



GKA Youth Big Air World Championship

St. Peter Ording, Germany 2025

20.08 – 24.08.25

It is a pleasure to announce the first GKA Youth Big Air World Championship event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2025 which will be held in

St. Peter Ording, Germany.

The dates of the open window period will be from the 20th of August to the 24th of August 2025.

This is a Youth World Championship, and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2025 GKA Kite World Tour 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 liam@gkakiteworldtour.com or by other means to be specified by the GKA 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 online after the application of the competitor got approved by the GKA Sports committee by latest one day after the preregistration period closes. Exceptions can only be granted by the GKA 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 GKA 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 by 08th August 2025.

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



Cost of entry is 120.- Euro and Entry Fees include lunches.

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 during the online registration. When not competing in their country of residence, the membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third-party liability during the competition.

The cost of the GKA membership is €40 covering you for this year's one stop World Championship Youth event in Germany.

All entry fee and GKA membership payments must be made before the **15th August 2025**.

Important Info

- It's recommended to wear a helmet during competition!
- All riders need to wear impact vest during the competition!
- All riders need to wear safety leash during competition!
- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training.
- 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 two (2) board sticker to be placed one on the top and one 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 \$ 500 for each violation.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.
- 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.
- There will be a social event-calendar for each side event that all riders have to join via social media and share.

Entry restrictions

Entry-fee payments must be made no later than the end of the inscription-time at the respective event. 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. 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 order to enter the event, parental consent / authorization must be received for all competitors who are under the age of 18 years old at the registration date.

Eligibility

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

- He/she 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 GKA, the GKA Event GmbH 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 GKA, the GKA Event GmbH or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- He/she holds a valid competitor's membership with the GKA Kite World Tour

Entry allocation

For this year's Big Air youth event there is no limitations on the number of competitors.

Disciplines

There will be one official discipline in this GKA Youth Big Air World Championship – Twintip Big Air

Divisions in each discipline:

- Pro Men Twintip Big Air: U19, U16 & U14
- Pro Women Twintip Big Air: U19, U16 & U14

Seeding

As there has never been a Youth Big Air event before, the seeding will be done with qualification rounds during the event.

Travel info

- Hamburg (HAM): 1hr 30mins hours by car

Event Address: Am Deich 43, St. Peter-Ording (Ordinger Beach)

Organiser Contact: event@choppywater.de

Map of event location:





Event Parking

Event Parking is directly on the ordinger Beach parking place (picture is attached). **Important:** We need all the license plate numbers so that everyone can park for free. Every competitor should send an email to event@choppywater.de with their license plate.

Travel documents and Visa:

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

Weather:

Expect a variety of wind conditions from light summer breeze to stronger stormy conditions. Despite it being summertime in Germany there can be unpredictable weather systems so it's important to check the forecast before you travel to ensure the right equipment is taken.

Equipment Storage –

There will be a large tent as equipment storage throughout the event days.

Event Schedule –

Wednesday 20th August

08:30 – 10:00: Registration

11:00: Skippers Meeting

12:00: First Possible Start

Thursday 21st August

09:00: Rider Briefing

09:30: First Possible Start

Friday 22nd August

09:00: Rider Briefing

09:30: First Possible Start

Saturday 23rd August

09:00: Rider Briefing

09:30: First Possible Start

Sunday 24th August

09:00: Rider Briefing

09:30: First Possible Start

19:00: Closing Ceremony

Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Participants will be regularly updated on the riders WhatsApp group. The riders will compete for 5 days, so the timings of the event will depend on the conditions of our seminars.

Sports & Judging

Judging procedure



- Judges shall award each competitor's trick scores on a scale from 0.1 to 10.0, broken into one-hundreds increments (e.g. 6.44).
- The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points wins.
- The maximum number of trick attempts and the trick scores counting towards the final result 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.

Ties in Big Air Discipline heats

In case of tie in the Big Air format, it will be broken in favour of the competitor with the highest total trick score, excluding the Overall Impression score if there is any. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, it will be broken in favour of the competitor with the highest single score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's individual scores counting towards the final score shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor with the best individual score.

