



GKA KITE-SURF & Hydrofoil Big Air WORLD CUP Sylt, Germany 2025 26.08.-31.08.2025

*It is a pleasure to announce the next Kite-Surf event and Hydrofoil Big Air event of the GKA KITE WORLD
TOUR 2025*

which will be held in Sylt, Germany.

The dates will be from the 26th of August to the 31st of August 2025.

This is a 4-Star GKA Kite World Tour event and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2025
GKA KWT Rulebook.

Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter a KWT event shall pre-register through the registration link on the
dedicated event page on the GKA Kite World Tour website:

<https://app.gkakiteworldtour.com/>

or via email to tom@global-kitesports.org or by other means to be specified by the KWT Sports
Commission, no later than the published closing date for entries for that specific event.

Ultimately it is the competitors' responsibility to pre-register or to apply for an entry for an event and to
ensure that the application has been received timely and correctly.

According to rule 11.2, fines and/or having their next events applications cancelled may be handed out
to a pre-registered and / or qualified competitor who, without advanced notice fails to show up at an
event.

Complete and signed entry forms for event registration must be signed and complete by the time stated
in the Race Notice. Exceptions can only be granted by the KWT Representative.

If a competitor is unable to complete registration at the published time and place in the Race Notice for
reasons beyond their control, then the competitor should contact the KWT Representative with details
of their delay and must gain consent for their registration period to be extended. Evidence must be
supplied to support reasons showing that the circumstances were out of the competitor's control.
Failure to comply with the above will prohibit a competitor from entering the event.

All riders must preregister for the event through the online registration form **by 23.59h of the 31st of
July 2025.**

The registration does contain:



- Full Name:
- Nationality:
- Hometown:
- Date of Birth:
- Federative License Number:
- Sponsors:
- Passport number:
- Telephone/Whatsapp:
- Facebook page:
- Instagram account:
- Email:
- Name of Caddy:
- Food specifics:

All attending riders need to have a valid membership with the GKA and be members of a national NATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION and/or WORLD SAILING and must be insured via the NATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION and/or WORLD SAILING.

Cost of entry is €125 for each discipline. - Euro and fees need to be paid via credit card through the online link when receiving the entry confirmation.

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GKA membership. The GKA membership needs to be obtained before or at the same time when confirming participation for an event and can be paid via the online payment link. The membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third party liability during the competition.

All entry fee and GKA membership payments must be made before the **08th of August 2025** via credit card payment through the online registration tool.

Entry Restrictions

Entry-fee payments must be made no later than the end of the inscription-time at the respective event.

After confirmation of participation, the rider will receive a payment link. Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency. In this case an amount of 40,- Euro processing fee will be added to the regular entry-fee.

In the case that the full amount of the inscription fee is not paid by the end of the announced inscription-time, the rider will not be allowed to compete.

Eligibility

A competitor is eligible for any KWT event if he meets the following conditions:

- He is a member of his Official National Kiteboarding Federation or Association.
- A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of identity and membership may be requested.
- He has a personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.



- The competitor cannot hold the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer responsible for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- The competitor cannot hold the KWT, the GKA or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- He complies with World Sailing Federation Regulation, Eligibility Code
- He holds a valid competitors membership with the GKA Kite World Tour

IMPORTANT INFO

- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training – for optimal recognition above the harness. Competitors will get their names printed on their personal lycra.
- Each rider will get one competition riders' vest at the registration. Each rider is responsible for his competition riders' vests. In case of loss a replacement is not possible!
- Competitors shall wear the event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing, including harness on the water at all times during the event and one (1) board sticker to be placed on the top and on the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than Euro 500 for each violation. Repeated offenders may be disqualified from the Event and/or Series.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.
- There will be free breakfast and lunch and dinner provided for all competitors.
- Each rider is entitled to register one caddy. Caddies will have free access to the Riders Lounge!
- Caddies will have access to the launching area and the equipment tent, to help their fellow riders with their kite equipment, starting and landing's.
- The Riders ID-Strap authorizes you to enter the equipment storage container. You will receive the Riders ID-Strap personally and only at the registration.
- Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/autograph sessions.
- Any technical device for communication between rider on the water and land is prohibited and riders using will be disqualified.
- There will be a social event-calendar for each event that all riders have to join via social media and share.

Membership

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GKA membership. The duration of GKA membership is from the first to the last event of the current year.

Membership fees shall be determined by the GKA at the start of the year and may be changed at any notice during the course of the year.

At the end of the inscription-time, the rider must be able to prove a valid GKA membership. After confirmation of participation, he will receive a payment link. Payments must be made via credit card. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency.

The cost of the GKA membership is 80 € for competing in one event and 160 € per year (to be paid 80 € at the first event entered and 80 € at the second event entered. The total amount of 160 € can also be paid in once at the first event for the complete year. Membership fees are excluding event fees.)



The GKA membership fee for Local / National Wildcard holders is reduced to 20 € for competing in one event and 100 € per year (to be paid 20 € at the first event entered when receiving a wildcard and 80 € at the second event entered).

The membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third-party liability during the competition. Benefits are only provided in accordance with the current ERAG insurance policy. The GKA Kite World Tour, the GKA Event GmbH, the Global Kite sports Association e.V. cannot held liable for any legal and/or financial liability, losses, damages, which might occur from the participation in the competition/event.

Please note that the insurance is only valid for riders not competing in their country of residence. Local riders are **not** insured through their GKA membership.

Equipment storage

There will be equipment storage on site during the event period.

Travel info

Airports: there is an airport on Sylt (GWT), its 5min from event site, but has only domestic flight connections from Germany.

International connections can fly into Hamburg (HAM) and then take a direct train to Sylt.

Travel by car: Travelling by car to Sylt will need you to get on a car train from Niebull to get over to the island of Sylt. You can check car train times and buy tickets here:

- <https://www.syltshuttle.de/syltshuttle-de>
- <https://www.autozug-sylt.de/en/>

Organiser Contact:

MMP Event
Lukas Müller
Email: Lukas.Mueller@mmpevent.de

Event Location

Brandenburger Strand
Kurpromenade 333C
25980 Westerland, Sylt
Deutschland

Travel documents and Visa:

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org and he will issue you the document.

Accommodation for competitors:

For Kitesurf, free accommodation for the Top 10 riders (male) and Top 6 riders (female) of the current seeding for the event in flats for 2 people- from the day before inscription through one day after the event.



For hydrofoil the top 6 men and top 4 women will get free accommodation. You will be emailed by Liam if you get this.

For accommodations contact:

Apartment Brünig

Strandstraße 13
25980 Westerland / Sylt
Tel: +49 4651 5858
bruening-sylt@t-online.de
www.appartement-bruenig.de

Wiking Apartement Agency

Steinmannstraße 7-9
25980 Westerland / Sylt
Tel: +49 4651 83001
info@wikingsylt.de
www.wiking-sylt.de

Local campsite will be the same as last year. Everybody who arrives with a camper and needs a spot, needs to contact the campsite directly.

Location map:



Weather:

Sylt has a northern Europe climate, so weather conditions are rather mild in August. The air temperature during day can be between 25°C the highest temperatures and lowest of 12°C. The water temperature of the North Sea is around 16°C, so bringing a wetsuit and a jacket is recommended! Sunrise is 05.00h and sunset is 22.00h.

Wind Information

Westerly winds blowing 15-35 knots onshore at Westerland.
Easterly winds blowing around 12-25 knots offshore at Westerland.



Event Schedule

Tuesday 26th August

08:00-09:00 – Inscription

10:00 – Riders Briefing

11:00 – First Possible start for competition

Wednesday 27th August

10:00 – Skippers Meeting

10:30 – First possible start

Thursday 28th August

10:00 – Skippers Meeting

10:30 – First possible start

Friday 29th August

10:00 – Skippers Meeting

10:30 – First possible start

Saturday 30th August

10:00 – Skippers Meeting

10:30 – First possible start

Saturday 31st August

10:00 – Skippers Meeting

10:30 – First possible start

17:00 – Prize Giving (subject to change dependent on competition)

Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Skippers Meeting for the following day will always be communicated at the end of the previous day!

Disciplines

There will be two Official Disciplines in this KWT event:

- **Kite-Surf (Wave and Strapless Freestyle)**
- **Hydrofoil Big Air**

Divisions:

- Pro Men: any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)
- Pro Women: any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)

Entry Allocation – Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline & Hydrofoil Big Air

There is a maximum number of 24 male competitors and 24 female competitors entering this event.

Entries into KWT events shall be allocated according to the following table:

	Kite Surf & Hydrofoil Big Air Discipline
CATEGORY	24 Riders
TOP 20	1-16



Video Wildcards	17-20
GKA Wildcards	21-22
Organizer Wildcards	23-24

1. For GKA wildcards the KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation in past events as well as their kite merits.
2. For riders aiming for Video wildcards (only for Kitesurf), the athlete needs to submit a Wildcard Video application through the following online rider app - <https://app.gkakitemworldtour.com/>
3. Wildcards will be seeded based on their KWT ranking whenever available. If this is not possible, they will be distributed in the KWT ladder according to rule 18.1.1.(ii)
4. If any ranked competitor cannot compete in one KWT event due to an injury or other reasons, the empty spot will be given to the next highest ranked competitor. If this is not possible, the KWT Representative may grant exceptionally the available entry to another competitor prior approval from the KWT Sports Commission.
5. Wild card enquiries need to be done via mailing to tom@gkakitemworldtour.com

Video Requirements for Kitesurf

Video Contest Judging Criteria

For the GKA Sylt Event, depending on conditions can be mixed Wave/freestyle, or pure freestyle if there is no swell.

Regarding the wave criteria, we are looking for Speed, Power and flow. Onshore wave riding is very technical, when kite position and connecting turns has to be fast. If you have videos of riding onshore conditions, judges will take that in consideration comparing with side off flat wave conditions.

Aerial manoeuvres together with some power carves keeping up the speed and control, rail to rail flow, off the lip turns together with a good control of the kite are what we look for.

