APPENDIX FR
KITEBOARDING RELAY RULES

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

CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS

The definitions Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap, Finish, Keep Clear, Leeward and Windward, Mark-Room, Obstruction, Racing, Start, Tack, Starboard or Port and Zone are changed to:

Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap One kiteboard is clear astern of another when her hull is behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other kiteboard’s hull. The other kiteboard is clear ahead. They overlap when neither is clear astern. However, they also overlap when a kiteboard between them overlaps both. If there is reasonable doubt that two kiteboards are overlapped, it shall be presumed that they are not. These terms always apply to kiteboards on the same tack. They apply to kiteboards on opposite tacks only when both kiteboards are sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind.

Finish
(a) Team member A finishes when, after starting, while the competitor is in contact with the hull, any part of her hull, or the competitor, crosses the changeover finishing line from the course side.
(b) Team member B finishes when, after starting, while the competitor is in contact with the hull, any part of her hull, or
the competitor, crosses the finishing line from the course side.

However, she has not *finished* if after crossing that line she
(a) takes a penalty under rule 44.2,
(b) corrects an error in *sailing the course* made at the line, or
(c) continues to *sail the course*.

**Keep Clear**  A kiteboard *keeps clear* of a right-of-way kiteboard
(a) if the right-of-way kiteboard can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and,
(b) when the kiteboards are *overlapped*, if the right-of-way kiteboard can also change course in both directions or move her kite in any direction without immediately making contact.

**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 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**  *Room* for a kiteboard to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side.

**Obstruction**  An object that a kiteboard could not pass without substantially changing her course or the position of her kite, if she were sailing directly towards it and 10 meters from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an object, area or line 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*.

**Racing**  A kiteboard is *racing* from her team’s preparatory signal until she *finishes* and clears the changeover finishing line
or the finishing line and *marks* or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, *postponement* or *abandonment*.

**Start**

(a) Team member A *starts* when, her hull or the competitor, having complied with rule 30.1 or 30.2 as applicable, crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side.

(b) Team member B *starts* when, her hull or the competitor, having complied with rule 30.3, crosses the changeover line from the pre-start side to the course side.

**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 normal riding position (riding heel side with both hands on the control bar and arms not crossed). 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.

**Zone** The area around a *mark* within a distance of 30 meters. A kiteboard is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*.

Add the following definitions:

**Capsized** A kiteboard is *capsized* if

(a) her kite is in the water, or

(b) her lines are tangled with another kiteboard’s lines.

**Recovering**

(a) A kiteboard is *recovering* from the time she loses steerage way until she regains it, unless she is *capsized*.

(b) A kiteboard is *recovering* from the time her kite is out of the water until she has steerage way.

**Team** A *team* consists of team member A and team member B. Team member A sails the race before team member B.

**FR1** **CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 1**

[No changes]
FR2   CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 2
In the second sentence of the preamble, ‘injury or serious damage’ is changed to ‘injury, serious damage or a tangle’

SECTION A
RIGHT OF WAY
13   WHILE TACKING
Rule 13 is deleted.

SECTION B
GENERAL LIMITATIONS
16   CHANGING COURSE OR KITE POSITION
Rule 16 is changed to:
16.1 When a right-of-way kiteboard changes course or the position of her kite, she shall give the other kiteboard room to continue keeping clear.
16.2 In addition, on a beat to windward when a port-tack kiteboard is keeping clear by sailing to pass to leeward of a starboard-tack kiteboard, the starboard-tack kiteboard shall not bear away or change the position of her kite if as a result the port-tack kiteboard must change course or the position of her kite immediately to continue keeping clear.

17   ON THE SAME TACK; PROPER COURSE
Rule 17 is deleted.

SECTION C
AT MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS
18   MARK-ROOM
Rule 18 is changed to:
18.1 When Rule 18 Applies
Rule 18 applies between kiteboards when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply
(a) between a kiteboard approaching a *mark* and one leaving it, or
(b) between kiteboards on opposite *tacks*.
Rule 18 no longer applies between kiteboards when *mark-room* has been given.

### 18.2 Giving Mark-Room

(a) When the first kiteboard reaches the *zone*,
(1) if kiteboards are *overlapped*, the outside kiteboard at that moment shall thereafter give the inside kiteboard *mark-room*.
(2) if kiteboards are not *overlapped*, the kiteboard that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.

(b) If the kiteboard entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the kiteboards at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.
(c) If a kiteboard obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside kiteboard is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.
(d) If there is reasonable doubt that a kiteboard obtained or broke an overlap in time, it shall be presumed that she did not.

