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## APPENDIX F - Addendum S

# KITEBOARD SLALOM RULES

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*Kiteboard slalom, boardercross, kitecross, boarder-x and similar races 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.*

*Note: Rules for other kiteboard racing formats (such as Short Track, long distance and Course Racing) or other kiteboard competitions (such as Freestyle, Big Air, Wave, Speed) are not included in this appendix. Links to current versions of these rules can be found on the World Sailing and IKA website.*

### CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS

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

***Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap*** When no kiteboard has reached the *Zone*, one kiteboard is *clear astern* of another when her hull and equipment is behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other kiteboard's hull. The other kiteboard is *clear ahead*.

When rule 18 applies, 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*.

Kiteboards *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.

***Finish*** A kiteboard *finishes* when, while the competitor is in contact with the hull, any part of her hull, or the competitor in normal position, crosses the finishing line from the course side. However, she has not *finished* if after crossing the finishing line she

- (a) takes a penalty under rule 44.2,
- (b) corrects an error under rule 28.2 made at the line, or
- (c) continues to sail the course.

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

- (a) if the right-of-way kiteboard can sail her course 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.

***Mark-Room*** Room for a kiteboard to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark.

***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*.

***Start*** A kiteboard *starts* when, her hull and the competitor having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull, or the competitor crosses the starting line in the direction of the first *mark*.

***Tack, Starboard or Port*** A kiteboard is on the *tack*, *starboard* or *port*, corresponding to the competitor's hand that would be forward if the competitor were in normal riding position (riding heel side with both hands on the control bar and arms not crossed). A kiteboard is on *starboard tack* when the competitor's right hand would be forward and is on the *port tack* when the competitor's left hand would be forward.

***Zone*** The area around a *mark* within a distance of 30 metres. 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.

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

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

**F1 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 1**

Add new rule 8:

**8 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY**

When there is a doubt as to relationship or change of relationship between boards, the last point of certainty will apply.

**F2 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 2****13 WHILE GYBING**

Rule 13 is changed to:

When in the *Zone*, a kiteboard not gybing by down-looping her kite shall keep clear of one that is. If both kiteboards are subject to this rule, the one required to keep clear under rule 10, 11, 12 and 18 shall keep clear.

**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*.

## SECTION C

### AT MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

*Section C rules **DO** apply at a starting **mark** surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from the time boats are approaching them to **start** until they have passed them.*

#### 18 MARK-ROOM

##### 18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between kiteboards when they are required to leave a mark on the same side and at least one of them is in the zone. However, it does not apply between a kiteboard approaching a mark and one leaving it.

##### 18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When the first kiteboard reaches the zone,
  - (1) if kiteboards are overlapped, the outside kiteboard at that moment shall thereafter give the inside kiteboard mark-room.
  - (2) if kiteboards are not overlapped, the kiteboard that has not reached the zone shall thereafter give mark-room.
- (b) If the kiteboard entitled to mark-room leaves the zone, the entitlement to mark-room ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required.
- (c) If a kiteboard obtained an inside overlap and, from the time the overlap began, the outside kiteboard is unable to give mark-room, she is not required to give it.

##### 18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside overlapped right-of-way kiteboard must tack or gybe at a mark to sail her proper course, until she tacks or

gybes she shall sail no farther from the mark than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate mark.

## **21 EXONERATION**

Rule 21 is changed as follows:

When a kiteboard is sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled, she shall be exonerated if, in an incident with a kiteboard required to give her that *room* or *mark-room*, she breaks a rule of Section A, rule 15 or rule 16. In addition, at a rounding *mark* at which a kiteboard was entitled to *mark-room*, she shall continue to be exonerated for breaking rule 10, 15, or 16 until she leaves the *zone*.

## **22 STARTING ERRORS; TAKING PENALTIES; JUMPING**

Rule 22.3 is changed and new rule 22.4 is added:

**22.3** During the last minute before her starting signal, a kiteboard that stops, slows down significantly, or one that is not making significant forward progress shall *keep clear* of all others unless she is accidentally *capsized*.

**22.4** 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.

**F3 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 3**

Rule 26 is changed as follows:

**26 STARTING RACES**

Races will be started using the following signals. This changes RRS 26 and Race Signals

<i>Minutes to start</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
Min 3	Heat number	Information
3	Class/Division flag	Attention signal
2	Red flag	Warning signal
1	Yellow flag, red flag removed	Preparatory signal
0	Green flag, yellow flag removed	Starting start

Every flag display will be accompanied by a sound signal. One minute after the start, the green flag and the heat number will be removed.