Regarding freestyle, depending on wind power, height will take in consideration for all trick families, but very important is execution, speed, style and power from the start to the end of the trick, Technical tricks without Grab like rotations with Shuvit are high scored if the wind is lower. Grabs can add points only for style and not for avoiding losing the board.

Video Contest Format Guidelines

Make sure to follow the guidelines below for full consideration with your application:

- 4 INDIVIDUAL TRICK VIDEOS, 2 WAVE, 2 FREESTYLE - 1 Rider. The riders do have the option to remove/update/replace a video with a newer/better before the video entry closes, a maximum of 4 videos can be submitted per rider. 2 of which must be wave and 2 of which must be Freestyle.
- FREESTYLE VIDEOS: DO NOT REPEAT THE SAME TRICK FAMILIES. Repeated tricks WILL NOT SCORE. Our judges want to see you tick the different families and show variety. Repeated tricks will not be scored.
- WAVE VIDEOS: Wave videos must have ATLEAST 2 turns. The connection between the waves and the turns must be shown. Videos which don't show this won't be scored. Also, no barrel



wave videos. We want to see how you ride in small onshore choppy conditions, similar to what we see in Sylt.

- TAKE OFF & LANDING - Each filmed trick shown in the video clip MUST include the rider's start, the execution and the landing. Make sure that take-off is clearly visible as well as the landing. If the take-off/landing is cut off or removed it will reduce chances of consideration from the panel. (No take-off or landing = No score.)
- FOCUS - Do not split the video-clip/camera-angles at mid-clips. The clip will need to show and follow the entire jump from take-off to landing. No slow-motion playback; regular speed playback only.
- EDITING - No fancy editing required. Raw unedited will also work. Videos do not need to be a masterpiece of editing; all we need is to clearly see the potential of the rider and the value of the moves.
- LENGTH: 1 TRICK/WAVE ONLY PER VIDEO – The video clip cannot have more than 1 trick/wave. We are not looking for long video clips.

What is not allowed:

POV SHOTS - No point of view videos, line, mouth, board, kite, harness mount-cam footage, as it does NOT show the real perspective (height and length) of the jump and the period in air. Also, no drone shots from a FPV/ follow drone.

Seeding - Kitesurf Discipline

The seeding for the upcoming Kite-Surf event in Sylt, Germany will be done according to the seeding list after Cape Verde 2025 considering 50% end of year 2024 ranking and 50% results from Cape Verde.

Hydrofoil big air will be seeded based on end of year 2024 ranking.

Seeding - Hydrofoil Big Air Discipline

The seeding for the upcoming Hydrofoil Big Air event in Sylt, Germany will be done according to the seeding list after Cape Verde 2025 – 50% results of 2024 and 50% from Cape Verde.

For hydrofoil the seeding list will be based on the 2024 end of year rankings.

Injury wildcard

- To be entitled to an injury wildcard, a competitor must be ranked top 16 in the KWT ranking at the time of the injury.
- In order to apply for an injury wildcard, an official medical certificate must be delivered to the KWT Sports Commission and there must be evidence that the competitor missed at least 33% of the current year events or combined two years events.
- The maximum period to be granted an injury wildcard will be 365 days from the date of their injury or until the start of next scheduled event after the 365 days.
- A rider who has received an injury wildcard will be seeded in accordance with the following when returning from injury, until the start of next scheduled event after the 365 days from the date of their injury, except if they improve their ranking:
 - If ranked in the top 4 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 5;
 - If ranked in the top 8 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 9;



- If ranked in the top 16 on the KWT Rankings before the injury, the rider will be seeded 19.

Prize money – Kitesurf & Hydrofoil Discipline

The prize money for the GKA KITE-SURF World Cup in Sylt, Germany will be **25.000 Euro**. The prize money is paid cash by the organiser to the competitors in line with the Rulebook.

22.500 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and **2.500 Euro** (10% of the event prizemoney) will go to the first 3 male and female winners of the GKA Kite-Surf World Tour end of year ranking, World Championship Title.

The prize money for the GKA Hydrofoil-Big Air in Sylt, Germany will be **10.000 Euro**. The prize money is paid cash by the organiser to the competitors in line with the Rulebook.

9.000 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and **1.000 Euro** (10% of the event prizemoney) will go to the first 3 male and female winners of the GKA Kite-Surf World Tour end of year ranking, World Championship Title.

In the case of “no results” due to an Act of God (i.e. bad weather, no wind) 20.000 Euro of the total prizemoney will be distributed equally amongst all riders entered in the event, 2.500 Euro will go back to the organiser and 2.500 Euro will be kept in the GKA account for the prizemoney to be paid out to the first three male and female winners of the GKA Kite-Surf World Tour end of the year.

