

Qatar Airways GKA Big Air Kite World Cup Gran Canaria 2024 09.07.2024 – 13.07.2024

*It is a pleasure to announce the second Big Air World Cup event of the GKA KITE WORLD TOUR 2024
which will be held in
Gran Canaria, Spain.*

This is a 4-Star GKA Big Air Kite World Cup, and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2024 GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook.

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter to the GKA Big Air Kite World Cup shall pre-register and present the video application through the GKA Kite World Tour rider app under the following direct link:

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

or via email tom@global-kitesports.org 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 and send the video application for the event **by 23.59h of the 07th of June 2024**.

All attending riders need to have a valid membership with the GKA and be members of a 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.- Euro and fees need to be paid via credit card during the online registration. Entry fee is to be paid via credit card during the online registration.

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 80.- Euro for competing in one event and 160.- Euro for being able to compete the whole year.

All entry fee and GKA membership payments must be made before the **19th of June 2024** via credit card payment through the online registration tool.

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.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts – @gkakiteworldtour @qatarairways #GKAKiteWorldTour #GKABigAir #kiteboarding #kitesurfing #qatarairways #gkaxqa

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 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 Kitesports Association e.g. cannot hold 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.

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 -

24 MALE RIDERS:

- The top 10 Big Air male riders from the current seeding list are already pre-qualified.
- Top 10 video applications will be selected by the GKA sports committee.
- 2 entries will be via the GKA Wildcard invitation.
- 2 entries will be via the Organiser Wildcard invitation.

12 FEMALE RIDERS:

- The top 5 Big Air Female riders from the current seeding list are already pre-qualified.
- Top 5 video applications will be selected by the GKA sports committee.
- 1 entry will be via the GKA Wildcard invitation.
- 1 entry will be via the Organiser Wildcard invitation.

Riders will enter the event according to the following qualifying structure:

Male Twin-tip	
CATEGORY	24 Riders
2024 Seeding List	1-10
Video Application Ranking	11-20
GKA Wildcard	21-22
Organiser Wildcard	23- 24

Female Twin-tip;	
CATEGORY	12 Riders
2024 Seeding List	1-5
Video Application Ranking	6-10
GKA Wildcard	11
Organiser Wildcard	12

For GKA wildcards the KWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation in International Big Air Competitions as well as their kite merits.

To enter via Video application Ranking, competitors must submit their video applications through the riders app - <https://app.gkakiteworldtour.com/login>

Video Contest Format Guidelines

- **1 VIDEO** - 1 Rider = 1 video clip. The riders do have the option to remove/update/replace a video with a newer/better before the video entry closes, but only one video per rider will be scored. This can be done via the GKA rider app.
- **4 MOVES** - Each rider can include a maximum number of four jumps/moves in each edited video. (No further judgment will be made after the fourth move is shown/completed.)
- **3 BEST** - Best 3 scores counts – The panel will judge the video clip on GKA Big Air Judging Criteria based on three different categorized tricks/jumps.
- **VARIETY** - Variety in the jumps and move-selection is extremely important. Repetition of similar jumps (and/or tricks) could result in lowering scores.
- **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-jump. 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** - Max 1 minute – The video clip cannot exceed 60 seconds (1.00). We are not looking for long video clips (clip can be shorter but no further judgment will be made after 60 seconds or after the fourth move is shown/completed).

What is not allowed:

- **INSTAGRAM** - No Instagram videos 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.

GKA wildcards, Organiser wildcards and competitors that enter by video application ranking will be seeded by video application ranking. If there is no video or ranking available (wildcards), then a draw will decide their seeding in the ladder behind all other competitors with video ranking.

If any of the competitors cannot compete in this event due to an injury or other reasons, the empty spot will be given to the next ranked rider in the qualification group (either GKA ranking, wildcard or video application).

The GKA will publish the wildcard allocation and the selected video applications on 10th June 2024, three days after the preregistration period closes.

Disciplines

There will be one official disciplines in this GKA Big Air Kite World Cup - TWIN-TIP 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)

Seeding

The seeding for the GKA Big Air Kite World Championship 2024 in Gran Canaria, Spain will be according to the 2023 Big Air rankings and results from Lords of Tram combined.

