



2017 IKA TWINTIP:RACING ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (NoR/SI)

To be supplemented by Local Sailing Instructions (LSI)

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1 VENUE

Venue	Organizer	Dates	Prize Money
Pranburi Beach Thailand 12°20'53.0"N 99°59'52.1"E	Kiteboarding Association Thailand	12 March 2017 - 18 March 2017	200.000 THB plus app. 6000 USD Cabrinha kiteboarding equipment

2 RULES

- 2.1 The 2017 IKA TwinTip:Racing Asian Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 including Appendix F Addendum S (http://www.twintipracing.com/images/documents/2017_APPENDIX_FS.pdf). Other documents under RRS Definition: Rule (g) include:
- 2.1.1 [DP] The IKA Support Team Regulations (STR)
 - 2.1.2 [DP] [SP] The IKA Equipment Regulations (ER)
 - 2.1.3 [NP] [DP] The IKA Competitors Media Guide (CMG) – to be published
- 2.2 Supplementary Local Sailing Instructions (LSI) which may change or supplement rules in these NoR/Sis.

- 2.3 No national prescriptions will apply
- 2.4 A kiteboard shall neither make radio transmissions while competing nor receive radio communications not available to all kiteboards, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 2.5 In all rules governing the 2017 IKA TT:R Asian Championship;
 - 2.5.1 The terms 'rider', 'competitor', 'crew', 'athlete' and 'owner' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event.
 - 2.5.2 The term 'support person' means persons as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing
 - 2.5.3 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
 - 2.5.4 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing; and
 - 2.5.5 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a kiteboard. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 2.7 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 2.7.1 Rule F4.44.1 is changed to read:

"A kiteboard may take a two-tack-penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. Sailing instructions may specify the use of some other penalty. However, if the kiteboard caused injury, serious damage or a tangle or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
 - 2.7.2 Rule F4.44.2 is renamed to "Two-Tack-Penalty and changed to read:

"After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a Two-Tack Penalty by promptly making two changes of tack. Forward motion shall be established between each change of tack
When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing
 - 2.7.3 Rule F27.1 is changed to:

"No later than 15 minutes before the starting signal of a heat, the race committee shall post the competition format including the elimination ladder and the heat order, on the official notice board.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All entries must be made through the IKA online registration system.
- 3.2 Entry is only complete when full payment has been made.
- 3.3 The event is open for the following equipment and divisions.
IKA TwinTip:Racing Men (Open)
IKA TwinTip:Racing Women (Open)
IKA TwinTip:Racing Boys (born 1999 and later)
IKA TwinTip:Racing Girls (born 1999 and later)
Additional age divisions may be established depending on entry. A minimum of 5 entries per age/gender division is required.
- 3.4 Competitors shall bring their own equipment.
- 3.5 World Sailing Eligibility shall apply. Each competitor shall be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website.
- 3.6 Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or the World Sailing Executive, each competitor shall be a national of the country of his Member National Authority (MNA). Each competitor shall present proof of their nationality when requested.
- 3.7 Each competitor shall be a member of an IKA full member (National Class Association) of either his/her nationality or his/her country of permanent residence. A valid membership card or other satisfactory evidence of membership shall be presented at registration if requested.
If no full member (having paid its annual subscription) exists, the competitor must become individual member of IKA. Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 3.8 Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form at each on-site registration.
- 3.9 Olympic gender requirements will apply.
- 3.10 All competitors wishing to compete must personally sign the entry forms at registration day at the time and place published. Exceptions may be granted by the Technical Director at his sole discretion.
- 3.11 Competitors shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
 - Proof of Entry Fee payment
 - Evidence of national class association membership
 - World Sailor ID
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance – minimum 1.5 million Euro per event or the equivalent

- Proof of age
 - Parental/legal guardian consent - for those under the age of 18
 - Medical Treatment Permission - for those under age of 18 or on their parent's medical insurance policy
- 3.12 On-water Caddies, coaches and support team personnel shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
- Boat Driving License (if applicable)
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance for drivers of coach boats – minimum 1.5 million Euro per event or the equivalent
- 3.13 The organizing authority may cancel an event if the minimum number of entries has not been received 30 days before the registration day of the event. The minimum entry is twenty (20) kiteboards. Competitors will be notified of event cancellation by email and posting on the IKA website. The entry fees will be refunded.

4 ENTRY FEE

- 4.1 The competitor's entry fee will be 80 USD plus PayPal fees and is not refundable.
- 4.1.1 The competitor's entry fee for entries made through the online registration system but have not been paid online, is 100 USD.
- 4.1.2 The competitor's entry fee for entries made after 01 March 2017 will be 120 USD
- 4.2 Payments made on site shall be made in cash (EUR, USD, THB) only.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The schedule will be as follows:

12 March 2017	Registration	1230-1700 hours
12 March 2017	Meet and Greet@ Kitecable	1900 hours
13 March 2017 to 18 March 2017	Racing Days	1000-1800 hours
16 March 2017	Reserve / Lay Day	
18 March 2017	Prize Giving	2000 hours

- 5.2 5 elimination series / half fleet / full fleet races per day are scheduled.

- 5.2.1 Races and Eliminations not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on the following day at the discretion of the race committee.
- 5.2.2 Not more than one race/elimination per class/flight/fleet may be sailed ahead of schedule at the discretion of the Race Committee, and only if the weather forecast makes it unlikely that the scheduled number of races can be sailed in the following days.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours.