The prize money distribution for a valid and completed KWT event will be done according to the following table:

- 1) if there is 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:

40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women

40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with more than 16 competitors (4 riders in equal 5th place)

gender with 16 or more		gender with less than 16	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	15	1	15
2	10	2	10
3	8	3	8
4	7	4	7
Total 1- 4	40	Total 1- 4	40
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
Total 5-8	20		

- 2)

If there is 16 or more competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:



50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 women

50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 men

16 or more women		16 or more men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	14	1	14
2	9	2	9
3	7	3	7
4	6	4	6
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
Total	50	Total	50

3) If there is less than 16 competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:

50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women

50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

Less than 16 women		Less than 16 men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7
Total	50	Total	50

If the women's or men's division doesn't take place, the full amount allocated as prize money will be added to the one and only division.



Elimination ladders - Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline

The elimination ladder used for the KWT Kite-Surf event shall be Dingle.

- KWT 24 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND #1				ROUND #2				ROUND #3				ROUND #4				SEMI FINALS				FINALS			
HEAT #1	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #9	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #17	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #25	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #13	NAME	Color	Rk.
10				2ND#5				1ST#1				1ST#17								1ST#29			
11				3RD#2				1ST#18				1ST#19				MINI FINAL				2ND#29			
8								1ST#19				1ST#20								1ST#30			
HEAT #2	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #10	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #18	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #26	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #14	NAME	Color	Rk.
20				2ND#6				1ST#20				1ST#21								1ST#31			
22				3RD#3				1ST#21				1ST#22				MINI FINAL				2ND#31			
16								1ST#22				1ST#23								1ST#32			
3				HEAT #11	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #19	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #27	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #15	NAME	Color	Rk.
HEAT #3	NAME	Color	Rk.	2ND#7				1ST#23				1ST#24								1ST#33			
18				3RD#4				1ST#24				1ST#25				MINI FINAL				2ND#33			
10								1ST#25				1ST#26								1ST#34			
7				HEAT #12	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #20	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #28	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #16	NAME	Color	Rk.
HEAT #4	NAME	Color	Rk.	2ND#8				1ST#26				1ST#27								2ND#34			
23				3RD#5				1ST#27				1ST#28				MINI FINAL				1ST#35			
15								1ST#28				1ST#29								2ND#35			
2				HEAT #13	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #21	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #29	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #17	NAME	Color	Rk.
HEAT #5	NAME	Color	Rk.	2ND#9				1ST#29				1ST#30								1ST#36			
12				3RD#6				1ST#30				1ST#31				MINI FINAL				2ND#36			
5								1ST#31				1ST#32								1ST#37			
HEAT #6	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #14	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #22	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #30	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #18	NAME	Color	Rk.
21				2ND#10				1ST#32				1ST#33								2ND#37			
13				3RD#7				1ST#33				1ST#34				MINI FINAL				1ST#38			
4								1ST#34				1ST#35								2ND#38			
HEAT #7	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #15	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #23	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #31	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #19	NAME	Color	Rk.
17				2ND#11				1ST#35				1ST#36								1ST#39			
9				3RD#8				1ST#36				1ST#37				MINI FINAL				2ND#39			
8								1ST#37				1ST#38								1ST#40			
HEAT #8	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #16	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #24	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #32	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #20	NAME	Color	Rk.
16				2ND#12				1ST#38				1ST#39								2ND#40			
10				3RD#9				1ST#39				1ST#40				MINI FINAL				1ST#41			
3								1ST#40				1ST#41								2ND#41			

- KWT 12 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND #1				ROUND #2				ROUND #3				SEMI FINALS				FINALS			
HEAT #1	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #5	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #9	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #13	NAME	Color	Rk.
10				2ND#5				1ST#9								1ST#13			
8				3RD#2				1ST#10				MINI FINAL				2ND#13			
HEAT #2	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #6	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #10	NAME	Color	Rk.					1ST#14			
11				2ND#6				1ST#11				WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #15	NAME	Color	Rk.
7				3RD#3				1ST#12								1ST#15			
HEAT #3	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #7	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #11	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #16	NAME	Color	Rk.
9				2ND#7				1ST#13								2ND#16			
5				3RD#4				1ST#14				MINI FINAL				1ST#17			
4								1ST#15								2ND#17			
HEAT #4	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #8	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #12	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL				HEAT #17	NAME	Color	Rk.
13				2ND#8				1ST#16								1ST#18			
9				3RD#5				1ST#17				MINI FINAL				2ND#18			
1								1ST#18								1ST#19			

- KWT 6 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND #1				ROUND #2				SEMI FINALS				FINALS			
HEAT #1	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #3	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #5	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL			
6				2ND#3				1ST#5							
3				3RD#1				1ST#6				MINI FINAL			
2								1ST#7							
HEAT #2	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #4	NAME	Color	Rk.	HEAT #6	NAME	Color	Rk.	WINNERS FINAL			
5				2ND#4				1ST#8							
4				3RD#2				1ST#9				MINI FINAL			
1								1ST#10							

Heat Progression:

- In those dingle eliminations the winner of the first-round heats advances to the third round, whilst the second advance to the second round and third placed riders are out of competition.
- The winners of the second-round heats advance to the third round, whilst the second placed riders are out of competition.
- The winner of the third-round heats advances to the fifth round, whilst the second and third placed riders are re-seeded into the fourth round.



