

# DECISION

Request No.: 19

## Protest

Event: 2024 Formula Kite World Championships Race Number: 15  
Hearing Schedule: 2024-05-17 15:00

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 19:** Formula Kite - M - NZL 69 - Lukas Walton-Keim

Formula Kite - M - CZE 40 - Vojtech Koska

**Witnesses:** Lorenzo 96 ITA

### 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

The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).

ITA 96 (Lorenzo Boschetti) attended the hearing as a witness for NZL 69 .

### FACTS FOUND

1. The conditions were 10 kts. of wind.
2. NZL 69 and CZE 40 were both flying a 23 mtr kite.
3. NZL 69 and CZE 40 were sailing upwind on port tack with NZL 69 50 m clear ahead and 20 meters to leeward of CZE 40.
4. NZL 69 slowly lifted her kite and tacked to starboard.
5. CZE 40 held her course and kite position for 2 seconds
6. Shortly before NZL 69 assumed a close-hauled course on starboard tack, CZE 40 lifted her kite and luffed.
7. There was contact between CZE 40's kite and the kite of NZL 69 causing NZL's kite to collapse.
8. NZL 69 recovered after the incident and continued in the race.
9. Neither kiteboard took a penalty.
10. There was no damage.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 10, 14

1. CZE 40 on port tack failed to keep clear of NZL 69 on starboard tack, and broke RRS 10.
2. CZE 40 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for NZL 69 the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with CZE 40 when it was clear that CZE 40 was not keeping clear. NZL 69 did not break RRS 14.

### DECISION

CZE 40 is DSQ in race F3.

**Date & Time:** 2024-05-17 15:37 CEST

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Committee Type:** Protest Committee

**Chaired By:** Sandy Grosvenor (USA)

**Committee Members:** Heiko Falch (GER), Alain Champy (FRA)