



Championship Rules 2012 – Course Racing

1. Number of Races; Time Limits and Target Times; Wind Speeds
 - a. Number of Races
 - i. No more than 6 races per day per fleet shall be raced
 - ii. No more than 3 races shall be raced back to back
 - b. Time Limits and Target Times (may be adjusted depending on conditions)
 - i. The time limit for the first racer to reach the first mark is 10 minutes
 - ii. The time limit for the first racer to finish the course is 40 minutes
 - iii. The target time for the first finisher is 15 minutes
 - iv. The finish time limit shall be 10 minutes depending on fleet and conditions
 - v. Finish times shall be taken separately for each division
 - c. Wind Speeds
 - i. If the wind speed is less than 6 knots average in the starting area during the last minute prior to the starting signal during the time between the preparation signal and the starting signal, or the wind speed is dropping below 5 knots at any time during the last minute prior to the starting signal, the start shall be postponed and a new starting sequence initiated as soon as the wind strength is sufficient.
 - ii. Wind speeds shall be taken from a drifting boat from approximately 2 meters above the sea surface. If a drifting boat is not available, the current shall be measured and calculated to establish the minimum wind speed requirement.
 - iii. If possible, the wind speed shall be measured also on the windward mark during the times when 1.c.i applies
 - iv. The race shall be abandoned if a notable number of competitors is capsized due to insufficient wind. This decision, taken by the race officer, is not appealable and not a reason for a request for redress.

2. Equipment

All equipment used in international course racing events must be included on the relevant IKA production equipment list for boards and kites on the first day of the event latest. It is each competitors sole responsibility that the equipment on which he is racing complies with the class rules.

Attention is drawn to the IKA class rules in their latest version.

 - a. A production board is a board that has been registered with the IKA and fits into the new box rule. This means it must not exceed certain measurements (70 cm wide and 190cm long), and it needs to be built in a series production process (which means that all boards are close to identical), of at least 30 pieces per model



- b. The same applies to kites, they have to be production manufactured in a series production process of at least 50 pieces per model (for sizes 10m and bigger) and 15 pieces for smaller kites.
 - c. Only three kites are to be registered for an event. Only one board will be allowed to be used at an event.
 - d. When registering for an international event (on site at the registration day) the board and kites to be used during the competition must be registered. Equipment inspection will take place randomly during the competition days, however it is the responsibility of every competitor to have a look if one of his competitors is using equipment that he either did not register or which is not production. In this he might protest the other competitor.
3. Fleet or Group Racing
 - a. Where there are 60 or fewer competitors registered, they shall race together in one fleet
 - b. Where there are between 61 and 100 competitors entered, the class representative shall decide whether they shall race in one fleet or if the fleet shall be separated by division
 - c. Where there are more than 100 competitors registered in one division, they shall race in groups in a qualifying series followed by a final series
 - d. For group racing, the competitors of each division shall be divided into two, three or four groups of equal ability
 - e. The decision of the class representative is final
4. Courses
 - a. Recommended courses are:
 - i. Windward/Leeward
 - ii. Windward/Leeward with Offset-Mark
 - iii. Windward/Leeward with Leeward GatesAnd their variations (including trapezoid course configurations)
 - b. The course area is defined as an area extending 75 meters beyond the course including the starting line and its extensions
5. Recalls
 - a. Recalls

Races shall only use general recalls. The black flag rule is enforced for every start
6. Scoring and Discards
 - a. Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendix BB – with the winner of a race taking 0.7 points instead of 1 point.



- b. Discards shall be as follows:
 - 1-3 races: 0 discards
 - 4-6 races: 1 discard
 - 7-10 races: 2 discards
 - 11-15 races: 3 discards
 - 16 and more races: 4 discards

7. Age Division

- a. Youth: under 18 years of age in the year of the competition
- b. Senior: open to competitors of all ages
- c. Master: 35+ years of age in the year of the competition
- d. Grand Master: 45+ years of age in the year of the competition

A minimum of 5 entries in an age division is required to constitute this division.

A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31st in the year of competition.

A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31st before the year of competition.