



INFORMATION TO COMPETITORS FROM THE RACE COMMITTEE (INCLUDING RACE MANAGEMENT POLICIES)

This document does not in any way modify or replace the rules of the competition. It outlines the procedures and intentions that the race committee will apply at this competition.

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1. Times / Timing / Changes in Schedule

- a. Times will be based on UTC time
- b. The starting sequence will begin on an exact minute – hh:mm:00
- c. Starts will not be delayed for competitors to reach the racing area if they could have arrived with reasonable diligence.
- d. To alert kiteboards that a race or sequence of races will start soon, the orange starting line flag(s) will be displayed (with one sound signal) at least two minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- e. The orange starting line flags(s) will be removed (with no sound signal) one minute after the starting signal unless the race committee intends to make the warning signal for the next fleet to start within ten minutes of the previous start.
- f. The race committee will use the entire day if necessary, to complete the schedule.
- g. If the weather forecast suggests it is unlikely that racing will be possible on an upcoming day (too much or too little wind) the schedule may be changed to sail more races in a day. The number of races sailed will not become more than one race ahead of schedule and any change will be notified on the day before it is to take effect.
- h. The race committee will attempt to sail races not sailed on the scheduled day in the following days. However, a Final Series will not have more races than originally scheduled.

2. Decision to Race

- a. The race will be started at the scheduled time if the wind conditions and visibility are within the parameters outlined in these policies. Waiting for 'better' conditions may be unfair, and will be avoided.
- b. The race committee will not wait for the wind to 'stabilize'. Competitors can compete in "shifty" conditions.
- c. The start may be postponed if a major wind shift is expected based on a known pattern or other reliable information (example: sea breeze can be seen in the distance and is expected to fill in). Otherwise, the race committee will start the race. The wind shift may

not occur, the course can be corrected, or the shift may occur after the race is completed.

- d. Races will not be started in less than
 - i. KiteFoil and Formula Kite: an average of 6 knots of wind established over the entire course area.
 - ii. TT:R Slalom: an average of 10 knots of wind established over the entire course area.
 - iii. These lower limits may be higher if there is strong current in the racing area or lower wind speeds in the launching area.
- e. The average wind speed will be determined over a five-minute period from a drifting vessel.
- f. The average wind may be less than the windspeed indicated above in the launching area, but the race committee will ensure that all competitors have a fair chance to safely launch and leave the beach. This may be with the help of support person vessels if this can be ensured for all competitors. Otherwise, racing will be postponed.
- g. When there is a significant change in windspeed, competitors will be given the opportunity to change kites (this applies mainly when racing with only one fleet. When rotating through multiple fleets, competitors will normally have enough time to change kites before their next start). The race committee will display flag K with two sounds, meaning 'Kiteboards are given time to change their equipment. Races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after the flag is displayed.'
- h. When racing back-to-back, the interval between the finish line closure and the new warning signal for that group will not be less than 5 minutes. This may be varied according to conditions and the position of the finishing line.

3. Courses, Course Description, Starting Line

- a. The race committee will attempt to set the longest possible first leg within the constraints of the course area and the target time.
- b. The protector mark will be laid approximately 70m straight downwind of the windward mark.
- c. The length of the reaching leg between Marks 1 and 2 will be approximately two thirds of the length of leg 1. The reaching leg angle will be approximately 100° off the wind.
- d. The course to be sailed will be displayed no later than the warning signal. Competitors are advised that the course assignment can change until the warning signal.
- e. The digit behind the letters refers to the number of upwind legs that shall be sailed.
- f. The starting line will generally be laid with 5° bias to the pin end. Current, favoured side of the course, expected wind shifts and other variables may justify variation from this guideline in order to achieve an even spread on the starting line.
- g. The starting line length will be approximately 8-10m per competitor. A longer line may be used in strong winds or heavy seas
- h. For medal series races, the starting line will be approximately 80m long.

4. Starting Procedure

- a. Flag U will be used for the first start attempt.
- b. An important principle followed by the race committee is that the black flag will only be used when general recalls are caused by the kiteboards themselves, or rapid oscillations of the wind, and not by actions of the race committee.
- c. The race committee will make every effort to signal a postponement in the event of any problems with the starting line.
- d. The race committee will postpone the race during the starting procedure if the mean wind shifts more than 10 degrees or in the event other influences cause boats to bunch at one end of the start line. In rapid oscillations, the race committee will endeavor to lay a starting line based on the mean oscillations expected.
- e. The race committee will also consider postponing the start when more than 15% of the competitors are attempting to start on the opposite tack to the majority of the fleet.

