

**US Kite Racing National Championship
&
Long Beach Hydrofoil Kite Racing Invitational
US Sailing Center – Long Beach
June 6 – 8, 2014**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

An International Kiteboarding Association Sanctioned Event

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix F.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 The rule changes approved by IKA and ISAF as outlined in Appendix A

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the windows of the USSCLB Lobby.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 30 minutes before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted one hour after the finish time limit of the last race of the day, on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the beach north of the “Lollipop”. When a signal is displayed over a fleet, flight or division flag it applies to that fleet, flight or division only.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 20 minutes’ in the race signal AP and sailors shall stay ashore.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 See NOR #6
- 5.2 Number of races
No more than 6 races per day will be sailed for any kiteboard.
A maximum of 3 races will be sailed back to back.
- 5.3 The scheduled time for the daily competitor briefing: See NOR #6
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day: See NOR #6 or as otherwise stated on the official notice board.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Code Flag R for Racing Boards
Code Flag F for Foiling Boards

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in Appendix B show the courses.
- 7.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.
- 7.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

8 MARKS

The rounding marks of the course are described in Appendix B.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26

9.2 If flag "U" has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a kiteboard's hull or competitor shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a kiteboard breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26. When flag "U" is used as the preparatory signal, rule 29.1 does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag "U" disqualification is UFD.

9.3 The starting line will be described in the course diagram.

9.4 Kiteboards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.5 A kiteboard starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be described in the course diagram.

10.2 The finish line Race Committee vessel is identified by a Blue flag.

10.3 Kiteboards that have finished racing shall sail clear of the finish area

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Penalties will be according to rule 44 as amended through SI 1 (see Appendix A)

11.2 Breaches of the following SIs 9.4 and 10.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a kiteboard. Penalties for these breaches will be 5 points scoring penalty for each infringement which shall be added to her score in the race closest in time to the incident.

Each penalty shall be implemented by the Race Committee without a hearing. The scores of other kiteboards shall not be changed; therefore, two kiteboards may receive the same score. This changes rules 60.1(a), 63.1 and A5.

The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under these SIs will be DPI. This changes rule A4.2.

11.3 Penalties for breaches of class rules and of rule 55 are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1 Time limits and target times, in minutes, are as follows:

| <u>Time Limit</u> | <u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u> | <u>Target Time</u> | <u>Finish Time Window</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 20 | 8 | 12 | 15 |

If no kiteboard has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12.2 Kiteboards failing to finish within the finish time window outlined in SI 12.1 after the first kiteboard sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. These time periods shall be taken separately for each fleet/group/division/flight. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 13.2 (a) For each fleet, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last kiteboard has finished the last race of the day.
- (b) If rule N1.4(b) applies, the time limit for requesting a hearing under that rule is 45 minutes after the party was informed of the panel's decision.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at USSCLB, beginning at the time posted.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 3 races are required to constitute a regatta
- 14.2 For a single series a kiteboard's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score when 5 races are completed and her two worst scores when 9 races are completed. This changes rule A2.
- 14.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a kiteboard may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The LOA, IKA, ISAF or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result before, during and after the event.
- 16.2 Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the competitor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to rule 4.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating kiteboard shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1.000.000 per event or the equivalent.
- 17.2 Coach and support boat drivers shall also have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 5.000.000 per event or the equivalent.

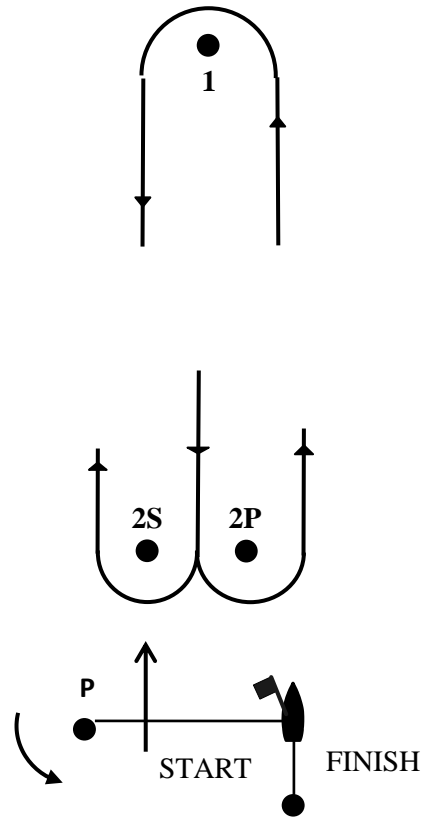
18 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

Appendix A: Rule changes approved by IKA / ISAF

1. In Rules 29.1, 30.1, 30.2 and 30.3, change ‘, crew or equipment’ to ‘or competitor’.
2. Add new rule F 3.31, Touching a *mark*:
“While *racing*, a kiteboard shall not touch a *mark* when her proper course is to bear away after passing or rounding that *mark*.”
3. Rule F4.44.1 is changed to read:
“A kiteboard may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule F3.31, or one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*. Sailing instructions may specify the use of some other penalty. However,
 - (a) when a kiteboard may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule F3.31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule F3.31;
 - (b) if the kiteboard caused injury, serious damage or a tangle or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
4. Rule F4.44.2 is renamed to “One-Turn-Penalty and changed to read:
“After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making a turn with her hull in the water including one completed tack and one completed gybe. Forward motion shall be established between tack and gybe (or vice versa) with the sailor on the correct side of the hull in normal sailing position. When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing
5. In Rules 61.1(a)(4) and 62.1(b), change ‘damage’ to ‘ damage or a tangle’.
6. at the end of Rule 62.1(b) add: “however, if prior to the incident, there is a clear risk of a situation that could cause an entanglement that a competitor could reasonably anticipate and avoid, and the competitor fails to do so, or if a competitor through his own actions creates a situation that carries a clear risk of entanglement, the competitor shall not be eligible for redress”
7. Delete the last sentence of Rule F5.61.1(a)
8. Delete Rule F5.62.1(e)
9. Add new Rule 64.1(d):
“When a kiteboard first breaks a rule of part 2 and, as a result, causes a tangle for which redress is given, she shall be scored RCT if she retired or DCT if she is disqualified. When she does this a second or subsequent time, she shall be scored DNE (disqualification not excludable).”
10. For races of the platinum fleets, rules 61.2 and 65.2 are deleted and rule 63.6 is changed to:
“63.6 Protests and 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 race. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.”
11. Delete F 8 A.8. Ties shall be broken in accordance to the unchanged Appendix A.

Appendix B: Course Diagrams



Course : Start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – P - Finish

Start: between staffs displaying orange flags on committee boat and inflatable buoy
Finish: between course side of the finish mark and blue flag on finish committee boat

Marks 1, 2S/2P: Inflatable Yellow Buoys
Finishing mark: Yellow Inflatable Tetrahedron