



GKA Youth Twintip World Championship

St. Peter Ording, Germany 2026

19.08 – 23.08.26

It is a pleasure to announce the 2026 GKA Youth Twintip World Championship event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2026 which will be held in

St. Peter Ording, Germany.

The dates of the open window period will be from the 19th of August to the 23rd of August 2026.

This is a Youth World Championship, and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2026 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 07th August 2026.

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 as soon as payment links are received.

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

Divisions in each discipline:

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

Seeding

Seeding will be done as per last year's results.

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 19th August

08:30 – 10:00: Registration
11:00: Skippers Meeting
12:00: First Possible Start

Thursday 20th August

09:00: Rider Briefing
09:30: First Possible Start

Friday 21st August

09:00: Rider Briefing
09:30: First Possible Start

Saturday 22nd August

09:00: Rider Briefing
09:30: First Possible Start

Sunday 23rd 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

02 · COMPETITION FORMAT

Competition Format

This is the original event plan. *Changes may be made depending on schedule, conditions and number of riders.*

THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT EXISTING FORMATS:

Format 1 Time Heat — K.O. System Fixed-time heats (e.g. 7 min). Two riders go head-to-head — one always advances, the other is out. USED FOR Single eliminations — 4 / 16 / 32, etc.	Format 2 Trick by Trick Riders take turns, one at a time. Best tricks are compared across the group. USED FOR Final 4 — e.g. Women U19 final Normally heats of 4 — two advance, two out.
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TRICK BY TRICK FORMAT

45_s PER TRICK	5-7 ATTEMPTS	3 BEST COUNTING	3 DIFF. FAMILIES
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i Counting tricks must come from **different families** — or **evolutions of a trick**. The system takes only the highest score from each evolution (see the Tricklist on the last page).

PROCEDURE FLAGS

Signal sequence before each heat.



SPECIAL FLAGS

ORANGE Waiting for scores Raised after the trick. Judges are reviewing — scores incoming.	BLACK Reset the trick Rider has 1 min to redo the trick. Shown together with the turn flag.
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Judging Criteria

01

Height, Amplitude & Hangtime

Go HIGH. Travel FAR. Stay airborne as LONG as possible.

HEIGHT

TRAVEL DISTANCE

MAX HANGTIME

02

Execution, Power & Commitment

Every trick must look explosive and intentional. **Kite angle** and **yank** are fundamental to how power and commitment are judged.

KITE ANGLE

YANK

POWER

SMOOTHNESS

STYLE

RISK

03

Technical Difficulty

Harder tricks score more — but ONLY if 01 and 02 are met.

BASE SCORE BY DIFFICULTY

ALL THREE MUST COMBINE

04 · SCORING SYSTEM

Trick Scale

Each trick receives a score from 0 to 10 on this scale.

0.1–2
VERY POOR

2.1–3.9
POOR

4–5.9
AVERAGE

6–6.9
GOOD

7–7.9
VERY GOOD

8–8.9
EXCELLENT

9–10
OUTSTANDING

i The sports committee has reviewed and updated the base scores of the tricklist for this event.

+ Improve your score

EXECUTION QUALITY

Speed

Fast approach & exit

Flow

Smooth, controlled

Landing

Clean = higher score

GRABS

Difficulty

Harder = more points

Type

Body position & shape

Duration

Hold it longer

Tweak

Push it further

BOARD OFFS

BO
+1

Tick Tack
+1.5

Flip
+2

This information is only orientative — other factors of the judging criteria are also involved.

05 · TRICKLIST

Youth Tricklist 2026

Technical difficulty base scores

Base scores for the root tricks of each category in the Twintip discipline. *These base scores are orientative only and may differ from final scores, as final scores rely on all judging-criteria aspects — height, power, execution, kite angle, landings, etc. (fully listed on page 04 of this document).*

i Each discipline has its own scale. Athletes select their own **three counting tricks**. Depending on conditions, judges give more weight to certain tricks according to the judging criteria.

Trick	U14		U16		U19	
	W	M	W	M	W	M
BIG AIR						
Contra Loop CL	6.45	6.45	4.95	3.95	3.87	2.5
Kiteloop KL	6.85	6.85	5.35	4.35	4.23	2.9
Kiteloop Back Roll KLBR	7.4	7.4	5.9	4.9	4.83	3.4
Kiteloop Front Roll KLFR	7.95	7.95	6.45	5.45	5.37	3.9
FREESTYLE						
313	6.95	6.95	5.45	4.75	4.57	3.33
Back Side 313 BS313	7.45	7.45	5.95	5.25	5.07	3.73
Slim Chance SC	7.6	7.6	6.45	5.75	5.57	4.33
Hinterberger Mobe HM	8.2	8.2	7.7	6.25	5.77	4.73
Back Mobe BM	9.05	9.05	9.05	8.1	7.57	5.23
Heart Attack HA	9.7	9.7	8.3	7.6	7.47	5.73
Front Blind Mobe FBM	9.75	9.75	9.55	8.85	8.9	6
KGB	9.1	9.1	8.95	8.15	8.1	6.23
AIRSTYLE						
Sent Jump SJ	2.75	2.7	1.25	0.55	0.5	0.83
Backroll BR	3.75	3.7	2.25	1.55	1.5	1.1
Frontroll FR	3.75	3.9	2.25	1.55	1.57	1.33
Double Front Roll 2xFR	4.4	4.2	2.9	2.2	2.17	1.7
Double Back Roll 2xBR	4.4	4.7	2.9	2.2	2.33	2.2
Triple Frontroll 3xFR	6	6.2	4.5	3.8	3.83	2.8
Triple Backroll 3xBR	5.25	5.2	3.75	2.95	3.03	2.9

BIG AIR +

Inverts, board-offs, added rotations, TT flips.

FREESTYLE +

Toe-side & blind variations. Rewinds too.

AIRSTYLE +

Board-off (BO), TT, flip or extra rotation.

DEDUCTIONS

Bad landings, poor execution, etc.

Base scores are only a reference — final scores also depend on the judging criteria.

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 2026" can be viewed here -

<https://www.gkakiteworldtour.com/rulebooks/2026/GKA%20RULEBOOK%202026.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@gkakiteworldtour.com

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

Team GKA