



# **GKA Kite-Surf World Tour 2017 RULEBOOK**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION.

GKA Kite-Surf World Tour (KSWT) Rulebook is published by Kite-Surf World Tour (KSWT) Sport Committee in March 2017. This Rulebook will be revised and published every year by the Kite-Surf World Tour (KSWT) Sport Committee.

Kite-Surf World Tour (KSWT) competitions are sanctioned and approved by the Global Kitesports Association e.V. (GKA).

All Kite-Surf World Tour (KSWT) competitions shall be managed under the Kite-Surf World Tour (KSWT) Event Organizers Manual and the Kite-Surf World Tour (KSWT) Rulebook.

## 2 FUNDAMENTAL RULES

### 2.1 Language.

- 2.1.1 English is the official language of the Kite-Surf World Tour, which will henceforth be referred to as KSWT.

### 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 his/her 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 race or 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 Contest Director to access this area - and they will do so at their own risk.

### **3 EVENT DISCIPLINES AND DIVISIONS.**

#### **3.1 *Event Disciplines***

- 3.1.1 There will be just one Official Discipline (Wave & Strapless Freestyle Kitesurfing) in a KSWT event, with the following categories:

- **Wave.**
- **Strapless Freestyle.**

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

- 3.2.1 Other Special or Show Disciplines may be scheduled in an event.
- 3.2.2 It shall be stated in the Race Notice of an event which disciplines are scheduled for that event.

#### **3.2 *Divisions***

- 3.2.2 A KSWT event may include one or both from the following divisions:
- Pro Men: any age
  - Pro Women: any age
- 3.2.3 Divisions may be created or merged if there are less than six (6) competitors registered per division.
- 3.2.3 Competitors can only compete in one division per competition.
- 3.2.4 All scheduled divisions at the events shall be announced in the Race Notice.

### **4 SUITABLE CONDITIONS**

- 4.1 The Kite-Surf must be held using Surf boards.
- 4.2 The competition must take place in suitable conditions. This decision shall be made by Race Director, KSWT 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.

- 4.3 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 10° Celsius during the competition.
- 4.4 Competition will not run if the water temperature is not at least 8° Celsius or above.
- 4.5 The ruling on conditions is final. Protests surrounding the suitability of the conditions will not be heard / taken into account.

## **5 ORGANIZERS AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES.**

### **5.1 Event Organizers, National Authorities and Race Committee.**

- 5.1.1 KSWT recognized and sanctioned events will be run and organized by an individual or group that is recognized by the KSWT. From here on they shall be recognized and referred to by the term 'Event Organizer'. The Manual and KSWT rulebook will form the basis and protocol for judging and organization of all KSWT competition.
- 5.1.2 **National Authorities.**  
The KSWT may recognize all legally constituted National Kiteboarding Bodies.
- 5.1.3 **Race Committee.**  
Subject to such direction as the GKA and KSWT 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 Contest Director, Head Judge or any other person named in this document as the head of the Race Committee

### **5.2 Event Officers**

- 5.2.1 The KSWT events shall have the following:
- A Contest Director.
  - A Head Judge.
  - At least 5 Judges.
  - A KSWT Representative
- 5.2.2 If the Contest Director and Head Judge is the same person, then one of the other Judges could also act as the Head Judge or Protest Head Judge if the need arises.
- 5.2.3 Under special circumstances KSWT can also run by 4 judges and one Head Judge.

## **6 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION OR MEMBERSHIP KSWT.**

### **6.1 Eligibility**

- 6.1.1 A competitor is eligible for any KSWT 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 can not hold responsible the KSWT, the GKA or the event-organizer for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance .
  - (iv) The competitor can not hold responsible the KSWT, the GKA or the event-organizer 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.
- 6.1.2 The KSWT Officer will look after all entries. Although allocated wildcard positions can be awarded by the Event Organizer or the National Association.
- 6.1.3 The Rulebook specifies the maximum number of competitors registered for a KSWT event per discipline, including the wildcards, though these may be modified in the Race Notice
- 6.1.4 The Race Notice will give the specifications and information regarding registration.
- 6.1.5 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.
- 6.1.6. 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 KSWT.

## 6.2 Entry procedure and Registration

- 6.2.1 All competitors planning to enter a KSWT event shall pre-register online on the GKA website or by other means to be specified by the KSWT 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.
- 6.2.2 According to rule 10.2, 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.
- 6.2.3. 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 KSWT 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 KSWT 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 EQUIPMENT**

- 7.1 Only Surf-boards are eligible for use in competition.
- 7.2 In the Wave category footstraps are allowed.
- 7.3 In the Strapless Freestyle category only boards without footstraps are allowed.
- 7.4 To be eligible for competition, boards must work and be powered independently to the kite system.
- 7.5 Only the power of wind in the kite or water on the board's hull 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.
- 7.6 If the Contest Director deems that certain equipment could cause injury to any riders / competitors / public, then it must be prohibited.

