
APPENDIX FS

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 or disciplines are not included in this appendix. Links to current versions of these rules can be found on the World Sailing and IKA websites.

CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS

The definitions *Clear Astern* and *Clear Ahead*; *Overlap*, *Finish*, *Keep Clear*, *Leeward* and *Windward*, *Mark Room*, *Obstruction*, *Start*, *Tack*, *Starboard* or *Port* and *Zone* are deleted and replaced by:

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*.

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 apply to kiteboards on opposite *tacks* only when rule 18 applies

between them 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 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 change course in both directions or move her kite in any direction without immediately making contact.

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 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*. An *Obstacle* is not an *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.

Obstacle An object designated in the course description to be cleared by jumping over it. An *obstacle* has no *zone*.

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

FS1 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 1

Add new rule 8:

8 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

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

FS2 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 2

In the second sentence of the preamble, '*injury or serious damage*' is changed to '*injury, serious damage or a tangle*'

SECTION A RIGHT OF WAY

13 WHILE GYBING

When in the *zone*, a kiteboard not gybing by down-looping her kite shall *keep clear* of one that is. If more than one kiteboard is subject to this rule, the kiteboard required to *keep clear* under rule 10, 11 or 12, or to give *mark-room* under rule 18 shall do so.

SECTION B GENERAL LIMITATIONS

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

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

The preamble to Section C is deleted

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 based on the relationship of the kiteboards at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.
- (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. A kiteboard shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another kiteboard was affected by the breach of this rule.

**SECTION D
OTHER RULES****21 EXONERATION**

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

Rule 22.3 is changed to:

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*.

23 CAPSIZED, RECOVERING OR AGROUND; RESCUING

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.

FS3 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 3**26 STARTING RACES****26.1 Start System A**

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

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal displayed</i>	<i>Visual signal removed</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3 or more	Heat number		One	Information
3	Class/Division/Group flag		One	Warning signal
2	Red flag		One	Preparatory signal
1	Yellow flag	Red flag	One long	One minute
0	Green flag	Yellow flag	One	Starting signal
+1		Green flag, Heat number, Class/Division/Group flag	No sound	

26.2 Start System B (for Rabbit Starts)

At the starting signal displayed under rule 26.1 (green flag), a vessel shall proceed at high and constant speed from the start pin towards the race committee signal vessel. The wake of the vessel forms the starting line. All kiteboards shall cross the wake of the vessel behind the vessel to *start*.

Kiteboards not crossing the starting line behind the vessel will be scored DNS without a hearing.

26.3 System C (for Beach Starts)

- (a) When the starting line is on the beach, or so close to the beach that the competitor must stand in the water to *start*, the start is a beach start.
- (b) The starting stations shall be numbered so that station 1 is the most *windward* one. The position of a kiteboard on the starting grid shall be based on her position in that heat or shared by drawing. The first place on station 1, the second on station 2, etc.
- (c) After kiteboards have been called to take their positions, the race committee shall make the preparatory signal by displaying a red flag with one sound. The starting signal shall be made, at any time after the preparatory signal, by removing the red flag with one sound.
- (d) After the starting signal, each kiteboard shall take the shortest route from her starting station to the water and then to her sailing position without interfering with other kiteboards.

27 OTHER RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS BEFORE THE STARTING SIGNAL

Rule 27.1 is changed to:

- 27.1** The competition format shall be made available no later than 20 minutes before the starting signal of a heat.

29 RECALLS

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

30 STARTING PENALTIES

No part of a kiteboards’s hull or crew 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 or hail her competition 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. If a kiteboard is identified under this rule and the race is not *abandoned*, the race committee shall display flag B within the finishing window.

31 TOUCHING AN OBSTACLE

A kiteboard shall not touch an *obstacle*.

36 RACES RESTARTED OR RESAILED

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, tangle or serious damage.