### 18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way kiteboard must change *tack* at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she changes *tack* she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* or a finishing *mark* and a kiteboard shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another kiteboard was affected by the breach of this rule.
20 ROOM TO TACK AT AN OBSTRUCTION
Rule 20.1(a) is changed to:
(a) she is approaching an obstruction, and, to avoid it safely, will soon need to make a substantial change of her course or the position of her kite, and

Add new rule 20.5:

20.5 Arm Signals
The following arm signals are required in addition to the hails
(a) for room to tack, repeatedly and clearly circling one hand over the head; and
(b) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other kiteboard and waving the arm to windward.

SECTION D
OTHER RULES
The preamble to Section D is changed to:
When rule 21 or 22 applies between two kiteboards, Section A and C rules do not.

21 STARTING ERRORS; TAKING PENALTIES
Rule 21.3 is changed to:

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

22 CAPSIZED, RECOVERING OR AGROUND; RESCUING
Rule 22 is changed to:

22.1 If possible, a kiteboard shall avoid a kiteboard that is capsized, is aground, or is trying to help a person or vessel in danger.

22.2 A kiteboard that is recovering shall keep clear of a kiteboard that is not.
23  INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER KITEBOARD
   Rule 23.1 is changed, and add new rule 23.3:
   23.1 If reasonably possible, a kiteboard not *racing* shall not interfere
        with a kiteboard that is *racing* and a kiteboard that has *finished*
        shall not act to interfere with a kiteboard that has not *finished*.
   23.3 From her preparatory signal until team member A has rounded
        the last rounding mark, no part of team member B’s hull or crew
        shall be in the changeover area, defined in the sailing
        instructions.

FR3  CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 3
26  STARTING RACES
   Rule 26 is changed to:
   Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times
   shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound
   signal shall be disregarded.

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28 SAILING THE RACE
Rule 28.1 is changed to:

28.1 Team member A shall *start, sail the course* and then *finish*. Team member B shall thereafter *start, sail the course* and then *finish*. While doing so, each team member may leave on either side a *mark* that does not begin, bound or end the leg she is sailing. After *finishing* she need not cross the finishing line completely.

29 RECALLS
Rule 29.1 is deleted.

30 STARTING PENALTIES
Rule 30 is changed to:

30.1 U Flag Rule
If flag U has been displayed, no part of team member A’s 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 team member A breaks this rule and is identified, her *team* shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed.

30.2 Black Flag Rule
If a black flag has been displayed, no part of team member A’s 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 team member A breaks this rule and is identified, her *team* shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted or resailed, but not if the race is postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. If a general recall is signaled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the race committee shall display her competition number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed, her *team* shall not sail in it. If it does so, the
disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating the team’s series score.

30.3 Changeover
Before team member A finishes, no part of team member B’s hull or crew shall be on the course side of the changeover starting line or one of its extensions. If team member B breaks this rule and is identified, her team shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is resailed.

31 TOUCHING A MARK
Rule 31 is changed to:
While racing, a kiteboard shall not touch a windward mark.

36 RACES RESTARTED OR RESAILED
Rule 36 is changed to:
If a race is restarted or resailed, a breach of a rule in the original race, or in any previous restart or resail of that race, shall not (a) prohibit a team from competing unless she has broken rule 30.2; or (b) cause a team to be penalized except under rule 2, 30.2, 69 or under rule 14 when she has caused injury, tangle or serious damage.

FR4 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 4
41 OUTSIDE HELP
Add new rules 41(e), 41(f) and 41(g):
(e) help from another competitor in the same race to assist a relaunch;
(f) help to change equipment, but only in the launching area;
(g) help from the other kiteboard in her team provided electronic communication is not used.
42 PROPULSION
Rule 42 is changed to:

42.1 Basic Rule
Except when permitted in rule 42.2, a kiteboard shall compete by using only the wind and water to increase, maintain or decrease her speed.

42.2 Exceptions
(a) A kiteboard may be propelled by unassisted actions of the competitor on the kiteboard.
(b) A competitor may swim, walk or paddle while capsized or recovering, provided the kiteboard does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
(c) Any means of propulsion may be used to help a person or another vessel in danger.

43 EXONERATION
Rule 43.1(c) is changed to:
(c) A right-of-way kiteboard, or one sailing within the room or mark-room to which she is entitled, is exonerated for breaking rule 14 if the contact does not cause damage, injury or a tangle.

Add new rule 43.1(d):
(d) When a kiteboard breaks rule 15 and there is no contact, she is exonerated for her breach.

