



Visit Qatar GKA Freestyle Kite WORLD CUP Final Qatar 10.12.-14.12.2024

It is a pleasure to announce the final freestyle kite event of the Qatar Airways GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2024 which will be held in Qatar.

The dates will be from the 10th of December to the 14th of December 2024.

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

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 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 5th of November 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 have to be insured via the NATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION and/or WORLD SAILING.

Cost of entry is 125.- 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 14th November 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.

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 Kitesports 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.

Eligibility

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

- (i). 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.
- (ii). 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.
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) 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.
- (v). He complies with World Sailing Federation Regulation, Eligibility Code
- (vi). He holds a valid competitor's membership with the GKA Kite World Tour

Entry allocation

There is a maximum number of 24 male competitors and 24 female competitors entering this event. Entries into KWT events shall be allocated according to the following table:

| | Freestyle Discipline |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| CATEGORY | 24 Riders |
| Seeding List | 1-16 |
| Video Wildcards | 17-20 |
| GKA Wildcards | 21-22 |
| Organizer Wildcards | 23-24 |

- For GKA wildcards the KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation in past events as well as their kite merits.
- For riders aiming for Video wildcards, the athlete needs to submit a Wildcard Video application through the following online form:
- <https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/wildcard-video-applications/>
- 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)
- 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.
- The GKA will publish the GKA wildcard allocation on **7th of November 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.
- Wild card enquiries need to be done via mailing to tom@global-kitesports.org

Equipment

There are no restrictions on equipment.

Seeding

The seeding is calculated according to the current seeding list rankings.

| | | |
|----|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Maxime | Chabloz |
| 2 | Arthur | Guillebert |
| 3 | Finn | Flugel |
| 4 | Gianmaria | Coccoluto |
| 5 | Valentin | Garat |
| 6 | Karim | Mahmoud |
| 7 | Louka | Pitot |
| 8 | Matteo | Dorotini |
| 9 | Hironobu | Nakano |
| 10 | Manoel | Soares |
| 11 | Leo | Verrecchia |
| 12 | Peyo | Cremades |
| 13 | Rafael | Montero |
| 14 | Eliott | Panet |
| 15 | Carlos | Mario |
| 16 | Valentín | Rodriguez |
| 17 | Juan | Rodriguez |
| 18 | Linus | Erdmann |
| 19 | Luis | Cruz |
| 20 | Erik | Anderson |
| 21 | Davi | Ribeiro |
| 22 | Baptiste | Jacquemain |
| 23 | Einar | Saad |
| 24 | Theo | Fermon |
| 25 | Julien | Jacquet |
| 26 | João | Lucas |
| 27 | Deury | Corniel |
| 28 | Daniel | Pereira |
| 29 | Lenardo | Mendes |
| 30 | Antoine | Oliver |
| 31 | Posito | Martinez |
| 32 | Tom | Birdge |
| 33 | Corey | Folz |
| 34 | Jack | Rieder |
| 35 | Rashid | Almansoori |

| | | |
|----|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Bruna | Kajiya |
| 2 | Francesca | Bagnoli |
| 3 | Rita | Arnaus |
| 4 | Naïs | Balbinot |
| 5 | Kaya | Lehmann |
| 6 | Julia | Heckhausen |
| 7 | Matilda | Roux |
| 8 | Estefania | Rosa |
| 9 | Martyna | Konkel |
| 10 | Giulia | Anania |
| 11 | Kristina | Kusochkova |
| 11 | Pauline | Rehnert |
| 13 | Maria | Morais |
| 14 | Angelica | Monteiro |
| 15 | Leticia | Ferreira |
| 16 | Mikaili | Sol |
| 17 | Claudia | León |
| 18 | Nathalie | Lambrecht |
| 19 | Therese | Taabbel |
| 20 | Alexandra | Torres |
| 21 | Karolina | Winkowska |
| 22 | Eva | Dupont |
| 23 | Leticia | Ferreira |

| | | |
|----|---------------|------------|
| 36 | Keo | Beauducel |
| 37 | Carlos David | Arnaun |
| 38 | Pedro | Alexandre |
| 39 | Rashed | Alfalasi |
| 39 | Mohammed | Almansoori |
| 39 | Ahmed | Alkaabi |
| 42 | Pierfrancesco | Rizzello |
| 43 | Luca | Seer |
| 44 | Robin | Goetgebuer |
| 45 | Eros | Balbinot |
| 45 | Alessio | Pintus |
| 45 | Hugo | Gaborit |
| 48 | Lorenzo | Calcano |
| 49 | Nathan | Texier |
| 50 | Nelson | Gomez |
| 50 | Armando | Sierra |
| 50 | Maxime | Guillis |
| 53 | Duvan | Macías |
| 54 | Jhon | Perez |
| 55 | Frank | Charris |

