

# DECISION

Request No.: 04

## Protest and Request for Redress

Event: 2023 Formula Kite Youth Europeans and KiteFoil Masters Worlds Race Number: 1  
Hearing Schedule: 2023-05-24 19:10

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 04:** MASTER - Male - SUI 224 - Andreas Messerli

MASTER - Male - SWE 207 - Klas Naabo

**Witnesses:** SUI 225

### 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. SWE 207 did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).

### FACTS FOUND

1. The conditions were 10 knots of wind and flat water.
2. After rounding mark 3, SUI 224 and SWE 207 were sailing on starboard tack on reaching towards the finishing line, with SUI 224 clear ahead of SWE 207.
3. When 20 meters away from the finishing line, SUI 224 luffed, put her kite up and became stationary.
4. After 10 seconds, SWE 207 sailing faster, held her course and there was contact without damage between the kites of SUI 224 and SWE 207.
5. SUI 224 and SWE 207 both capsized and there was a tangle.
6. SUI 224 did not finish races 1 and 2.
7. SWE 207 did not finish race 1.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 14, F2.22.2 and 63.3(b)

1. While recovering, SUI 224 failed to keep clear of SWE 207 who was not recovering, and broke RRS F2.22.2.
2. SWE 207 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for SUI 224 to avoid contact, therefore she did not break rule 14.

### DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2023-05-24 20:28 CEST

The protest is upheld. SUI 224 and SWE 207 retired. No further penalty is imposed but the incident is counted to determine the number of tangles the kiteboards have caused during the event.

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Committee Type:** International Jury

**Chaired By:** Jan Stage (DEN)

**Committee Members:** Marios Zisimatos (GRE), Anastazja Lewandowska (POL), Ilca Heinrich (GER), Nikolaos Papageorgiou (GRE)