



Championship Rules 2012 – Slalom

1. Number of Races; Time Limits and Target Times; Wind Speeds
 - a. Number of Races
 - i. No more than 4 races in elimination series per day per fleet shall be raced
 - ii. No more than 6 full fleet / half fleet races per day per fleet shall be raced
 - iii. No more than 15 races/eliminations per fleet shall be raced during an event.
 - b. Time Limits and Target Times (may be adjusted depending on conditions)

All competitors who fail to finish within 50% of the finishers finishing time of their heat/race shall be deemed as DNF
 - c. A kiteboard starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not `Start. This changes RRS A4.
 - d. Wind Speeds
 - i. If the wind speed is less than 6 knots average in the starting area 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.
2. Format
 - a. The event format shall be multiple single eliminations/full fleet races consisting of
 - i. Elimination Series with 4 or more heats in the first round
 - ii. Half fleet races
 - iii. Full fleet races
 - b. Men and women shall race in separated elimination ladders and scored separately. The same applies to youth and master fleets as well as open and production fleets, if applicable.
 - c. Competitors may compete in groups of which only a limited number advances, or in flights where groups of competitors compete against each other in a round robin system.
3. Courses
 - a. Any form of downwind slalom, figure eight, long distance, downwind dash and crossings and its variations (including obstacles) may be used at the discretion of the race committee.



4. The Start

- a. Races shall be started with one the following system:
 - i. Slalom Start – 3 minute sequence (RRS Appendix B System 2)
The Attention signal will be removed after the start.
 - ii. Beach Start
 - iii. Rabbit/Gate Start
- b. Recalls
Races shall only use general recalls.
- c. Rule 30.3 is enforced for every start without displaying the black flag. This changes rule RRS 30.3

5. Right of Way rules

All Rules of RRS Part 2 are replaced by the following:

10 On Opposite Tacks

When Kiteboards are on opposite tacks, a port-tack Kiteboard shall keep clear of a star-board kiteboard.

14 Avoiding Contact; Dangerous Sailing

14.1 Avoiding Contact

A Kiteboard shall not intentionally make contact with another kiteboard.

14.2 Damage and Injury; Dangerous Sailing

A Kiteboard shall not take any action of which as a result another Kiteboard potentially might be damaged, injured, or caused capsized.

16 Changing Course or Kite Position

A kiteboard shall not change her course or the position of her kite during the last 30 seconds before her starting signal if as a result the other kiteboard would have to take immediate action to avoid contact.

18 Mark Room and Gybing

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

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.

18.2 Giving Mark Room

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.

18.3 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.



A kiteboard gybing around a mark shall downloop the kite while doing so. If a kiteboard is not downlooping her kite while gybing around a mark, she shall keep clear of one that is doing so.

RRS 26 Starting Races

Races shall be started with Starting System 2 of RRS Appendix B

RRS29 Recalls

(a) When a Kiteboard breaks rule 30 during finals and semi finals (and corresponding half fleet and full fleet races), the Race committee shall signal a general recall at the time of the start.

(b) In all other heats and when racing in flights, rule 30.3 applies.

(c) If the race committee acts under rule 29(a) and the board is identified, the race committee shall hail or display her sail number, and she shall leave the course area immediately. If the race or heat is restarted, she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score

(d) If a race or heat was completed but was later abandoned by the protest committee, or if the race or heat is resailed, a board disqualified under rule 30 may sail in it.

RRS 30 Starting Penalties

No part of a kiteboards hull or crew shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a Kiteboard breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted or resailed, but not if it is postponed or abandoned before the starting signal.

RRS 44 of part 4 is deleted

All rules of Part 5 for incidents happening during racing are replaced with the following rules. Section D (Appeals) is deleted.

RRS 60 Direct Refereeing

If the Protest Committee alleges a kiteboard having broken a Rule of Part 2, it shall disqualify her without further hearing

RRS 61 Protest Requirements

deleted

RRS 62 Redress

The Protest Committee shall consider redress based on the possibility that a kiteboards score in a race or heat has, through no fault of her own, been made significantly worse by

(a) an improper action or omission of the race committee or organizing authority,

(b) injury or physical damage because of the action of a kiteboard that was breaking a rule of Part 2 or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear;

(c) giving help (except to herself) in compliance with rule 1.1;

(d) capsizing because of the action of a kiteboard that was breaking a rule of Part 2 as defined above .



RRS 63 Hearings

deleted

RRS 64 Decisions

RRS 64.1 Exoneration

When as a consequence of breaking a rule a kiteboard has compelled another kiteboard to break a rule, the other kiteboard shall be exonerated.

RRS 64.2 Decisions on Redress

When the protest committee decides that a kiteboard is entitled to redress under rule 62, it shall make as fair an arrangement as possible for all kiteboards affected, whether or not they asked for redress. This may be to adjust the finishing positions of the kiteboards, to abandon the race, to let the results stand, to re-sail the race or heat (without any disqualified kiteboards) or to make any other arrangement.

RRS 65 Informing the Parties and others

If the Protest Committee acts under rule 60 it shall display code flag "L" at the finish line and post the lycra numbers and/or names of the disqualified sailors on the Official Notice Board/Elimination Ladder.

RRS 66 Re-Opening a hearing

Deleted

6. Scoring and Discards

- a. Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendix BB – Alternative Low Point System
- b. Discards shall be as follows:
 - 1-2 races: 0 discards
 - 3-4 races: 1 discard
 - 5-7 races: 2 discards
 - 8-10 races: 3 discards
 - 11 and more races: 4 discards

7. Age Divisions

- 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.