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:
 - A. If ranked in the top 4 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 5;
 - B. If ranked in the top 8 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 9;
 - C. If ranked in the top 16 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 19.

Discipline

There will be only one Official Discipline in this KWT event: Twintip Freestyle (mixed format)

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)

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 two (2) board stickers to be placed on the top and the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than \$ 500 for each violation. 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 lunch, snacks (sandwiches and fruits) and water provided for all competitors.
- Each rider is entitled to register one caddy. Caddies will not have free access to the Riders Lounge! Caddies will only have access to the launching area and the equipment tent, to help their fellow riders with their kite equipment, starting and landing.
- 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 hashtags for all social media posts: @gkakiteworldtour #GKAKiteWorldTour #GKAfreestyle

Travel info:

Airport: Hamad International Airport (DOHA) is the closest international airport in Qatar.

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Organiser Contact:

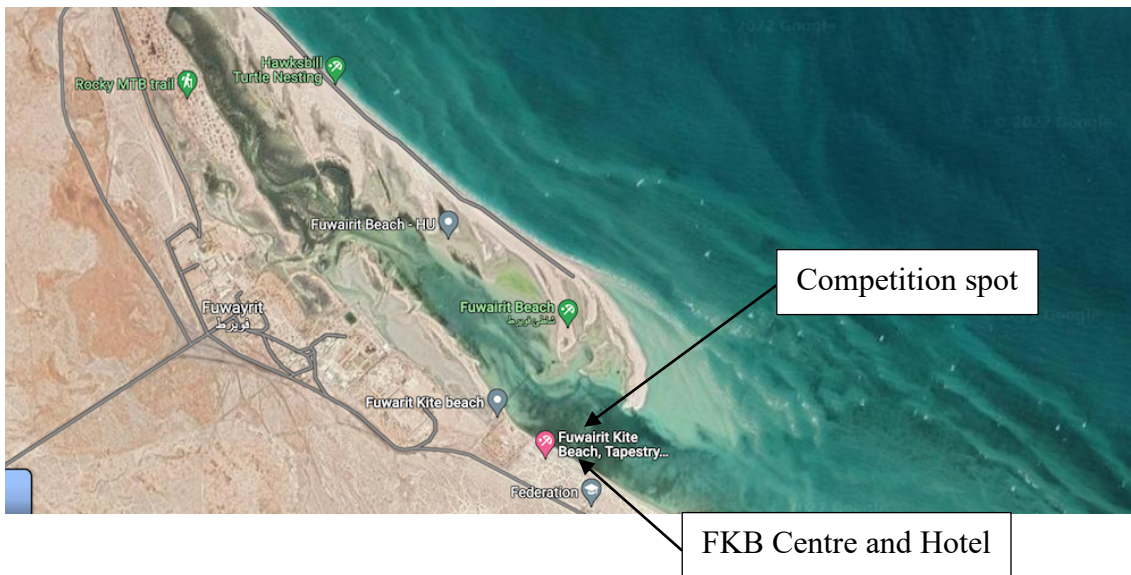
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Location map:

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Visa/Entry Requirements:

You can find all relevant visa information to enter Qatar by following this link:

<https://www.qatarairways.com/en/travel-alerts/requirements.html>

All passengers must sign an Undertaking and Acknowledgement Form before arriving in Qatar. The form is available on the Ministry of Public Health website, the pre-registration platform website www.ehteraz.gov.qa and airline online booking form.

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email liam@global-kitesports.org and he will issue you the document.

Accommodation for competitors:

The top 10 men and top 6 women will receive free accommodation on-site at FKB from 09th – 15th December 2024.