44 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT
Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed to:

44.1 A kiteboard may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. Alternatively, the notice of race or sailing instructions may specify the use of the Scoring Penalty or some other penalty, in which case the specified penalty shall replace the One-Turn Penalty. However,
(a) when a kiteboard may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31; and

(b) if the kiteboard caused injury, serious damage or a tangle or despite taking a penalty gained a significant advantage or caused significant disadvantage to the other kiteboard in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

44.2 One Turn Penalty
After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making one turn with her hull appendage in the water. The turn shall include one completed tack and one completed gybe. When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull and competitor shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes.

50 COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT
Rule 50.1(a) is changed to:
(a) Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight. 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.

PART 4 RULES DELETED
Rules 45, 48, 49, 50.2, 51, 52, 55 and 56.1 are deleted.

FR5 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 5
SECTION A
PROTESTS; REDRESS; RULE 69 ACTION

61 PROTEST REQUIREMENTS
Rule 61.1(a) is changed to:
(a) The protesting kiteboard shall inform the other kiteboard at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area, she shall hail ‘Protest’ at the first reasonable opportunity. However,

(1) if the other kiteboard is beyond hailing distance, the protesting kiteboard need not hail but she shall inform the other kiteboard at the first reasonable opportunity;

(2) no red flag need be displayed;

(3) if the incident was an error by the other kiteboard in sailing the course, she need not hail but she shall inform the other kiteboard before that kiteboard finishes or at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes;

(4) if at the time of the incident it is obvious to the protesting kiteboard that either competitor is in danger, or that injury, serious damage or a tangle resulted, the requirements of this rule do not apply to her, but she shall attempt to inform the other boat within the time limit of rule 61.3.

SECTION B
HEARINGS AND DECISIONS

64 DECISIONS
Add new rule 64.2(c):

(c) if a kiteboard has broken a rule and, as a result, caused a tangle for the second or subsequent time during the event, her penalty shall be a disqualification that is not excludable.

Rules 64.4(a) and 64.4(b) are changed to:

(a) When the protest committee finds that deviations in excess of acceptable manufacturing tolerances were caused by damage or normal wear and do not improve the performance of the kiteboard, it shall not penalize her. However, the kiteboard shall not race again until the deviations have been corrected, except when the protest committee decides there is or has been no reasonable opportunity to do so.
(b) When the protest committee is in doubt about any matter concerning the measurement of a kiteboard, the interpretation of a class rule, or a matter involving damage to a kiteboard, it shall refer its questions, together with the relevant facts, to an authority responsible for interpreting the rule. In making its decision, the committee shall be bound by the reply of the authority.

SECTION D
APPEALS

70 APPEALS AND REQUESTS TO A NATIONAL AUTHORITY

Add new rule 70.7:

70.7 Appeals are not permitted in event stages with elimination series.

FR6 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 6
[No changes.]

FR7 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 7

90 RACE COMMITTEE; SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; SCORING
The last sentence of rule 90.2(c) is changed to:

Oral instructions may be given if the procedure is stated in the sailing instructions.

The last sentence of rule 90.3(a) is changed to:

A race shall be scored if it is not abandoned and if one team sails the race in compliance with rule 28 and finishes within the race time limit, if any, even if she retires after finishing or is disqualified.
FR8 CHANGES TO APPENDIX A
The preamble to appendix A is changed to:

*Teams shall be scored in races, in the order that their team member B crosses the finishing line. See rule 90.3.*

Rule A10 is changed to:

A10 SCORING ABBREVIATIONS
These scoring abbreviations shall be used for recording the circumstances described:
- DNC Did not *start*; did not come to the starting area
- DNS Did not *start* (other than DNC)
- UFD Disqualification under rule 30.1
- BFD Disqualification under rule 30.2
- OCS Disqualification under rule 30.3
- SCP Scoring penalty applied
- NSC Did not *sail the course*
- DNF Did not *finish*
- RET Retired
- DSQ Disqualification
- DCT Disqualification after causing a tangle in an incident
- DNE Disqualification that is not excludable
- RDG Redress given
- DPI Discretionary penalty imposed

FRG CHANGES TO APPENDIX G
Appendix G is changed to:

G1 IDENTIFICATION
Every kiteboard shall be identified as follows:
(a) Each competitor shall be provided with a bib with a personal competition number of no more than three digits. The bib shall be worn as intended with the competition number clearly displayed.
(b) The numbers shall be displayed as high as possible on the front, back and sleeves of the bib. They should be at least 25 cm tall on the front and the back and at least 10 cm tall on the sleeves.

(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 bib.