5. Abandonment

- a. On the first half of the first leg, the race committee may abandon in the event of a persistent wind shift of more than 25 degrees. After that, the race committee will let the race continue if it is able to adjust the course to the changed conditions.
- b. Once a race has been started, the race committee will not abandon the race simply because the average wind speed increases beyond the stated limits. The race committee will consider abandoning the race if it is unable to safely manage racing.
- c. The race committee may abandon the race when it is unlikely that the leading kiteboard will complete the course within the overall time limit given the wind conditions at that point in time.
- d. The race committee may abandon the race the majority of the fleet is capsized due to a collapse of wind.
- e. The race committee will make every effort to ensure that other vessels do not interfere with racing. The race committee will consider abandoning the race if it determines that an outside influence has made the race unfair.
- f. During the medal series, when redress is not available, the race committee will abandon the race if it is satisfied that the actions of the race committee or the organising authority have affected the fairness of the race.

6. Recording OCS

- a. Where possible video recordings will be made of the start, otherwise voice recordings will be made.
- b. Competitors who have been scored UFD or BFD, and their coaches, may review the recording(s) of the applicable start(s). The race officer can be contacted through the race office.

7. Race Committee Protests

- a. Since the primary responsibility for protesting breaches of the rules rests with competitors, the race committee will not normally protest a kiteboard.
- b. The race committee may protest a kiteboard in the following circumstances:
 - A breach of a sailing instruction that may not be protested by another kiteboard;
 - An apparent breach of good sportsmanship (Rule 2);
 - Failing to take a penalty after knowingly touching the windward mark, without another kiteboard being able to protest
- c. The race committee will apply Standard Penalties for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [SP].

8. Scoring Inquiries

- a. Kiteboards that have been scored UFD, BFD or NSC are asked to first contact the race officer after racing during the protest time limit. In case of disagreement with the race officers decision competitors may then submit a request for request.
- b. In case of other scoring inquiries (i.e. wrongly recorded finishing position, DNC etc) competitors should first submit a scoring inquiry before submitting a request for redress.

9. Outside Assistance

- a. Competitors are advised that rescue / support vessels may be limited. It is the competitor's decision to accept outside assistance when offered. Competitors should keep in mind that it is often only possible to relaunch foil kites for a short period of time after capsizing. Competitors should consider accepting immediate relaunch assistance instead of trying to relaunch themselves until it is not possible to relaunch, resulting in rescue and the possibility to miss more than just the race in question.
- b. If a competitor is in doubt whether he complied with RRS 41 he should report the incident to the jury.
- c. Kites shall be changed only in the launching area.

10. Safety and Coach Boats

- a. The race committee may display code flag "Victor" at any time to release support vessels from their assigned place to aid rescue operations.
- b. The race committee may call individual support vessels to request assistance.
- c. To assist safety vessels the following signals should be used by competitors:

I require assistance

Wave an open palm on an outstretched arm



I am "OK" and do not require assistance

Make an open "O" by placing hand on head

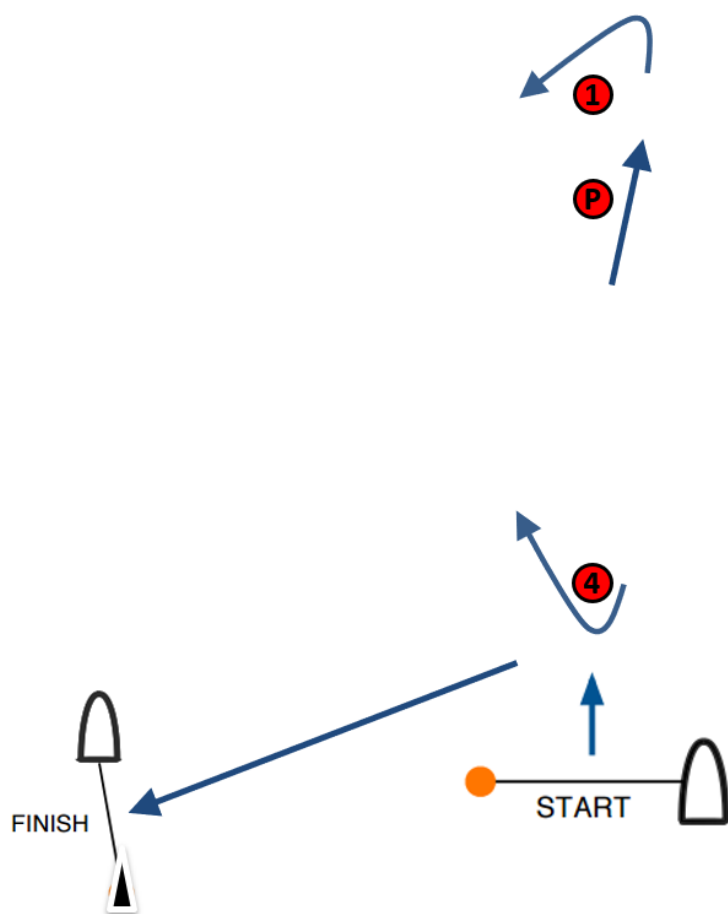


- d. Environmental factors (Lightning, sudden storms, dying wind etc) may require immediate evacuation of the racing area(s) to the shore.
- e. When Flag G is displayed from a Race Committee vessel, all kiteboards shall immediately return ashore and report as safe, and then wait there for further instructions.

