

DECISION

Request No.: 23

Protest

Event: 2024 Formula Kite European Championships Race Number: Gold women n3
Hearing Schedule: 2024-03-22

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 23: Formula Kite - Female - FRA 95 - Chloé Revil
Formula Kite - Female - CHN 156 - Si Wang

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. Ziguang Zhong (CHN team leader) attended the hearing as interpreter for CHN 156.
2. The International Jury provided tracking evidence.
3. The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind 14 - 15 knots, smal chop.
2. FRA 95 and CHN 156 were sailing close-hauled on starboard tack and approaching mark 1, with CHN 156 being overlapped to windward within a lateral distance of about 9 meters between the hulls.
3. Six to ten seconds after the overlap was established, several consecutive contacts occurred between the kites and finally the lower tip of CHN 156's kite went in between FRA 95's lines, making contact with them.
4. FRA 95 bore away and capsized.
5. At the moment of the incident, FRA 95 was in about 18th place.
6. CHN 156 took a one-turn penalty and finished race F3.
7. FRA 95 recovered after 1 minute, resumed sailing the course and finished last in race F3.
8. There was no damage, no injury and no tangle.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 11, 14, F4.44.1(b), N1.4(b)

1. CHN 156 to windward failed to keep clear of FRA 95 to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
2. CHN 156 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for FRA 95 the right-of-way kiteboarder to avoid contact with CHN 156 when it was clear that CHN 156 was not keeping clear. FRA 95 did not break RRS 14.
4. Since CHN 156 caused significant disadvantage to FRA 95 in race F3 by her breach despite taking a penalty, her penalty was to retire as required by RRS F4.44.1(b).

DECISION

CHN 156 is DSQ in race F3.

Date & Time: 2024-03-22 15:46 CET

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: International Jury

Chaired By: Yoann Peronneau (FRA)

Committee Members: Adrian Bauder (SUI), César Sans (ESP)

