

APPENDIX BB–Version 4 (January 2012)

KITEBOARD RACING RULES

Kiteboard races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. The term ‘boat’ elsewhere in the racing rules means ‘kiteboard’ or ‘boat’ as appropriate.

The rules for other kiteboard racing formats (such as Kitecross, Slalom, Boarder X) or other kiteboard competitions (such as Expression, Freestyle, Wave, Speed) are not included in this appendix. However, for Slalom races and Expression and Speed Competition, the rules for such events in Appendix B apply.

DEFINITIONS

The definitions *Finish*, *Keep Clear*, *Leeward* and *Windward*, *Mark-Room*, *Obstruction*, *Start*, and *Tack*, *Starboard* or *Port* are deleted and replaced by:

Finish A kiteboard *finishes* when, while the competitor is in contact with the hull, any part of her hull, or the competitor in normal position, crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark*, either for the first time or after taking a Turn Penalty under rule 44 or correcting an error made at the finishing line under rule 28.1.

Keep Clear One kiteboard *keeps clear* of another if the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding actions and, when the kiteboards are *overlapped* on the same *tack*, if the *leeward* kiteboard can move her kite in any direction or change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the *windward* kiteboard.

Leeward and Windward A kiteboard’s *leeward* side is the side that is or, when she is head to wind, was away from the wind. However, when sailing by the lee or directly downwind, her *leeward* side is the side on which her kite lies. The other side is her *windward* side. When two kiteboards on the same *tack* *overlap*, the one whose hull is

on the *leeward* side of the other's hull is the *leeward* kiteboard. The other is the *windward* kiteboard.

Mark-Room *Mark-Room* for a kiteboard is *room* to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark*. However, *mark-room* does not include *room* to tack unless the kiteboard is *overlapped* inside and to *windward* of the boat required to give her *mark-room*.

Obstruction An object that a kiteboard could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and 10 metres from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also *obstructions*. However, a kiteboard *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other kiteboards unless they are required to *keep clear* of her or, if rule 22 applies, avoid her. A vessel under way, including a kiteboard *racing*, is never a continuing *obstruction*.

Start A kiteboard *starts* when, her hull and the competitor having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull, or the competitor crosses the starting line in the direction of the first *mark*.

Tack, Starboard or Port A kiteboard is on the *tack*, *starboard* or *port*, corresponding to the competitor's hand that would be forward if the competitor were in standard riding position (riding heel side with both hands on the control bar). A kiteboard is on *starboard tack*, when the competitor's right hand would be forward and is on the *port tack* when the competitor's left hand would be forward.

The definition *Zone* is deleted.

Add the following definitions:

About to Round or Pass A kiteboard is *about to round or pass* a *mark* when her *proper course* is to begin to manoeuvre to round or pass it.

Capsized A kiteboard is *capsized* if

- (a) her kite is in the water,
- (b) her lines are tangled with another kiteboard's lines,
or
- (c) the competitor has, clearly by accident and for a significant period of time,
 - (1) fallen into the water or
 - (2) become disconnected from the hull.

Jumping A kiteboard is *jumping* when her hull, its appendages and the competitor are clear of the water.

Looping A kite is *looping* when it is being flown in a single loop or in a pattern of repeated loops, clockwise, counter clockwise or alternating between the two.

X1 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 1

[No changes.]

X2 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 2

Rule 13 is changed to:

13 EXCEPTIONS TO RULES 10, 11 AND 12

- 13.1** When a kiteboard changes *tack* on an upwind leg, she shall *keep clear* of other kiteboards until she is moving on a close-hauled course. During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two kiteboards are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall *keep clear*.
- 13.2** If two kiteboards converge while sailing downwind and it is not possible under rule 10, 11 or 12 to determine which one has right of way,
- (a) if they are *overlapped*, the one on the other's starboard side shall *keep clear*.
 - (b) if they are not *overlapped*, the one *clear astern* shall *keep clear*.
- 13.3** When sailing downwind, if one kiteboard is *looping* her kite and another is not, the kiteboard that is *looping* her kite shall *keep clear* of the one that is not.

During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two kiteboards are *looping* their kites at the same time, then the kiteboard required to *keep clear* under rule 10, 11 or 12 shall do so.

Rule 16 is changed to:

16 CHANGING COURSE OR KITE POSITION

16.1 When a right-of-way kiteboard changes course or the position of her kite, she shall give the other kiteboard *room to keep clear*.

16.2 In addition, when after the starting signal a *port-tack* kiteboard is *keeping clear* by sailing to pass astern of a *starboard-tack* kiteboard, the *starboard-tack* kiteboard shall not change course or the position of her kite if as a result the *port-tack* kiteboard would immediately need to change course or the position of her kite to continue *keeping clear*.

Rule 17 is deleted.

Rule 18 is changed as follows:

The first sentence of rule 18.1 is changed to:

Rule 18 begins to apply between kiteboards when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is *about to round or pass* it. The rule no longer applies after the kiteboard entitled to *mark-room* has passed the *mark*.