- From the fourth round on, the winner and second placed rider of the heats advance to the next round, whilst the third and fourth placed riders are out of competition, until the final.

Scoring - Kitesurf & Freestyle Discipline

Scoring Categories and Judging Criterias:

Wave:

- The maximum number of waves ridden attempts per competitor during a heat will be announced by the Head Judge and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.
- Each Wave ridden is scored from 0.1 to 10.0 (ten), broken into one-tenth increments (e.g 6.4).

(iii) The following scale may be used to describe a wave ridden that is scored:

0–1.9 = Poor;
2.0–3.9 = Fair;
4.0–5.9 = Average;
6.0–7.9 = Good;
8.0–10.0 = Excellent.

Judging Criterias are applied to score individual waves ridden. Each judge analyzes the following major elements when scoring a ride:

- Commitment.
- Degree of difficulty.
- Innovative and progressive maneuvers.
- Combination of major maneuvers.
- Variety of maneuvers.
- Speed, power and flow

The number of waves ridden from each competitor towards the result shall be decided by the Head Judge in consultation with the Riders Representative and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

If a judge misses a wave ride, or part of the wave ride, they should place an “M” and that score will be given points equal to the average to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward) of the other judges’ scores.

The Head Judge may re- run the heat according to rule 22.1.4, if all judges miss a wave ridden and there is strong evidence that the wave ridden was missed by all the judges and this wave ridden had a scoring potential that may change the final result. It’s important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day.

Competitors must combine the major key elements in order to be awarded scores in the excellent range.

Strapless Freestyle:

The competition area shall be defined in the Sailing Instructions or in the way indicated in the Official Notice Board at least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the heat. A diagram is recommended.



Competitors shall be scored while being in the designated competition area. Whether a competitor is in or out of the competition area, will be at the discretion of the senior judge on the relevant panel and the Head Judge.

Overall Impression Scoring:

There is no limitation of a maximum number of trick attempts per heat.

Judges will not assign numerical values to each tricks. They will have a shorthand notation for taking brief notes of the jumps performed on each tack during the heat. They will also write a final score based on the following categories:

- 10 points Technical Difficulty: The technical difficulty and height of a trick landed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height is achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.
- 10 points Variety: Variety of tricks completed during the heat on both tacks. Repetition of tricks on the same tack will decrease the chances of winning the heat. Repetition of tricks on both tacks (switch tricks) will increase the chances of winning the heat.
- 10 points Overall impression: Considering style, quality vs quantity, innovation and “wow” factor.

Trick by trick Scoring:

There is a limitation of a maximum of 12 trick attempts per heat.

Only the best 5 tricks with the highest individual scores from different trick categories will count towards the final score from each competitor. One per category, except BOARD OFF and KITE LOOP categories, that can count two.

The amount of trick attempt to count towards the final score will be announced by the Head Judge and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

If a competitor “butt checks” when landing the trick and doesn’t loose the board, the judges will still give some credit to the trick. It’s at the discretion of each judge to consider if it’s a crash or a butt check and to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

The credit given to butt checked trick landings is directly related to the risk factor involved in the execution of the trick. For tricks with a high degree of risk factor, judges won’t deduct points for a butt-checked landing.

A trick is a crash only if the majority of the judges consider it as a crash. If the minority of the judges consider a trick as a crash, those crashes will be withdrawn and the judges will reconsider the trick in the other scoring categories

If a judge misses a trick, he should place a “M” and he has to consult to the Head Judge before giving the final score of the heat.

The Head Judge may re-run the heat if all judges miss a trick and there is strong evidence that the trick was missed by all the judges and this trick may change the final result.

Judges may not change their scores. If there are any mistake the judge should have the Head Judge make the correction for them.



In case of tie, it will be broken in favor of the competitor with the highest single score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's individual scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, even if some of them are excluded scores, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor with the best individual score.

Trick categories:

The tricks repertoire has been broken down into the following tricks families. The list of tricks included by family is not extensive, and not limited to the described tricks below but gives an indication about how different tricks are being categorized by the judges. The Head Judge has the final say when categorizing a new trick.

GKA KITE SURF WORLD TOUR TRICK LIST 2024

STRAPLESS FREESTYLE

Strapless Freestyle Tricklist separated by category, the trick count by family will be decided by Head Judge on the first skippers meeting.
* Coloured fields (except white) are sub-categories. Only one trick within each sub-category can count towards the final score.

