



KITEBOARDING MEDAL SERIES MANUAL

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Formula Kite Medal series format

At the end of the Opening Series, the top 14 kiteboards qualify for the Medal Series.

The Medal Series is divided into Semi Finals and Finals.

The first-ranked kiteboard in the Opening Series qualifies to the Finals carrying forward two race wins.

The second-ranked kiteboard in the Opening Series qualifies to the Finals carrying forward one race win.

The next 12 kiteboarders compete in the Semi Finals, from where two more kiteboarders qualify to the Finals.

Semi Finals

2 races are required to be completed by each flight to constitute the Semi Finals. The race committee may cancel Semi Finals.

Kiteboards ranked in places 3 to 14 in the Opening Series, are assigned to Semi Final flights A and B. Their score in the Semi Finals is the total of a score carried forward according to each kiteboard's Opening Series position, plus their Semi Final race scores. Semi Final flight assignments and Carry Forward scores are as follows:

Semi Final Flight A		Semi Final Flight B	
Opening Series Position	Carry Forward Score	Opening Series Position	Carry Forward Score
3	1	4	1
6	2	5	2
7	3	8	3
10	4	9	4
11	5	12	5
14	6	13	6

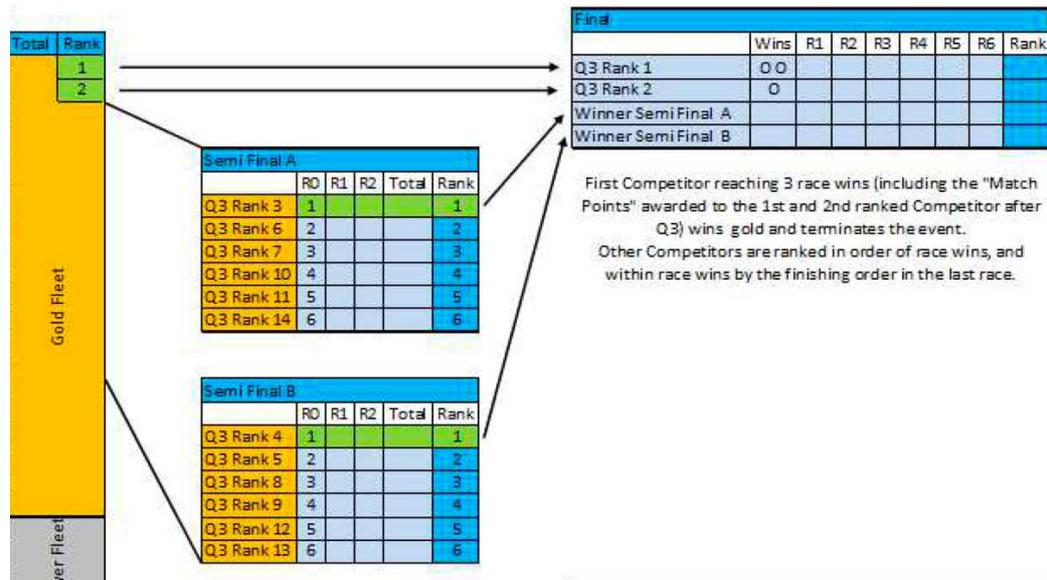
The winner of each Semi Final qualifies to the Final, except that if the race committee decides to cancel the Semi Finals, competitors ranked 3 and 4 in the Opening Series qualify to the Finals.

Final

The Final will continue until one kiteboard collects three wins. A kiteboard wins a race when it scores one point.

Kiteboards in the Final will be ranked in order of the number of race wins, from highest to lowest.

If there is a tie in race wins between two or more kiteboards, they will be ranked in the order of their finishing positions in the last race.



Objective

Fair but fast resolution of incidents.

Fast resolution

To achieve the 'fast' part of the objective, the following provisions are made:

- The protest time limit for each race is 1 minute after the last boat finishes the race.
- A request for a hearing is communicated orally to the race committee on the finishing line
- Hearings are held on the beach, as close as possible to the area where kiteboards return ashore after the race or to an area where it is easy to reach from the finishing line. Only when it is impractical to have a hearing ashore, the protest committee station may be afloat, on an anchored boat.
- Hearings are held while following races are happening (if possible)
- The decision is communicated to the parties orally
- Kiteboards may request redress
- Kiteboards may not request a reopening of a hearing
- The parties in the hearing may request a hearing with a jury panel under RRS N1.4(b) within 1 minute after they were informed of the decision

Fair resolution

In order to have a fair outcome, the race committee:

- Shall correct an error in scoring
- May request redress for a boat

And the protest committee:

- May call a hearing to consider redress
- May reopen a hearing
- Shall be able to access any available evidence
- If possible, shall have observed and understood the incident

Receiving protests and requests for redress

1. When all boats finish, or after the finishing time limit, the race committee will display the finishing order on the finishing boat, together with a B flag and one sound.
2. The display of the finishing order triggers the protest time, which ends 1 minute later. At the end of the protest time the RC will remove the finishing order and the B flag with one sound.
3. A kiteboarder intending to request a hearing shall notify the RC at the finishing line within the protest time limit.
4. When the RC receives notice of a hearing request, they will display a yellow flag with one sound and notify the PC.
5. If there is no notice of a hearing request at the end of the protest time, the RC displays a green (or green and white) flag with one sound.
6. Kiteboarders that intend to protest, after notifying the RC, shall promptly return to the launching area and approach the PC.
7. Hearing requests need not be in writing. The hearing will take place as soon as possible and the PC will take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and communicate its decision orally.
8. The hearing decisions will be displayed together with flag L and one sound
9. A short record of the hearing will be posted on the online event platform as soon as reasonably possible, which may be after the end of the medal series.

Protest committee station

The location of the protest committee station will depend on the race area position in relation to the beach. The protest committee station shall be in the area where kiteboarders are likely to return ashore and shall be clearly identified.

Panel organization with a protest committee of five members

General tasks:

- Keep the timing
- Notify the parties
- Communicate the decision to the RC, media, scorer
- Review the video feed
- Record the cases

Protests and requests will be heard by a panel of three members. The other two members observe the video feed and if needed, one acts as a witness while the other continues to observe the races happening.

To act as witness, the member who observed the incident will either come to the protest committee station or communicate the evidence remotely, depending on the location and setup of the live stream production station.

The evidence shall include a fast description of the facts and a suggested conclusion.