

APPENDIX FMS

KITEBOARDING MEDAL SERIES

This Appendix may be used at international events for kiteboarding medal series. It applies to all medal series races and all pre-race or post-race activities related to them.

No changes to this appendix are permitted unless specifically permitted by World Sailing.

Races may be sailed under the rules in this appendix only if the notice of race so states, with reference to the relevant version, and that version is posted on the official notice board.

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FMS 1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

FMS 1.1 Changes to the Rules of Part 1.

(a) Add a new rule 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires and the protest committee will assume that the state of a kiteboard, or her relationship to another kiteboard, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

FMS 1.2 Changes to the Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration.

(a) Add to rule 60.1 and 61.1: ‘A kiteboard may protest another kiteboard or request redress provided she complies with rule FMS 3.1 and rule FMS 3.6 or FMS 3.8.’

FMS 1.3 Rules 61.4(b)(1), (2), (3) and (5) are deleted.

FMS 1.4 Rule F5 is deleted.

FMS 2 SCORING INFORMATION

FMS 2.1 At the finishing line, the race committee will display each kiteboard’s finishing place or score in the race, together with flag B and one sound. The scoring information and flag B will be displayed for at least one minute and removed with one sound.

FMS 2.2 When the race score of a kiteboard is or will be different to her finishing position, the race committee will also display a yellow flag at the finishing line before or with flag B which shall remain displayed until flag B is removed.

FMS 2.3 If the race committee changes the scoring information while flag B is displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. The scoring information and flag B will continue to be displayed for one minute after any changes are made.

FMS 3 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND PENALTIES

FMS 3.1 While racing, a kiteboard may protest another kiteboard under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14), or under rule 31; however, a kiteboard may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously raise one arm at the first reasonable opportunity for each. This changes rules 60.1 and 60.2.

FMS 3.2 A kiteboard involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by promptly taking a penalty in accordance with rule 44 (one-turn penalty or retiring).

FMS 3.3 If a kiteboard is penalized by an umpire or the protest committee, her penalty shall be either:

- (a) 1.1 points score penalty added to her race score or
- (b) disqualification from the race.

FMS 3.4 A kiteboard will be disqualified when the umpires or the protest committee decide that a kiteboard

- (a) caused injury, serious damage or a tangle or,
- (b) despite taking a penalty, either gained a significant advantage or caused a significant disadvantage in the race or series to another kiteboard by her breach,
- (c) deliberately breaks a rule, or
- (d) commits a breach of sportsmanship.

The umpires may report the incident to the protest committee for further action.

FMS 3.5 Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. The protest committee may schedule any hearing, inform the parties of the time and place of the hearing, take evidence, conduct the hearing, and communicate its decision in any way it considers appropriate, which may be orally. This changes rules 60.3, 61.2, and 63.

FMS 3.6 UMPIRED RACES

When races are umpired, FMS 3.6.1 to FMS 3.6.4 shall apply.

FMS 3.6.1 A kiteboard that protests as provided in rule FMS 3.1 is not entitled to a hearing. An umpire may penalize any kiteboard that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the kiteboard took a voluntary penalty in accordance with FMS 3.2. This changes rules 60.5(b) and 63.2(a).

FMS 3.6.2 When a kiteboard

(a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty, or

(b) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,

an umpire may penalize her in accordance with FMS 3.3 without a protest by another kiteboard.

FMS 3.6.3 The umpire decisions will be reflected in the race scores displayed by the race committee as per FMS 2.1.

FMS 3.6.4 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a kiteboard may have broken a rule, other than a rule listed in rule FMS 3.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.1. However, the umpire will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

FMS 3.7 RACES NOT UMPIRED

FMS 3.7.1 This rule applies when the race has not been umpired. To signal that a race has not been umpired, the race committee will display flag P on the

finishing vessel. This changes Race Signals. If this rule applies, rule FMS 3.6 does not.

- FMS 3.8 A kiteboard intending to
- (a) protest another kiteboard when FMS 3.7 applies,
 - (b) protest another kiteboard under a rule other than rule 28, or a rule listed in FMS 3.1,
 - (c) protest another kiteboard under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage, injury or a tangle, or
 - (d) request redress,
- shall hail the race committee during the display of flag B except that if a kiteboard does not finish a race, she may also notify her hearing request to any official vessel before the removal of flag B. The protest committee shall extend this time limit if there is good reason to do so. This changes rules 60.2, 60.3 and 61.2.
- FMS 3.9 When the race committee receives a notification of protest under FMS 3.8, it will promptly inform the protest committee. The hearing will start 5 minutes later at the protest committee station unless the protest committee decides otherwise.
- FMS 3.10 If the protest committee decides that the outcome of a hearing would not affect the race wins scored or further qualification, it may postpone the hearing or make any arrangement it decides is equitable. This changes rules 60.5(b) and 63.2(a).
- FMS 3.11 After making its decision, the protest committee will display any penalties imposed or redress given together with flag L and one sound.
- FMS 4 REQUESTS FOR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS**
- FMS 4.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.
- FMS 4.2 A kiteboard may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires. A party to a hearing may not base an appeal on the decision of the protest committee. This changes rule 70.1.
- FMS 4.3 A hearing shall not be reopened based on a request of a *party* to that hearing. This changes rule 63.7(b) and (c).

- FMS 4.4 The race committee will not protest a kiteboard.
- FMS 4.5 The protest committee may protest a kiteboard under rule 60.1. However, it will not protest a kiteboard for breaking a rule listed in rule FMS 3.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage, injury or tangle.
- FMS 4.6 The technical committee will not protest a kiteboard, except when it decides that a kiteboard or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. The time limit for protests under this rule is the same as in rule FMS 3.8. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is a good reason to do so.
- FMS 4.7 If at the end of the time required for the display of flag B or flag L, any proceedings under rule FMS 3.9 or FMS 4 are not yet completed, the race committee may display flag F with one long sound to indicate that the results are not yet final. Flag F will be displayed for 2 minutes and this signal is for information only.