Every competitor must take responsibility with regard to having their equipment checked by the Contest Director. Failure to obey instructions may lead to a penalty / fine under rule 10.2.

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

## **8 ADVERTISING**

### **8.1 Requirement to carry advertising**

- 8.1.1 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 Contest Director, shall:
  - (i). Wear a standard KSWT 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.
- 8.1.2 Instructions from the Race Notice, Sailing Instructions, the Contest Director or KSWT Representative must be followed by Competitors in regard to the proper placement of advertising.
- 8.1.3 Advertising that is provided must all be in good taste and well represented as judged by the KSWT Representative or Contest Director. Any branding not deemed to be in good taste by the Contest Director or KSWT Representative must be replaced with immediate effect.
- 8.1.4 Each competitor must take sole responsibility to correctly wear their competition vest at all times during the event.



- 8.1.5 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.
- 8.1.6 Competitors can be subject to a fine if they fail to comply with any of the above rules according to rule 10.2 fine schedules. Future event entry application may also be cancelled as a result.

## **9 GENERAL ATTITUDE AND RESPONSIBILITY AT EVENTS**

### **9.1 Attitude**

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

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

### **9.2 Social media**

- 9.2.1 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 KSWT and the sport in general, or that could be considered to bring the KSWT or the sport into disrepute shall be considered as an unsportsmanlike conduct and may be penalized under rule 10.2 fine schedules.
- 9.2.2 Any post from a competitor on social media about a sanction imposed under this Rulebook shall be done with the consent of the KSWT Representative.

### **9.3 Exhibition events**

- 9.3.1 An exhibition event does not count towards the official result. If instructed by the Contest Director, all registered competitors must compete in exhibition events or races. The Contest Director must first obtain the KSWT Representative's permission to hold exhibition races in which the competitors are required to participate.
- 9.3.2 Failure by a competitor to participate without the KSWT Representative's prior permission may lead to a penalty under rule 10.2 fine schedules. Future event entry applications may also be cancelled.

### **9.4 Official attendance.**

- 9.4.1 **Mandatory competitor's meeting**  
A mandatory meeting for all competitors at least half-an-hour before the start of the first heat / race 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.

- 9.4.2 Media conference and interviews  
All competitors may be required to attend a post heat / race media conference immediately after the end of the heat / race 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 KSWT Representative during this conference as required.
- 9.4.3 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.
- 9.4.4 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 KSWT Representative by any rider / competitor wishing to be made exempt from this rule for a particular event.
- 9.4.5 If any competitor fails to comply with any of the above rules they may be penalized under rule 10.2 fine schedules. Future events entry applications may also be cancelled / dismissed.

## **10 DISCIPLINARY CODE OF CONDUCT AND FINES**

### **10.1 General codes and fines.**

- 10.1.1 The rules set forth under this section apply to the conduct of each competitor, caddies, coaches, Event officials, KSWT staff or competitors' family 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 KSWT or KSWT staff.
- 10.1.2 Fines that are applied for breaking this code are payable to the KSWT. Any applied fines must be paid before any competitor will be allowed to compete in any further event, race or heat recognized or sanctioned by the KSWT.
- 10.1.3 The KSWT Representative, Contest Director or Head Judge may discipline and fine competitors. In all cases the Contest Director and / or Head Judge shall consult with the KSWT Representative before imposing any fines or penalties under the code of conduct.
- 10.1.4 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.
- 10.1.5 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.
- 10.1.6 The KSWT 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 KSWT. This appeal will be considered by a committee consisting of the Head Judge or Head Protest Judge, a KSWT Representative and a Management Board 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 KSWT Sports Commission.

## 10.2 Fines.

- 10.2.1 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.
- 10.2.2 Kiting in the course / 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.
- 10.2.3 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.
- 10.2.4 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 KSWT 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.
- 10.2.5 Failure to compete  
Any competitor failing to show at their heat or race 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.
- 10.2.6 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.
- 10.2.7 First day competitor's meeting  
Any rider / competitor failing to attend the first day competitor's mandatory meeting as prescribed in Rule 9.4.1 will incur a fine of no more than \$200.
- 10.2.8 Media conference  
Any rider / competitor failing to attend a media conference as prescribed in Rule 9.4.2 will incur a fine of no more than \$500.
- 10.2.9 Official ceremonies or events  
Any rider / competitor failing to attend an Official ceremony or event as prescribed in Rule 9.4.3 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.