Event parking:

There is free parking at FKB Hotel.

Weather:

The average temperature in Qatar during December ranges from a high of 71°F (22°C) and a low of 62°F (17°C).

Sea temperature ranges from 18°C -20°C. Wetsuit is recommended.

Wind direction

A side shore wind direction from the left ranging from 15-25 knots.

Event Schedule

Tuesday 10th December

08:00 – 08:30: Inscription

09:30: First Riders briefing

10:30: First possible start

16:00 – 17:00: Official Opening Ceremony

18:00 Onwards: Beach BBQ and Opening Celebrations

Wednesday 11th December



09:00: Riders Briefing
 09:30: First Possible Start
 16:30: End of Competition

Thursday 12th December

09:00: Skippers Meeting
 09:30: First Possible Start
 16:30: End of Competition

Friday 13th December

09:00: Skippers Meeting
 09:30: First Possible Start
 16:30: End of Competition

Saturday 14th December

09:00: Skippers Meeting
 09:30: First Possible Start
 15:00: End of Competition
 16:00: Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
 18:00 Onwards: Dinner and Party

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!

Prize money

The prize money for the Visit Qatar GKA FREESTYLE KITE WORLD CUP 2024 held in Fuwairit, Qatar will be **40.000 Euro**. The prize money is paid by the GKA to the competitors in line with the Rulebook via bank transfer by the GKA.

36.000 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and **4.000 Euro** (10% of the event prizemoney) will go to the first 3 male and female winners of the GKA Freestyle Kite 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) 70% of the total prizemoney will be distributed equally amongst all riders entered in the event, 10% 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 Freestyle World Tour end of the year and the remaining 20% will be kept by the organiser..

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

If there are 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:

1. 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
2. 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men
3. 20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with more than 16 competitors (4 riders in equal 5th place)

| gender with 16 or more | | gender with less than 16 | |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| position | percentage (%) | position | percentage (%) |
| 1 | 15 | 1 | 15 |
| 2 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | 8 | 3 | 8 |

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| 4 | 7 | 4 | 7 |
| Total 1- 4 | 40 | Total 1- 4 | 40 |
| 5 | 5,5 | | |
| 5 | 5,5 | | |
| 7 | 4,5 | | |
| 7 | 4,5 | | |
| Total 5-8 | 20 | | |

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

1. 50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 women
2. 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 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| 7 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| 7 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Total | 50 | Total | 50 |

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

1. 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
2. 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

| Less than 16 women | | Less than 16 men | |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| position | percentage (%) | position | percentage (%) |
| 1 | 19 | 1 | 19 |
| 2 | 14 | 2 | 14 |
| 3 | 10 | 3 | 10 |
| 4 | 7 | 4 | 7 |
| Total | 50 | Total | 50 |

Scoring

- There shall be no more than 1 dingle elimination at each KWT event.
- 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 28 riders Dingle or four riders with a 14 riders Dingle.
- Finishing positions in Dingle Elimination shall be scored as listed in the rule book depending on number of participants.

The elimination procedure shall be.

- Competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.

- “Byes”, if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.
- If a majority of the heats of the first round have Byes, the Race Director and Head Judge may position competitors in the next rounds based on their seeding.
- Competitors shall ride one against one, or in groups of up to 4. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder.

Elimination ladders

KWT 24 Riders Dingle Elimination

| ROUND # 1 | | | ROUND # 2 | | | ROUND # 3 | | | SEMI-FINALS | | | FINALS | | |
|-----------|----------|-----|-----------|--|--|-----------|--|--|-------------|--|--|-----------|--|--|
| Seed | HEAT # 1 | Pos | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seed | HEAT # 2 | Pos | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seed | HEAT # 3 | Pos | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seed | HEAT # 4 | Pos | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seed | HEAT # 5 | Pos | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seed | HEAT # 6 | Pos | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seed | HEAT # 7 | Pos | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seed | HEAT # 8 | Pos | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | HEAT # 9 | | | HEAT # 13 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 3RD#3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 3RD#4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2ND#1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2ND#2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | HEAT # 14 | | | HEAT # 17 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2ND#9 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1ST#12 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1ST#3 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1ST#4 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | HEAT # 18 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 2ND#13 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 2ND#14 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 1ST#13 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 1ST#14 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | HEAT # 19 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 2ND#17 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 2ND#18 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1ST#17 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1ST#18 | | |

