions may only be given if the procedure is stated in the Sailing Instructions.

16. **PENALTIES AND REDRESS**

16.1 **Penalties**

16.1.1 A competitor may be disqualified from the event by the Race Committee - even without a hearing if they hinder another competitor while competing.

16.1.2 The Race Committee may disqualify a competitor from the event for infringing the KWT Rulebook, Sailing Instructions or any governing document as described in the Sailing Instructions.

16.2 **Redress**

16.2.1 A request for redress, or a Head Judge decision to consider redress, shall be based on a claim or possibility that a rider / competitor’s score in an elimination series has been, or may be, through no fault of their own, made significantly worse by:

(i) crashing, injury or physical damage caused as a result of the action of another rider / competitor that was breaking a right-of-way rule, or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear;

(ii) giving help (except to themselves) in compliance with rule 2.4.3; or

(ii) an action of a rider / competitor, or a member of their crew, that resulted in a penalty under rule 2.4, or a penalty or warning under KWT disciplinary code of conduct rules.

16.2.2 Requests for a redress shall be made in writing, identifying the reason for making the redress request. If the request is based on an incident in the contest area, it shall be delivered to the race office before the start of the next heat concerned by the redress within the protest time limit or two hours after the incident, whichever is later. Other requests shall be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the reasons for making the request. The head judge shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.
16.2.3 If Head Judge decide that the score has been materially prejudiced in any of the circumstances set out above, they shall make as fair an arrangement as possible for all competitors concerned. The Head Judge may take action by themselves without a hearing. This may be to let the results of the heat stand, to adjust the score of the prejudiced competitor, to abandon and re-run the heat, to have a sail-off between certain competitors in the heat, to cancel the heat, to add some more time to the original heat or to adopt some other means. The Head Judge may overrule the Judge’s decision if there is evidence that a competitor lost their heat because of a Judges’ mistake.

17. ENTRY ALLOCATION, SEEDING, AND INJURY WILDCARD

17.1 Entry allocation

17.1.1 Anyone wishing to compete in KWT sanctioned events, recognized events or trials of sanctioned events must be KWT members and may only compete with the approval of the KWT.

17.1.2 There is a maximum number of 30 competitors per gender entering a Kite Surf and freestyle event and 16 per gender entering a hydrofoil freestyle event.

17.1.3 Entries into KWT events shall be allocated according to the following table:

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<tr>
<th>CATEGORY</th>
<th>30 Riders</th>
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<tr>
<td>TOP 16</td>
<td>1-16</td>
<td>1-7</td>
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<tr>
<td>GKA Wildcard</td>
<td>17-18</td>
<td>8-9</td>
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<td>Round 1 competitors</td>
<td>19-28</td>
<td>10-13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Ranking or Organizer Wildcard</td>
<td>29-30</td>
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17.1.4 If the amount of registered competitors exceed the maximum number of competitors, the KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation and ranking in 2019 and 2018 World Tour Events and / or kite merits. Video footage may be requested and used for selection.

17.1.5 GKA wildcards and Organizer 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 the name drawing that shall be done by the Race Director at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.
17.1.6 Two weeks before an event, Local Organizer Wildcards shall be approved by the KWT Sports Commission.

17.1.7 The GKA will publish the wildcard allocation and participants list 14 days before an event.

17.1.8 The number of injury wildcards to be granted according to rule 17.3 is unknown until two weeks before the event.

17.1.9 If any ranked competitor doesn't show up or 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.

17.2 Seeding

17.2.1 Competitors will be seeded in the elimination ladder based on their current KWT ranking according to the following:

(i) For the first World Cup, The previous year KWT annual ranking results as 100% of their score.

(ii) After one (1) valid World Cup, seeding for the second event will be based as follows:

   (a) The first current year World Cup results as 50% of their score.
   (b) The previous year KWT annual ranking results as 50% of their score.

(iii) After two (2) valid World Cups, seeding for the third event will be based as follows:

   (a) The current year KWT event results after two (2) World Cups as 66.6% of their score.
   (b) The previous year KWT annual ranking results as 33.3% of their score.

(iii) After three (3) valid World Cups, seeding for the next events will be based in the current year KWT ranking.

17.2.2 Points shall be awarded according to the table in each Discipline Scoring subsection of this rulebook.

17.2.3 If there is a tie in total points for the seeding, the tie shall be broken as follows:
(i) In favor of the competitor who has beaten the other in more events in the relevant discipline including all discarded events results.

(ii) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor’s event discipline results shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor(s) with the best result(s) including all discarded events results.

(iii) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their results in the last event. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied competitors’ results in the next-to-last event results and so on until all ties are broken. These results shall be used even if some of them are excluded results.

(iv) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors, the competitor(s) with the best elimination score in their last round in the last event will win. In case of tie, it will be broken in favor of the competitor with the highest single score. If a tie remains, 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.

17.3 Injury Wildcards

17.3.1 To be entitled to an injury wildcard, a competitor must be ranked top 16 in the KWT current ranking at the time of injury.

17.3.2 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 consecutive events or combined two years consecutive events if the injury lasts from one season to another.

17.3.3 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.