10.2.10 Presence on site

Any competitor failing to remain present on site as prescribed in Rule 19.4 will incur a fine of no more than \$300 and / or a warning or disqualification from the series or event.

10.2.11 Advertising

All riders / competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in Rule 8.1. 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.

10.2.12 Audible obscenities

Any rider / 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.

10.2.13 Visible obscenities

Any rider / 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.

10.2.14 Verbal abuse

Any rider / 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.

10.2.15 Abuse of event equipment

Any rider / 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.

10.2.16 Physical abuse

Any rider / 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.

#### 10.2.17 Unsportsmanlike conduct

Any rider / 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 KSWT, the event or the kiteboarding 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.

#### 10.2.18 Coaches, team managers and family relatives

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

#### 10.2.19 Future disciplinary action

When the KSWT Representative, Race Director or Head Protest 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 Management Board, 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 EVENT SCORING.

#### 11.1 Principles of scoring

11.1.1 All eliminations are scored uniformly.

11.1.2 The positions in the individual disciplines shall be established by means of the total score earned over the valid races or elimination series held in each discipline

#### 11.2 Discards

11.2.1 Dependent upon the number of discards permitted, the lowest, second lowest, third lowest and the fourth lowest scores are discarded. The highest total score, with discards, if any, taken into account, wins. The number of discards to be considered in each discipline is specified in the relevant section of this Rulebook.

#### 11.3 Ties

11.3.1 If there is a tie in total points, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- (a) The competitor(s) with the best single excluded elimination score(s) will win.
- (b) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's elimination scores shall be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor(s) with the best score(s). These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.
- (c) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last elimination. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied competitors' scores in the penultimate race / heat / elimination. This process shall continue until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

## 12 ANNUAL RANKING LIST.

### 12.1 Ranking points.

- 12.1.1 Competitors will be awarded points according to the table below and their finishing position after a valid event result.

Position	Points
1	1000
2	900
3	810
4	730
5	680
6	630
7	580
8	540
9	500
10	460
11	430
12	400
13	380
14	370
15	360
16	350
17	340
18	330
19	320
20	310
21	300
22	290
23	280
24	270

- 12.1.2 The minimum number of races or elimination series per discipline and event for scoring in the KSWT annual ranking list of the respective discipline(s) is one elimination as specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook

#### 12.1.3 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 rule 12.1.1 table, 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.

- 12.1.4 The KSWT annual ranking for the year will be determined by the combined total of the year's event points after discards. The number of discards shall be in accordance with the table below:

Number of events	Number of events discarded
1 – 4	0
5 – 6	1
7 – 9	2
More than 10	3

- 12.1.5 The competitor with the highest total score at the end of the year is the KSWT Champion.

In 2017 the Tour Champion will be called GKA Kite-Surf World Champion.

- 12.1.6 Ties in annual ranking lists

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

- (a) in favor of the competitor who has beaten the other in more events in the relevant discipline excluding all discarded events scores.
- (b) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's event discipline scores 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 score(s) excluding all discarded events scores.
- (c) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last event. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied competitors' scores in the next-to-last event results and so on until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

## 13 PRIZE MONEY

### 13.1 Prize money

- 13.1.1 Event Organizers and KSWT contracts will take precedence when it comes to prize money levels as set by the KSWT Management Board and the GKA.
- 13.1.2 The total prize money amount available from the event shall be announced in the Race Notice or entry form.
- 13.1.3 Any competitor who, in the opinion of the Contest 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 KSWT Code of Conduct,

may be excluded from this prize split. The Contest 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 KSWT, the GKA, the event-organizer and any third party free from the riders' personal tax liabilities. The KSWT, 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.

### 13.2 Prize money distribution

- 13.2.1 Event Organizers and KSWT contracts will take precedence when it comes to prize money levels as set by the KSWT Management Board.
- 13.2.2 The total prize money amount at the event for each discipline and division shall be announced in the Race Notice or entry form.
- 13.2.3 The full amount of the advertised prize money shall be payable when a valid result stands as per the rules in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.
- 13.2.4 The KSWT, 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 KSWT, 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 KSWT, 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.
- 13.2.5 The prize money distribution for a valid and completed KSWT event will be done according to the following table:

Men		Women	
Position	Percentage	Position	Percentage
1	24,00%	1	8,00%
2	18,00%	2	6,00%
3	12,00%	3	4,00%
4	7,00%	4	2,00%
5	4,75%		
5	4,75%		
5	4,75%		
5	4,75%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>20%</b>

- 13.2.6 If the women's division doesn't take place, the full amount allocated as prize money will be added to the men's division.
- 13.2.7 Any competitor who, in the opinion of the Contest Director, causes any unnecessary delay in the smooth running of an event (e.g. not attending the prize giving ceremony on time) or a breach of the KSWT Code of Conduct may be excluded from this prize split. The Contest



Director's decision may not be appealed, although he may be required to give his reasons for his decision in writing.

