



# **GKA KITE-SURF & Hydrofoil Big Air WORLD CUP Sylt, Germany 2024 20.08.-25.08.2024**

*It is a pleasure to announce the second Kite-Surf event and first Hydrofoil Big Air event of the GKA KITE  
WORLD TOUR 2024*

*which will be held in Sylt, Germany.*

The dates will be from the 20<sup>th</sup> of August to the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2024.

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

## **Registration**

### **Entry procedure and Registration**

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

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

or via email to [tom@global-kitesports.org](mailto:tom@global-kitesports.org) or by other means to be specified by the KWT Sports Commission, no later than the published closing date for entries for that specific event.

Ultimately it is the competitors' responsibility to pre-register or to apply for an entry for an event and to ensure that the application has been received timely and correctly.

According to rule 11.2, fines and/or having their next events applications cancelled may be handed out to a pre-registered and / or qualified competitor who, without advanced notice fails to show up at an event.

Complete and signed entry forms for event registration must be signed and complete by the time stated in the Race Notice. Exceptions can only be granted by the KWT Representative.

If a competitor is unable to complete registration at the published time and place in the Race Notice for reasons beyond their control, then the competitor should contact the KWT Representative with details of their delay and must gain consent for their registration period to be extended. Evidence must be supplied to support reasons showing that the circumstances were out of the competitor's control. Failure to comply with the above will prohibit a competitor from entering the event.

All riders must preregister for the event through the online registration form **by 23.59h of the 09<sup>th</sup> of July 2024.**

The registration does contain:



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

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

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

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

All entry fee and GKA membership payments must be made before the **26<sup>th</sup> of July 2024** via credit card payment through the online registration tool.

### **Entry Restrictions**

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

After confirmation of participation, the rider will receive a payment link. Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency. In this case an amount of 40,- Euro processing fee will be added to the regular entry-fee.

In the case that the full amount of the inscription fee is not paid by the end of the announced inscription-time, the rider will not be allowed to compete.

### **Eligibility**

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

- He is a member of his Official National Kiteboarding Federation or Association.
- A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of identity and membership may be requested.
- He has a personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.

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

### **IMPORTANT INFO**

- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training – for optimal recognition above the harness. Competitors will get their names printed on their personal lycra.
- Each rider will get one competition riders' vest at the registration. Each rider is responsible for his competition riders' vests. In case of loss a replacement is not possible!
- Competitors shall wear the event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing, including harness on the water at all times during the event and one (1) board sticker to be placed on the top and on the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than Euro 500 for each violation. Repeated offenders may be disqualified from the Event and/or Series.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.
- There will be free breakfast and lunch and dinner provided for all competitors.
- Each rider is entitled to register one caddy. Caddies will have free access to the Riders Lounge!
- Caddies will have access to the launching area and the equipment tent, to help their fellow riders with their kite equipment, starting and landing's.
- The Riders ID-Strap authorizes you to enter the equipment storage container. You will receive the Riders ID-Strap personally and only at the registration.
- Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/autograph sessions.
- There will be a social event-calendar for each event that all riders have to join via social media and share.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts:

### **Membership**

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GKA membership. The duration of GKA membership is from the first to the last event of the current year.

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

At the end of the inscription-time, the rider must be able to prove a valid GKA membership. After confirmation of participation, he will receive a payment link. Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency.

The cost of the GKA membership is 80 € for competing in one event and 160 € per year (to be paid 80 € at the first event entered and 80 € at the second event entered. The total amount of 160 € can also be paid in once at the first event for the complete year. Membership fees are excluding event fees.)



The GKA membership fee for Local / National Wildcard holders is reduced to 20 € for competing in one event and 100 € per year (to be paid 20 € at the first event entered when receiving a wildcard and 80 € at the second event entered).

The membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third-party liability during the competition. Benefits are only provided in accordance with the current ERAG insurance policy. The GKA Kite World Tour, the GKA Event GmbH, the Global Kite sports Association e.V. cannot held liable for any legal and/or financial liability, losses, damages, which might occur from the participation in the competition/event.

Please note that the insurance is only valid for riders not competing in their country of residence. Local riders are **not** insured through their GKA membership.

### **Equipment storage**

There will be equipment storage on site during the event period from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### **Travel info**

Airports: there is an airport on Sylt (GWT), its 5min from event site, but has only domestic flight connections from Germany.

International connections can fly into Hamburg (HAM) and then take a direct train to Sylt.