17.3.4 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:

(i) If ranked in the top 4 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 5;
(ii)  If ranked in the top 8 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 9;

(iii) If ranked in the top 16 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 19.

17.3.5 Competitor’s non attending KWT events under Injury wildcard application, should notify the non–attendance in writing to the KWT Sports Commission at least fourteen (14) days prior to the relevant event start date. A competitor failing to notify in writing and before the mentioned terms the non–attendance, will automatically lose all the Injury wildcard rights.

17.3.6 The KWT Sports Commission may grant other exemptions where extreme circumstances have resulted in the time limit being exceeded.

18. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROCEDURE

18.1 General Competition Format

18.1.1 Identification of competitors
Colored lycra vest will be given by the Beach Marshall located at the official Flag pole two (2) heats prior to competing. Each competitor shall wear the colored lycra vest as stated in rule 9.1.4. Competitors not wearing the colored lycra vest or not wearing it correctly during their heats will not be scored and may be penalized as specified under rule 11.2 fine schedules.

After the competitor has completed her heat, the colored lycra vest shall be returned to the Beach Marshall when returning to the beach. Competitors failing to return their colored lycra vest after their heat may be penalized as specified under rule 11.2 fine schedules.

18.1.2 Under rule 11.2 fine schedules, competitors failing to show at their heat to compete without prior notification to the Race Director may be penalized.

18.1.3 When a competitor does not show at a heat, the other competitor(s) must compete the heat alone(s) in case the opponent turns up late. Only if the Race Director is informed and confident that the competitor will not be competing in their scheduled heat, the daily schedule can be adjusted to reduce the event’s running time.

18.1.4 Competition area:

(i) The competition area shall be defined in the Official Notice Board at least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the heat.
(ii) Each competitor shall be inside the designated competition area to be scored. Head Judge or senior judge will be who decide if a competitor is in or out of the competition area.

(iii) A competitor shall not kite in the competition area while competition is going on, other than during her own heat. A competitor infringing this rule may be penalized as specified under rule 11.2 fine schedules.

(iv) In some occasions offset marks may be used. These marks have to be rounded or passed by the competitors before attempting a trick inside the competition area.

18.1.5 Outside assistance:
Each competitor’s efforts on the water shall be individual with only the following means of outside assistance being allowed:

(i) Competitors that during their heat end up downwind of the competition area will be allowed to make their way back to the competition area by walking upwind on the beach by themselves or getting assistance of another competitor, coach or caddy.

(ii) During the heat, a competitor could get assistance inside the competition area only from a competitor competing in the same heat. A competitor could get assistance from anybody only when out of the competition area.

(iii) If a competitor gets assistance inside the competition area from the rescue boat, press boat, Jet ski, or any other craft, they will be disqualified from that heat. The Race Director can make changes to this rule at certain events.

(iv) If a competitor loses his kite during the heat from equipment failure, he will be allowed to replace his kite only outside of the competition area. The competitor has to get out from the competition area by his own means. If he is not wearing a leash, he will not be scored from the point he loses his kite.

(v) Any non-permitted outside assistance in the heat shall be penalized by a warning or disqualification if in the opinion of the Head Judge or Race Director, such assistance materially prejudiced the result.

18.2 General Competition Procedure

18.2.1 Signals.

(i) Starting Signals:
    Warning: Red flag displayed.
Preparatory: Red flag removed, yellow flag up
Starting: Yellow flag removed, green flag displayed.

(ii) Each visual signal may be accompanied by a sound signal, but times shall be taken from the visual signals and mistiming or failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

18.2.2 Heat duration.
The heat duration shall be from 5 up to 35 minutes. The transition intervals shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.
In Freestyle discipline there is no specified heat duration.

18.3 Postponing and abandoning a heat

18.3.1 The Race Director may:
(i) postpone or abandon a heat for any reason before the starting signal.
(ii) abandon a heat after the starting signal because of insufficient wind, or foul weather, or an error in the starting procedure, or because a mark is missing, for other reasons directly affecting the fairness of competition.
(iii) Postpone or abandon a heat at any time for safety reasons.

18.3.2 Postponement:
A postponement shall be signaled by the raising of the “Answering Pendant”, accompanied by two (2) sound signals. After a postponement the ordinary starting signals shall be used according to rule 18.2.1. The postponement signal shall be lowered, accompanied by a sound signal, one minute before the first warning signal is made.

18.3.3 Abandonment:
The raising of code flag “N”, accompanied by three (3) sound signals, shall signal that the present heat is abandoned.
The Race Director may decide to restart the heat on the moment where it was abandoned, from the beginning, or from the trick round where it was abandoned.

19. GENERAL RIGHT OF WAY RULES

19.1 Right of Way Rules

The choice of right-of-way criteria for each of the following possible situations is the responsibility of the KWT Head Judge, race director or the senior available touring KWT Judge in that order.
19.1.1 A competitor has the right of way over another competitor when the other competitor is required to keep clear of them. However, some rules limit the actions of a right-of-way competitor.

19.1.2 A jumping competitor shall keep clear of a competitor that is riding a wave / surfing.

19.1.3 On opposite tacks
When competitors are on opposite tacks, a port-tack competitor shall keep clear of a starboard-tack competitor.

