

DECISION

Request No.: 15

Protest

Event: 2023 Formula Kite Youth (U21) World Championships Race Number: 9
Hearing Schedule: 2023-07-21 17:45

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 15: FK - Male - FRA 26 - Solan Autric

FK - Male - BRA 12 - Vittor Maciel B M S Filho

Interpreters: Marcos Americano Rodrigues, BRA 48

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

Marcos Americano Rodrigues, BRA 48, attended the hearing as translator for BRA 12.

FACTS FOUND

1. The conditions at the time of the incident were 8-10 knots and flat water.
2. After rounding mark 2 BRA 12 and FRA 26 were sailing on starboard-tack with BRA 12 being positioned 15 metres clear ahead and four metres to leeward of FRA 26.
3. BRA 12 was sailing a deeper course compared to FRA 26.
4. BRA 12 luffed, then lifted her kite and gybed to port-tack, capsizing shortly after her gybe.
5. Two seconds after BRA 12 had lifted her kite, FRA 26 also lifted her kite.
6. After FRA 26 had lifted her kite, she could sail her course without any further avoiding actions.
7. No contact, injury or tangle occurred.
8. No kiteboard took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 12, F2.16.1

1. When changing course and changing the position of her kite before her gybe, BRA 12, the right-of-way kiteboard, gave FRA 26 room to continue keeping clear, as required by RRS F2.16.1.
2. At this time FRA 26 clear astern kept clear of BRA 12 clear ahead, as required by RRS 12.
3. After BRA 12 had gybed to port-tack, FRA 26 could sail her course with no need to take further avoiding action. Therefore, BRA 12 on port-tack kept clear of FRA 26 on starboard-tack, as required by RRS 10.

DECISION

The Protest is dismissed.

Date & Time: 2023-07-21 18:15 CEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: International Jury

Chaired By: Per-Olof Ekstrand (SWE)

Committee Members: Finn Mrugalla (GER), Stephen Procter (GBR), Timo Haß (GER), Max Marselis (NED)