

APPENDIX F – Addendum F *for 2016 – includes changes approved in Palma and Sanya*

KITEBOARD FREESTYLE RULES

Kiteboard freestyle events shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. The term ‘boat’ elsewhere in the racing rules means ‘kiteboard’ or ‘boat’ as appropriate. The term ‘race’ elsewhere in the racing rules means ‘heat’, ‘competition’, or ‘race’ as appropriate.

Note: Rules for other kiteboard competitions formats are not included in this appendix. Links to current versions of these rules can be found on the World Sailing website or IKA website.

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE DEFINITIONS

The definitions *Clear Astern* and *Clear Ahead*; *Overlap*, , *Keep Clear*, *Leeward* and *Windward*, *Obstruction*, , *Tack*, *Starboard* or *Port* and *Zone* are changed to:

Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap One kiteboard is *clear astern* of another when her hull is behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other kiteboard’s hull. The other kiteboard is *clear ahead*. They *overlap* when neither is *clear astern*. However, they also *overlap* when a kiteboard between them *overlaps* both. These terms always apply to kiteboards on the same *tack*. They do not apply to kiteboards on opposite *tacks* unless rule 18 applies or both kiteboards are sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind.

Keep Clear A kiteboard *keeps clear* of a right-of-way kiteboard

- (a) if the right-of-way kiteboard can sail her course and execute a *trick or manouever* with no need to take avoiding action and,

- (b) when the kiteboards are *overlapped*, if the right-of-way kiteboard can also, without immediately making contact, change course in both directions or move her kite in any direction.

Leeward and Windward A kiteboard's *leeward* side is the side that is or, when she is head to wind, was away from the wind. However, when sailing by the lee or directly downwind, her *leeward* side is the side on which her kite lies. The other side is her *windward* side. When two kiteboards on the same *tack overlap*, the one whose hull is on the *leeward* side of the other's hull is the *leeward* kiteboard. The other is the *windward* kiteboard.

Obstruction An object that a kiteboard could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and 10 metres from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also *obstructions*. However, a kiteboard *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other kiteboards unless they are required to *keep clear* of her or, if rule 23 applies, avoid her. A vessel under way, including a kiteboard *racing*, is never a continuing *obstruction*.

Zone The area dedicated in the Sailing Instructions to perform a *trick or manouver*. A kiteboard is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*.

Add the following definitions:

Capsized A kiteboard is *capsized* if

- (a) her kite is in the water,
- (b) her lines are tangled with another kiteboard's lines, or
- (c) the competitor has, clearly by accident and for a significant period of time,
 - (1) fallen into the water or
 - (2) become disconnected from the hull.

Crash A kiteboard crashes while performing a *trick or manoeuvre* if

- (a) she is capsized, loses the control over the board or bar when landing a *trick or manoeuvre* ,
- (b) the competitor grabs the safety leash to regain control over the bar
- (c) lands the *trick or manoeuvre* but does not control the kite throughout the execution of the *trick or manoeuvre* resulting in the release of the bar or capsize directly after landing the *trick or manoeuvre*
- (d) the competitor sinks in the water and completely stops after landing a *trick or manoeuvre*
- (e) the competitor lands on his back and the hull is completely out of the water.

Interference A kiteboard *interferes* with another kiteboard if it reduces the scoring potential of another kiteboard performing that may attempt a *trick or manoeuvre*.

Judging Panel A *Judging Panel* is the part of the race committee that awards points based on technical difficulty and expression to the *trick or manoeuvre* performed by a kiteboard.

Jumping A kiteboard is *jumping* when her hull, its appendages and the competitor are clear of the water.

Trick or Manoeuvre A kiteboard is performing a *trick or manoeuvre* when she, while being in the zone, is acting in a way to be scored by the *judging panel*.

Recovering A kiteboard is *recovering* from the time her kite is out of the water until she has steered way.

F1 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 1

[No changes.]

F2 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 2**14 AVOIDING CONTACT**

Rule 14(b) is changed to:

- (b) shall be exonerated if she breaks this rule and the contact does not cause damage, injury or a tangle.

16 CHANGING COURSE OR KITE POSITION

Rule 16 is changed to:

- 16.1** When a right-of-way kiteboard changes course or the position of her kite, she shall give the other kiteboard *room to keep clear*.
- 16.2** In addition, when after the starting signal a *port-tack* kiteboard is *keeping clear* by sailing to pass astern of a *starboard-tack* kiteboard, the *starboard-tack* kiteboard shall not change course or the position of her kite if as a result the *port-tack* kiteboard would immediately need to change course or the position of her kite to continue *keeping clear*.

F2.18 PRIORITY

Rule 18 is changed as follows:

F2.18.1 WHEN RULE 18 APPLIES

Rule 18 applies between kiteboards when they approach the *zone* to perform a *trick or manoeuvre*.