MEN

- 1 Andrea Principi
- 2 Jaime Overbeek
- 3 Lorenzo Casati
- 4 Jeremy Burlando
- 5 Josue San
- 6 Giel Vlugt
- 7 Edgar Ulrich
- 8 Marc Jacobs
- 9 Jason Van der spuy

WOMEN

- 1 Nathalie Lambercht
- 2 Zara Hoogenraad
- 3 Francesca Maini
- 4 Angely Bouillot
- 5 Alessa Mensch
- 6 Jasmine Cho
- 7 Justine Avril
- 8 Nora Klement
- 9 Lana Herman

10	Aaron Hadlow	10	Sarah Sadek
11	Stino Mul	11	Pippa Van Iersel
12	Arthur Guillebert	12	Mikaili Sol
13	Julian Huynh	13	Alice Ruggiu
14	Lucas Gramstrup	14	Svenja Zoe Peters
15	Clement Hout	15	Johanna Disdier
16	Valentin Garat	16	Karlie Thoma
17	Liam Whaley	17	Martyna Konkel
18	Cohan Van Dijk	18	Elsien Zijstral
19	Josh Gillit	19	Michaela Pikenton
20	Luca Ceruti		
21	Leonardo Casati		
22	Ruben Swart		
23	Evan Klijn		
24	Martin Rahnel		
25	Timo Boersema		
26	Valentin Hoenderop		
27	Kimo Verkerk		
28	Michiel Schipper		
29	Shahar Tsabary		
30	Max Tullet		
31	Nicolas Gambier		
32	Nathan Texier		
33	Stig Hoefnagel		
34	Karim Mahmoud		
35	Adalberto Gomez		
36	Carlos Ramirez		
37	Simon Bruhn		
38	Joris Herrewijnen		
1	Andrea Principi		

Travel info

Closest Airport to fly to is Gran Canaria Airport (LPA)

Event Address – Salinas de Tenefé, Pozo Izquierdo (Gran Canaria)

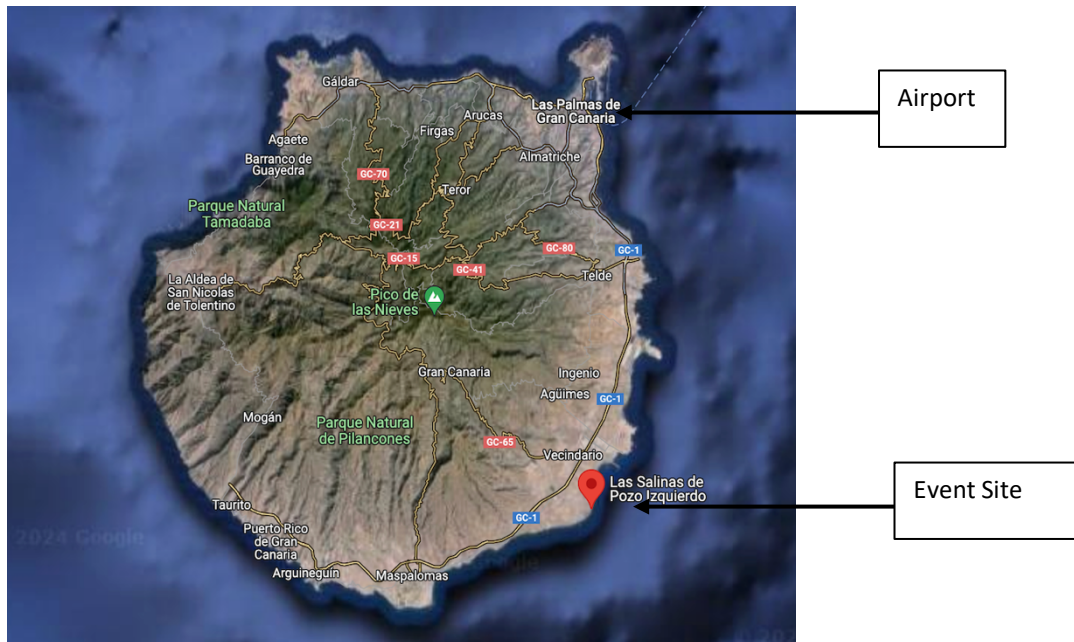
Organiser Contact:

Name: Manuel Martinez

Email: nolomt@gmail.com

Phone: +34 609705300

Map of event location



Accommodation

Blue Bay Beach Club

<https://bluebaybeachclub.bluebayhotels.net/es/>

Special Rider price will be approximately 100 Euro per double room for 2 people.

