



## **INFORMATION TO COMPETITORS FROM THE 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).

## **Post-race inspection**

Each day after racing, the 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 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 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 Technical Committee.

The pre-event measurement area has different stations:

- Station A: Check In
- Station B: Weighing of hull, ready-to-sail hull and hydrofoil system
- Station C: Personal Safety Equipment
- Station D (only at specific events): Kites

For post-race measurements, the 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 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.

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

Alterations, repairs or replacements shall not be made without the prior written approval of the 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.

From 01 January 2023, requests for replacement of kites will only be approved for kites of the same make, model, and size.