

# DECISION

Request No.: 26

## Protest

Event: 2024 Formula Kite European Championships Race Number: F4 silver  
Hearing Schedule: 2024-03-22

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 26: Formula Kite - Female - FRA 93 - Zoe Boutang  
Formula Kite - Female - ARG 3 - Catalina Turienzo

### 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. The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).
2. The International Jury provided tracking evidence.

### FACTS FOUND

1. The conditions were 15 - 17 knots of wind and small chop.
2. On the first beat, ARG 3 and FRA 93 were sailing close-hauled on starboard tack with FRA 93 less than around 70 meters clear astern and 50 - 60 meters to windward of ARG 3.
3. The kiteboards' speed was about 18 knots.
4. ARG 3 tacked onto port tack and the two kiteboards were sailing on converging courses then.
5. When the hulls were 30 meters apart, ARG 3 lifted her kite.
6. When the hulls were about 5 meters apart, FRA 93 bore away, slowed down slightly and crossed 5m astern of ARG 3.
7. No kiteboard took a penalty.
8. There was no damage, no injury and no tangle.
9. Both kiteboards finished race F4.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 10, N1.4(b); WS Case 50

1. There was reasonable doubt that ARG 3 could have crossed, if FRA 93 had not taken avoiding action (see WS Case 50).
2. ARG 3 on port tack failed to keep clear of FRA 93 on starboard tack, and broke RRS 10.

### DECISION

ARG 3 is DSQ in race F4.

Date & Time: 2024-03-22 17:59 CET

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Committee Type:** International Jury

**Chaired By:** Francisco Vidal (ESP)

**Committee Members:** Marios Zisimatos (GRE), Adrian Bauder (SUI)