

DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 25

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 24

Event: 2024 Formula Kite European Championships Race Number: Bronze 1
Hearing Schedule: 2024-03-22 17:40

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 25: Formula Kite - Male - CAN 171 - Mac Morrin

Formula Kite - Male - FRA 69 - Paul Labordere

Request No.: 24:

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. CAN 171 provided video evidence.
2. The panel of the International Jury was composed according to RRS N1.4(b).

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind around 15 knots, flat water.
2. CAN 171 and FRA 69 were sailing close-hauled on starboard tack with CAN 171 being overlapped to leeward at a lateral distance of 13 meters.
3. FRA 69 lowered her kite and immediately after, contact occurred between FRA 69's kite right wingtip and CAN 171's lines, with no damage.
4. During the hearing, FRA 69 acknowledged that she was aware of the contact and breaking a rule at the time of the incident.
5. There was no injury, capsize or tangle.
6. No kiteboard took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 2, 11, 14, N1.4(b)

1. FRA 69 to windward failed to keep clear of CAN 171 to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
2. FRA 69 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. By knowingly breaking RRS 11 and 14 and not taking the appropriate penalty, FRA 69 failed to compete in compliance with the principles of sportsmanship and fair play as stated in RRS Basic Principles. FRA 69 broke RRS 2.
4. It was not reasonably possible for CAN 171 the right-of-way kiteboard to avoid contact with FRA 69 when it was clear that FRA 69 was not keeping clear. CAN 171 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

FRA 69 is DNE in race F1.

Date & Time: 2024-03-22 18:26 CET

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type International Jury

Chaired By: Adrian Bauder (SUI)
Committee Members: Francisco Vidal (ESP), Marios Zisimatos (GRE)

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