Travel by car: Travelling by car to Sylt will need you to get on a car train from Niebull to get over to the island of Sylt. You can check car train times and buy tickets here:

- <https://www.syltshuttle.de/syltshuttle-de>
- <https://www.autozug-sylt.de/en/>

### **Organiser Contact:**

MMP Event  
Lukas Müller  
Email: [Lukas.Mueller@mmpevent.de](mailto:Lukas.Mueller@mmpevent.de)

### **Event Location**

Brandenburger Strand  
Kurpromenade 333C  
25980 Westerland, Sylt  
Deutschland

### **Travel documents and Visa:**

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email [liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org](mailto:liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org) and he will issue you the document.

### **Accommodation for competitors:**

For Kite-surf, free accommodation for the Top 10 riders (male) and Top 6 riders (female) of the current seeding for the event in flats for 2 people- from the day before inscription through one day after the event.





For hydrofoil the top 6 men and top 4 women will get free accommodation. You will be emailed by Liam if you get this.

For accommodations contact:

Insel Sylt Tourismus Service

Phone: +49 4651 998 0

Fax: +49 4651 998 6000

[info@westerland.de](mailto:info@westerland.de)

[www.insel-sylt.de](http://www.insel-sylt.de)

In addition to the Tourism Service Sylt, riders can also use the following contact details to book accommodation:

Apartment Brünig

Strandstraße 13

25980 Westerland / Sylt

Tel: +49 4651 5858

[bruening-sylt@t-online.de](mailto:bruening-sylt@t-online.de)

[www.appartement-bruenig.de](http://www.appartement-bruenig.de)

Wiking Apartement Agency

Steinmannstraße 7-9

25980 Westerland / Sylt

Tel: +49 4651 83001

[info@wikingsylt.de](mailto:info@wikingsylt.de)

[www.wiking-sylt.de](http://www.wiking-sylt.de)

There are also possibilities at the local campsite which has fixed caravans for rent (properly equipped with heating, lighting power etc). These are available according to the following details.

Campingplatz Westerland

Süderstraße 66

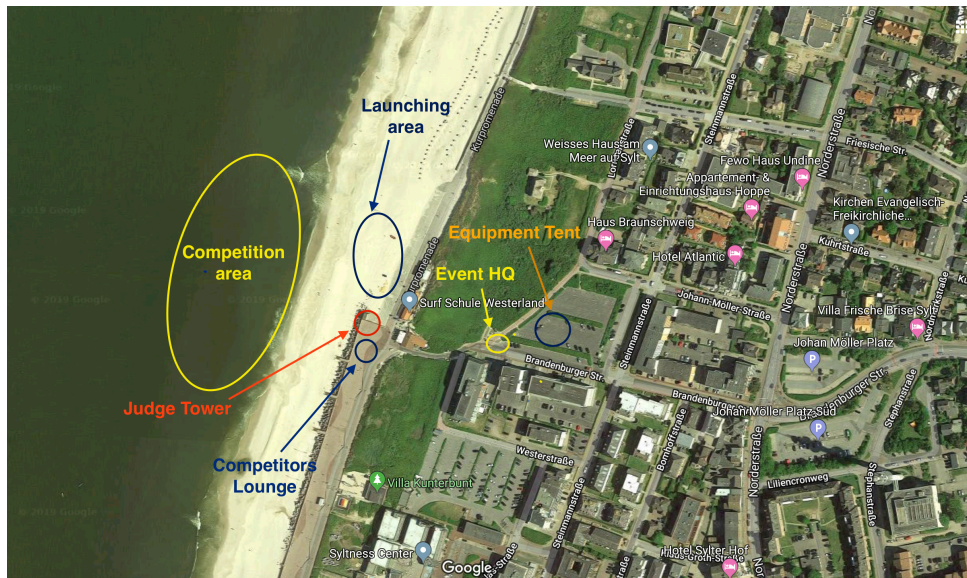
25980 Westerland / Sylt

Tel: +49 4651 299 19 39

[info@duenencamping-westerland.de](mailto:info@duenencamping-westerland.de)

[www.duenencamping-westerland.de](http://www.duenencamping-westerland.de)

## Location map:



## Weather:

Sylt has a northern Europe climate, so weather conditions are rather mild in August. The air temperature during the day can be between 25°C the highest temperatures and lowest of 12°C. The water temperature of the North Sea is around 16°C, so bringing a wetsuit and a jacket is recommended! Sunrise is 05.00h and sunset is 22.00h.