Contact person: Marco de Prada.

email: jrecepcion.beachclub@bluebayresorts.com

Subject on the email: Kite&WingFoil

For travel and accommodation you can also use travel agency: VIAJES MERCATOURS Email:

mercatours@yahoo.es

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:

The weather in Gran Canaria during July ranges around 25 Degrees Celsius with sunrise around 07:15 and sunset at 21:00.

Wind direction:

July is a great month for wind in Gran Canaria. The average wind speed in July is 30 kph. The wind direction comes from the North/Northeast.

Event Schedule

Tuesday 09th July

09:00 – 11:00: Riders Registration

11:00 Opening Ceremony and Press Conference

12:00: Riders Briefing

13:00: First Possible Start

Wednesday 10th July

09:00: Riders Briefing

10:00: First Possible Start

Thursday 11th July

09:30: Skippers Meeting

10:00: First Possible Start

Friday 12th July

09:30: Skippers Meeting

10:00: First Possible Start

Saturday 13th July

09:30: Skippers Meeting

10:00: First Possible Start

20:00 Closing Ceremony and Prizegiving

Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Participants will be regularly updated on the riders WhatsApp group.

Prize money

The prize money for the Qatar Airway GKA Big Air World Cup, Gran Canaria 2024 will be **20.000 Euro**. The prize money is paid cash by the organiser to the competitors in line with the Rulebook.

18.000 Euro will be paid to the winners of the event and 2.000 Euro (10% of the event prizemoney) will go to the first 3 male and female winners of the GKA Big Air World 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) 16.000 Euro of the total prizemoney will be distributed equally amongst all riders entered in the event, 2.000 Euro will go back to the organiser and 2.000 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 Big Air 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:

If there are 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		

If there are 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

If there are 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.

Prize money distribution

The full amount of the advertised prize money shall be payable when a valid result stands as specified in the relevant subsections of the GKA Rulebook.

The KWT, the GKA and/or the event organizer have got the right to subtract the competitors' individual withhold-tax from the prizemoney to be paid out. The KWT, the GKA and/or the event organiser have got the right to pay the individual withhold-tax on behalf of the competitor to the national tax- authorities of the country in which the event takes place. The KWT, the GKA and/or the event organiser shall give all necessary information and documents of the tax-payment made to the competitor for his personal disposal.

