

DECISION

Request No.: 13

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: 2021 Formula Kite World Championships Race Number: 10
Hearing Schedule: 2021-10-15

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 13: Formula Kite - Male - MEX 46 - Xantos Villegas
Formula Kite - Male - BRA 63 - Bruno Lobo

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No
Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit
Incident Identified: Yes
Proper Hail: Protest hailed
Red Flag Displayed: Not required
Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. First upwind leg, right after the start, wind up to 20 knots.
2. MEX 46 and BRA 63 were both sailing on starboard tack on a close-hauled course.
3. BRA 63 was to windward and astern of MEX 46.
4. There was contact with damage between BRA 63's tip of the kite and MEX 46's kite and lines.
5. MEX 46 capsized.
6. Damage to MEX 46 were broken bridles.
7. MEX 46 did not finish race 10.
8. BRA 63 took a One-Turn Penalty after the incident.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 12, 14, F4.44.1(b)

1. BRA 63 clear astern did not keep clear of MEX 46 clear ahead, breaking rules 12 and 14.
2. It was not reasonably possible for MEX 46 to avoid the contact, therefore she did not break rule 14.
3. The score of MEX 46 was made significantly worse in race 10 through no fault of her own by damage caused by the action of a kiteboard that was breaking a rule of part 2 and was penalized.
4. BRA 63 caused damage by her breach, therefore the appropriate penalty was to retire as required by RRS F4.44.1(b).

DECISION

Date & Time: 2021-10-15 18:35 CEST

BRA 63 is DSQ in race 10.
MEX 46 is given redress in race 10 and will be scored points equal to the average of her scores in the other races of the day rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward). This shall not change the score of the other kiteboards.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Arnaud Mante (FRA)

Committee Members: Marina Psychogyiou (GRE), Anastazja Lewandowska (POL), Alan Baser (GBR), Marco Giampà (ITA)