## Wind Information

Westerly winds blowing 15-35 knots onshore at Westerland.  
Easterly winds blowing around 12-25 knots offshore at Westerland.

## Event Schedule

### ***Tuesday 20<sup>TH</sup> August***

09:00-11:00 – Inscription  
12:00 – Riders Briefing  
13:00 – First Possible start for competition  
15:00 – Opening Ceremony at Event Stage

### ***Wednesday 21<sup>ST</sup> August***

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

### ***Thursday 22<sup>ND</sup> August***

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

### ***Friday 23<sup>RD</sup> August***

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

### ***Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August***

10:00 – Skippers Meeting

10:30 – First possible start

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

- 10:00 – Skippers Meeting
- 10:30 – First possible start
- 19:00 – Prizegiving and Closing Ceremony

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

**Disciplines**

There will be two Official Disciplines in this KWT event:

- **Kite-Surf (Wave and Strapless Freestyle)**
- **Hydrofoil Big Air**

Divisions:

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

**Entry Allocation – Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline & Hydrofoil Big Air - NEEDS CONFIRMING**

There is a maximum number of 28 male competitors and 28 female competitors entering this event.

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

	<b>Kite Surf &amp; Hydrofoil Big Air Discipline</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>24 Riders</b>
TOP 20	1-16
Video Wildcards	17-20
GKA Wildcards	21-22
Organizer Wildcards	23-24

1. For GKA wildcards the KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation in past events as well as their kite merits.
2. For riders aiming for Video wildcards (only for Kitesurf), the athlete needs to submit a Wildcard Video application through the following online rider app - <https://app.gkakiteworldtour.com/>
3. Wildcards will be seeded based on their KWT ranking whenever available. If this is not possible, they will be distributed in the KWT ladder according to rule 18.1.1.(ii)
4. If any ranked competitor cannot compete in one KWT event due to an injury or other reasons, the empty spot will be given to the next highest ranked competitor. If this is not possible, the KWT Representative may grant exceptionally the available entry to another competitor prior approval from the KWT Sports Commission.
5. The GKA will publish the GKA wildcard allocation on **28<sup>th</sup> July 2024**, one day after the preregistration period closes. The number of injury wildcards to be granted according to rule 17.3. remains unknown until then.
6. Wild card enquiries need to be done via mailing to [tom@global-kitesports.org](mailto:tom@global-kitesports.org)

## Video Requirements for Kitesurf

### Video Contest Judging Criteria

For the GKA Sylt Event, depending on conditions can be mixed Wave/freestyle, or pure freestyle if there is no swell.

Regarding the wave criteria, we are looking for Speed, Power and flow. Onshore waveriding is very technical, when kite position and connecting turns has to be fast. If you have videos of riding onshore conditions, judges will take that in consideration comparing with side off flat wave conditions.

Aerial manoeuvres together with some power carves keeping up the speed and control, rail to rail flow, off the lip turns together with a good control of the kite are what we look for.

Regarding freestyle, depending on wind power, height will take in consideration for all trick families, but very important is execution, speed, style and power from the start to the end of the trick, Technical tricks without Grab like rotations with Shuvit are high scored if the wind is lower. Grabs can add points only for style and not for avoiding losing the board.

### Video Contest Format Guidelines

Make sure to follow the guidelines below for full consideration with your application:

- 4 INDIVIDUAL TRICK VIDEOS, 2 WAVE, 2 FREESTYLE - 1 Rider. The riders do have the option to remove/update/replace a video with a newer/better before the video entry closes, a maximum of 4 videos can be submitted per rider. 2 of which must be wave and 2 of which must be Freestyle.
- FREESTYLE VIDEOS: DO NOT REPEAT THE SAME TRICK FAMILIES. Repeated tricks WILL NOT SCORE. Our judges want to see you tick the different families and show variety. Repeated tricks will not be scored.
- WAVE VIDEOS: Wave videos must have ATLEAST 2 turns. The connection between the waves and the turns must be shown. Videos which don't show this won't be scored. Also, no barrel wave videos. We want to see how you ride ins small onshore choppy conditions, similar to what we see in Sylt.
- TAKE OFF & LANDING - Each filmed trick shown in the video clip MUST include the rider's start, the execution and the landing. Make sure that take-off is clearly visible as well as the landing. If the take-off/landing is cut off or removed it will reduce chances of consideration from the panel. (No take-off or landing = No score.)
- FOCUS - Do not split the video-clip/camera-angles at mid-clips. The clip will need to show and follow the entire jump from take-off to landing. No slow-motion playback; regular speed playback only.
- EDITING - No fancy editing required. Raw unedited will also work. Videos do not need to be a masterpiece of editing; all we need is to clearly see the potential of the rider and the value of the moves.
- LENGTH: 1 TRICK/WAVE ONLY PER VIDEO – The video clip cannot have more than 1 trick/wave. We are not looking for long video clips.