Rule 18.2(b) is changed to:

(b) If kiteboards are *overlapped* when the first of them is *about to round or pass* the *mark*, the outside kiteboard at that moment shall thereafter give the inside kiteboard *mark-room*. If a kiteboard is *clear ahead* when she is *about to round or pass* the *mark*, the kiteboard *clear astern* at that moment shall thereafter give her *mark-room*.

Rule 18.2(c) is changed to:

- (c) When a kiteboard is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(b), she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins.

Rule 18.3 is deleted.

Rule 18.4 is changed to:

18.4 Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way kiteboard must gybe or bear away at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she gybes or bears away she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.4 does not apply at a gate *mark*.

The title of rule 21 is changed to:

21 STARTING ERRORS; TAKING PENALTIES; JUMPING

Rule 21.3 is changed and a new rule 21.4 is added:

21.3 During the last minute before her starting signal, a kiteboard that significantly slows down or stops, or one that is not making material forward progress, shall *keep clear* of all others unless she is accidentally *capsized*.

21.4 A kiteboard that is *jumping* shall *keep clear* of a kiteboard that is not. During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two kiteboards are *jumping* at the same time, then the kiteboard required to *keep clear* under rule 10, 11 or 12 shall do so.

Rule 22 is changed to:

22 CAPSIZED OR AGROUND; RESCUING

22.1 If possible, a kiteboard shall avoid a kiteboard that is *capsized* or has not regained control after *capsizing*, is aground, or is trying to help a person or vessel in danger.

22.2 A kiteboard that is *capsized* or aground shall not act in a way that hinders another kiteboard.

X3 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 3

In rule 30.3, change ‘sail number’ to ‘competitor number’.

Rule 31 is deleted.

X4 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 4

Add new rules 41(e) and 41(f):

(e) help from another kiteboard, who is also competing, to assist a relaunch;

(f) that she may change equipment, but only in the launching area.

Rule 42 is changed to:

42 PROPULSION

A kiteboard shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the kite, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted actions of the competitor. However, the competitor shall not make material forward progress by paddling, swimming or walking.

Add to rule 43.1(a): ‘However, a competitor may wear a drinking container that shall have a capacity of at least one litre and weigh no more than 1.5 kilograms when full.’

Rule 43.2 is deleted.

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed to:

44.1 Taking a Penalty

A kiteboard may take a 360°-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while *racing*. Sailing instructions may specify the use of some other penalty. However, if the kiteboard caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

44.2 360°-Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a 360°-Turn Penalty by promptly turning 360° with her hull in the water and with no requirement for a tack or a gybe. When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before *finishing*.

In rule 44.3(a), change ‘displaying a yellow flag’ to ‘hailing “Accept penalty”’.

In rule 44.3(b), replace the first two sentences with: ‘When a kiteboard has taken a Scoring Penalty, she shall inform the race committee at the finishing line of that fact and of the identity of the other kiteboard involved in the incident.’

In rule 44.3(c), change ‘20%’ to ‘10%’.

Rules 45, 47.2, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 54 are deleted.

X5 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 5

The first three sentences of rule 61.1(a) are changed to:

A kiteboard intending to protest shall inform the other kiteboard at the first reasonable opportunity. When her *protest* concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall hail ‘Protest’. She shall inform the race committee of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she *finishes* or retires.

Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.

For a race of an elimination series that will qualify a boat to compete in a later stage of an event, rules 63.6 and 65.2 are deleted and rule 61.2 is changed to:

Protests and requests for redress shall be made orally to a member of the protest committee as soon as reasonably possible following the race. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

Add new rule 62.1(e):

- (e) *capsizing* because of the action of a kiteboard that was breaking a rule of Part 2.

Rule 70.5(a) is changed to:

- (a) it is essential to determine promptly the result of a race of an elimination series that will qualify a boat to compete in a later stage of an event;

X6 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 6

[No changes.]

X7 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 7

The last sentence of rule 90.2(c) is changed to: ‘Oral instructions may be given only if the procedure is stated in the sailing instructions.’

X8 CHANGES TO APPENDIX A

Add to rule A2: ‘If an event includes more than one discipline or format, the sailing instructions shall state how the overall score is to be calculated.’

Rule A8 is changed to:

A8 SERIES TIES

A8.1 If there is a series-score tie between two or more kiteboards, it shall be broken in favour of the kiteboard(s) with the best single excluded race score(s).

A8.2 If a tie remains between two or more kiteboards, each kiteboard’s race scores, including excluded scores, shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the kiteboard(s) with the best score(s).

A8.3 If a tie still remains between two or more kiteboards, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the

tied kiteboards' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

X9 CHANGES TO APPENDIX G

Appendix G is changed to:

Appendix G – Identification on Competitors

Every kiteboard shall be identified as follows:

- (a) Each competitor shall be provided with and wear a shirt with a personal competition number of no more than three digits.
- (b) The numbers shall be displayed on the front and back of the shirts and be at least 15 cm high.
- (c) The numbers shall be Arabic numerals, all of the same solid colour, clearly legible and in a commercially available typeface giving the same or better legibility as Helvetica. The colour of the numbers shall contrast with the colour of the shirt.