AIR TRICKS		BOARD OFFS / RODEOS		KITELOOPS	
AIR	AIR	ONE FOOT	OF	KITELOOP	KL
AIR TO BLIND	A2B	BOARD OFF	BO	KITELOOP BOARD OFF	KLBO
BODY 360	B360	RODEO	R	KITELOOP RODEO	KLR
AIR REVERSE	AR	FRONT ROLL ONE FOOT	FR0F	KITELOOP TIC TAC	KLTT
AIR 360	A3	BACK ROLL ONE FOOT	BR0F	KITELOOP FLIP	KLFL
TOESIDE AIR	TSA	HAND STAND	HS	KITELOOP BACKROLL	KLBR
TOESIDE AIR REVERSE	TSAR	HAND STAND 360	HS360	KITELOOP DOUBLE BACKROLL	KL2BR
TOESIDE AIR 360	TSA3	JESUS WALK	JW	KITELOOP BACKROLL BOARD OFF	KLBRBO
TOESIDE AIR 540	TSAS	BARE FOOT	BF	KITELOOP DOUBLE BACKROLL BOARD OFF	KL2BRBO
TOESIDE AIR 720	TSAT	HAND VARIAL	HV	KITELOOP RODEO BACKROLL	KLRBR
AIR TRICKS INNOVATION	ATI	FRONT ROLL HAND VARIAL	FRHV	KITELOOP RODEO DOUBLE BACKROLL	KLR2BR
BACK ROLLS		BACK ROLL SUPERMAN	BRSS	KITELOOP RODEO TRIPLE BACKROLL	KLR3BR
BACK ROLL	BR	TIC TAC, FLIP & RODEO (1,2,3...)*	TIFLRO	KITELOOP FRONTROLL	KLFR
BACK ROLL 5	BR5	FRONT ROLL BOARD OFF * (1,2,3...)	FRBO	KITELOOP DOUBLE FRONTROLL	KL2FR
DOUBLE BACK ROLL	2BR	FRONT ROLL RODEO * (1,2,3...)	FRRO	KITELOOP FRONTROLL BOARD OFF	KLFRBO
TRIPLE BACK ROLL	3BR	FRONT ROLL TIC TAC * (1,2,3...)	FRTT	KITELOOP DOUBLE FRONTROLL BOARD OFF	KL2FRBO
BACK ROLL INNOVATION	BRI	FRONT R. RODEO TIC TAC * (1,2,3...)	FRRTT	KITELOOP RODEO FRONTROLL (BOOGIE)	KLRFR
FRONT ROLLS		FRONT ROLL FLIP * (1,2,3...)	FRFL	KITELOOP RODEO DOUBLE FRONTROLL	KLR2FR
FRONT ROLL	FR	FRONT ROLL TIC TAC FLIP * (1,2,3...)	FRFTFL	CONTRALOOP BOARD OFF * (1,2,3...)	CLBO
FRONT ROLL TO BLIND	FR2B	BACK ROLL BOARD OFF * (1,2,3...)	BRBO	CONTRALOOP BACKROLL BOARD OFF	CLBRBO
DOUBLE FRONT ROLL	2FR	BACKROLL RODEO * (1,2,3...)	BRRO	CONTRALOOP BACKROLL RODEO	CLBRRO
DOUBLE FRONT ROLL TO BLIND	2FR2B	BACK ROLL TIC TAC * (1,2,3...)	BRTT	CONTRALOOP BACKROLL TIC TAC	CLBRTT
TRIPLE FRONT ROLL	3FR	BACK R. RODEO TIC TAC * (1,2,3...)	BRRTT	CONTRALOOP BACKROLL FLIP	CLBRFL
4 X FRONT ROLL	4FR	BACK ROLL FLIP * (1,2,3...)	BRFL	CONTRALOOP BACKROLL RODEO FLIP	CLBRFL
FRONT ROLL INNOVATION	FRI	BACK ROLL TIC TAC FLIP * (1,2,3...)	BRFTFL	CONTRALOOP BACKROLL RODEO TIC TAC	CLBRRTT
UNHOOKED AND HANDLEPASS		BOARD OFF INNOVATION	BOI	CONTRALOOP FRONTROLL BOARD OFF	CLFRBO
FRONT ROLL	UFR	KICK TRICKS (SHOVE-IT)		CONTRALOOP FRONTROLL RODEO	CLFRRO
FRONT ROLL TO S.PASS	UFR2SP	SHOVE-IT	SH	S LOOP BOARD OFF	SLBO
DOUBLE FRONT ROLL	U2FR	SHOVE-IT 3	SH3	S LOOP RODEO	SLRO
BACKROLL	UBR	SHOVE-IT 5	SH5	S LOOP RODEO FRONT ROLL (1, 2, 3...)*	SLROFR
BACKROLL TO REVERSE S.PASS	UBR2SP	SHOVE-IT 7	SH7	S LOOP RODEO BACK ROLL (1, 2, 3...)*	SLROBR
AIR FRONT SIDE 180 S.PASS	AFS180SP	ONE FOOT SHOVE-IT 3	OFSH3	DOUBLE KITELOOP	2KL
FRONTSIDE 360	FS3	VARIAL FLIP	VFL	DOUBLE KITELOOP BOARD OFF * (1,2,3...)	2KLBO
FRONTSIDE 540	FS5	FLIP 3	FL3	DOUBLE KITELOOP BACKROLL	2KLBR
SHIFTY FRONTSIDE 360	SFS3	FRONTSIDE BIG SPIN	FSBS	DOUBLE KITELOOP FRONTROLL	2KLFR
SHIFTY FRONTSIDE 540	SFS5	BACKSIDE BIG SPIN	BSBS	KITELOOPS INNOVATION	KLI
BACKSIDE 360	BS3	BACK ROLL SHOVE IT 3	BRSH3		
BACKSIDE 540	B55	FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 3	FRSH3		
BACKSIDE 720	B57	FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 5	FRSH5		
TOESIDE FRONT SIDE 180 S.PASS	TSFS180SP	FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 7	FRSH7		
TOESIDE FRONTSIDE 360	TSFS3	DOUBLE FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 3	2FRSH3		
TOESIDE FRONTSIDE 540	TSFS5	TRIPLE FRONT ROLL SHOVE IT 3	3FRSH3		
HANDLE PASS RODEO	HPR	TOESIDE AIR 360 SHOVE IT 3	TSAS3H3		
UNHOOKED INNOVATION	UI	TOESIDE AIR 7 SHOVE IT 3	TSAS7SH3		
		KICK TRICKS INNOVATION	KTI		

