

International Kiteboarding Association

EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

1. General Requirements

- 1.1 All kiteboards and equipment entered in an IKA event may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant rules including Class Rules and these Equipment Regulations (ER), defined collectively as the Event Equipment Rules.
- 1.2 All kiteboards are required to comply with RRS 78.1 and Event Equipment Rules from 3 hours before the warning signal of the first race of the event. (hereinafter referred to as “Point Zero”) onwards. Non-compliance from Point Zero until the start of the first race shall be reported, protested and penalized as if it were discovered after racing on the first day on which races for that kiteboard have been completed.
- 1.3 Competitors are reminded that, in accordance with RRS 78.1, they are responsible for ensuring that their kiteboard and equipment is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and complies with the class rules at the time of the event.
- 1.4 All equipment and sails shall be certified and marked as required by the Class Rules.
- 1.5 Any changes to these ER will be approved and posted on the Official Noticeboard in accordance with the provisions governing the posting of changes to the Local Sailing Instructions (LSIs).

2. Equipment Limitation

- 2.1 All items of equipment subject to event limitation control will be marked with the official event stamp or sticker. Some items may receive two control marks, one in a readily visible position when afloat, and a second in a position protected from wear and tear. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported to the Chief Equipment Inspector so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 2.2 Competitors shall apply event limitation control stickers to specified equipment and sign a declaration of compliance prior to racing.
- 2.3 Event limitation control stickers shall be obtained from, and applied in accordance with instructions distributed at the Event Registration.

3. Repair and Replacement of Kiteboards and Equipment

- 3.1 Alterations, repairs or replacements shall not be made from Point Zero onwards without the prior written approval of the Equipment Inspector. However; alterations, repairs or replacements required afloat may be approved after the race, provided either the Race Committee or Equipment Inspector are notified before racing.
- 3.2 Equipment subject to inspection shall only be replaced if:
 - (a) The replacement was certified if required by the Class Rules before use, and
 - (b) The equipment being replaced has been severely damaged and cannot be repaired in the time available before the next race. However, equipment shall not be replaced if it has been deliberately mistreated, damaged or lost by the competitor or any associated person including Support Team Personnel.
- 3.3 Unless approved in writing by the Equipment Inspector repairs or alterations shall not be carried out in the equipment inspection areas.

3.4 Forms to request approval of alterations, repairs or replacement will be available from the Equipment Inspector or the Race Office.

4. Equipment Inspection

4.1 When instructed by an Equipment Inspector, a kiteboard shall proceed as requested to a designated area for inspection. A notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board identifying the kiteboards that have been selected for inspection and the time when they shall be presented in the Equipment Inspection Area.

4.2 A kiteboard representative shall be present at all times during equipment inspection. A kiteboard representative is defined as a member of the boat's crew, a team leader, support team personnel or nominated delegate. An interpreter may also be present if approved by the Equipment Inspector.

4.3 All kiteboards selected for equipment inspection shall be presented for inspection with the equipment specified on the notice board or requested by the Equipment Inspector.

4.4 Kiteboards and equipment shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry, clean and salt-free condition. Any item that is not in a condition to the satisfaction of the Equipment Inspector may be impounded by the EIC.

4.5 When a kiteboards has been selected for post-race inspection, no person shall join or leave the kiteboard without permission from the Equipment Inspector. No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the kiteboard without permission from the Equipment Inspector. The notified crew shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of the Equipment Inspector. After inspection of the crew clothing and equipment, at least one kiteboard representative shall remain present during the inspection of the boat. The Equipment Inspector may require the kiteboard to be impounded in order to dry out before its weight is checked.

5. Medal Series Equipment Inspection

5.1 On completion of the opening series, the kiteboards assigned to compete in the Platinum Fleet of the Medal Series may be subject to equipment inspection before racing in the Medal Series. This includes kiteboards that may qualify for the Medal Series following a protest or request for redress.

5.2 Kiteboards and Equipment to be presented before the Medal series will be posted on the Official Notice Board.