



2024 Formula Kite Europe Championships

Question for Officials

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Question For: Technical Committee

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Dear jury,

I would like to know if a knee brace that supports and reinforces the knee joint of an athlete is allowed under the Formula Kite class rules, given that they are closed rules and this piece of equipment is not specifically allowed, while its specifications describe that the knee brace provides support, not protection according to class rule C3.3

The knee brace also help on performance, it help to increase the power of the legs / the weight , and on negative side if you get tangle the line can be attach to the brace easily.

I would like to know on formula kite if is forbidden ?

Like other series (ex: nacra)

Thanks for the answer,

Bests regards,

Maxime nocher

Answer:

Formula Kite Class Rule C.3.3 permits 'personal effects [...] to protect the body'. A knee orthosis is generally covered by this rule provided its main purpose is to protect the body. However, knee orthoses that have force-generating elements such as springs or pneumatics are not permitted.

RRS F4.50.1(a) states that 'competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight'. Knee orthoses that are unnecessarily heavy, or designed in such a way that their purpose is not to protect the body but to add weight are therefore not permitted.

In addition, every competitor must comply with RRS 50.1(b) in conjunction with Class Rule C.3.4 and shall not wear or carry clothing and equipment weighing more than 10.0 kg. As the knee orthosis is not 'clothing worn below the knee' (see RRS 50.1(b), first sentence) it is therefore to be included in the total weight of 10.0 kg.

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