### What is not allowed:

POV SHOTS - No point of view videos, line, mouth, board, kite, harness mount-cam footage, as it does NOT show the real perspective (height and length) of the jump and the period in air. Also, no drone shots from a FPV/ follow drone.

## Seeding - Kitesurf Discipline

The seeding for the upcoming Kite-Surf event in Sylt, Germany will be done according to the seeding list after Cape Verde 2024.

### MEN

1	Airton Cozzolino	1000
2	Pedro Matos	845
3	Gabriel Benetton	780
4	Matchu Lopes	770
5	Sebastian Ribeiro	735
6	Hendrick Lopes	690
7	Mitu Monteiro	690
8	Charly Martin	580
9	Theo Demanez	555
10	Gray Foster	535
11	Clement Roseyro	515
12	Artur Morais	475
13	Arsenio Dias	435
14	Nicola Abadjiev	425
15	Camille Delannoy	415
16	Matt Maxwell	405
17	Reece Myerscough	385
18	Yaris Dell'omo	385
19	Kelton Lopes	355
20	Leonardo Grangeiro	295
21	WOODLEY HALL	290
22	Kiko Roig	275
23	Pablo Amores	267,5
24	Keanu Merten	250
25	Titik Lopes	250
26	Igor Pestana	245
27	Mohamed Ali Beqqali	240
28	Filippe Ferreira	235
29	Breno Barbosa	230
30	Swann Renoux	220
31	Matheo Silva	215
32	Wellington Silva	210
33	DJO SILVA	210
34	Joao Carlos	205
35	Luiz Sousa	200
36	Alemao Roeh	195
37	Lorenzo Casati	190
38	James Carew	185
39	Alex Middeler	175
40	Luca Gasperini	170
41	Francesco Cappuzzo	165
42	Robertney Barros	161
43	Elvis Nunes	160

### WOMEN

1	Moona Whyte	1000
2	Capucine Delannoy	915
3	Camille Losserand	845
4	Charlotte Carpentier	750
5	Kesiane Rodrigues	720
6	Serena Luz	705
7	Daniela Moreno	635
8	Sofia Monti	595
9	Sonja Bunte	565
10	Julia Borghi	535
11	Barbara Sgardello	485
12	Simona Schatzmann	465
13	Zoe Bazile	445
14	Clémence Derrien	370
15	Susanne Schwarztrauber	335
16	Milla Ferreira	325
17	Bruna Kajiya	315
18	Luana Saunier	305
19	Gemma Soloman	295
20	Luiza Neto	285
21	Astrid Cheylus	265
22	Julia Castro	250
23	Irati Fonseca	240
24	Manuela Jungo	235

44	Giovanni Rogolino	155
45	Victor Bruno	151
46	Achraf Bentajar	147
47	Mounim Maji	143
48	Ofek Shalgi	139
49	Yuri Neves	135
50	Hamza Addi	131
51	Abdu Moutaouakil	127
52	Tim Sermon	123
53	Louis Gossart	119
54	Linus Erdmann	115
55	Lance Krüger	111
56	Daniel Weber	107
57	Bennet Hoop	103
58	Victor Ribas	99
59	Leo Chines	95
60	Andrade Vasconcelos	87
61	Logan Merringer	83
62	Wyatt Duce	79
63	Luca Padilha	75
64	Johannes Sarny	72,5
65	Javier Fernandez	70
66	LUÍS BRITO	70
67	JORDY SANCA	70
68	Raoni Lemos	67,5
69	Luis Bulcão	65
70	Bruno De Laurentis	62,5
71	Sergio Caio	60
72	Ricardo Bettancourt	55
73	Jairo Neto	52,5

### **Seeding - Hydrofoil Big Air Discipline**

The seeding for the upcoming Hydrofoil Big Air event in Sylt, Germany will be done according to the 2023 end of year rankings after Brazil.