(i) When two competitors on opposite tacks cross each other, the windward competitor shall keep their kite high while a leeward competitor shall keep their kite down to avoid a tangle.

(ii) When two competitors are on opposite tacks and equally upwind, the starboard-tack competitor shall cross-upwind keeping the kite high while the port-tack competitor shall cross-downwind, keeping the kite low.

19.1.4 On the same tack, overlapped
When competitors are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward competitor shall keep clear of a leeward competitor.

19.1.5 On the same tack, not overlapped
When competitors are on the same tack and not overlapped, a competitor clear astern shall keep clear of a competitor clear ahead.

19.1.6 When a competitor changes tack, gaining upwind position, they shall keep clear of other competitors until they are moving on an upwind course. During that time rules 19.1.3, 19.1.4 and 19.1.5 do not apply. If two competitors are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall keep clear.

19.1.7 A competitor making a transition shall keep clear of a competitor on a tack.

19.1.8 If two competitors converge while sailing downwind and it is not possible under rules 19.1.3, 19.1.4 and 19.1.5 to determine which one has right of way:

(i) if they are overlapped, the one on the other's starboard side shall keep clear.

(ii) if they are not overlapped, the one clear astern shall keep clear.

19.1.9 When sailing downwind, if one competitor is looping their kite and another is not, the competitor that is looping their kite shall keep clear of the one that is not.
19.1.10 Avoiding contact
A competitor shall avoid contact with another competitor if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way competitor or one entitled to room or mark-room:

(i) need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other competitor is not keeping clear or giving room or mark-room,
(ii) shall be exonerated if they break this rule and the contact does not cause damage or injury.

19.1.11 Acquiring right of way
When a competitor acquires right-of-way, they shall initially give the other competitor room to keep clear, unless they acquire right of way because of the other competitor’s actions.

19.1.12 Changing course or kite position
When a competitor with right-of-way changes course or the position of their kite, they shall give the other competitor room to keep clear.

19.1.13 A windward competitor shall not jump when a leeward competitor is in close proximity.

19.1.14 A jumping competitor shall keep clear of competitor that is not.

19.1.15 Competitors shall not change course to obstruct another competitor (blocking).

19.1.16 Competitors shall stay clear of the competition area when not competing.

19.1.17 Competitors shall not land jumps on the beach, and shall stay clear of any natural obstructions near the competition area.

19.1.18 If possible, a competitor shall avoid a competitor who has crashed or whose kite is in the water, or who is trying to help a person or vessel in danger.

19.1.19 A competitor who has crashed or run aground shall not interfere with another competitor. If a competitor against the capsized competitor is being affected, limiting their chances of winning the heat, the heat may be re-run. The Race Director will decide whether the heat will be re-run from the beginning or from the moment of interference.

19.1.20 During a tangle or collision, if an affected competitor is not competing against the competitor at fault and the action penalizes the competitor’s performance, limiting their chances of winning the heat, the affected
competitor’s heat may be re-run. The Race Director will decide whether the heat will be re-run from the beginning or from the moment of the tangle or collision.

19.1.21 From the warning signal to the starting signal, a competitor returning to the shore after competing has to keep clear of a competitor who is entering the competition area to compete.

19.1.22 If reasonably possible, a competitor that is not competing shall not interfere with a competitor that is competing.

19.1.23 In the case of a deliberately unsportsmanlike action by the competitors in the heat, dangerous action, interference, tangle or collision, as a result of the infringement of any of the above rules, an interference, a warning and / or disqualification from the heat / competition could be awarded at the discretion of the Race Director or Head Judge.

20. GENERAL INTERFERENCE RULES

20.1 Interference Rules

A competitor shall not interfere with another competitor’s right-of-way. Interference may be called if:

20.1.1 a competitor hinders the scoring potential of a competitor deemed to have right of way.

20.1.2 a competitor doesn’t make all assumptions necessary about their jump length, duration and direction to avoid contact with other competitors.

20.1.3 there is deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct during a heat and an interference during an event was intentional, unsportsmanlike and of a serious nature, notwithstanding any penalty available under rule 11.2.17 (which may include disqualification from the events and / or have their next event entry applications cancelled / dismissed).

20.2 General Interference penalty procedure

20.2.1 Only if the majority of the judges called the interference the Head Judge shall call an interference penalty.

20.2.2 Video evidence may be used to prove the interference.

20.2.3 To call an interference penalty a black flag together with a colored flag corresponding to the competitor’s competition lycra vest color in the water.
will be used when possible. The flag color code used will be posted in the Official Notice Board.

20.2.4 The penalty procedure of each discipline is specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

20.2.5 With two heats on the water simultaneously, if judges call an interference between two riders of different heats, the heat will be stopped and may be re-started. The Race Director will decide whether it will be a re-run from the beginning, from the moment of the interference, or with additional time.

21. GENERAL JUDGING RULES

21.1 Judging Rules

21.1.1 Selection of judges

(i) Only the KWT Sports Commission can make appointments and substitutions for an event.

(ii) An attempt shall be made to ensure that no judge has a vested interest. There should not be a family tie with a competitor.

