

DECISION

Request No.: 24

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: 2022 Formula Kite European Championships Race Number: F3
Hearing Schedule: 2022-10-01 16:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 24: FK - Men - MON 86 - Alexander Ehlen

FK - Men - USA 10 - Noah Runciman

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind speed: 15 knots, flat water.
2. On the first downwind leg, MON 86 and USA 10 were both on port, with USA 10 approximately 3m ahead and 8m to windward of MON 86.
3. USA 10 started gybing.
4. Approximately one second later, MON 86 did the same.
5. Approximately one second later, USA finished gybing and was on starboard tack.
6. Approximately one second later, with MON 86 still on port, contact occurred between both kites and the lines, causing a tangle.
7. There was neither damage nor injury.
8. MON 86 and USA 10 were unable to untangle their kites.
9. MON 86 and USA 10 retired from race F3.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 14, F2.16.1, 43.1(b), F4.44.1(b), 62.1 and N1.4(b)

1. USA 10, right of way, changed course and the position of her kite without giving room to MON 86 to continue keeping clear, breaking RRS F2.16.1.
2. USA 10 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. By retiring, USA 10 took the appropriate penalty for her breach under RRS F4.44.1(b).
4. MON 86 on port did not keep clear of USA 10 on starboard, breaking RRS 10.
5. Since MON 86 broke RRS 10 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.
6. It was not reasonably possible for MON 86 to avoid the contact, therefore she did not break RRS 14.
7. The score of MON 86 was made significantly worse in race F3 by tangle. Therefore the requirements of RRS 62.1 are not met.

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USA 10 retired. No further penalty imposed but the incident is counted to determine the number of tangles the kiteboard has caused during the event.
Redress is not given to MON 86.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Marios Zisimatos (GRE)

Committee Members: Yoann Peronneau (FRA), Finn Mrugalla (GER)