



KTA 11/12 Season Titles and Programme

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As the sport of kiteboarding continues to develop and competition in particular grows in recognition and respect from the wider sporting world the KTA needs at this point of its season to re-define one or two aspects of the titles, events and competitions following recent decisions on an international level.

These changes follow direction and approval from our governing body the IKA and define the KTA's requirements under its Asian sanction.

The KTA Asia Kiteboard Tour will therefore award the following titles for the 11/12 season

11/12 Asian Freestyle Champion	male/female	Asian born citizens
11/12 KTA Freestyle Tour Champion	male/female	all nationalities
11/12 KTA Course Race Tour Champion - RB class	male/female	all nationalities
11/12 KTA Course Race Tour Champions - TT class	male/female	all nationalities

The KTA Asia Tour will continue to be classed as an IKA world points ranking continental tour. This applies only to freestyle and the course race RB class. The TT Class although recognised has not yet been fully adopted worldwide, we will keep trying for this and submit a proposal for this at the next IKA AGM.

For this season the Asian Freestyle Championship will be decided from three rounds of the KTA tour – Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand. This has been decided in support of Asian riders who cannot afford to enter a large number of competition rounds. The KTA tour open titles both freestyle and race will be decided on the total number of rounds in the KTA tour this season, less required discards if applied.

*Please note that due to international changes in competition formats the Asian course race champions are no longer awarded through the tour competition structure, but rather through championship events.

The following one-off **Asian Championship** event will now take place –

The **11/12 Asian Course Race championships** which will award the following titles –

11/12 Asian Course Race Champion – RB class male/female Asian born citizens

11/12 Asian Open Course Race Champions – RB class male/female all nationalities

*Please note that the Asian Course Race Championships is an ‘Open’ event to all nationals. The Asian champion titles may only be held by Asian born citizens but the overall winners of the event may be from any country. Separate prizes and recognition will be made for each set of winners, although they may also be one and the same if Asian born.

The Asian course Race Championships will award IKA single championship event IKA world ranking points. These ranking points will be awarded to the overall winners.

In addition to the Asian Tour and championship events the KTA may also throughout the year run Open events, support national championships and run IKA Special Sanction Events. These will all operate as stand-alone events and will receive IKA world ranking points on the decision of the IKA based on each events merits and prize level.