11. Questions on Race Committee Procedure and Policy

Competitors, team leaders and coaches are welcome to discuss procedure and policy with the event Technical Director. He can be contacted through the Race Office.

Standard Courses – Formula Kite and KiteFoil Open

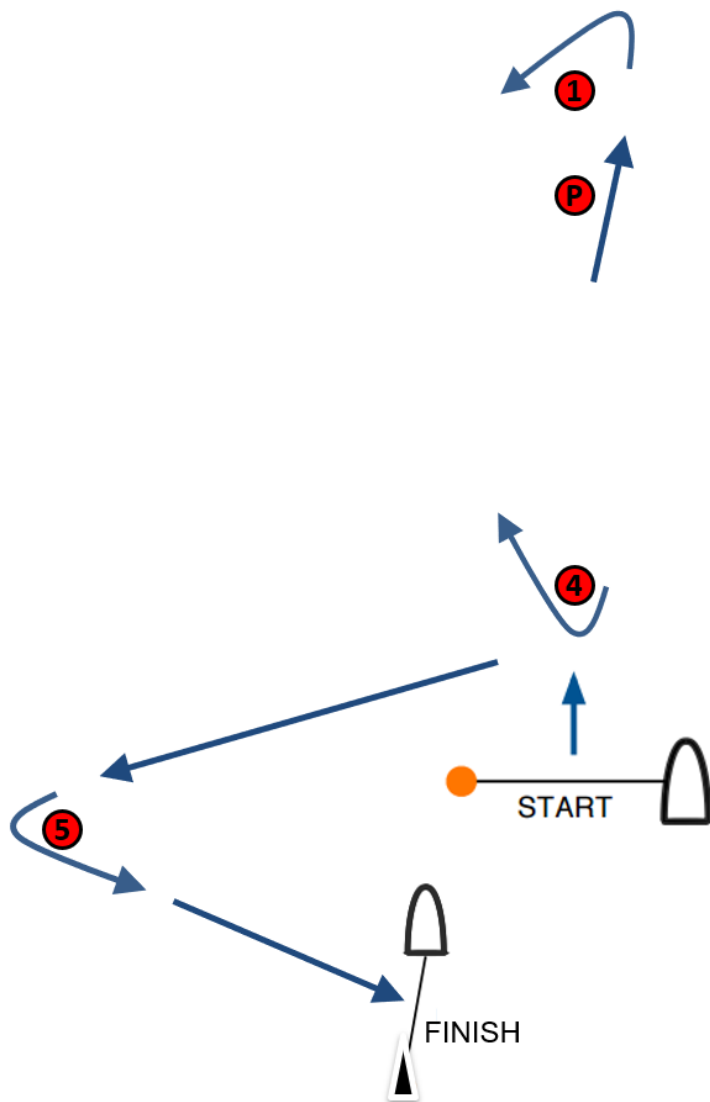


X 1: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Finish

X 2: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Finish

X 3: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Finish

All distances and course angles are approximate.