21.1.2 Judging procedure

(i) The rules in this chapter are applicable to all KWT disciplines unless specifically stated otherwise in another Chapter.

(ii) One or two panels of judges, each panel comprising an odd number of judges, no less than three (3) in number, shall score each heat. When there are five (5) judges, the highest and the lowest scores per wave or trick will be withdrawn and the average scores of the other three (3) judges will be counted as the final wave or trick score.

(iii) If a judge misses a wave or trick they should place an “M” and that score will be given points equal to the average to the nearest thousandth of a point (0.005 to be rounded upward) of the other judges’ scores.

(iv) The judges shall award each competitor’s trick points on a scale from 0.1 to 10.0, broken into one-thousandth increments (e.g. 6.444).

(v) Each individual trick’s score is rounded to the nearest thousandth place. The rounded scores are added to calculate the final score.

(vi) The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points wins.
(vii) The maximum number of wave and/or trick attempts counting towards the final result 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.

(viii) The weight given to each category (waves vs tricks, big air vs freestyle) will be announced by the Head Judge and in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

(ix) 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.

(x) 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.

(xi) 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.

(xii) A crash will be considered when:

(a) a competitor finishes a handle pass by pulling the leash to get the bar.
(b) when landing a trick, a competitor is capsized, losing control of the board or bar.
(c) a competitor lands an unhooked jump but loses the bar.
(d) a competitor lands a jump but crashes the kite into water and completely stops.
(e) a competitor is completely stopped when landing a jump.
(f) a competitor lands on their back and lose the control of the board.

(xiii) Judges may give credit to a landed trick that is not a crash when:

(a) a competitor grabs the “chicken loop” to regain control of the bar when performing a handle pass.
(b) a competitor lands a jump and crashes the kite into the water, but manages to relaunch it and keep riding without completely stopping.

It’s at the discretion of each judge to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

21.1.3 Other judging rules

(i) A flag out system may be used to eliminate the competitor with the lowest scores and continue the heat keeping the current heat scores from the
remaining competitors on the heat. 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.

(ii) The judging scores of each individual judge shall be shown only to competitors in that heat, on their request.

(iii) Competitors are not allowed to stay in the judge’s tower. If a competitor wants to check his judging scores, he shall ask for consent from the Head Judge to enter the judge’s tower.

(iv) The scores and the decisions of the judges shall not be appealed.

(v) The Head Judge must be sure that the judges do not discuss scores.

(vi) Judges may not change their scores. If there are any mistake the judge should have the Head Judge make the correction for them.

(vii) The Head Judge may re-run a heat if there is strong evidence that there is a major discrepancy in the judging scores from each individual judge, or that all judges missed a trick that had a scoring potential that may change the final result. If it is possible, the decision to re-run shall be made before announcing a winner of the heat in question.

CHAPTER 2: KITE SURF DISCIPLINE

22. KITE SURF CATEGORIES

22.1 The Kite Surf discipline can be run under two different categories, both interchangeable and combinable based on the conditions and counting towards the same ranking.

22.2 The Kite Surf categories are:

22.2.1 Wave
22.2.2 Strapless Freestyle

22.3 Depending on the given conditions, weight given to each category shall be modified. The following formats will be used:

22.3.1 Poor waves: strong focus on Strapless freestyle.
22.3.2 Average waves: Mix of strapless freestyle and waves.
22.3.3 Good waves: strong focus on wave riding.

22.4 The weight given to each category will be announced by the Head Judge and in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

22.5 If conditions remain the same, once a round is started the format shall stay the same until that round is completed. If there is a major change in conditions, the race director may decide to change the format at any time.

22.6 When assessing if the conditions are suitable for a format, the race director will take into account the wave quality and size, wind speed, wind direction, temperature, incoming and current weather, ocean currents.

23. KITE SURF EQUIPMENT

23.1 Only Surf-boards are eligible for use in competition.

23.2 In the Wave category, footstraps, pads and wax are allowed.

23.3 In the Strapless Freestyle category, only boards with pads are allowed. Footstraps and wax are not allowed.

24. ELIMINATION PROCEDURE, SCORING AND PRIZE MONEY

24.1 Elimination procedure

24.1.1 The Elimination procedure shall be:

(i) Competitors’ names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.

(ii) Competitors with no ranking will be distributed in the KWT ladder according to the name drawing that shall be done by the Race Director at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.

(iii) “Byes,” if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.

(iv) Competitors shall ride one against one, or in groups of up to 3. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder. Once a round is started, the format shall stay the same until that round is completed.

24.1.2 Heat distribution
24.1.3  Elimination ladders

(i)  The elimination ladder used for the KWT Kite-Surf event shall be Dingle.

(ii) KWT 30 Riders Dingle Elimination

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(iii) KWT 15 Riders Dingle Elimination
(iv) Heat Progression:

(a) In this dingle elimination the winner of the first round heats advance to the third round, whilst the second advance to the second round and third placed riders are out of competition.

(b) The winners of the second round heats advance to the third round, whilst the second placed riders are out of competition.

(c) The winners of the third round heats advance immediately to the fifth round, whilst the second and third placed riders are re-seeded into the fourth round.

(c) From the fourth round on, the winner of the heats advance to the next round, whilst the second placed riders are out of competition, until the final.