*(1,2,3...) is for loops, rotations, flips & tic tacs.

To bring the variety criteria into effect, only the highest score per trick family will count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

Judging Criteria:

Judges will assign numerical values to each trick attempt based on the following judging criteria's:

- I. Height and amplitude – The combination of height and amplitude of the tricks completed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height and amplitude are achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.
- II. Technical Difficulty – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat. A grabbed trick will be rewarded with a higher score than a non-grabbed trick within this criteria, depending on the quality of the execution.



- III. Power – The power during the execution of the tricks. Power will be considered as a combination of speed into the trick to pop and speed out during the landing, height and amplitude during the trick.
- IV. Risk factor – Is directly linked to the power, height, amplitude and technical difficulty of the jump, but also to the commitment of the competitor and physical challenge during the execution, duration of the critical moment, and energy on the execution.
- V. Smoothness – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.
- VI. Innovation – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

Strapless Freestyle:

The competition area shall be defined in the Sailing Instructions or in the way indicated in the Official Notice Board at least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the heat. A diagram is recommended. Competitors shall be scored while being in the designated competition area. Whether a competitor is in or out of the competition area, will be at the discretion of the senior judge on the relevant panel and the Head Judge.

Overall Impression Scoring:

- There is no limitation of a maximum number of trick attempts per heat.
- Judges will not assign numerical values to each tricks. They will have a shorthand notation for taking brief notes of the jumps performed on each tack during the heat. They will also write a final score based on the following categories:
- 10 points Technical Difficulty: The technical difficulty and height of a trick landed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height is achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.
- 10 points Variety: Variety of tricks completed during the heat on both tacks. Repetition of tricks on the same tack will decrease the chances of winning the heat. Repetition of tricks on both tacks (switch tricks) will increase the chances of winning the heat.
- 10 points Overall impression: Considering style, quality vs quantity, innovation and “wow” factor.
- Trick by trick Scoring:
- There is a limitation of a maximum of 12 trick attempts per heat.

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The credit given to butt checked trick landings is directly related to the risk factor involved in the execution of the trick. For tricks with a high degree of risk factor, judges won’t deduct points for a butt-checked landing.

A trick is a crash only if the majority of the judges consider it as a crash. If the minority of the judges consider a trick as a crash, those crashes will be withdrawn and the judges will reconsider the trick in the other scoring categories



If a judge misses a trick, he should place a “M” and he has to consult to the Head Judge before giving the final score of the heat.

The Head Judge may re-run the heat if all judges miss a trick and there is strong evidence that the trick was missed by all the judges and this trick may change the final result.

Judges may not change their scores. If there are any mistake the judge should have the Head Judge make the correction for them.

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Elimination ladders – Hydrofoil Big Air

The elimination ladder used for the KWT Hydrofoil Big Air event shall be Dingle.

