

DECISION

Request No.: 21

Request for Redress

Event: 2022 Formula Kite World Championships Race Number: Q6
Hearing Schedule: 2022-10-13 17:50

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 21: FK - Men - AUT 149 - Valentin Bontus

Race Committee

Witnesses: Video and photos

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The coach of AUT 149, Luca Burrsic attended the hearing as an observer,
AUT 149 presented video evidence from his head camera.

FACTS FOUND

1. During the 2 upwind in race Q6 for Yellow fleet, AUT 149 was sailing with 21 knots of speed and hit a small transparent 2 liter plastic bottle anchored above the waterline.
2. AUT 149 hurt his knee and damaged the glider front part of the foil, due to the contact with the water bottle.
3. The bottle was first visible from a distance of less than 10 meters.
4. Before race Q6 the RC was not aware of the bottle in the racing area.
5. The racing area is approximately 1,2 million sqm.
6. The coach tried to search for the object after the incident but was not able to find it.
7. After the incident neither AUT 149 or his coach reported the object to the RC or the OA.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 62.1(a)

1. It is not possible for the RC to sweep the entire race area for anchored transparent 2 liter plastic bottles, that the coach could also not find after the incident.
2. There was neither an improper action nor omission of the race committee or organizing authority. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1(a) are not met.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-10-13 18:16 CEST

Redress not given

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Line Juhl (DEN)

Committee Members: Jacob Andersen (DEN), Arnaud Mante (FRA), Andres Perez (ESP), Antonio Gonzalez de la Madrid (ESP)