24.2 Heat Schedule

24.2.1 The schedule of heats shall be posted at the Official Notice Board. It shall be sole responsibility of each competitor to know in which heat they will be taking part.

24.3 Discipline Scoring

24.3.1 There shall be no more than 1 dingle elimination at each KWT event.

24.3.2 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 30 riders Dingle or four riders with a 15 riders Dingle.

24.3.3 Finishing positions and points in Dingle Elimination shall be scored as follows:

(i) 30 Riders:

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24.3.4 Scoring of incomplete elimination series
When the minimum number of heats for a valid KWT elimination series has been completed but not all places have been determined, competitors qualified for heats which have not been run shall be awarded as follows:

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24.4  *Discipline prize money distribution*

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

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25. **RIGHT OF WAY RULES IN KITE SURF CATEGORY**

25.1 *Wave Priority with Side-shore conditions*

With side-shore winds and only one available direction on any given wave, the heat priority works in the following manner:

25.1.1 the competitor who has first turned on a swell shall have unconditional priority over the other competitors for the entire duration of that wave.

25.1.2 If two or more competitors turn at the same time, with no clear interpretation of which competitor turned first, then the competitor windward has right of way for the entire duration of that wave.

25.1.3 Video evidence shall be used to prove that one rider has turned on a swell before the other.
25.2 Wave Priority with On-shore conditions

With on-shore winds and multiple random peaks wave possession may vary slightly according to the nature of an individual wave.

25.2.1 There will be cases where one swell will have two separate, defined peaks far apart that eventually meet at some point. The competitor who makes the first turn shall be deemed to have wave possession and the second competitor must give way by turning or kicking out before hindering the right of way rider.

25.2.2 If two competitors turn at the same time on two separate peaks that eventually meet, then:

(i) If they both give way by turning or kicking out, so that neither is hindered, there will be no penalty.

(ii) If they collide or hinder one another, a competitor will be penalized by the judges if either or both indicate aggression at the point of hindrance.

(iii) If neither competitor gives way by exiting the ride and both share responsibility for the confrontation, then a double interference will be called. Both competitors will score a zero for that wave, and each of their best scoring waves are halved.

26. INTERFERENCE IN KITE SURF DISCIPLINE

26.1 Rules for Wave Category

26.1.1 A competitor deemed to have possession of a wave has unconditional right of way for the entire duration of that ride. This rule prevails in case of conflict with other(s) 19.1 right of way rule(s).

26.1.2 Anyone who stands up in front of a competitor with right of way has the chance to ride or kick out of the wave without being called interference, unless they hinder the scoring potential of the competitor with right of way by any means. These include excessive hassling, including with their kite from behind, or breaking down a section.

26.1.3 If a second competitor surfs another section of the same wave, upwind or downwind, but has not hindered the original competitor with right of way by taking the same wave then the judges may choose not to penalize them even though they don't have right of way, and will score both competitor’s surfs.

If in the opinion of the judges, the second competitor has interfered with
the original competitor with right of way, by causing them to pull out or lose the wave, then interference may be called on the second competitor, even though they were on another section upwind or downwind of the first when the interference was called.

26.1.4 If a competitor with right of way misses or falls off their wave, they shall keep clear of the following wave if another competitor has possession on that wave, if reasonably possible. If a competitor cannot complete their wave due to another competitor being capsized in the wave, causing possible loss of scoring potential, the affected competitor’s heat may be re-run and an interference may be called. The Head Judge and Race Director will decide whether it is an interference and whether the heat will be re-run from the beginning, from the moment of the interference, or if extra time will be added if there is a re-run.

26.1.5 If a competitor who remains in the water after their maximum number of waves will be penalized for interference if they ride any extra wave that obviously deprive another competitor of a potential wave.

26.2 Interference penalty procedure

26.2.1 If an interference penalty is called on a competitor, then the competitor’s final score will be penalized with a loss of 50% of their second best wave score in the wave and mixed formats, and a loss of 50% of their best score in the strapless freestyle format. If a competitor incurs a second interference penalty during the heat, he must immediately leave the competition area and won’t be scored from that point, losing 100% of their second best wave score in the wave and mixed formats, and a loss of 100% of their best score in the strapless freestyle format.

26.2.2 With two heats on the water simultaneously, if there is an interference between two riders of different heats, the heat will be stopped and may be re-started. Interference penalty may be called and the Race Director will decide whether it will be a re-run from the beginning, from the moment of the interference, or with additional time.

27. JUDGING KITE SURF DISCIPLINE

27.1 Ties in Kite Surf Discipline heats

27.1.1 In case of tie in the wave format, 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.
27.1.2 In case of tie in the mixed format, it will be broken in favor of the competitor with the highest single wave score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor’s individual wave scores included in the total score only, shall be listed in order of best to worst, 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. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor’s individual trick scores included in the total score only, shall be listed in order of best to worst, 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.

27.1.3 In case of tie in the strapless freestyle formats, 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 counting towards the final score shall be listed in order of best to worst, 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.