Big Air Trick categories

The tricks repertoire has been broken down in several categories. To bring the variety criteria into effect, if a trick is repeated or if it is an evolution of the same trick (i.e. added rotation), only the highest score from those will count towards the final heat score from each competitor.

Judging Criteria

The GKA Big Air judges evaluate each trick on their execution and smoothness, emphasizing control from start to finish, clean landings, risk factor, innovation and explosivity.

1. 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.
2. Technical Difficulty – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.
3. Commitment and Risk Factor – Pushing the limits under control will increase the chances of winning the heat. The Risk factor is the commitment of the competitor and physical challenge during the execution, duration of the critical moment, and energy on the execution.
4. Other judging criteria such as variety, "wow" factor, smoothness, innovation, free falling, tricks landed vs crashes, will affect the overall impression.

In summary, this contest focuses on Big Air, and we are eager to witness authentic Big Air manoeuvres.

We are aware in St Peter Ording the wind could be on the lighter side. Adaptive scoring will be based on wind conditions (percentages adjust for fairness):

- Light (12-20 knots): Height/Amplitude 40%, Technicality 25%, Style/Execution 25%, Diversity/Innovation 10%.
- Medium (20-30 knots): Height/Amplitude 55%, Technicality 15%, Style/Execution 15%, Diversity/Innovation 5%.
- Strong (30+ knots): Height/Amplitude 70%, Technicality 15%, Style/Execution 10%, Diversity/Innovation 5%.



This system's fair, adaptive, and transparent - balance between wind and math, celebrating creativity without subjectivity. Holistically, it rewards execution over raw difficulty (a nailed easy trick beats a sloppy hard one)

Scoring Procedure

A Qualifier will look to be used to identify seedings before moving into an elimination

Process: Qualifier (Best Trick, 2 tricks/ 1 count). Elimination (trick-by-trick, 5-7 attempts, top 3-4 count (to be decided by race Director on the day)).

Elimination Ladders

To be confirmed upon number of registrations and conditions presented.