### 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.

(i) The prize money for any incomplete event is divided into two parts. 50% will be returned to the Event Organizer and 50% will be allocated to all officially registered riders / competitors in the relevant event.

(ii). The 50% allocated to the registered rider/competitors will be distributed as follows:

a) If no single column within an elimination series has been completed, then the money is split evenly amongst all officially registered competitors.

b) If one round within an elimination series has been completed, then the losers of the round shall have 33.3% divided evenly amongst them and the winners of the first round shall have 66.6% divided evenly amongst them.

In the case of a dingle elimination series, then the losers of the round shall have 50% divided evenly amongst them and the winners of the first round shall have 50% divided evenly amongst them.

c) If two rounds within an elimination series have been completed, then the losers of the first round shall have 15% divided evenly amongst them, the losers of the second round shall have 28% divided evenly amongst them and the winners of the second round shall have 57% divided evenly amongst them.

In the case of a dingle elimination series, the losers of the second round shall have 15% divided evenly amongst them, the winners of the second round and winners of the first round shall have 85% divided evenly amongst them.

(iii). 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 thirty (30) days before to the first day of the event by the KSWT. Exceptions to this rule may only be made with the approval of the KSWT Sports Commission and/or the GKA.
- 14.1.2 Contents of the Race Notice  
The document shall include this information:
  - a) Name of the Event Organizer, the title, place and dates;
  - b) that the competition is sanctioned by the KSWT and governed by the KSWT Rulebook;
  - c) the discipline(s) offered and the schedule;
  - d) maximum number of elimination series;
  - e) entry conditions and numbers of entries;
  - f) time and place of registration and conditions for advance registration;
  - g) registration fees;
  - h) changes to any rules of the KSWT Rulebook;
  - i) prize money to be awarded and any additional prizes;
  - j) names of the members of the technical committee (Contest 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 KSWT 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 KSWT 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:
  - a) that the KSWT Rulebook, the Race Notice and the Sailing Instructions will be the documents that shall govern the event;
  - b) the schedule of the event;
  - c) the competition area;
  - d) the time limit for finishing;
  - e) the judging criterias and scoring system;
  - f) the maximum number of eliminations;
  - g) any changes to the rules.
  - h) prize money to be awarded and any additional prizes;
  - i) any special safety information;
  - j) the names of the Contest Director, Head Judge, Judging panel and KSWT Representative.
- 15.1.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes of Sailing Instruction must be approved by the KSWT 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 be 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 Contest 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 Commite may disqualify a competitor from the event for infringing the KSWT 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 Protest Committee's 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:
  - (a) 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;
  - (c) giving help (except to themselves) in compliance with rule 2.4.3; or

(d) 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 WSF disciplinary code of conduct rules.

(e) Crashing because of the action of another rider / competitor who was breaking a right-of-way.

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 racing / contest area, it shall be delivered to the race office 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 Protest Committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

16.2.3 If the Protest Committee or Judges 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 Protest Committee or Judges 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 or Head of Protest Committee may overrule the Judge's decision if there is evidence that a competitor lost their heat because of a Judges' mistake. They may only re-run the heat, but not adjust the result.

## 17 ENTRY ALLOCATION, SEEDING AND INJURY WILDCARD

### 17.1 Entry allocation

17.1.1 24 men and 12 women will be the maximum number of competitors that can take part in KSWT event.

17.1.2 If the number of registered competitors exceeds 24 men or 12 women, there will be a Qualifier round(s) during the event and before the start of the KSWT elimination.

17.1.3 The Qualifier round(s) format can vary depending on the number of entries. The Contest Director will announce the format at least 30 minutes before the start of the heat.

17.1.4 There is no maximum number of competitors that can enter KSWT Qualifier round(s).

17.1.5 Competitor entries into KSWT events are allocated according to the following table:

Entry	24 Men	12 Women
Current KSWT Ranking	1 - 12	1 -6
Local Event Organizer Wildcards	13 - 16	7
Qualifiers Round	17 - 24	8 - 12
Injury wildcards	-	-

The number of injury wildcards to be granted according to rule 17.3 is unknown until ten (10) days before the start of the KSWT event, therefore the number of

injury wildcards granted entries will be deducted from the available last QR ranking entries starting from the lowest ranking position.

