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# International Kiteboarding Association - SNOWKITE CLASS



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# INTRODUCTION

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**The IKA Snowkite Class rules are meant to regulate the equipment used in snowkite events.**

*The aim of the rules is to enable vessels to compete regardless if they are factory or custom made with certain restraints.*

*Development of equipment within the limitation of these class rules is encouraged.*

*After IKA Snowkite equipment has left the manufacturer, it may only be altered to the extent permitted in Section C of these class rules.*

*Owners and Crews shall be aware that compliance with rules in Section C is the responsibility of the competitor. Rules regulating the use of equipment during a race are contained in Section C of these class rules, in ERS Part I and in the Racing Rules of Sailing.*

*This introduction only provides an informal background and the IKA Snowkite Class Rules proper begin on the next page.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

**CLASS RULES IN THIS CHAPTER ARE CLOSED CLASS RULES WHERE IF IT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT YOU MAY, THEN YOU SHALL NOT.**

COMPONENTS, AND THEIR USE, ARE DEFINED BY THEIR DESCRIPTION.

# PART I – ADMINISTRATION

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## Section A – General

### A.1 LANGUAGE

- A.1.1 The official language of the class is English and in case of dispute over translation the English text shall prevail.
- A.1.2 The word “shall” is mandatory and the word “may” is permissive.
- A.1.3 Except where used in headings, when a term is printed in “**bold**” the definition in the ERS applies, and when a term is printed in “*italics*” the definition in the RRS applies.

### A.2 ABBREVIATIONS

- A.2.1 WS World Sailing
- MNA WS Member National Authority
- WSCA World Sailing Class Association
- SK IKA Snowkite Class
- IKA International Kiteboarding Association
- NCA National Class Association
- RRS Racing Rules of Sailing
- ERS Equipment Rules of Sailing

### A.3 AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A.3.1 The international authority of the class is the World Sailing which shall co-operate with the IKA in all matters concerning these **class rules**.
- A.3.2 Neither WS nor IKA nor SK accept any legal responsibility in respect of these class rules or any claim arising therefrom.

### A.4 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLASS

- A.4.1 The class is administered by the International Kiteboarding Association.

### A.5 WORLD SAILING RULES

- A.5.1 These **class rules** shall be read in conjunction with the ERS.

### A.6 CLASS RULES VARIATIONS

- A.6.1 At class events – see RRS 89.1.d) – World Sailing Regulation 10.5(f) applies.  
At all other events RRS 87 applies.

### A.7 CLASS RULES AMENDMENTS

- A.7.1 Amendments to these **class rules** are subject to the approval of World Sailing in accordance with the World Sailing Regulations

### A.8 CLASS RULES INTERPRETATIONS

- A.8.1 Interpretation of **class rules** shall be made in accordance with the World Sailing Regulations

## Section B – EQUIPMENT ELIGIBILITY

For IKA Snowkite (SK) equipment to be eligible for *racing* it shall comply with the rules in this section

### B.1 LICENSED MANUFACTURERS

Reserved for future use

### B.2 HULL IDENTIFICATION

Reserved for future use

### B.3 KITE IDENTIFICATION

Reserved for future use

### B.4 EVENT INSPECTION

(a) For the purpose of RRS 78, **crew** is considered to be the owner.

(b) The role of **Equipment Inspectors** at an event is to ensure compliance with these **class rules**. Where an **equipment inspector** determines that an item of equipment needs further investigation they shall use whatever inspection methods they deem appropriate, including comparison with a standard or a sample of other equipment presented for inspection. Should this comparison reveal deviation greater than the Inspector considers being within manufacturing tolerances, this shall be reported to technical representatives of World Sailing, IKA and Manufacturer for investigation and a decision on the legality of the equipment. If this investigation takes longer than the time available for inspection, the owner shall present alternative equipment for inspection.

### B.5 EVENT LIMITATION MARKS

B.5.1 All items of a **crew's** equipment which are subject to control, as per the schedule on the Regatta Equipment Registration Form, and which require **event limitation marks** shall be so marked.

B.5.2 Some items of equipment may receive **two event limitation marks**, one in a readily visible position and a second in a position protected from wear and tear.

# PART II – REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

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The **crew** and **equipment** shall comply with the Rules in Part II when *racing*. In case of conflict Section C shall prevail

The rules in Part II are **closed class rules** as defined in the ERS. Equipment inspection shall be carried out in accordance with the ERS except where varied in this part

## Section C – Conditions for Racing

### C.1 GENERAL

#### C.1.1 LIMITATIONS

During an event, either

- a) any skis; or
  - b) any snowboard
- may be used.