27.2 Strapless Freestyle Trick categories

27.2.1 The tricks repertoire has been broken down in a number of categories. The list of tricks included by category 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.
27.2.2 In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, only the highest score per freestyle trick category will count towards the final heat score from each competitor. Except for the BOARD OFF / RODEO and KITE LOOP trick categories where the two highest scores per category may count towards the final heat score from each competitor. However, coloured fields are sub-categories and only the highest score per sub-category will count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

27.3 Judging Criteria

27.3.1 Wave Discipline:

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(i) Judging Criteria are applied to score individual waves ridden. Each judge analyze the following major elements when scoring a ride:

(a) Degree of difficulty of the maneuvers performed.
(b) Commitment in the maneuvers performed and the risk taken to perform them.
(c) Variety and combination of maneuvers within the same wave.
(d) Speed and power.
(e) Flow and linking of maneuvers.
(f) Size of the waves ridden, directly linked to the degree of difficulty of maneuvers performed in each wave.
(g) Innovative and progressive maneuvers.

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.

(ii) 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.

27.3.2 Strapless Freestyle Discipline:

(i) Judging Criterias are applied to score the quality of the execution of each individual tricks. Each judge analyze the following major elements when scoring a trick:

(a) 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.

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

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

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

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

CHAPTER 3: FREESTYLE DISCIPLINE

28. FREESTYLE CATEGORIES

28.1 The Freestyle discipline can be run under two different categories, both
interchangeable and combinable based on the conditions and counting towards
the same ranking.

28.2 The Freestyle categories are:

28.2.1 Freestyle
28.2.2 Big Air

28.3 Depending on the given conditions, weight given to each category shall be
modified. The following formats will be used:

28.3.1 Light wind: strong focus on freestyle.
28.3.2 Good wind: mix of freestyle with big air.
28.3.3 Strong wind: strong focus on big air.

28.4 When assessing if the conditions are suitable for a format, the race director will
take into account the wind speed, wind direction, temperature, incoming and
current weather, waves and ocean currents.

28.5 In the Mixed format, where Freestyle and Big Air tricks count towards the final
score, the weight given to each category will be announced by the Head Judge
and in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the
heat.

28.6 If conditions remain the same, once a round is started the format shall stay the
same until that round is completed. If there is a major change in conditions, the
race director may decide to change the format at any time.
29. **FREESTYLE EQUIPMENT**

29.1 There are no restrictions on equipment

30. **ELIMINATION PROCEDURE, SCORING AND PRIZE MONEY**

30.1 **Elimination procedure**

30.1.1 The Elimination procedure shall be:

(i) Competitors’ names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.

(ii) Competitors with no ranking will be distributed in the KWT ladder according to the name drawing that shall be done by the Race Director at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.

(iii) “Byes,” if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.

(iv) Competitors shall ride one against one, or in groups of up to 4. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder.

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30.1.3 Elimination ladders
(i) The elimination ladder used for the KWT Freestyle event shall be Dingle.

(ii) KWT 30 Riders Dingle Elimination

(iii) KWT 15 Riders Dingle Elimination

(iv) Heat Progression:

(a) In those dingle eliminations the winner of the first round heats advance to the third round, whilst the second advance to the second round and third placed riders are out of competition.

(b) The winners of the second round heats advance to the third round, whilst the second placed riders are out of competition.

(c) The winner of the third round heats advance to the fifth round, whilst the second and third placed riders are re-seeded into the fourth
round.

(d) 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.

### 30.2 Heat Schedule

30.2.1 The schedule of heats shall be posted at the Official Notice Board. It shall be sole responsibility of each competitor to know in which heat they will be taking part.

### 30.3 Discipline Scoring

30.3.1 There shall be no more than 1 dingle elimination at each KWT event.

30.3.2 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 30 riders Dingle or four riders with a 15 riders Dingle.

30.3.3 Finishing positions in Dingle Elimination shall be scored as follows:

(i) 30 Riders:

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30.3.4 Scoring of incomplete elimination series
When the minimum number of heats for a valid KWT elimination series has been completed but not all places have been determined, competitors qualified for heats which have not been run shall be awarded as follows:

(i) 30 Riders:

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30.4 Discipline prize money distribution

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

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31. FREESTYLE COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROCEDURE

31.1 Trick by Trick Procedure

31.1.1 Heat signals:

Every competitor will perform a single trick one at a time respecting the order on the display system. The display system will guide the competition as follows:

(i) Displaying the color corresponding to the competitor’s lycra who is deemed to jump, or whenever possible the name, the trick countdown time, the current position of the competitor, and the scores needed to be first and second.

(ii) Once a trick score is validated by judges, whenever possible it will appear on the display system during 5 to 10 seconds before displaying the next competitor’s information.

31.1.2 Trick countdown and order.

(i) Every rider will have a time limit to perform their trick attempt.

(ii) The trick countdown shall be no more than 1 minute 30 seconds. The amount of time per trick attempt will be announced by the Head Judge and posted on the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

(iii) Once the time has elapsed the competitor will lose the ability to perform that trick and will need to wait for the next attempt. The Head Judge may re-start the time if there is strong evidence that the competitor could not perform within the time limit due to an abrupt wind change or because of an external obstruction. i.e. interference from another competitor.