If any pre-qualified competitor - part of the group of 24 men and 12 women - cannot compete in one KSWT event due to an injury or for any other reasons, the empty spot will be given to the highest ranked competitor from the current KSWT annual ranking.

- 17.1.6 One week before the event, Local Organizer Wildcards shall be approved by the KSWT Sports Commission.
- 17.1.7 If a pre-qualified competitor doesn't show up to an event without providing advanced notice to the KSWT Sports Commission, according to rule 6.2 they will be given a fine according to rule 10.2 fine schedule and may have their next events entry applications cancelled / dismissed.  
Their entry will be given to the highest ranked competitor from the current KSWT annual ranking. If this is not possible, it will be given to the next highest ranked competitor after the Qualifying round(s).

## 17.2 Seeding.

- 17.2.1 The top 12 men and top 6 women competitors will be seeded in the KSWT ladder according to the following:
  - 1.- For the first KSWT event, the previous year annual ranking shall be used.
  - 2.- After one valid KSWT events, seeding for the next events will be based on the current year ranking.Points shall be awarded according to rule 12.1
- 17.2.2 The remaining qualified competitors will be ranked in the KSWT ladder according to the name draw that shall be done by the Contest Director at the mandatory meeting on the first day for all competitors before the competition starts.
- 17.2.3 "Byes" if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.

## 17.3 Injury Wilcard.

- 17.3.1 To be entitled to an injury wildcard, a competitor must be ranked top 12 for men and top 6 for women in the KSWT ranking at the time of their injury and have evidence that the competitor missed at least 50% of the current year events or combined two year events.
- 17.3.2 Must be delivered to the KSWT Sports Commission an official medical certificate together with the Injury wildcard application form signed by the Competitor, no later than ten (10) days after the time of their injury in order to apply for the Injury wildcard.
- 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 The KSWT Sports Commission may grant other exemptions where extreme circumstances have resulted in the time limit being exceeded.
- 17.3.5 Competitor's non attending KSWT events under Injury wildcard application, should notify the non- attendance in writing to the KSWT Office 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 loss all the Injury wildcard rights.

## 18 ELIMINATION LADDERS AND SCORING

### 18.1 *Elimination ladders and scoring.*

- 18.1.1 The elimination ladder used for KSWT shall be dingle elimination.
- 18.1.2 There will be no more than one dingle elimination per at each event.
- 18.1.3 Competitors shall compete one against another, or in groups of up to three (3) determined by the elimination ladder. The winner of each heat shall advance on the elimination ladder.
- 18.1.4 In a dingle elimination the winners of the first round heats advance immediately to the third round, whilst the second and third ranked competitors are re-seeded into the second round.

### 18.1.5 KSWT Men 24 dingle elimination

ROUND # 1				ROUND # 2				ROUND # 3				ROUND # 4				ROUND # 5				Final Round			
Heat #	Seed	Name	Rk																				
1	21	-																					
	12	-																					
	5	-																					
2	20	-																					
	13	-																					
	4	-																					
3	23	-																					
	10	-																					
	7	-																					
4	18	-																					
	15	-																					
	2	-																					
5	22	-																					
	11	-																					
	6	-																					
	19	-																					
6	14	-																					
	3	-																					
7	24	-																					
	9	-																					
	8	-																					
8	17	-																					
	16	-																					
	1	-																					

Ranking and event points:

Heat result	Position	Points
Winner Heat 31 WF	1	1000
Looser Heat 31 WF	2	900
Winner Heat 32 MF	3	810
Looser Heat 32 MF	4	730
Losers Heats 25 - 28	5	680
Losers Heats 17 - 24	9	500
Losers Heats 9 - 16	17	340

### 18.1.6 KSWT Women 12 dingle elimination

ROUND # 1				ROUND # 2				ROUND # 3				ROUND # 4				Final Round			
Heat	Seed	Name	Rk																
1	11	-																	
	6	-																	
	2	-																	
2	10	-																	
	7	-																	
	3	-																	
3	12	-																	
	5	-																	
	4	-																	
4	9	-																	
	8	-																	
	1	-																	

Ranking and event points:

Heat result	Position	Points
Winner Heat 15 WF	1	1000
Looser Heat 15 WF	2	900
Winner Heat 16 MF	3	810
Looser Heat 16 MF	4	730
Losers Heats 9-12	5	680
Losers Heats 5-8	9	500

18.1.7 The minimum number of elimination series to constitute a valid score at an event and in order to distribute prize money is one (1) KSWT dingle elimination ladder - where the fleet has been eliminated to the top eight (8) men and/or four (4) women.