Ranking	FIRST	LAST
1	Charles	Brodel
2	Alex	Soto
3	Joselito	Del Rosario
4	Maxime-Luan	Desjardins
5	Theo	Demanez
5	Hunter	Becker
5	Antonin	Rangin
5	Finn	Flügel
9	Katerina	Salandova
9	Rémy	Krysztofiak
9	Luiz	Cordeiro
9	Baptiste	Bourdoulous

### **Injury wildcard**

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

### **Prize money – Kitesurf & Hydrofoil Discipline**

The prize money for the GKA KITE-SURF World Cup in Sylt, Germany will be **30.000 Euro**. The prize money is paid cash by the organiser to the competitors in line with the Rulebook.

27.000 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and 3.000 Euro (10% of the event prizemoney) will go to the first 3 male and female winners of the GKA Kite-Surf World Tour end of year ranking, World Championship Title.

The prize money for the GKA Hydrofoil-Big Air in Sylt, Germany will be **10.000 Euro**. The prize money is paid cash by the organiser to the competitors in line with the Rulebook.

9.000 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and 1.000 Euro (10% of the event prizemoney) will go to the first 3 male and female winners of the GKA Kite-Surf World Tour end of year ranking, World Championship Title.

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

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

- 1) if there is 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:

40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women

40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with more than 16 competitors (4 riders in equal 5th place)

gender with 16 or more		gender with less than 16	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)

1	15	1	15
2	10	2	10
3	8	3	8
4	7	4	7
<b>Total 1- 4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Total 1- 4</b>	<b>40</b>
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
<b>Total 5-8</b>	<b>20</b>		

2)

If there is 16 or more competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:

50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 women

50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 men

16 or more women		16 or more men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	14	1	14
2	9	2	9
3	7	3	7
4	6	4	6
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

3) If there is less than 16 competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:

50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women

50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

Less than 16 women		Less than 16 men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

If the women's or men's division doesn't take place, the full amount allocated as prize money will be added to the one and only division.





## **Scoring - Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline**

Scoring Categories and Judging Criteria:

### Wave:

- The maximum number of waves ridden attempts per competitor during a heat will be announced by the Head Judge and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.
- Each Wave ridden is scored from 0.1 to 10.0 (ten), broken into one-tenth increments (e.g 6.4).

(iii) The following scale may be used to describe a wave ridden that is scored:

0–1.9 = Poor;  
2.0–3.9 = Fair;  
4.0–5.9 = Average;  
6.0–7.9 = Good;  
8.0–10.0 = Excellent.

**Judging Criteria** are applied to score individual waves ridden. Each judge analyzes the following major elements when scoring a ride:

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

The number of waves ridden from each competitor towards the result shall be decided by the Head Judge in consultation with the Riders Representative and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

If a judge misses a wave ride, or part of the wave ride, they should place an “M” and that score will be given points equal to the average to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward) of the other judges’ scores.

The Head Judge may re- run the heat according to rule 22.1.4, if all judges miss a wave ridden and there is strong evidence that the wave ridden was missed by all the judges and this wave ridden had a scoring potential that may change the final result. It’s important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day.

Competitors must combine the major key elements in order to be awarded scores in the excellent range.

### Strapless Freestyle:

The competition area shall be defined in the Sailing Instructions or in the way indicated in the Official Notice Board at least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the heat. A diagram is recommended.

Competitors shall be scored while being in the designated competition area. Whether a competitor is in or out of the competition area, will be at the discretion of the senior judge on the relevant panel and the Head Judge.

### **Overall Impression Scoring:**

There is no limitation of a maximum number of trick attempts per heat. Judges will not assign numerical values to each tricks. They will have a shorthand notation for taking brief notes of the jumps performed on each tack during the heat. They will also write a final score based on the following categories:

- 10 points Technical Difficulty: The technical difficulty and height of a trick landed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height is achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.
- 10 points Variety: Variety of tricks completed during the heat on both tacks. Repetition of tricks on the same tack will decrease the chances of winning the heat. Repetition of tricks on both tacks (switch tricks) will increase the chances of winning the heat.
- 10 points Overall impression: Considering style, quality vs quantity, innovation and “wow” factor.

### **Trick by trick Scoring:**

There is a limitation of a maximum of 12 trick attempts per heat.

Only the best 5 tricks with the highest individual scores from different trick categories will count towards the final score from each competitor. One per category, except BOARD OFF and KITE LOOP categories, that can count two.

The amount of trick attempt to count towards the final score will be announced by the Head Judge and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

If a competitor “butt checks” when landing the trick and doesn’t loose the board, the judges will still give some credit to the trick. It’s at the discretion of each judge to consider if it’s a crash or a butt check and to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

The credit given to butt checked trick landings is directly related to the risk factor involved in the execution of the trick. For tricks with a high degree of risk factor, judges won’t deduct points for a butt-checked landing.