F2.18.2 ACQUIRING PRIORITY

A kiteboard acquires Priority

- a) When it clearly enters the zone first
- b) When it is not clearly determinable which kiteboard enters the zone first, the kiteboard entitled to Right of Way under rules 10, 11 and 12 acquires priority

However, if the kiteboard entitled to Priority has performed a trick or manoeuvre, is capsized, or leaves the zone, rule 18.2 ceases to apply.

F2.18.3 AVOIDING INTERFERENCE

A Kiteboard which has not priority shall

- a) keep clear of a kiteboard that has priority
- b) shall not enter the zone as long as a kiteboard with priority is in the zone, except the kiteboard with priority has accidentally capsized or has performed a *trick or manoeuvre*, if this would cause interference.

F.21 EXONERATION

When a kiteboard has acquired priority, or is sailing within the room to which she is entitled under a rule of section C, shall be exonerated if, in an incident with another kiteboard she breaks a rule of Section A, rule 15, 16 and 22.

22 JUMPING

Rule 22 is changed to: When outside the *zone*, a kiteboard that is *jumping* shall *keep clear* of one that is not.

**23 CAPSIZED, RECOVERING OR AGROUND;
RESCUING**

Rule 23 is changed to:

- 23.1** If possible, a kiteboard shall avoid a kiteboard that is *capsized* or has not regained control after *capsizing*, is aground, or is trying to help a person or vessel in danger.
- 23.2** A kiteboard that is *recovering* shall *keep clear* of a kiteboard that is not.

PART 2 RULES DELETED

Rules 13 and 17 are deleted.

F3 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 3**F3.26 STARTING AND ENDING HEATS**

Rule 26 is changed to:

Heats shall be started and ended by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

(a) STARTING A HEAT

Each flag shall be removed when the next flag is displayed.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
Beginning of transition period	Heat number with red flag	One	Warning
1	Yellow flag		Preparatory
0	Green flag	One	Starting signal

(b) ENDING A HEAT

<i>Minutes before ending signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
1	Green flag removed		End warning
0	Red flag	One	Ending signal

F27 OTHER RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS BEFORE THE STARTING SIGNAL

Rule 27.1 is changed to:

- F27.1 No later than 30 minutes before the starting signal of a heat, the race committee shall post the competition format including the elimination ladder, the heat order, the heat and transition duration, the competition area, the maximum number of attempts to perform a *trick or manouver*, the number of *tricks and manouvers* to be scored, and the weighting of categories for *tricks and manouvers*, if any, on the official notice board.

F32 ABANDONING AFTER THE START

Rule 32 is changed to:

After the starting signal, the race committee may abandon the heat (display flag N, N over H, or N over A, with three sounds) as appropriate,

- (a) because of a significant error in the timing procedure
- (b) because of foul weather
- (c) because of insufficient wind that makes it unlikely that any kiteboard can perform the required number of *tricks or manouvers*
- (d) because of a *mark* is missing or out of position
- (e) for any other reason affecting the fairness of the competition.

Add new rule 37

F3.37.1 Elimination Series Procedure

(a) Competition shall take the form of one or more elimination series. Each of them shall consist of either rounds in an elimination series where only a number of the best scorers advance, or rounds in a double elimination series where kiteboards have more than one opportunity to advance.

(b) Kiteboards shall sail one against another in pairs, or in groups determined by the elimination ladder. The selected form of competition shall not be changed while a competition remains uncompleted.

F3.37.2 Seeding and Ranking Lists

(a) When a seeding or ranking list is used to establish the heats of the first round, the top places shall be distributed evenly among the heats. Byes, if any, shall be assigned to the highest seeded competitors.

(b) For a subsequent elimination series, if any, kiteboards shall be reassigned to new heats according to the ranking in the previous elimination series.

(c) The race committees seeding decisions are final and are not grounds for a request for redress.

PART 3 RULES DELETED

Rules 28, 29, 30, 31, 33 and 35 are deleted.

F4 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 4**41 OUTSIDE HELP**

Add new rules 41(e) and 41(f):

- (e) help from another competitor in the same heat to assist a relaunch;
- (f) help to relaunch or change equipment, but only outside the *zone*.

42 PROPULSION

Rule 42 is changed to:

A kiteboard shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the kite, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted actions of the competitor.

43 COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Rule 43.1(a) is changed to:

- (a) Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight. However, a competitor may wear a drinking container that shall have a capacity of at least one litre and weigh no more than 1.5 kilograms when full.

44 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

Rule 44 is changed to:

44.1 Interference Penalty

The Judging Panel, without a hearing, will apply an Interference Penalty to a kiteboard if it interferes with another kiteboard with *priority*. If this happens

- (a) for the first time, the penalty shall be a warning, except that an interference during the last minute of a heat shall result in a 50% reduction in the score of her best scoring trick or manouvre
- (b) for the second time, the penalty shall be a disqualification without a hearing.