### 18.1.6 Scoring of incomplete elimination series

When the minimum number of heats for a valid KSWT elimination series has been completed but not all places have been determined, competitors qualified for heats which have not been run shall be awarded points according to rule 12.1.1 as follows:

#### KSWT Men 24 dingle elimination

Finishing	Position	Points
Heat 31WF	1	950
Heat 32 MF	3	770
Heat 29 – 30	1	860
Heat 25 – 28	1	733,75

#### KSWT Women 12 dingle elimination

Finishing	Position	Points
Heat 15WF	1	950
Heat 16 MF	3	770
Heat 13-14	1	860

## 19 COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROCEDURE

### 19.1 Competition Format:

#### 19.1.1 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 8.1.4. 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 10.2 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 10.2 fine schedules.

#### 19.1.2 Under rule 10.2 fine schedules, a competitor failing to show at his heat to compete without prior notification to the Contest Director may be penalized.

#### 19.1.3 When a competitor does not show at his heat, the competitor(s) must compete the heat alone(s) in case the opponent turns up late. Only if the Contest 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.

#### 19.1.4 Competition area:

- (a) The competition area shall be defined in the Official Notice Board at least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the heat.
- (b) Each competitor shall be inside the designated competition area to be scored. Head Judge will be who decide if a competitor is in or out of the competition area.
- (c) 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 10.2 fine schedules.

#### 19.1.5. Interferences:

A competitor shall not interfere with another competitor's right-of-way.

Interference may be called if:

- (I) a competitor hinders the scoring potential of a competitor deemed to have right of way for that wave.
- (ii) there is deliberate unsportsmanlike action by the competitors in the heat.
- (iii) a competitor doesn't make all assumptions necessary about his jump length, duration and direction to avoid contact with other competitors.



19.1.6 Interference penalty:

- (a) Only if the majority of the judges called the interference the Head Judge shall call an interference penalty.
- (b) For call an interference penalty will be used a colored flag together with a black flag corresponding to the competitor's competition vest colors in the water when possible. The flag color code used will be posted in the Official Notice Board.
- (c) In the **Wave Category**, if an interference penalty is called on a competitor, then the competitor's final score will be penalized with a loss of 50% of his best scoring wave.

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 wave score.

- (d) In the **Strapless Freestyle Category**, if a competitor crashes into or endangers other competitors as a result of badly judged jump length, duration and direction they can be automatically disqualified from the heat.

19.1.7 Outside assistance:

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) During the heat, a competitor could get assistance to re-launch his kite inside of the competition area only from a competitor competing in his heat. A competitor could get assistance to re-launch his kite only when the downed kite is out of the competition area.
- (c) 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 Contest Director can make changes to this rule at certain events.
- (d) If a competitor loses his kite during the heat from equipment failure, he will be allowed to replace his kite only outside from 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.

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 Contest Director, such assistance materially prejudiced the result.

## 19.2 Signals and heat duration

### 19.2.1 Signals.

Starting Signals:

Warning:	Red flag displayed.
Preparatory:	Red flag removed, yellow flag up
Starting:	Yellow flag removed, green flag displayed.

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.

### 19.2.2 Heat duration.

The heat duration shall be from 5 up to 30 minutes. The transition intervals shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## 19.3 Postponing and abandoning a heat.

### 19.3.1 The Contest Director may

- (a) postpone or abandon a heat for any reason before the starting signal.
- (b) after the starting signal abandon a heat 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. The time limit for such an abandonment shall be two minutes before the end of the heat.
- (c) Postpone or abandon a heat at any time for safety reasons.

### 19.3.2 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 19.2.1. The postponement signal shall be lowered, accompanied by a sound signal, one minute before the first warning signal is made.

### 19.3.3 Abandonment:

The raising of code flag “N”, accompanied by three (3) sound signals, shall signal that the present heat is abandoned.

## 20 RIGHT OF WAY RULES.

### 20.1 General Right of way rules

The choice of right-of-way criteria for each of the above possible situations is the responsibility of the KSWT Head Judge, race director or the senior available touring KSWT Judge in that order.

- 20.1.1 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.
- 20.1.2 A jumping competitor shall keep clear of a competitor that is riding a wave / surfing.
- 20.1.3 On opposite tacks  
When competitors are on opposite *tacks*, a *port-tack* competitor shall *keep clear* of a *starboard-tack* competitor.
  - (a) 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*.
  - (b) 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.
- 20.1.4 On the same tack, overlapped  
When competitor are on the same *tack* and *overlapped*, a *windward* competitor shall *keep clear* of a *leeward* competitor.
- 20.1.5 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*.
- 20.1.6 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 20.1.4, 20.1.5 and 20.1.6 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.
- 20.1.7 A competitor making a *transition* shall *keep clear* of a competitor on a tack.
- 20.1.8 If two competitors converge while sailing downwind and it is not possible under rules 20.1.4, 20.1.5 and 20.1.6 to determine which one has right of way:
  - (a) if they are *overlapped*, the one on the other's starboard side shall *keep clear*.
  - (b) if they are not *overlapped*, the one *clear astern* shall *keep clear*.
- 20.1.9 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.
- 20.1.10 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*:

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

20.1.11 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.