Trick list

APPENDIX C2






BIG AIR TWIN-TIP TRICKLIST

BIG AIR TWIN TIP TRICKLIST

TRICK NAME	ABBREVIATION	TRICK NAME	ABBREVIATION
Sent Jump	SJ	Kite Loop (1,2,3)	KL
Kung Fu	KF	Kite Loop Back Roll (1,2,3...)	KLBR
Deadman	DM	Kite Loop Front Roll (1,2,3...)	KLFR
Deadman Front Roll	DMFR	Kite Loop One Foot (1,2)	KLOF
Deadman Back Roll	DMBR	Kite Loop Back Roll One Foot (1,2,3...)	KLBROF
One Foot	OF	Kite Loop Front Roll One Foot (1,2,3...)	KLFROF
Back Rolls (1,2,3,4...)	BR	Kite Loop Board Off (1,2)	KLBO
Front Rolls (1,2,3,4...)	FR	Kite Loop Back Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	KLBRBO
Back Rolls One Foot (1,2,3,4...)	BROF	Kite Loop Front Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	KLFRBO
Front Rolls One Foot (1,2,3,4...)	FROF	Kite Loop Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	KLTT
Board Off	BO	Kite Loop Back Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	KLBRTT
Back Roll Board Off (1,2,3,4...)	BRBO	Kite Loop Front Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	KLFRTT
Front Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	FRBO	Kite Loop Flip (1,2,3...)	KLFL
Board Pass (1,2,3...)	BP	Kite Loop Back Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	KLBRFL
Back Roll Board Pass	BRBP	Kite Loop Front Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	KLFRFL
Front Roll Board Pass	FRBP	Kite Loop Innovation	KLI
Tic Tacs (1,2,3...)	TT	Contra Loop (1,2)	CL
Tic Tac Flip (1,2,3...)	TTFL	Contra Loop Back Roll (1,2,3...)	CLBR
Back Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	BRTT	Contra Loop Front Roll (1,2,3...)	CLFR
Back Roll Tic Tac Flip (1,2,3...)	BRTTFL	Contra Loop One Foot (1,2)	CLOF
Front Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	FRTT	Contra Loop Back Roll One Foot (1,2,3...)	CLBROF
Front Roll Tic Tac Flip (1,2,3...)	FRTTFL	Contra Loop Front Roll One Foot (1,2,3...)	CLFROF
Flips (1,2,3...)	FL	Contra Loop Board Off (1,2)	CLBO
Back Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	BRFL	Contra Loop Back Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	CLBRBO
Front Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	FRFL	Contra Loop Front Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	CLFRBO
Kite Loop Double Half Cab	KL2HC	Contra Loop Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	CLTT
Kite Loop Frontside Pass (3,5,7...)	KLFS	Contra Loop Backroll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	CLBRTT
Kite Loop Backside Pass (3,5,7...)	KLBS	Contra Loop Front Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	CLFRTT
Kite Loop Back Roll Frontside Pass (3,5,7...)	KLBRFS	Contra Loop Flip (1,2,3...)	CLFL
Kite Loop Kgb	KLKGB	Contra Loop Backroll Flip (1,2,3...)	CLBRFL
Kite Loop Slim Chance	KLSC	Contra Loop Front Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	CLFRFL
Kite Loop Front Blind Mobe	KLFBM	Contra Loop Innovation	CLI
Kite Loop Double Half Cab Mobe (1,2...)	KL2HCM	S Loop	SL
Sent Pass (1,2,3...)	SP	S Loop Front Roll (1,2,3...)	SLFR
Back Roll Sent Pass (1,2,3...)	BRSP	S Loop Back Roll (1,2,3...)	SLBR
Front Roll Sent Pass (1,2,3...)	FRSP	S Loop Board Off	SLBO
		S Loop Tic Tac	SLTT
		S Loop Flip	SLFL
		S Loop Back Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	SLBRBO
		S Loop Front Roll Board Off (1,2,3...)	SLFRBO
		S Loop Back Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	SLBRFL
		S Loop Front Roll Flip (1,2,3...)	SLFRFL
		S Loop Back Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	SLBRTT
		S Loop Front Roll Tic Tac (1,2,3...)	SLFRTT
		S Loop Innovation	SLI
		Snake Loop	SNL
		Innovation 1	INNO1
		Innovation 2	INNO2
		Innovation 3	INNO3

* (1,2,3...) is for loops and/or rotations

FLAG CODES

RED FLAG		WARNING SIGNAL
YELLOW FLAG		PREPARATORY SIGNAL
GREEN FLAG		STARTING SIGNAL
ICF "N"		ABANDONMENT HEAT IN PROGRESS
ICF "AP"		POSTPONEMENT

GKA Rulebook

The "GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook 2025" can be viewed here -

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/rulebooks/2025/GKA%20RULEBOOK%202025.pdf>

GKA Kite World Tour

1. As a competitor, I agree to respect the racing rules and in particular:
2. To display visibly the sailing-number attributed to me.
3. To always wear the official event-competition-lycra when proceeding to the water (also during training) as well as during interviews, official presentations and on podium.
4. To wear a life jacket and safety helmet during the competition,
5. To follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
6. To always place board stickers (GKA Kite World Tour & Event sponsor) on the top and on the bottom of the board during the event (competitions, interviews, media conferences, award ceremony...).
7. To take note that all rider meetings, opening/closing ceremonies, and media conferences requested by the Event Organizer are mandatory to all riders. I assure that I'll be on time and ready.
8. I'm aware that a non-observance of this rule will incur a fine of up to 500 USD. Any competitor finishing in the top 3 positions who fails to attend the awards ceremony on time - without being justified by a force of major circumstance - will incur a fine equal to their earned prize money for the event. Furthermore, fine can incur an additional penalty of up to 1.000 USD and suspension for the next event.

Any question please contact our Youth World Tour Manager Liam Dredge – liam@globalkitesports.org

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

Team GKA