44.2 Disqualification Penalty

If a kiteboard breaks rule 14, the judging panel without a hearing shall disqualify the kiteboard.

44.3 Scoring Penalty

If a kiteboard breaks rule 41, it shall not be scored anymore in that heat from the moment of the incident. All scores to that point remain unchanged.

PART 4 RULES DELETED

Rules 43.2, 45, 47, 48.1, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 54 are deleted.

F5 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 5

61 PROTEST REQUIREMENTS

Rule 61.1(a) is changed to:

- (a) A kiteboard intending to protest shall inform the other kiteboard and the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing the heat.

Rule 61.2 is changed to:

Protests need not be in writing; they shall be made orally to a member of the protest committee as soon as reasonably possible following the heat.

62 REDRESS

Rule 62.2 is changed to:

Requests for redress need not be in writing; they shall be made orally to a member of the protest committee as soon as reasonably possible following the heat. Other requests shall be made as soon as reasonable possible after learning of the reasons for making the request. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is a good reason to do so. No red flag is required.

63 HEARINGS

Rule 63.2 is changed to:

Hearings will be held as soon as reasonable possible.

Rule 63.6 is changed to:

63.6 The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

70 APPEALS AND REQUESTS TO A NATIONAL AUTHORITY

Add new rule 70.7:

70.7 Appeals are not permitted

PART 5 RULES DELETED

Rule 65.2 is deleted.

F6 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 6

[No changes.]

F7 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 7**90 RACE COMMITTEE; SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; SCORING**

The last sentence of rule 90.2(c) is changed to: ‘Oral instructions may be given only if the procedure is stated in the sailing instructions.’

Rule 90.3 is changed to:

The Judging Panel shall score the competition as provided in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and in accordance with Appendix FF.A

F8 CHANGES TO APPENDIX A

A1 FREESTYLE COMPETITION SCORING

- (a) Freestyle competition shall be scored by a panel of three judges. However, the panel may have a greater odd number of members, and there may be two such panels. Each judge shall give points for each manoeuvre based on technical difficulty and execution.
- (b) The criteria of scoring shall be stated in the Notice of Race.
- (c) A kiteboard's heat standing shall be the total of the scores for each *trick or manoeuvre* as outlined in FF.A.1(a). Each individual *trick or manoeuvres* score shall be determined by averaging the points given by each judge for the *trick or manoeuvre*. Only the best trick in each trick category shall be counted when calculation the total score. The kiteboard with the highest score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.
- (d) If there is a greater number of judges than three, the highest and the lowest scores shall be excluded before calculating the average score for each individual manoeuvre.
- (e) The semi finals shall be reached for an elimination series to be valid.
- (f) Except for members of the race committee and the judging panel responsible for scoring the event, only competitors in the heat shall be allowed to see

judges' score sheets for the heat. Each score sheet shall bear the full name of the judge.

- (g) Scoring decisions of the judges shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a board.

A2 HEAT TIES

- (a) In a heat, if there is a tie in the total points, it shall be broken in favour of the kiteboard with the higher single score, the second highest score and so on.
- (b) If a tie still remains, the heat shall be resailed. If this is not possible, the tie shall stand as the final result.

A3 TRICK OR MANOUVRE SCORING

- (a) A Kiteboard shall be scored only when performing the *trick or manoeuvre* in the *zone*. Whether a kiteboard is inside or outside the *zone* is at the absolute discretion of the Head Judge, or senior judge of the respective judging panel, and not a valid ground for redress
- (b) Only the first *trick or manoeuvre* performed in the *zone* shall be scored. A kiteboard must completely leave the *zone* before a new *trick or manoeuvre* attempt may be made.
- (c) Each judge shall award each competitors *trick or manoeuvre* points on a scale from 0.1 to 10 in increments of 1/10th of a point. If a judge misses a *trick or manoeuvre*, or parts of it, he will mark the attempt with an "M". The score for this *trick or manoeuvre* will be calculated by averaging the other judges scores.
- (d) Once a kiteboard has reached the maximum number of trick attempts per heat including crashes, the competitor will no longer be scored during the heat.

- (e) Crashes will be counted as trick attempt and scored 0 points. Whether a trick or manoeuvre is a crash is in the absolute discretion of the head judge and shall not be valid grounds for a request for redress.

APPENDIX A RULES DELETED

Rules A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A10, A11 are deleted

F9 CHANGES TO APPENDIX G

Appendix G is changed to:

Appendix G – Identification on Competitors

- G1** Every kiteboard shall be identified by a coloured lycra according to the heat elimination ladder. Sailing Instructions may state other means of identification.