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ADDENDUM FMR

KITEBOARDING MEDAL SERIES WITH REFEREES

This addendum may be used for kiteboarding medal series races when the notice of race so states

FMR 1 PRINCIPLES OF REFEREEING

The protest committee may appoint referees, including protest committee members. Referees shall observe racing, initiate protests and give penalties without a hearing in accordance with rule FMR 3. A person with a significant *conflict of interest* shall not be appointed as a referee.

FMR 2 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

FMR 2.1 Rule WF5 except WF5 70.6 is deleted.

FMR 2.2 Kiteboards may not request redress.

FMR 2.3 Kiteboards may not protest another kiteboard, except if flag P is displayed at the finishing area.

FMR 2.4 When flag P is displayed at the finishing area, a kiteboard may protest another kiteboard, but not for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 unless she was involved in the incident. There is no requirement to inform the protestee, however she shall inform a member of a *committee* before flag B is removed from the finish line vessel.

FMR 3 ACTIONS BY THE PROTEST COMMITTEE AND REFEREES

FMR 3.1 When a protest committee or a referee appointed under rule FMR1 decide, based on their own observations, that a kiteboard has broken a rule and did not take an appropriate penalty, they shall penalize her without a hearing. Penalties shall be in accordance with rule FMR5.2 and FMR5.3.

FMR 3.2 A referee appointed under rule FMR1 may call a hearing to consider redress for a kiteboard based on their own observations.

FMR 4 SCORING INFORMATION

FMR 4.1 At the finishing line, the race committee will display each kiteboard's finishing place or score in the race, together with flag B and one sound. The scoring information and flag B will be displayed for at least one minute and removed with one sound.

FMR 4.2 When the race score of a kiteboard may be different to her finishing position, the race committee will also display a yellow flag at the finishing line which shall remain displayed until all proceedings that may change a kiteboard's score are completed.

FMR 4.3 If the race committee changes the scoring information while flag B is

displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. The scoring information and flag B will continue to be displayed for one minute after any change is made.

FMR 5 PENALTIES

- FMR 5.1 A kiteboard involved in an incident may acknowledge breaking a rule for which she is not exonerated by promptly taking a penalty in accordance with rule WF44.
- FMR 5.2 If a kiteboard is penalized by a referee or protest committee, her penalty shall be either:
- (a) 1.1 points score penalty added to her race score or
 - (b) disqualification from the race.
- FMR 5.3 A kiteboard will be disqualified when the referees or the protest committee decide that a kiteboard
- (a) caused injury, serious damage or a tangle, or,
 - (b) despite taking a penalty, either gained a significant advantage or caused a significant disadvantage in the race or series to another kiteboard by her breach, or
 - (c) deliberately breaks a rule, or
 - (d) commits a breach of sportsmanship,
- The referees may report the incident to the protest committee for further action.

FMR 6 HEARINGS AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS

- FMR 6.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by a referee.
- FMR 6.2 The race committee will not protest a kiteboard.
- FMR 6.3 The protest committee may protest, or request redress for, a kiteboard.
- FMR 6.4 The technical committee will not protest a kiteboard, except when it decides that a kiteboard or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. The time limit for protests under this rule is the same as in rule FMR 4.1. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is a good reason to do so.
- FMR 6.5
- (a) *Protests* and requests for redress need not be in writing.
 - (b) The protest committee may schedule the hearing, inform the parties of the time and place of the hearing, take evidence, conduct the hearing, and communicate its decision in any way it considers appropriate, which may be orally.
- FMR 6.6 A hearing shall not be reopened based on a request of a *party* to that hearing.