Add new rule 37

37 ELIMINATION SERIES

Rule 37 applies when the competition format is an elimination series

37.1 Elimination Series Procedure

Elimination series shall consist of rounds of heats where only a number of kiteboards advance as determined by the elimination ladder.

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 redress.

FS4 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

42.1 Basic Rule

Except when permitted in rule 42.2, a kiteboard shall compete by using only the wind and water to increase, maintain or decrease her speed.

42.2 Exceptions

- (a) A kiteboard may be propelled by unassisted actions of the competitor on the kiteboard.
- (b) A competitor may swim, walk or paddle while *capsized* or *recovering*, provided the kiteboard does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
- (c) Any means of propulsion may be used to help a person or another vessel in danger.

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

If a kiteboard caused injury, damage or a tangle or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

PART 4 RULES DELETED

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

FS5 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 5**SECTION A****PROTESTS; REDRESS; RULE 69 ACTION****60 RIGHT TO PROTEST; RIGHT TO REQUEST REDRESS OR RULE 69 ACTION**

Rule 60.1 (b) is changed to:

- (b) request redress under 62.1 (c)

61 PROTEST REQUIREMENTS

Rule 61.1(a) is changed to:

- 61.1** (a) A kiteboard intending to *protest* shall inform the other kiteboard at the first reasonable opportunity.

Rule 61.2 is changed to:

- 61.2** *Protests* shall be made orally to a member of the protest committee at the first reasonable opportunity following the heat.

62 REDRESS

Rule 62.1(b) is changed to:

- 62.1** (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:

- 62.2** Requests for redress shall be made orally to a member of the protest committee as soon as reasonably possible following the heat and identify the reasons for making it. Other requests shall be made as soon as reasonably 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.

SECTION B**HEARINGS AND DECISIONS****63 HEARINGS**

Rule 63.2 is changed to:

- 63.2** Hearings will be held at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident.

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

Rule 64.1 is changed to:

64.1 Penalties and Exoneration

When the protest committee decides that a kiteboard that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a *rule* and is not exonerated, it shall disqualify her unless some other penalty or rule 64.5 applies. A penalty shall be imposed whether or not the applicable *rule* was mentioned in the *protest*. If a kiteboard has

broken a *rule* when not *racing*, her penalty shall apply to the race or heat sailed nearest in time to that of the incident. However,

- (a) when as a consequence of breaking a *rule* a kiteboard has compelled another kiteboard to break a *rule*, the other kiteboard shall be exonerated.
- (b) if 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.
- (c) if the race is restarted or resailed, rule 36 applies.

Add new rule 64.5:

64.5 Protest Committee imposed penalties

The protest committee shall penalize a kiteboard as follows:

- (a) for a breach of a rule of part 2; X positions, where X is the maximum number of kiteboards in any heat of the current round divided by two and minus one;
- (b) for a breach of rule 28 at an *obstacle*; X positions, where X is the maximum number of kiteboards in any heat of the current round divided by four;
- (c) for a breach of rule 31; 1 position

However, when a kiteboard has broken a rule of Part 2, rule 28 at an obstacle and/or rule 31 in the same incident, only the highest penalty under rule 64.5 (a) or 64.5 (b) shall be applied. All penalties shall be rounded upwards to the nearest whole number.

SECTION D

APPEALS

70 APPEALS AND REQUESTS TO A NATIONAL AUTHORITY

Add new rule 70.7:

- 70.7 There shall be no appeal when the competition format is an elimination series.

PART 5 RULES DELETED

Rule 65.2 is deleted.

FS6 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 6

[No changes.]

FS7 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 to change the heat order. Other oral instructions may be given only if the procedure is stated in the sailing instructions’

90.3 Scoring

Rule 90.3 (a) is changed to:

- (a) The race committee shall score a heat, race or series as provided in Appendix A using the Low Point System, unless the notice of race or sailing instructions specify some other system.

(1) A heat shall be scored if it is not *abandoned* and if one kiteboard sails the course in compliance with rule 28 and *finishes* within the time limit, if any, even if she retires after *finishing* or is disqualified.

