

# EUROPEAN CABRINHA BIG AIR Contest 2015

## 1. Number of Eliminations

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  - i. No more than 1 single elimination shall be run on an event
  - ii. No more than 1 double elimination shall be run on an event
  - iii. Single and Double Elimination may be replaced by one Dingle Elimination or similar elimination format.

## 2. Format

All heats shall be run in a man-on-man format. More than one heat can be on the water at the same time. The recommended amount of starting places is 24 man and 12 women. If more registrations are received, trials shall be held on the discretion of the race committee.

## 3. Basic Rules

All Rules of this section replace the corresponding rules of the Racing Rules of Sailing, where applicable.

- a. All infringements of the rules of RRS part 2 will result in a discretionary penalty or disqualification from the heat at the discretion of the Contest Director or Head Judge.
- b. In the case that the affected competitors are not in the same heat and the action penalizes the competitor's performance limiting his chances of winning the heat, the affected competitor's heat will be rerun.
- c. During the transition period, a kiteboard entering the competition area to compete has right of way over a kiteboard returning to the shore. Therefore the standard right-of-way rules do not apply.
- d. Assistance
  - i. Competitors that during their heat end up downwind of the competition area, are allowed to make their way back to the competition area by walking upwind on the beach by themselves. If a competitor gets assistance of another competitor while walking upwind on the beach or bringing the board, the competitor competing in the heat will not be scored from this point in the heat.
  - ii. While competing, a competitor may get assistance to re-launch his kite inside the competition area only from a competitor competing in his/her heat. A competitor may get assistance to re-launch his kite only when the downed kite is out of the competition area.
  - iii. Competitors who during their heat get assistance inside the competition area from the rescue boat, press boat, Jet ski, or any other craft, will not be scored from this point in the heat. The Contest Director may make changes to this rule at certain events.
  - iv. In the event if a competitor loses his kite from equipment failure, the competitor will be allowed to replace his kite during the heat only outside from the competition area. The competitor has to get out from the competition area by his/her own means. If the competitor is not wearing a leash, he will not be scored from the point he loses his kite.
- e. RRS Part 5 (Protests and Appeals), except Section C, does not apply.
- f. The Head Judge may re-run heats in case of discrepancies in the judging sheets. Whenever possible, the decision to re-run heats shall be made before announcing a winner of the heat in question.
- g. The decision of the judges is no appealable

#### **4. Scoring**

- a. A rider shall be scored while being in the designated competition area. Whether a rider is in or out of the competition area, will be at the discretion of the Judge
- b. Manual Scoring System
  - i. One or two panels of judges, each panel comprising an odd number of judges, no less than three in number, shall score each heat. The scores of the respective riders will be tabulated to get their results from that heat.
  - ii. The Head Judge will be able to understand the short hand notes of the individual judges and will be able to explain judgment to the riders.
  - iii. Judging will be based on an entire heat, not on individual tricks. A rider who performs just one "big" trick in a heat and little else will not be judged as highly as a rider who can perform tricks of a high standard throughout the heat
  - iv. In general the judges will look for best show factor (overall impression), including variety, quantity, style and quality of tricks.

#### **5. Tricks**

- a. Allowed are all hooked-in and unhooked tricks.
- b. All tricks in the air and on the water (e.g. Dark Slides, Jesus Walks, Barefoot Slides) count.
- c. In case a competitor repeats the same trick on the same or opposite tack during a heat, only the best score from the repeated trick will be counted.

#### **6. Judging Criteria**

- a. The main judging criteria are:
  - 1) The height of the jumps
  - 2) The variety of tricks
  - 3) The technical difficulty of tricks
- b. Judging will be based on the show factor of both individual tricks and overall impression.
- c. Pushing the limits under control will increase the chances of winning the heat
- d. Crashes are ignored by the judges and will never penalize the rider in his overall impression, although, if a rider continually crashes it will be difficult to judge.
- e. Tricks are judged from take-off to the landing. Combinations and risk factor are taken into account when judging.

#### **7. Other Judging Aspects**

- a. If a rider "butt checks" when landing the trick and doesn't lose the board, the judges will still give some credit to the trick. It's at the discretion of each judge to consider if it's a crash or a butt check and to consider how much credit will give to the trick.
- b. If a competitor lands a trick but did not control the kite throughout the execution of the trick resulting in the crashing of the kite into water after landing the trick, the trick will be considered as a crash.

#### **8. Start and Finish**

- a. Heats shall be started with the following system:  
red flag up Warning Begin of Transition  
red flag removed, yellow flag up Preparatory 1 minute to the start  
yellow flag removed, green flag up Starting start
- b. Heats shall be finished with the following system:  
green flag removed Warning 1 minutes to the finish  
red flag up Finish Begin of next Transition

### 9. Heat and Transition Duration

Heat and Transition Duration shall be posted at least 30 minutes before the heat in question on the Official Noticeboard

The recommended heat duration is 10 minutes, and the recommended transition time 3 minutes.

### 10. Landing inside/outside the competition area

All tricks must be started inside the designated competition area. If tricks may be landed outside or must be landed inside the competition area shall be posted at least 30 minutes before the heat in question on the official notice board. If no notice is given, tricks may be landed outside the competition area.

### 11. Judging Sheets availability for Competitors

Competitors may check their own judging sheets only with the judges.

### 12. Appeals against Judges

If competitors feel to be disadvantaged by certain judges they shall report this in writing to the Organizing Authority or their representatives at the end of the competition day.

### 13. Age Division

- a. Junior: under 14 years of age in the year of the competition
- b. Youth: under 18 years of age in the year of the competition
- c. Senior: open to competitors of all ages
- d. Master: 35+ years of age in the year of the competition

### 14. Equipment

There is no equipment limitation. Microloops, stoppers, power loops etc and handles are allowed to be used, as well as grip tapes or rail enforcements.

### 15. Registration

Registration is done online and is open to 24 riders. 8 places are reserved for professionals. To register you must be at least 16 years old for the calendar year.

### 16. Awards and prizes

Whatever the weather, events will stop Sunday, August 02 at 16:30. The official award ceremony will take place at 17h. If a rider is absent from the awards, the award will not be awarded to him.

The prize money will be distributed only if the heat tables are completed. The prize money will be divided by two if the competition is canceled or if the table is not finished.

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Men		Women	
Place	Money	Place	Money
1	€ 3 000	1	€ 1 000
2	€ 1 500	2	€ 500
3	€ 1 000	3	€ 200
4	€ 700		
5	€ 600		
6	€ 500		
7	€ 400		
8	€ 300		
9	€ 200		
10	€ 100		