- KWT 24 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			ROUND # 4			SEMI FINALS			FINALS		
Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name	Heat	Seed	Name
1	1		9	9		17	17		25	25		33	33		41	41	
2	2		10	10		18	18		26	26		34	34		42	42	
3	3		11	11		19	19		27	27		35	35		43	43	
4	4		12	12		20	20		28	28		36	36		44	44	
5	5		13	13		21	21		29	29		37	37		45	45	
6	6		14	14		22	22		30	30		38	38		46	46	
7	7		15	15		23	23		31	31		39	39		47	47	
8	8		16	16		24	24		32	32		40	40		48	48	
9	9		17	17		25	25		33	33		41	41		49	49	
10	10		18	18		26	26		34	34		42	42		50	50	
11	11		19	19		27	27		35	35		43	43		51	51	
12	12		20	20		28	28		36	36		44	44		52	52	
13	13		21	21		29	29		37	37		45	45		53	53	
14	14		22	22		30	30		38	38		46	46		54	54	
15	15		23	23		31	31		39	39		47	47		55	55	
16	16		24	24		32	32		40	40		48	48		56	56	
17	17		25	25		33	33		41	41		49	49		57	57	
18	18		26	26		34	34		42	42		50	50		58	58	
19	19		27	27		35	35		43	43		51	51		59	59	
20	20		28	28		36	36		44	44		52	52		60	60	
21	21		29	29		37	37		45	45		53	53		61	61	
22	22		30	30		38	38		46	46		54	54		62	62	
23	23		31	31		39	39		47	47		55	55		63	63	
24	24		32	32		40	40		48	48		56	56		64	64	
25	25		33	33		41	41		49	49		57	57		65	65	
26	26		34	34		42	42		50	50		58	58		66	66	
27	27		35	35		43	43		51	51		59	59		67	67	
28	28		36	36		44	44		52	52		60	60		68	68	
29	29		37	37		45	45		53	53		61	61		69	69	
30	30		38	38		46	46		54	54		62	62		70	70	
31	31		39	39		47	47		55	55		63	63		71	71	
32	32		40	40		48	48		56	56		64	64		72	72	
33	33		41	41		49	49		57	57		65	65		73	73	
34	34		42	42		50	50		58	58		66	66		74	74	
35	35		43	43		51	51		59	59		67	67		75	75	
36	36		44	44		52	52		60	60		68	68		76	76	
37	37		45	45		53	53		61	61		69	69		77	77	
38	38		46	46		54	54		62	62		70	70		78	78	
39	39		47	47		55	55		63	63		71	71		79	79	
40	40		48	48		56	56		64	64		72	72		80	80	
41	41		49	49		57	57		65	65		73	73		81	81	
42	42		50	50		58	58		66	66		74	74		82	82	
43	43		51	51		59	59		67	67		75	75		83	83	
44	44		52	52		60	60		68	68		76	76		84	84	
45	45		53	53		61	61		69	69		77	77		85	85	
46	46		54	54		62	62		70	70		78	78		86	86	
47	47		55	55		63	63		71	71		79	79		87	87	
48	48		56	56		64	64		72	72		80	80		88	88	
49	49		57	57		65	65		73	73		81	81		89	89	
50	50		58	58		66	66		74	74		82	82		90	90	
51	51		59	59		67	67		75	75		83	83		91	91	
52	52		60	60		68	68		76	76		84	84		92	92	
53	53		61	61		69	69		77	77		85	85		93	93	
54	54		62	62		70	70		78	78		86	86		94	94	
55	55		63	63		71	71		79	79		87	87		95	95	
56	56		64	64		72	72		80	80		88	88		96	96	
57	57		65	65		73	73		81	81		89	89		97	97	
58	58		66	66		74	74		82	82		90	90		98	98	
59	59		67	67		75	75		83	83		91	91		99	99	
60	60		68	68		76	76		84	84		92	92		100	100	
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62	62		70	70		78	78		86	86		94	94				
63	63		71	71		79	79		87	87		95	95				
64	64		72	72		80	80		88	88		96	96				
65	65		73	73		81	81		89	89		97	97				
66	66		74	74		82	82		90	90		98	98				
67	67		75	75		83	83		91	91		99	99				
68	68		76	76		84	84		92	92							
69	69		77	77		85	85		93	93							
70	70		78	78		86	86		94	94							
71	71		79	79		87	87		95	95							
72	72		80	80		88	88		96	96							
73	73		81	81		89	89		97	97							
74	74		82	82		90	90		98	98							
75	75		83	83		91	91		99	99							
76	76		84	84		92	92										
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- KWT 12 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			SEMI FINALS			FINAL		
Heat	Seed	Name	HEAT # 5			HEAT # 9			HEAT # 13			WINNERS FINAL HEAT # 15		
1	3		2NDQ3			W1					W13			
	6		3RDQ3			W3					W14			
2	2		2NDQ1			W2								
	7		3RDQ1			W4								
3	11		HEAT # 6			HEAT # 10								
	4		HEAT # 7			HEAT # 11								
	5		2NDQ5			W3			W9					
	9		3RDQ4			W7			W11					
	1		2NDQ2			W4			W12					
4	8		3RDQ3			W8			HEAT # 14			L13		
												L14		
													HEAT # 16	



Hydrofoil Trick Categories

- The tricks repertoire has been broken down in a number of categories. The list of tricks included by category is not extensive, and not limited to the described tricks in appendix C but gives an indication about how different tricks are being categorized by the judges. The Head Judge has the final say when categorizing a new trick.
- In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, only the highest score per trick category may count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

Scoring Procedure

Judging Criteria are applied to score the quality of the execution of each individual tricks. Each judge analyze the following major elements when scoring a trick:

1. Technical Difficulty – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.
2. Smoothness – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.
3. Landings – Clean landings where the competitor's board does not touch the water will be rewarded. It's at the discretion of each judge to consider how much credit they will give to the trick, as it is directly related to the risk factor involved in the execution of the trick.
4. Height and amplitude – The combination of height and amplitude of the tricks completed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height and amplitude are achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.
5. Risk factor – The risk factor is directly linked to the power, height, amplitude and technical difficulty of the jump, but also to the commitment of the competitor and physical challenge during the execution, duration of the critical moment, and energy on the execution.
6. Innovation – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

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