20.1.12 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*.

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

20.1.14 A jumping competitor shall *keep clear* of competitor that is not.

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

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

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

20.1.18 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.

20.1.19 A competitor who has crashed or run aground shall not interfere with another competitor.

20.1.20 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 his chances of winning the heat, the affected competitor's heat may be re-run.

20.1.21 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.

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

- 20.1.23 In the case of a deliberately unsportsmanlike action by the competitors in the heat, dangerous action, *tangle* or collision, as a result of the infringement of any of the above rules, a warning or disqualification from the heat could be awarded at the discretion of the Contest Director or Head Judge.

20.2 Wave Categorise Right of way rules.

- 20.2.1 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) 20.1 right of way rule(s).
- 20.2.2 The competitor deemed to have first turned on a wave has unconditional right of way for the entire duration of that Ride. Interference will be called if during that ride a majority of judges determine that a rider has hindered the scoring potential of the rider deemed to have right of way for the wave.
- 20.2.3 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.
- 20.2.4 If there is maximum number of waves, a competitor who remains in the water after his maximum will be penalized for interference if:
- (a) A competitor surf any extra waves that obviously deprive another rider of a ride.
  - (b) A competitor interferes with any other competitor by surfing or some other reason.
- 20.2.5 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.
- 20.2.6 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 penalty was called.
- 20.2.7 If a competitor with right of way miss or fall off their wave, they shall *keep clear* of the following wave if another competitor has possession on that wave, if reasonably possible.
- 20.2.8 Wave possession with **Side-shore conditions**  
With side-shore winds and only one available direction on any given wave, the competitor who has first turned on a wave shall have unconditional right of way for the entire duration of that wave.  
If two or more competitors turn at the same time, then the competitor *windward* has right of way for the entire duration of that wave.
- 20.2.9 Wave possession 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.

(a) 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.

(b) 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 second scoring waves are halved.

## 21 JUDGING.

### 21.1 *Judging Procedure*

#### 21.1.1 Selection of judges

Only the KSWT Sports Commission can make appointments and substitutions for an event.

#### 21.1.2 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. The scores of the respective competitors will be tabulated together to get their results from the heat.

a) The judges shall award each competitor's wave rides or tricks points on a scale from 1 to 10 in the corresponding scoring category to be scored in increments of  $1/10^{\text{th}}$  of a point.

b) Depending on the wave conditions, scores may be awarded in a Wave and Surf Freestyle categories. The number of scoring categories to be counted towards the final result and the multiplication factor for each category are the following:

\* **Wave:** best counting waves ridden scores according to 21.2.3 and multiplied by the surfing multiplying factor according to 21.2.2

\* **Strapless Freestyle:** best counting jumps landed scores according to 21.2.3 and multiplied by the freestyle multiplying factor according to 21.2.2

c) Judges have to tabulate their scores to determine the final score per wave ridden and jump.

d) When there are five (5) judges, the highest and the lowest scores per heat will be withdrawn and the average scores of the other three (3) judges will be counted as the final surf and / or trick score after applying the corresponding multiplying factor.

e) All the judges shall write their full names or identifiable abbreviations on the judging sheets.

- f) The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points wins.
- g) The Head Judge will be able to understand the short hand notes of the individual judges and will be able to explain judgment to the riders.
- h) The judging scores of each individual judge shall be shown only to competitors in that heat, on their request.
- i) 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.
- j) The scores and the decisions of the judges shall not be appealed.

21.1.3 The Head Judge must be sure that the judges do not discuss scores.

21.1.4 Re-running of heats

The Head Judge has the power to re-run a heat if there is strong evidence that there is a major discrepancy in the judging scores from each individual judge.  
If it is possible, the decision to re-run heats shall be made before announcing a winner of the heat in question.

## 21.2 Scoring Categories and Judging Criterias.

21.2.1 The total points of the surfing and tricks scores will be multiplied by a certain factor. The resulting number should be totaled to determine the total score per competitor.

21.2.2 The multiplying factor for each category 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.  
The multiplying factor shall be any one-tenth decimal from 0 to 1 depending on the given conditions.