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 and the heat order, on the official notice board.

**29 RECALLS**

In rule 29.1, 'crew or equipment' is changed to 'competitor'.

**30 STARTING PENALTIES**

No part of a Kiteboard's hull 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, even if the race is restarted or resailed, but not if it is *postponed* or *abandoned* before the starting signal. If a general recall is signalled or the race is *abandoned* after the starting signal, the race committee shall display her competitor number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score.

### **31 TOUCHING A MARK**

deleted

### **36 RACES RESTARTED OR RESAILED**

Rule 36 is changed as follows:

If a race is restarted or resailed, a breach of a *rule* in the original race, or in any previous restart or resail of that race, shall not

- (a) prohibit a kiteboard from competing unless she has broken rule 30; or
- (b) cause a kiteboard to be penalized except under rule 69 or under rule 14 when she has caused injury or serious damage.

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 boards 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.

## **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 race to assist a relaunch;

(f) help to change equipment, but only in the launching area.

### **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. However, the competitor shall not make significant progress by paddling, swimming or walking.

### **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 Taking a Penalty**

A kiteboard may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*. Sailing instructions may specify the use of some other penalty. However, if the kiteboard caused injury, 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.

##### **44.2 One-Turn Penalty**

After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making one turn with her hull in the water. The turn shall include one completed tack and one completed gybe. Forward motion shall be established between the tack and the gybe (or vice versa) with the competitor 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*.

#### **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 62.1(b) is changed to:

- (b) injury or physical damage or a tangle because of the action of a kiteboard that was breaking a rule of Part 2 or of a vessel not *racing* that was required to keep clear;

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.

**64 DECISIONS**

Add new rule 64.1(d):

- (d) when a kiteboard has broken a rule of Part 2 and, as a result, caused a tangle for which redress was given, she shall be scored RCT if she retired or DCT if she was disqualified. When she does this a second or subsequent time in the series, she shall be scored DNE.

Rules 64.3(a) and 64.3(b) are changed to:

- (a) When the protest committee finds that deviations in excess of acceptable manufacturing tolerances were caused by damage or normal wear and do not improve the performance of the kiteboard, it shall not penalize her. However, the kiteboard shall not *race* again until the deviations have been corrected, except when the protest committee decides there is or has been no reasonable opportunity to do so.
- (b) When the protest committee is in doubt about any matter concerning the measurement of a kiteboard, the interpretation of a class rule, or a matter involving damage to a kiteboard, it shall refer its questions, together with the relevant facts, to an authority responsible for interpreting the rule. In making its decision, the committee shall be bound by the reply of the authority.

**70 APPEALS AND REQUESTS TO A NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

Add new rule 70.7:

**70.7** Appeals are not permitted.

**PART 5 RULES DELETED**

Rules 65.2 are 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.’

**F8 CHANGES TO APPENDIX A****A1 NUMBER OF RACES; OVERALL SCORES**

Rule A1 is changed to:

The number of races scheduled and the number required to be completed to constitute a series shall be stated in the sailing instructions. If an event includes more than one discipline or format, the sailing instructions shall state how the overall scores are to be calculated.

**A4 LOW POINT SYSTEM**

Rule A4.2 is changed to:

**A4.2** A kiteboard that did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the number of kiteboards in that heat. A kiteboard that is penalized

under rule 30.2 shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c).

### **A11 SCORING ABBREVIATIONS**

Add to Rule A11:

DCT Disqualified after causing a tangle in an incident  
RCT Retired after causing a tangle

### **F9 CHANGES TO APPENDIX G**

Appendix G is changed to:

#### **Appendix G – Identification on Competitors**

**G1** Every kiteboard shall be identified as follows:

- (a) Each competitor shall be provided with and wear a shirt with a personal competition number of no more than three digits.
- (b) The numbers shall be displayed on the front and back of the shirts and be at least 15 cm high.
- (c) The numbers shall be Arabic numerals, all of the same solid colour, clearly legible and in a commercially available typeface giving the same or better legibility as Helvetica. The colour of the numbers shall contrast with the colour of the shirt.