

DECISION

Request No.: 27

Protest

Event: 2024 Formula Kite European Championships Race Number: Bronze 2
Hearing Schedule: 2024-03-22

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 27: Formula Kite - Male - CAN 171 - Mac Morrin
Formula Kite - Male - SUI 153 - Cédric Baker

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: N/A

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).
2. CAN 171 provided video evidence.

FACTS FOUND

1. Race F2 for the men bronze fleet was sailed in 15-18 knots of wind and small chop.
2. Less than 10 seconds after the start, CAN 171 and SUI 153 were sailing close-hauled, both on starboard tack.
3. CAN 171 was 2m clear ahead of SUI 153 and 10m to leeward of her.
4. SUI 153 was flying her kite lower than CAN 171.
5. SUI 153 raised her kite and in doing so contact occurred between her lower wingtip and CAN 171's top lines.
6. No damage, injury nor tangle resulted from the contact.
7. During the hearing, SUI 153 acknowledged that she was aware of the contact and breaking a rule at the time of the incident.
8. No kiteboard took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 2, 12, 14, N1.4(b)

1. SUI 153 clear astern failed to keep clear of CAN 171 clear ahead, and broke RRS 12.
2. SUI 153 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. By knowingly breaking RRS 12 and 14 and not taking the appropriate penalty, SUI 153 failed to compete in compliance with the principles of sportsmanship and fair play as stated in RRS Basic Principles. SUI 153 broke RRS 2.
4. It was not reasonably possible for CAN 171 the right-of-way kiteboard to avoid contact with SUI 153 when it was clear that SUI 153 was not keeping clear. CAN 171 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

SUI 153 is DNE in race F2.

Date & Time: 2024-03-22 18:49 CET

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: International Jury

Chaired By: Marios Zisimatos (GRE)

Committee Members: Adrian Bauder (SUI), Francisco Vidal (ESP)