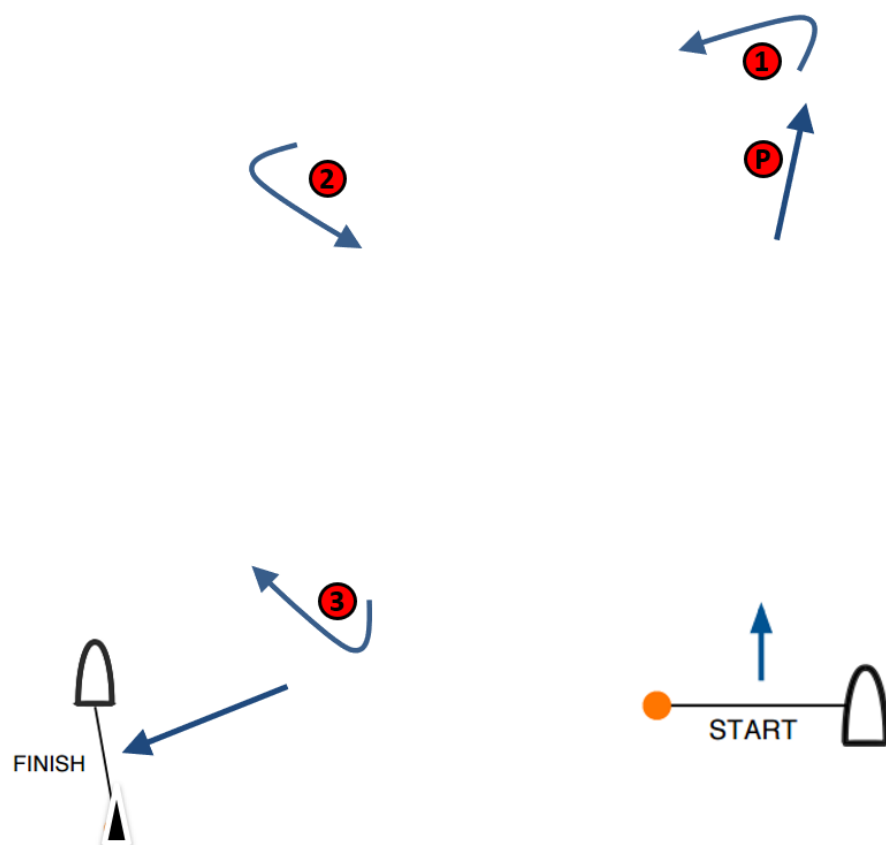


XS 1: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – 5p – Finish

XS 2: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – 5p – Finish

XS 3: Start – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – Pp – 1p – Pp – 4s – 5p – Finish

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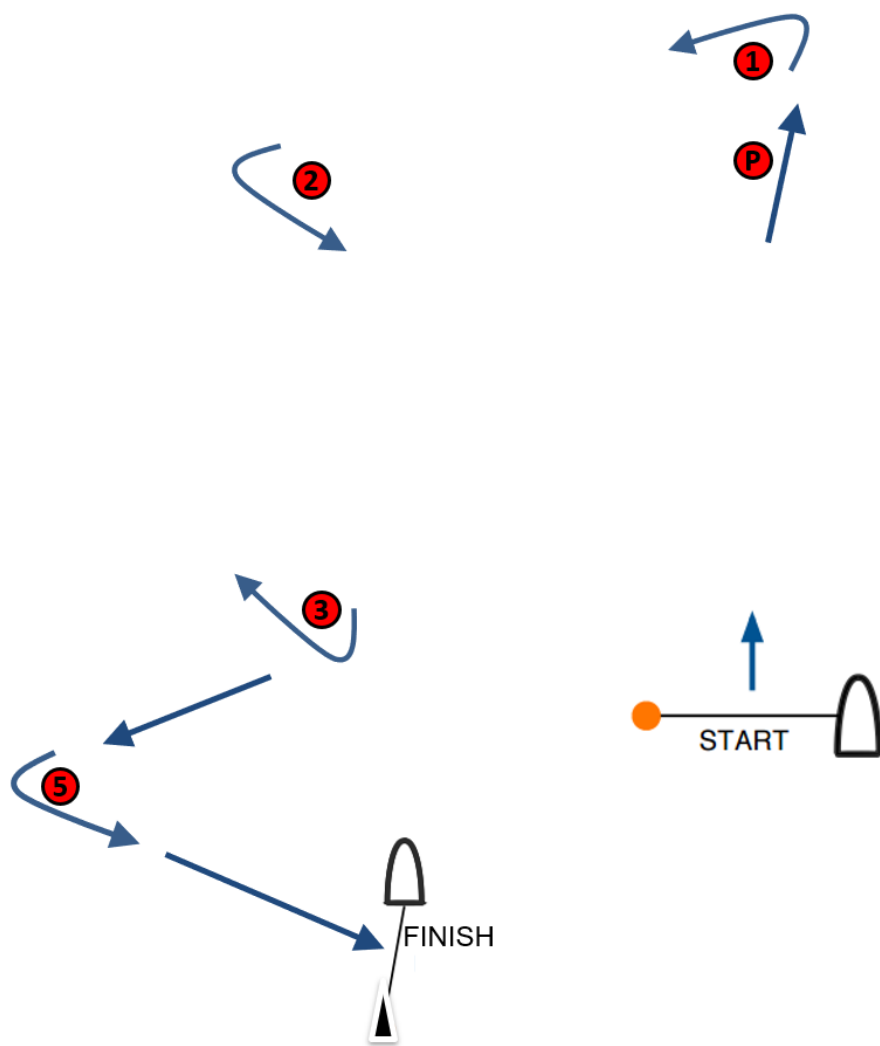


B 1: Start – Pp – 1p – 2p – 3s – Finish

B 2: Start – Pp – 1p – 2p – 3s – 2p – 3s – Finish

B 3: Start – Pp – 1p – 2p – 3s – 2p – 3s – 2p – 3s – Finish

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BS 1: Start – Pp – 1p – 2p – 3s – 5p – Finish

BS 2: Start – Pp – 1p – 2p – 3s – 2p – 3s – 5p – Finish

BS 3: Start – Pp – 1p – 2p – 3s – 2p – 3s – 2p – 3s – 5p – Finish

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