(iv) If a competitor performs a trick on the wrong time it will not be scored and they may be penalized by a warning, having to repeat their trick attempt.
(v) If a competitor arrives late to their heat, the competitor will wait their turn until their lycra color or name appear on the display systems. The competitor will not be able to perform the trick attempts they have lost.

32. RIGHT OF WAY IN FREESTYLE DISCIPLINE

32.1 Priority with turns situation.

32.1.1 For heats where competitors take turn to perform their tricks, a display system corresponding to the competitor’s name or lycra color in the water will be used to indicate priority. The competitor who’s color of lycra or name is displayed shall have unconditional priority over the other competitors at all time while their lycra’s color or name is displayed, no matter where they are in the competition area.

32.1.2 After each trick has been landed, the next competitor can prepare for their trick attempt and when their color of lycra or name is displayed they get automatic priority, and so on, until the last trick attempt of the last competitor in the heat.

32.1.3 With all display systems, once a heat has started, it is the competitor’s responsibility to check their priority turn at all times.

33. INTERFERENCE IN FREESTYLE DISCIPLINE

33.1 Interference penalty procedure

33.1.1 If an interference penalty is called on a competitor, then the competitor’s final score will be penalized with a loss of 50% of their best score. If a competitor incurs a second interference penalty during the heat, they must immediately leave the competition area and won’t be scored from that point, losing 100% of their best score.

33.1.2 If an Interference has been called and a competitor scoring potential was hindered during their trick attempt, their trick attempt will be restarted

34. JUDGING FREESTYLE DISCIPLINE

34.1 Ties in Freestyle Discipline heats

34.1.1 In case of tie in the freestyle format, 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 counting towards
34.2 Freestyle Trick categories

34.2.1 The tricks repertoire has been broken down in a number of categories. The list of tricks included by category 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.

Freestyle Tricklist 2020

Only the best trick per family will score.

1. Raileys
   - S-Ray
   - The Ray
   - Ray to surface pass

2. Unhooked Front rolls
   - Unhooked Front roll
   - Unhooked Double Front roll
   - Unhooked Back Roll 5 to surface pass

3. Unhooked Back rolls
   - Unhooked Back roll
   - Unhooked Double Back roll
   - Unhooked Back Roll 5 to surface pass

4. Basic S-Bends
   - S-Bend
   - V-Smile
   - V-Smile to surface pass
   - Double S-Bend

5. Basic Hinterbergers
   - Hinterberger
   - Backside to surface pass
   - Double Hinterberger

6. Basic Ts-Bends
   - Ts-Bend
   - Ts-Bend to reverse

7. Basic Ts-Front roll
   - Ts-Front roll

8. Basic Ts-back roll
   - Ts-backroll
   - Ts-backroll to reverse

9. Basic Tenants
   - Tenant
   - Tenant to Ts
   - Bel Air

10. Freestyle Spins & Ts-Bend Spins
    - Fromtside 3
    - Fromtside 5
    - Fromtside 7
    - Fromtside 9
    - Fromtside 10

11. Backside Spins & Toeside Frontside
    - Backside 1
    - Backside 3
    - Backside 5
    - Backside 7
    - Backside 9

12. Fromtside 313s
    - Fromtside to blind

13. Fromtside 313s
    - Fromtside to blind

14. Advanced Hinterbergers
    - Hinterberger to wrapped
    - Double Hinterberger Frontside
    - Double Hinterberger to wrapped

15. Advanced S-Bends
    - S-Bend to Blind
    - S-Bend backside
    - Heart Attack
    - Double Heart Attack

16. Slim Chances
    - Front roll to Wrapped
    - Slim

17. 5-Moves
    - 5-Move

18. KGBs
    - KGB

19. G-Spots
    - G-Spot

20. Tootsie Rolls
    - Tootsie Roll

21. Pete Roses
    - Pete Rose

22. Advanced Tenants
    - Adv Tenant

23. Tenants
    - Tenants

24. Double Hinterberger Frontside
    - Double Hinterberger Frontside

25. Double Hinterberger to wrapped

26. Double Hinterberger Frontside
    - Double Hinterberger Frontside

27. Double Roll

28. Double Roll

29. Toeside 315s
    - Toeside 315 to Blinde

30. Toeside 313s
    - Toeside 313 to Blinde

31. Toeside 313s
    - Toeside 313 to Blinde

32. Toeside 313s
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**BIG AIR TRICKLIST 2020**

Up to three tricks per family can score, but not the same trick.

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34.2.2 In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, only the highest score per freestyle trick category will count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

34.2.3 In the big air trick category, up to three highest scores per category may count towards the final heat score from each competitor. However, if a trick is repeated or if it is an evolution of the same trick, only the highest score from those will count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

34.3 Judging Criteria

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

(i) 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.

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(v) Innovation – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.
CHAPTER 4: HYDROFOIL FREESTYLE DISCIPLINE

35. HYDROFOIL FREESTYLE EQUIPMENT

35.1 Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition.
35.2 The use of a helmet is mandatory.
35.3 There are no further restrictions on equipment.

36. ELIMINATION PROCEDURE AND SCORING

36.1 Elimination procedure

36.1.1 The Elimination procedure shall be:

(i) Competitors’ names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.