(2) A race shall be scored if the final has been reached.

FSA CHANGES TO APPENDIX A**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 the biggest heat of the current elimination ladder round. A kiteboard scored DNE shall be scored points for the number of competitors in the competition.

Add new rule A4.3:

A4.3 When a heat cannot be completed, the points for the unscored places shall be added together and divided by the number of places in that heat. The resulting number of points, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), shall be given to each kiteboard entered in the heat.

A6 CHANGES IN PLACES AND SCORES OF OTHER KITEBOARDS

Add new Rule A6.3

A6.3 If the protest committee decides to apply a penalty by adjusting a kiteboard's finishing position under rule 64.5, the finishing places of the other kiteboards shall be adjusted. The adjustments shall be applied in the order of occurrence of the incidents.

A10 GUIDANCE ON REDRESS

(a) If the protest committee decides that at the time of the incident it was likely that the kiteboard would have advanced to a subsequent heat, she shall be advanced to that heat. No other kiteboards position shall be changed.

(b) If the protest committee decides that at the time of the incident it was not likely that the kiteboard would have advanced to a subsequent heat, redress shall not be given.

- (c) In a final heat, redress shall be
 - (1) points equal to the average, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 will be rounded upward) of her points in all the races before the race in question, but not better than first or worse than last in that heat.
 - (2) points based on the position of the kiteboard in the race or heat at the time of the incident that justified redress.
- (d) The protest committee may decide to resail a heat for all kiteboards or for kiteboards affected by the incident, if it decides that this is the fairest solution.
- (e) A protest committee's decision on the position of a kiteboard at the time of the incident is not grounds for redress.

A11 SCORING ABBREVIATIONS

Add to Rule A11:

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

FSG CHANGES TO APPENDIX G

G1.1 Identification

Every kiteboard shall be identified as follows:

- (a) Each competitor shall be provided with a bib with a personal competition number of no more than three digits. The bib shall be worn as intended with the competition number clearly displayed.
- (b) The numbers shall be displayed as high as possible on the front, back and sleeves of the bib. They should be at least 25 cm tall on the front and the back and at least 10 cm tall on the sleeves.
- (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 bib.

FSR ADDENDUM R: KITEBOARD SLALOM RACING WITH REFEREES

Races may be sailed under the rules in Appendix FS including the rules in this addendum only if the notice of race and the sailing instructions so state.

R1 PRINCIPLES OF REFEREEING

The protest committee may appoint referees, including protest committee members. Referees shall observe racing, initiate protests, give penalties and consider redress without a hearing in accordance with rule R3. A person with a significant *conflict of interest* shall not be appointed as a referee.

R2 CHANGES TO RULES OF PART 5

Rule 60.1(a) is changed to:

A kiteboard may

- (a) protest another kiteboard but not for an alleged breach of a rule of part 2, rule 28 and rule 31; or

R3 ACTIONS AND SIGNALS BY THE PROTEST COMMITTEE AND REFEREES

R3.1 Actions by the protest committee and referees

- (a) When a protest committee or a referee decide, based on their own observations, that a kiteboard has broken a rule of part 2, rule 28, rule 31 or rule 2, they shall penalize her

without a hearing. Penalties shall be in accordance with rule 64.

- (b) A protest committee may consider giving redress to a kiteboard based on its own observations.

R3.2 Communication and signals by a referee

- (a) A referee appointed under rule R1 may communicate a penalty imposed on a kiteboard under rule R3.1 by, as soon as reasonably possible, making one long sound signal, hailing her competition number and pointing at her.
- (b) A referee appointed under rule R1 may communicate a decision of the protest committee to give redress to a kiteboard under rule 62 by, as soon as reasonably possible, making repetitive short sound signals, hailing her competition number and pointing at her.

R4 SIGNALS BY THE RACE COMMITTEE

To inform kiteboards that a protest committee decision has changed the order of kiteboards advancing to the next round, the race committee shall display flag B within the finishing window.