



General Rules

These rules are designed to explain the basic ISAF competition rules so that riders who are starting to compete can do so by using only these few rules and without the need to learn the many details of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Experimental Kiteboarding Competition Rules (EKCR).

However, the RRS and EKCR apply whenever racing and can be found for information in their latest versions on the ISAF and IKA websites

All rules are intended to ensure that the best competitor wins through individual skills, good fortune and quality of equipment, and not as a result of procedural devices or legalistic argument. All disputes under the rules shall be conducted on this principle

§ 1 Helping those in danger

You must give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger

§ 2 Sportsmanship, fair sailing and misconduct

A fundamental principle of sportsmanship under these rules is that when you break a rule you will promptly take a penalty. This might be by requesting a scoring correction, or in more severe cases, in retiring. If you do not play fair, or bring the sport into disrepute, you may be penalized severely

§ 3 Decision to race

The decision whether it is safe for you to start or to continue competing is yours alone, not for the people running the race

§ 4 Starting eligibility

Every rider wishing to take part in an IKA sanctioned event must be a member of his/her national kiteboarding class association (which is in membership of the IKA), or one of its affiliated organization. No other membership is required.

For nations without national class associations in membership to the IKA, individual membership of the rider is possible.

§ 5 Equipment

There are no restrictions on equipment other than those defined in the IKA class rules. The IKA reserves the right to impose further restrictions on equipment in the interest of safety or fair competition.

§ 6 Advertising

Every competitor may display advertising on board, kite and clothing except in the areas reserved for his/her personal identification number. The Notice of Race may require competitors to wear an event lycra whenever competing or training, and to place event and class stickers on the board





§ 7 Price Money

Price money and price money splits shall be published in the Notice of Race. In general, 5 % of the advertised price money go towards the discipline tour purse, 5 % of the advertised price money go to the overall tour purse.

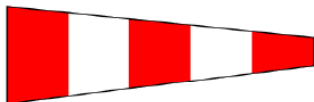
§ 8 Protests

If you are involved in an incident and think the other rider has broken a rule, you may protest. You must inform the other rider by shouting “protest” at the first opportunity the other rider can hear you.

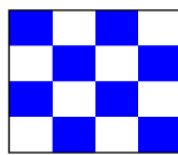
You will need to lodge the protest in writing as soon as possible after the end of the race, or inform the beach marshals immediately after the end of your heat. You do not have to go ahead with the protest if you later change your mind.

If another competitor protests you, you should contact the race committee as soon as possible after the end of the race or heat.

§ 9 Important Flag Signals



AP Races not started are *postponed*. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *postponed* again or *abandoned*.



N All races that have started are *abandoned*. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *abandoned* again or *postponed*.



L Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted.
Afloat: Come within hail or follow this boat.



M The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.



Y Wear a personal flotation device.



(no sound)

Blue flag or shape. This race committee boat is in position at the finishing line.