A trick is a crash only if 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

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.

The Head Judge may re-run the heat if all judges miss a trick and there is strong evidence that the trick was missed by all the judges and this trick may change the final result.

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

In case of tie, it will be broken in 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.



- IV. 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.
- V. Smoothness – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.
- VI. Innovation – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

#### Strapless Freestyle:

The competition area shall be defined in the Sailing Instructions or in the way indicated in the Official Notice Board at least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the heat. A diagram is recommended. Competitors shall be scored while being in the designated competition area. Whether a competitor is in or out of the competition area, will be at the discretion of the senior judge on the relevant panel and the Head Judge.

#### Overall Impression Scoring:

- There is no limitation of a maximum number of trick attempts per heat.
- Judges will not assign numerical values to each tricks. They will have a shorthand notation for taking brief notes of the jumps performed on each tack during the heat. They will also write a final score based on the following categories:
- 10 points Technical Difficulty: The technical difficulty and height of a trick landed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height is achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.
- 10 points Variety: Variety of tricks completed during the heat on both tacks. Repetition of tricks on the same tack will decrease the chances of winning the heat. Repetition of tricks on both tacks (switch tricks) will increase the chances of winning the heat.
- 10 points Overall impression: Considering style, quality vs quantity, innovation and “wow” factor.
- Trick by trick Scoring:
- There is a limitation of a maximum of 12 trick attempts per heat.

Only the best 5 tricks with the highest individual scores from different trick categories will count towards the final score from each competitor. One per category, except BOARD OFF and KITE LOOP categories, that can count two.

The amount of trick attempt to count towards the final score will be announced by the Head Judge and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

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## Elimination ladders – Hydrofoil Big Air

The elimination ladder used for the KWT Hydrofoil Big Air event shall be Dingle.

- KWT 24 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			ROUND # 4			SEMI-FINALS			FINALS			WINNER/FINAL		
Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name
1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1	
1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2	
1	3		1	3		1	3		1	3		1	3		1	3		1	3	
1	4		1	4		1	4		1	4		1	4		1	4		1	4	
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- KWT 12 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			SEMI-FINALS			FINAL			WINNER/FINAL		
Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name
1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1	
1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2	
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## Scoring - Hydrofoil Big Air

### Ties in Hydrofoil Big Air Discipline heats

- 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 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.

### Hydrofoil Trick Categories

- 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 in appendix C 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.
- In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, only the highest score per trick category may count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

### Scoring Procedure

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:

1. Technical Difficulty – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.
2. Smoothness – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.
3. Landings – Clean landings where the competitor’s board does not touch the water will be rewarded. It’s at the discretion of each judge to consider how much credit they will give to the trick, as it is directly related to the risk factor involved in the execution of the trick.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Innovation – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

### Rulebook

<https://gkakiteworldtour.com/rulebooks/2024/GKA%20RULEBOOK%202024.pdf>

### Covid-19 Pandemic Disclaimer

Every competitor must be aware of the Covid-19 pandemic situation and its changing restrictions and regulations on travel protocols and event regulations. In case the event will be cancelled because of reasons not under the responsibility of the GKA, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer, neither the GKA, nor the GKA Event GmbH, nor the Organizer can be hold legally responsible for any financial losses.

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

### GKA Kite World Tour

As a competitor, I agree to respect the racing rules and in particular:

- 1- to display visibly the sailing-number attributed to me.



- 2- to wear the official event-competition-lycra at all times when proceeding to the water (also during training) as well as during interviews, official presentations and on podium.
- 3- to wear a life jacket and safety helmet during the competition,
- 4- to follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
- 5- to place board stickers (GKA Kite World Tour & Event sponsor) on the top and on the bottom of the board at all time during the event (competitions, interviews, media conferences, award ceremony...).
- 6- to take note that all rider meetings, opening/closing ceremonies and media conferences requested by the Event Organizer are mandatory to all riders. I assure that I'll be on time and ready.
- 7- I'm aware that a non-observance of this rule will incur a fine of up to 500 USD. Any competitor finishing in the top 3 positions who fails to attend the awards ceremony on time - without being justified by a force of major circumstance - will incur a fine equal to their earned prize money for the event. Furthermore fine can incur an additional penalty of up to 1.000 USD and suspension for the next event.

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