



## **INFORMATION TO COMPETITORS FROM THE EVENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

This document does not in any way modify or replace the rules of the competition.

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### **Why Event Equipment Inspection**

The objective of pre-event inspection and post-race inspection is to ensure that competitors use equipment that they have registered for the event and that equipment has not been changed, to ensure a level playing field. In an equipment driven sport it is important that competitors can trust that they win through their own skills, and not through an unfair equipment advantage.

However, event equipment inspections is NOT measurement – the fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a kiteboard does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the NoR/SI and Event Equipment Rules (ER).

### **Responsibility and accountability**

The class rules put a strong focus on the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that the equipment used in competition complies with the class rules. If equipment is found not to be compliant with the class rules, the competitor will be penalized.

### **Equipment Registration**

A fundamental concept of the “Registered Series Production Scheme” is that all equipment is mass produced and available to all competitors, and that competitors declare the equipment they intend to use before the start of the competition.

Competitors are required to submit an equipment registration form, either electronically or on paper as defined by the event equipment rules, by the time specified in the NoR/SI. There are penalties for missing, incomplete or wrongly submitted equipment registrations. In any case, all information must be available in full before the first race.

## **Before the first race**

All equipment used at this event is required to comply with the class rules from the time of the scheduled first warning signal.

The Technical Committee will publish a list of kiteboards to be inspected on the Official Notice Board as required by the event Rules.

The focus of the pre-race inspection is on the measurement-controlled equipment items (hull, weights) and safety equipment. All other equipment items are expected to be in compliance with the class rules and in the state that they have left the manufacturer (excluding repair, wear and tear). However, a visual inspection of the hydrofoil system should be expected by competitors to identify obvious deviations from the building specifications (for example through incorrect repair).

## **Post-race inspection**

Each day after racing, the Event Technical Committee may instruct kiteboards upon coming ashore to proceed immediately to the equipment inspection area or publish a list of equipment to be inspected on the Official Notice Board within the protest time limit.

It is not the Event Technical Committee selecting the competitors to be inspected. The finishing positions (not the names, nationalities, or brands) of the competitors to be inspected are determined prior to racing.

Note: If the Event Technical Committee observes a kiteboard clearly in breach of the Equipment Regulations or class rules, they may call the kiteboard irrespective of the finishing position.

## **What will be checked**

All items subject to equipment limitation – this includes the kites registered for the competition, the hull, and the hydrofoil system. This includes application of class insignia, event limitation marks, WSCA royalty stickers, nationality flags and event branding.

Personal equipment – especially helmets, impact vest / personal flotation devices, hook knives.

Rigging – especially quick release systems and lines.

## **What to do if my equipment is to be checked**

Competitors should be ready with all their equipment listed for inspection at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time to check in with the Event Technical Committee.

The pre-event measurement area has different stations:

- Station A: Check In
- Station B: Weighing ready to sail hull with hydrofoil system
- Station C: Visual inspection of the hydrofoil system and required event stickers.

- Station D (only at specific events or only for randomly selected competitors): Kites, Lines  
The Technical Committee will specify if and which competitors will be selected for additional inspection.

For post-race measurements, the Event Technical Committee will specify the equipment to be checked.

## **Penalties**

Non-compliance with the class rules or equipment regulations will result in a standard penalty, or in a protest by the Event Technical Committee. If protested, the penalty for any breach may incur a penalty less than disqualification. However, the final decision is at the discretion of the Protest Committee, who evaluates each individual situation. Penalties for knowingly breaking the class rules or equipment regulations may result in severe penalties.

Some breaches of the class rules are marked as [SP] in the NoR/SI and penalties will be applied without a hearing. This applies especially for all “sticker” related breaches.

## **Repair and Replacement of Kiteboards and Equipment**

Alterations, repairs or replacements shall not be made without the prior written approval of the Event Technical Committee (which may be through an electronic system). However, alterations, repairs or replacements required afloat may be approved after the race, provided either the Race Committee or Technical Committee are notified before racing.

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, option (b) is the class rules default.

The Event Technical Committee may consider bridles damaged beyond repair in time for the next race as a damage to the kite, which may result in approval of a kite replacement.

Damaged and subsequently repaired equipment may only be used again when the replacement item is eligible for replacement. As a result, equipment replacement is permanent. Temporary replacement is not permitted.