

DECISION

Request No.: 02

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: Formula Kite Grand Prix Cabarete Race Number: 12
Hearing Schedule: 2022-03-12 02:45

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: Kitefoil - open - 16 - Reeves Racing - Nick Reeves

kitefoil - open - 4 - nul - katka salandova

Witnesses: Race Committee Boat (start boat), Video Evidence

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

A few seconds before the start, both riders 4 and 16 were sailing on starboard tack with 4 clear ahead of 16.

Rider 16 established a leeward overlap.

While both boards were overlapped the lines of rider 16 touched rider 4's lines.

Both riders remained overlapped for approximately 2 seconds.

When rider 16 breaks the overlap becoming clear ahead of rider 4, rider 4's canopy went through the lines of rider 16 and tangled.

Both riders were scored DNS.

No rider took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 11, 14, 15, 43.1(a), 62.1(b)

When rider 16 acquired the right of way, he was required to initially give rider 4 room to keep clear. Rider 16 failed to give rider 4 room to keep clear as required by RRS 15.

By not avoiding contact, rider 16 also broke RRS 14. For rider 4 it was not reasonably possible to avoid contact and therefore did not break RRS 14.

Rider 4 to windward of rider 16 failed to keep clear of him, breaking RRS 11; but it is exonerated according to RRS 43.1(a).

Neither rider met the requirements of RRS 62.1(b), and therefore are not entitled to redress.

DECISION

Rider 16 is to be scored DSQ in race 12.

Date & Time:

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Elliot Levy (VEN)

Committee Members: Eduardo Verdeja, Ari Barshi