



EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

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1. General Requirements

- 1.1 All kiteboards and equipment entered in an IKA event where these Equipment Regulations apply may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant rules including Class Rules, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and these Equipment Regulations (ER), defined collectively as the Event Equipment Rules.
- 1.2 The Event Technical Committee (ETC) is responsible for all equipment inspection functions. The Chair of the Event Technical Committee may appoint one or more panels or persons to carry out the functions of the ETC. The ETC is the 'responsible authority' for the purposes of RRS 64.4 (b) and it shall be the authority for determining if equipment complies with the Event Equipment Rules and for interpreting the Class Rules during the Regatta.
- 1.3 Competitors shall complete the event equipment registration form before 1900 the day before the first scheduled day of equipment inspection.
- 1.4 If the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions so state, kiteboards (excluding personal equipment) shall be kept in their assigned places in the venue.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 Competitors are reminded that class rules require equipment to comply with their respective building specifications / construction manual. If the ETC determines after consultation with a World Sailing technical representative that equipment does not comply with its respective confidential building specification / construction manual, the ETC may require replacing the equipment and may decide to protest.
- 1.7 All equipment and kites shall be certified and marked as required by the Class Rules.
- 1.8 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 Technical Committee so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 2.2 Competitors shall apply event limitation marks to specified equipment prior to racing.
- 2.3 Event limitation marks shall be obtained from the registration office or Event Technical Committee and applied in accordance with instructions included in these regulations.
- 2.4 Unused event limitation marks shall be returned to the ETC before the end of the scheduled equipment inspection period.

- 2.4 All equipment shall have all event limitation marks (not WSCA stickers) from previous events removed or covered.

3. Repair and Replacement of Kiteboards and Equipment

- 3.1 Alterations, repairs or replacements shall not be made from 1900 the day before the first scheduled day of equipment inspection without the prior written approval of the ETC. However; alterations, repairs or replacements required afloat may be approved after the race, provided either the Race Committee or ETC are notified before racing.
- 3.2 Replacement items, and any item that has been repaired, shall carry event limitation marks, WSCA stickers, nationality flags and event advertising, as required. Replacement event limitation marks, WSCA stickers, nationality flags and event advertising are to be applied as soon as practicable.
- 3.3 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 accidentally lost, or 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.
- 3.4 Damaged and subsequently repaired equipment may only be used again when the replacement item is eligible for replacement as per ER 3.3.(b). As a result, equipment replacement is permanent. Temporary replacement is not permitted.
- 3.5 The Notice of Race may specify that
- (a) Kites shall only be replaced with kites of the same brand, make, and size, or
 - (b) Kites shall only be replaced with a kite of the same size range.
- If the Notice of Race does not make such provision, ER 3.5(b) shall apply.
- 3.6 The Event Technical Committee may consider bridles damaged beyond repair in time for the next race as damage to the kite, which may result in approval of a kite replacement. ER 3.4 applies accordingly to the kite/bridle combination.
- 3.7 Unless approved in writing by the Technical Committee, repairs or alterations shall not be carried out in the equipment inspection areas.

4. Pre-Event Equipment Inspection

- 4.1 When instructed by an Equipment Inspector, a kiteboard shall proceed as requested to a designated area for inspection. A notice may be posted on the Official Notice Board identifying the kiteboards that have been selected for inspection and the time when they must report to 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 kiteboard'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 Kiteboards selected for equipment inspection shall be presented for inspection with the equipment specified on the notice board or as 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.

5. Post-Race Equipment Inspection

- 5.1 At any time during the racing days, a kiteboard may be informed by an ETC member that it has been selected for equipment inspection. When hailed, the kiteboard shall move directly to the indicated area at the race area or at the venue.
- 5.2 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 kiteboard. The Equipment Inspector may require the kiteboard to be impounded in order to dry out before its weight is checked.

6. Medal Series Equipment Inspection (if applicable)

- 6.1 On completion of the opening series, kiteboards assigned to compete in 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.
- 6.2 Kiteboards shall be presented in accordance with ER 4.4 for equipment inspection 90 minutes before the warning signal time of their race in the designated Pit Lane Area, unless otherwise instructed by the ETC.
This includes kiteboards that may qualify for the Medal Race or Medal Series following a protest or request for redress.
- 6.3 After inspections, kiteboards shall not leave the designated Pit Lane Area before being permitted to go afloat.
- 6.4 If a race of the Medal Series is postponed or abandoned such that the kiteboards return to shore, the kiteboards shall return to and remain in the Pit Lane Area. If a race of the Medal Series is postponed or abandoned for the next day the procedure outlined in ER 6 shall be repeated.

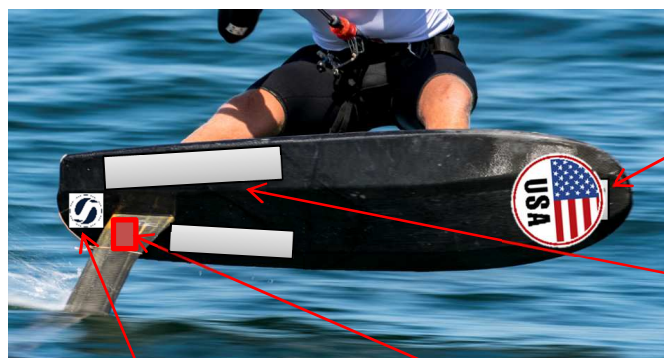
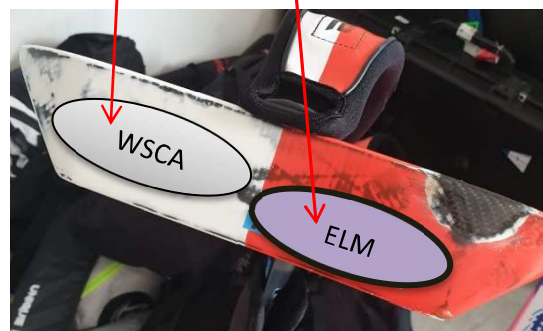
7. Placement of Event Limitation Marks (if applicable), WSCA Stickers and Branding



For Kites: WSCA Sticker and Event Limitation Mark (Formula Kite only)

Center cell, close to the leading or trailing edge (not covering any registered series production plaques and / or serial numbers)

For Hulls: WSCA Sticker and Event Limitation mark (Formula Kite only) on the transom



Hull Nationality insignia:
Nose (bottom) of the hull.

Event Sponsor Sticker: rear 30% on both sides of the hull

Class Insignia: behind the hydrofoil mast

Hydrofoil Systems: WSCA Sticker and Event Limitation Mark (Formula Kite only)

Stickers shall be placed on the STARBOARD side of the mast, app. 5cm from the top of the mast or in the dedicated places in the plaque.