### C.2 CREW

#### C.2.1 LIMITATIONS

- (a) The **crew** shall consist of one person.

#### C.2.2 MEMBERSHIP

- (a) No **crew** is permitted to race at a National or International Regatta unless he/she is a member of his/her NCA. If there is no NCA, then the **crew** shall be a member of the IKA.

#### C.2.3 AGE DIVISIONS

- (a) OPEN – Men and Women of any age
- (b) JUNIOR (U17) - Boys and Girls under the age of 17 years on 31 December of the year of the event.
- (c) YOUTH (U21) - Boys and Girls under the age of 21 years on 31 December of the year of the event.
- (d) MASTERS (35+) – Men and Women above the age of 34 years on 1 January of the year of the event.
- (e) GRAND MASTERS (50+) – Men and Women above the age of 49 years on 1 January of the year of the event.

#### C.2.3 EQUIPMENT DIVISIONS

- (a) Ski
- (b) Snowboard

### **C.3 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

C.3.1 **Personal equipment** does not have to be produced by a licensed manufacturer

#### **C.3.2 SAFETY AND LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**

- (a) A detachable kite leash with a leash safety release, capable of fully flagging out the kite, shall be used and worn as intended. The Notice of Race and the Sailing instructions may change this rule.
- (b) In accordance with RRS 1.2 the following provision is made: The **crew** does not have to wear or carry on board a **Personal Flotation Device** unless RRS 40 applies or the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions specifies it. The **Personal Flotation Device** shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 and if prescribed, the **crew** shall wear it. Alternative or additional standards may be prescribed in the Notice of Race.
- (c) A helmet to the minimum standard EN1385 or EN1077 or equivalent, brightly coloured, shall be worn at all times when *racing*, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. If prescribed by the Notice of Race, the crew shall display nationality flags on the helmet as instructed by the Notice of Race.

#### **C.3.3 OPTIONAL**

In addition to food and personal effects to keep warm and/or dry, and/or to protect the body, the following may be carried on board:

- (a) Any harness.
- (c) Any container for holding beverages in accordance with RRS Appendix F 43.1(a)
- (d) Any electronic or mechanical timing device
- (e) Any heart rate monitoring device
- (f) Any electronic or mechanical compass
- (g) A whistle, compliant with ISO 12402-8 or equivalent, securely attached to the competitor.

### **C.4 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT**

C.4.1 **Portable equipment** does not have to be produced by a licensed manufacturer.

#### **C.4.2 OPTIONAL**

- (a) Any camera recording equipment and attachments, removable for weighting. The Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may change this rule.
- (b) Any GPS tracking device, removable for weighting. The Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may change this rule.

### **C.5 IDENTIFICATION**

Competitors shall comply with RRS F9

## C.6 ADVERTISING

### C.6.1 LIMITATIONS

Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

## C.7 HULL

### C.7.1 GENERAL

Any ski or snowboard may be used.

## C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

Not in use

## C.9 RIGGING

### C.9.1 BARS

(a) Any handle bar may be used.

(b) Handle bars shall have a quick release system that allow to disconnect the handle bar from the harness with a single hand movement.

### C.9.2 LINES

(a) Any lines may be used.

(b) *Front lines* shall have a *depowering device*.

### C.9.3 BRIDLES

(a) Any *bridles* may be used.

### C.9.4 DIMENSIONS

The maximum distance measured from the lowermost point of the *rigging* to any part of the kite, when rigged, shall be 25000 mm.

	Maximum Diameter	Minimum Diameter
<i>Front Lines</i>		1.2mm
<i>Back Lines</i>		0.8mm

### C.9.5 MATERIALS

a) *Flying lines* shall be made of dynema or spectra or generic materials

b) *Bridles* if used shall be made of Carbon, Kevlar, Poly-aramid, dynema or spectra or generic materials

## C.10 KITE

### C.10.1 GENERAL

Any **kite** may be used

### C.10.2 IDENTIFICATION

If prescribed by the Notice of Race each **kite** shall carry nationality flags as instructed by the Notice of Race.



## **Section D – Hull**

Not in Use

## **Section E – Hull Appendages**

Not in Use

## **Section F – Rigging**

Not in Use

## **Section G – Kite**

### G.1 GENERAL

#### G.1.1 MATERIALS

- a) The outside shell of the *front tube* (if any), the *canopy*, and the outside shell of the *struts* (if any) shall be made out of woven ply
- b) Reinforcements, *battens*, tapes may be made out of other material.
- c) *Bladders* shall be made out of TPU, PU or PVC materials

#### G.1.2 SIZE

Reserved for future use.

#### G.1.3 SIZE DECLARATION

Reserved for future use.

#### G.1.4 IDENTIFICATION

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