

DECISION

Request No.: 26

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: 2024 Formula Kite World Championships Race Number: R 3 of the day (F7)
Hearing Schedule: 2024-05-18 15:15

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 26: Formula Kite - F - SUI 171 - Elena Lengwiler
Formula Kite - F - FRA 174 - Jessie Kampman
Witnesses: Tracking, Livestream, GoPro Footage

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. SUI 171 was represented by Elena Lengwiler
3. Matthew Gerolet (coach for SUI) attended as an observer.
4. FRA 174 did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).
5. SUI 171 presented video footage taken from her GoPro.

FACTS FOUND

1. SUI 171 was sailing downwind on port gybe.
2. FRA 174 was sailing downwind on port gybe ahead of SUI 171.
3. In an unrelated incident, FRA 174 decided to take a One-Turn Penalty.
4. FRA 174 bore away gybed to starboard, crossing in front of SUI.
5. FRA 174 then altered course to windward and, just to leeward and in front of SUI, raised her kite to tack.
6. SUI 171 lifted her kite and altered course to windward, but her kite collided with FRA's kite.
7. SUI 171 kite collapsed and her strings got twisted with other strings from her own kite. There was no physical damage.
8. Neither boat finished the race.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules:

1. While taking a penalty turn, FRA 174 failed to keep clear of SUI 171, and broke RRS 21.2.
2. Since FRA 174 retired, she took an applicable penalty, she is not further penalized under RRS 64.2(a).
3. SUI 171 score was not made significantly worse by physical damage, therefore the requirements for redress under 62.1(b) are not met.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2024-05-18 15:38 CEST

1. Since FRA 174 retired, she took an applicable penalty, she is not further penalized under RRS 64.2(a).

2. Redress not granted.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type International Jury

Chaired By: Heiko Falch (GER)

Committee Members: Yoann Peronneau (FRA), Sandy Grosvenor (USA)