Elimination ladders

24 Riders Dingle Ladder

ROUND # 1				ROUND # 2				ROUND # 2				SEMI-FINALS				FINALS			
Seed	HEAT # 1	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 2	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 3	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 4	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 5	Pos	Luc
10				210040				210040				210040				210040			
11				210041				210041				210041				210041			
6				210042				210042				210042				210042			
Seed	HEAT # 2	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 3	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 4	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 5	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 6	Pos	Luc
22				210043				210043				210043				210043			
14				210044				210044				210044				210044			
8				210045				210045				210045				210045			
Seed	HEAT # 2	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 3	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 4	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 5	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 6	Pos	Luc
10				210046				210046				210046				210046			
15				210047				210047				210047				210047			
7				210048				210048				210048				210048			
Seed	HEAT # 4	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 5	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 6	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 7	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 8	Pos	Luc
10				210049				210049				210049				210049			
11				210050				210050				210050				210050			
12				210051				210051				210051				210051			
3				210052				210052				210052				210052			
Seed	HEAT # 5	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 6	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 7	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 8	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 9	Pos	Luc
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12				210054				210054				210054				210054			
5				210055				210055				210055				210055			
Seed	HEAT # 6	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 7	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 8	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 9	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 10	Pos	Luc
21				210056				210056				210056				210056			
13				210057				210057				210057				210057			
4				210058				210058				210058				210058			
Seed	HEAT # 7	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 8	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 9	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 10	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 11	Pos	Luc
17				210059				210059				210059				210059			
9				210060				210060				210060				210060			
8				210061				210061				210061				210061			
Seed	HEAT # 8	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 9	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 10	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 11	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 12	Pos	Luc
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16				210063				210063				210063				210063			
1				210064				210064				210064				210064			
Seed	HEAT # 9	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 10	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 11	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 12	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 13	Pos	Luc
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16				210066				210066				210066				210066			
1				210067				210067				210067				210067			
21				210068				210068				210068				210068			
Seed	HEAT # 10	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 11	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 12	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 13	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 14	Pos	Luc
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1				210071				210071				210071				210071			
21				210072				210072				210072				210072			
Seed	HEAT # 11	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 12	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 13	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 14	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 15	Pos	Luc
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1				210075				210075				210075				210075			
21				210076				210076				210076				210076			
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21				210080				210080				210080				210080			
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21				210084				210084				210084				210084			
Seed	HEAT # 14	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 15	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 16	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 17	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 18	Pos	Luc
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16				210086				210086				210086				210086			
1				210087				210087				210087				210087			
21				210088				210088				210088				210088			
Seed	HEAT # 15	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 16	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 17	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 18	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 19	Pos	Luc
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16				210090				210090				210090				210090			
1				210091				210091				210091				210091			
21				210092				210092				210092				210092			
Seed	HEAT # 16	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 17	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 18	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 19	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 20	Pos	Luc
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16				210094				210094				210094				210094			
1				210095				210095				210095				210095			
21				210096				210096				210096				210096			
Seed	HEAT # 17	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 18	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 19	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 20	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 21	Pos	Luc
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16				210098				210098				210098				210098			
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21				210100				210100				210100				210100			
Seed	HEAT # 18	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 19	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 20	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 21	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 22	Pos	Luc
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16				210102				210102				210102				210102			
1				210103				210103				210103				210103			
21				210104				210104				210104				210104			
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16				210106				210106				210106				210106			
1				210107				210107				210107				210107			
21				210108				210108				210108				210108			
Seed	HEAT # 20	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 21	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 22	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 23	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 24	Pos	Luc
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16				210110				210110				210110				210110			
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21				210112				210112				210112				210112			
Seed	HEAT # 21	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 22	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 23	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 24	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 25	Pos	Luc
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21				210116				210116				210116				210116			
Seed	HEAT # 22	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 23	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 24	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 25	Pos	Luc	Seed	HEAT # 26	Pos	Luc
20				210117				210117				210117				210117			
16				210118				210118				210118				210118			
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12 Riders Dingle Ladder

Figure 1 displays 12 small charts (a-l) showing the percentage of correct answers for different rounds (ROUND 01 to ROUND 12) and questions (Q1 to Q12). Each chart has a Y-axis from 0 to 100 and an X-axis with categories: Pass, Fail, and Not Attempted. The charts show varying levels of success across rounds and questions, with some rounds showing high success rates (e.g., ROUND 01 Q1 at 100%) and others showing lower success rates (e.g., ROUND 12 Q12 at 0%).

Judging Big Air Discipline

Judging procedure

- The general judging rules are located in Chapter 21 of the GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook 2024.
- 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 favor 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 favor 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 favor of the competitor with the best individual score.

Big Air 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 C2 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, 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.

BIG AIR TRICKLIST – Page 89 in the rulebook

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...)	KLBRFO
One Foot	OF	Kite Loop Front Roll One Foot (1,2,3...)	KLFRFO
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...)	CLBRFO
Front Roll Tic Tac Flip (1,2,3...)	FRTTFL	Contra Loop Front Roll One Foot (1,2,3...)	CLFRFO
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...) a.k.a. Kung fu	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

Rulebook

The "GKA Kite World Tour Rulebook 2024" can be accessed by following this link -
<https://gkakiteworldtour.com/rulebooks/2024/GKA%20RULEBOOK%202024.pdf>

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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.

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