21.2.3 **Scoring Categories and Judging Criterias:**

### **\* Wave:**

a) 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.

b) Each Wave ridden is scored from 0.1 to 10.0 (ten), broken into one-tenth increments (e.g 6.4).

c) 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.

d) **Judging Criterias** are applied to score individual waves ridden. Each judge analyze 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.**

e) The number of waves ridden from each competitor towards the final 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.

g) 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.

f) 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:**

a) 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.

b) 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.

c) 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 criterias:

- \* 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 **Overall impression**: Considering style, quality vs quantity, innovation and “wow” factor.

\* 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.

d) Pushing the limits under control will increase the chances of winning the heat.

e) Tricks are judged from take-off to the landing. Combinations and risk factor are taken into account when judging.

f) In general the judges will look for quality of tricks over quantity.

g) Crashes will not be counted. A trick is a crash only if the majority of the judges score it as a crash. If the minority of the judges scores a trick as a crash, those crashes scores will be withdrawn and the judges will re-score the trick or score it as a missed trick.

h) 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 will give to the trick.

i) If a judge misses a trick, he should place a “M” and he has to consult to the Head Judge before to give the final score of the heat.

j) f) The Head Judge may re-run the heat according to rule 22.1.4, if all judges miss a trick and there is strong evidence that the trick was missed by all the judges and this trick had a scoring potential that may change the final result.

21.2.4 Tied competitors’ heat scores shall be listed in order of best to worst individual surf 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 wave score. If the tie still remains, it shall be decided in favor of the competitor with the best trick done during the heat.

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

21.2.6 KSWT Strapless Freestyle Trick List:

BACK ROLL TRICKS	
BACK ROLL	BR
BACK ROLL TO BLIND	BR2B
DOUBLE BACK ROLL	2BR

TRIPLE BACK ROLL	3BR
TOESIDE BACK ROLL	TSBR

FRONT ROLL TRICKS	
FRONT ROLL	FR
FRONT ROLL TO REVERSE	FR2R
FRONT ROLL TO BLIND	FR2B
DOUBLE FRONT ROLL	2FR
TRIPLE FRONT ROLL	3FR
FRONT SHOVE IT	FRSH
FRONT ROLL WITH FLIP	FRFL
TOESIDE FRONT ROLL	TSFR

HANDLE PASS TRICKS	
HANDLE PASS	HP
AIRPASS 360	AP3
TOESIDE AIRPASS 360	TSAP3
BACK MOBE	BM
TOESIDE FRONTSIDE 3	TSFS3
FRONTSIDE 3	FSAP3
BACKSIDE 3	BS3

HANDLE PASS TRICKS	
HANDLE PASS	HP
AIRPASS 360	AP3
TOESIDE AIRPASS 360	TSAP3
BACK MOBE	BM
TOESIDE FRONTSIDE 3	TSFS3
FRONTSIDE 3	FSAP3
BACKSIDE 3	BS3

CRAZY HORSE TRICKS	
CRAZY HORSE	CH
CRAZY HORSE BACK ROLL	CHBR
CRAZY HORSE FRONT ROLL	CHFR
CRAZY HORSE TIC TAC	CHTT
CRAZY HORSE DEADMAN	CHD
CRAZY HORSE HANDLE PASS	CHHP

OTHER TRICKS / FLIPS	
KICK FLIP	KF
VARIAL SHOVE-IT	VSH
SHOVE-IT FLIP	SHF
TOESIDE SHOVE IT	TSSH

TIC TAC	TT
RODEO SURF	RS
MELON 5	M5
JESUS WALK	JW

KITELOOP TRICKS	
KITELOOP	KL
KITELOOP TIC TAC	KLTT
KITELOOP BACKROLL	KLBR
KITELOOP CRAZY HORSE	KLCH
KITELOOP BACKROLL CRAZY HORSE	KLCHBR
KITELOOP FRONT ROLL CRAZY HORSE	KLCHFR

### 21.3 *Other judging aspects*

21.3.1 A crash will be considered when:

- (i). when landing a trick, a competitor is *capsized*, losing control of the board or bar.
- (ii). a competitor finish a handlepass by pulling the leash to get the bar.
- (iii). a competitor lands a jump but he loose the bar and/or crash the kite into wáter.
- (iv). a competitor is completely stopped when landing a jump.
- (v). a competitor lands on her back and lose the control of the board.

21.3.2 Judges may give credit to a landed trick that is not a crash when:

- (i). a competitor butt-checks when landing the trick but keeps riding and control the kite.
- (ii). a competitor grabs the “chicken loop” to regain control of the bar.

21.3.3 The credit given to a butt checked trick landing 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.

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