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### Elimination Ladders

(i) The elimination ladder used for the KWT Hydrofoil freestyle event shall be Dingle.

(ii) KWT 30 Riders Dingle Elimination

(iii) KWT 15 Riders Dingle Elimination

(iv) Heat Progression:
(a) In this dingle elimination the winner of the first round heats advance to the third round, whilst the second advance to the second round and third placed riders are out of competition.

(b) The winners of the second round heats advance to the third round, whilst the second placed riders are out of competition.

(c) The winners of the third round heats advance immediately to the fifth round, whilst the second and third placed riders are re-seeded into the fourth round.

(c) From the fourth round on, the winner of the heats advance to the next round, whilst the second placed riders are out of competition, until the final.

36.2 Heat Schedule

36.2.1 The schedule of heats shall be posted at the Official Notice Board. It shall be sole responsibility of each competitor to know in which heat they will be taking part.

36.3 Discipline Scoring

36.3.1 There shall be no more than 1 dingle elimination at each KWT event.

36.3.2 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 30 riders Dingle or four riders with a 15 riders Dingle.

36.3.3 Finishing positions in Dingle Elimination shall be scored as follows:

(i) 30 Riders:

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<th>Finishing Position</th>
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<th>Points</th>
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<td>1, 2</td>
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<td>770, 700</td>
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<td>Heats 31 - 34</td>
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<td>580</td>
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<td>Heats 23 - 30</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>420</td>
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<td>Heats 15 - 22</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>140</td>
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<td>Heats 5 - 6</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>60</td>
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36.3.4 Scoring of incomplete elimination series
When the minimum number of heats for a valid KWT elimination series has been completed but not all places have been determined, competitors qualified for heats which have not been run shall be awarded as follows:

(i) 30 Riders:

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<td>Heat 35 - 36</td>
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<td>835</td>
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<td>Heats 31 - 34</td>
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(ii) 15 Riders:

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<td>Heat 16 - 17</td>
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36.4 *Discipline prize money distribution*

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

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<td>2</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>6,00 %</td>
<td>Total</td>
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37. INTERFERENCE

37.1 *Interference penalty procedure*

37.1.1 If an interference penalty is called on a competitor, then the competitor’s final score will be penalized with a loss of 50% of their “Technical Difficulty” scoring.

If a competitor incurs a second interference penalty during the heat, they must immediately leave the competition area and won’t be scored from that point, losing 100% of their “Technical Difficulty” scoring

38. JUDGING HYDROFOIL FREESTYLE

38.1 *Ties in Hydrofoil Freestyle Discipline heats*

(i) In case of tie, it will be broken in favor of the competitor with the highest Technical Difficulty score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, the Execution score and then Variety score will be used respectively 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.
38.2 Overall Impression Scoring Procedure

38.2.1 Judges shall not assign numerical values to each trick. They will have a shorthand notation for taking brief notes of the moves performed on each tack during the heat, and points will be awarded to a number of scoring categories based on an overall impression of the heat:

(i) Technical Difficulty: The technical difficulty in relation with the risk factor of tricks landed during the heat. Tricks landed with more control and without letting the board touch the water are rewarded in this category.

(ii) Execution: A combination of smoothness, flow and fluidity during the tricks. The linking of tricks, quality vs quantity, innovation and “wow” factor fall in this category.

(iii) Variety: Variety of tricks completed during the heat on both tacks.

38.2.2 The maximum points given to each category will be announced by the Head Judge and in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

38.2.3 One or two panels of judges, each panel comprising an odd number of judges, no less than three (3) in number, shall score each heat. When there are five (5) judges, the highest and the lowest scores per category will be withdrawn and the average scores of the other three (3) judges will be counted as the final score for the category.

38.2.4 The judges shall award each competitor’s category points on a scale from 0.1 to 10.0, broken into one-thousandth increments (e.g 6.444).

38.2.5 Each individual category’s score is rounded to the thousandth place. The rounded scores are added to calculate the final score.

38.2.6 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.

38.2.7 The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points wins.

38.2.8 There is no limitation of trick attempts per heat, however, crashing multiple times on a specific move will impact the score of the Execution scoring category.

38.2.9 If the competitor’s board touches the water when landing the trick, the judges will give credit to the trick but not as much as if it was landed without touching the water. It’s at the discretion of each judge to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.
38.2.10 The credit given to tricks where the board touches the water on 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 as much points for such landing.

38.2.11 A trick is a crash only if the majority of the judges consider it as a crash.

38.2.12 A crash will be considered when:
   (a) when landing a trick, a competitor is capsized, losing control of the board or bar.
   (b) a competitor lands a jump but crashes the kite into water and completely stops.
   (c) a competitor is completely stopped when landing a jump.
   (d) a competitor lands on their back and lose the control of the board.
   (e) a competitor finishes a handlepass by pulling the leash to get the bar.
   (f) a competitor lands an unhooked jump but loses the bar.

38.2.13 Judges may give credit to a landed trick that is not a crash when:
   (a) a competitor grabs the “chicken loop” to regain control of the bar when performing a handle pass.
   (b) a competitor lands a jump and crashes the kite into the water, but manages to relaunch it and keep riding without completely stopping.