KWT 12 Riders Dingle Elimination

| ROUND # 1 | | | ROUND # 2 | | | SEMI - FINALS | | | FINALS | | |
|-----------|----------|-----|-----------|--|--|---------------|--|--|--------|--|--|
| Seed | HEAT # 1 | Pos | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seed | HEAT # 2 | Pos | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seed | HEAT # 3 | Pos | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seed | HEAT # 4 | Pos | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | HEAT # 5 | | | HEAT # 7 | | | | | |
| | | | 3RD#2 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 3RD#1 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2ND#4 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2ND#3 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | HEAT # 9 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2ND#8 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2ND#7 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1ST#7 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1ST#8 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Rk. | | |
| | | | | | | | | | NAME | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | 9 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 10 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 11 | | |

Heat Progression

- In those dingle eliminations the winner of the first-round advances to the third round, whilst the second and third advance to the second round.
- The winners and second placed rider of the second-round advance to the third round, whilst the third and fourth placed riders are out of competition.
- The winner of the third-round advance to the fifth round, whilst the second and third placed riders are re-seeded into the fourth round.

- 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.

Judging Criteria

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

- Height and amplitude – The combination of height and amplitude of the tricks completed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height and amplitude are achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.
- Technical Difficulty – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.
- 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, kite position, height and amplitude during the trick.
- 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.
- Smoothness – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.
- Innovation – Performing completely new tricks from the trick list. To be called an 'innovation,' a trick must represent a distinct evolution from all the tricks listed. Tricks appearing in red are those that haven't been landed before in a competition. If any of these tricks are successfully landed, the judges will reward accordingly, taking all judging criteria and landing into consideration for the final score.

Trick's groups and families

To check the Variety groups and families in the APPENDIX A1 and A2 of the rulebook.

There are two groups of tricks:

- Heelside group
- Variety group

Inside the “Heel side” group there are the following trick families:

- Raley or flat Based
- Slim & KGB
- Hintenbergers and Heart Attacks
- Mobes

Inside the “Variety” group there are the following trick families:

- Rewinds
- Toesides or blind sides
- Combos
- Double inverted rotations
- Kiteloops or Downloop handle passes.

Tricks counting for the MEN competition:

When 4 (four) tricks are counting for the final score:

- A maximum of 2 (two) tricks counting from the heel side group from different families.
- A maximum of 3 (three) tricks counting from the variety group from different families.

All these combinations are possible as longest each trick counted is from a different family:

- 1x Heel side and 3x Variety.
- 2x Heel side and 2x Variety.

When 3 (three) tricks are counting for the final score:

- A maximum of 2 (two) tricks counting from the heel side group from different families.
- A maximum of 2 (two) tricks counting from the variety group from different families.

All these combinations are possible as longest each trick counted is from a different family:

- 1x Heel side and 2x Variety.
- 2x Heel side and 1x Variety.

Tricks counting for the WOMEN competition:

When 4 (four) tricks are counting for the final score:

- A maximum of 3 (three) tricks counting from the heel side group from different families.
- A maximum of 3 (three) tricks counting from the variety group from different families.

All these combinations are possible as longest each trick counted is from a different family:

- 1x Heel side and 3x Variety.
- 2x Heel side and 2x Variety.
- 3x Heel side and 1x Variety.

When 3 (three) tricks are counting for the final score:

- A maximum of 2 (two) tricks counting from the heel side group from different families.
- A maximum of 2 (two) tricks counting from the variety group from different families.

All these combinations are possible as longest each trick counted is from a different family:

- 1x Heel side and 2x Variety.
- 2x Heel side and 1x Variety.

Judge Criteria for Combos

The entire combination of the tricks will be counted as a unique score; judge criteria will be similar as freestyle tricks (Rule 33.3).

The combo trick will be scored on a scale from 0.1 to 10 points. Additionally, the following will be rewarded; the linking, the variety, and the creativity connecting the tricks such as toe or blindside and switch tricks. Combining switch man oeuvres will increase the score potential.

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.

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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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