6 FORMAT

- 6.1 The format will be multiple single elimination series, half fleet and full fleet races.
- 6.2 Separate Divisions will be established based on number of entries.

7 STARTING AND FINISHING

- 7.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange/white chequered flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the port-end inflatable mark.
- 7.2 A buoy may be attached to the race committee starting boat anchor line just below keel depth. Kiteboards shall not pass between this buoy and the race committee starting boat at any time. This buoy is part of the race committee starting boat ground tackle.
- 7.3 To alert kiteboards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange/white chequered starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 7.4 [DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, kiteboards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 75 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 7.5 The finishing line will be between a black/white chequered flag on the finish race committee vessel and the course side of the nearby finish mark.
- 7.6 The finishing line Race Committee vessel is identified by a black/white chequered flag. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 7.7 [DP] Kiteboards that have finished racing shall sail clear of the finish area.

8 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

8.1 Time limits and target times, in minutes, are as follows:

<u>Format</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u>	<u>Target Time</u>	<u>Finish Time Window</u>
Elimination	7	1	4	3
Half Fleet	15	5	10	10
Full Fleet	25	10	15	10

8.2 If no kiteboard rounds Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.

8.3 Any kiteboard that does not finish within the Finish Window (time after the first kiteboard finishes) shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

9 COURSES AND RACING AREAS

9.1 The courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than 30 minutes before the start of the first heat.

9.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

10 [DP] IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

10.1 When provided by the local organizing authority, Kiteboards and competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:

10.1.1 Competition bibs for all competitors with the individually assigned lycra number, worn over all other clothing and equipment at any time when afloat

10.1.2 Individual event leader bibs with individually assigned lycra number, worn over all other clothing and equipment at any time when afloat

10.1.2 Event advertising

10.1.3 Cameras and other media equipment

- 10.1.4 [SP] Tracking and timing system equipment.
- 10.2 [SP] Any advertising from previous events shall be removed.

11 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 11.1 The location of the official notice board and the official flagpole will be published in the LSI.
- 11.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.
- 11.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 11.4 When a visual signal is displayed over an area or class/fleet/flight flag, the signal applies only to that area or class/fleet/flight. This changes the Race Signals preamble.
- 11.5 The LSI will be posted on the official notice board no later than the first skippers meeting, and will be available at the event and/or IKA website and by hard copy on request only.

12 CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the NoR/SI and the LSI will be posted 30 minutes before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than the end of the protest time limit of the last class/fleet/flight on the day before it will take effect.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 [DP] Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Kiteboards shall not leave the beach. Wait for further instructions.' This changes Race Signals AP over H.
- 13.2 [DP] [NP] If the use of personal flotation devices is prescribed, every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a jacket harness or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg uninflated in fresh water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing

or personal equipment. The buoyancy shall be tested with a ferrous metal weight of 4kg, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes.

- 13.3 [DP] [NP] Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors under 18 years of age.

14 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 14.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.
- 14.2 Kiteboards that are not competing shall keep clear of the competition area and any official boat.
- 14.3 Kiteboards that are on a Course Area or passing through a Course Area to which they are not assigned shall remain clear of the area where kiteboards are racing and any official boat.
- 14.4 IKA may reduce or remove a prize (including prize money) in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

15 EVENT SCORING

- 15.1 1 elimination series is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.2 Each Elimination Series counts as one race.
- 15.3 A kiteboards series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score when 4 to 6 races are completed, her two worst scores when 7 to 10 races are completed, her three worst scores when 11 to 15 races have been completed, and her four worst scores when 16 and more races are completed.
- 15.4 A kiteboard starting later than 1 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 15.5 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a kiteboard may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 15.6 Additional age divisions will be calculated by simple extraction from the Overall Rankings.

16 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 16.1 Kiteboards shall comply with the Event Equipment Rules as defined in the Equipment Regulations from 1 hour before the warning signal of the first race of the event.
- 16.2 [DP] Special Notice is drawn to the use of leaches and fully functional depower and quick-release systems.
- 16.3 [DP] Competitors shall ensure that a completed “Equipment Registration Form” is returned to the Race Office during the official on-site registration time. This may be done electronically through a system provided by the Race Committee. Exceptions may only be granted by the Race Committee.
- 16.4 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee or technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.5 [SP] When coming ashore, a kiteboard can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 16.6 [SP] Information on equipment to be measured post-racing each day will be posted on the official notice board. Competitors shall present the equipment to be measured at the time posted.

17 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury may be appointed in accordance with the RRS 91(b). Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed, as specified in RRS 70.5.

18 PROTESTS, PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protests for breaches of rules of RRS part 2 will be heard immediately after racing ashore as provided in Appendix F Addendum S.
- 18.2 The protest time limits for any other protests is 30 minutes after the last kiteboard has finished the last race / heat of the day for that Class/Division/Fleet/Flight, or when AP over A, or N over A is displayed.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held beginning at

the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 15 minutes before the end of protest time Limit.

- 18.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform kiteboards under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.4 A list of kiteboards that have been penalized RCT/DCT for causing tangles will be posted.
- 18.5 Penalties for breaches of the ER, STR, CMG, class rules, RRS 55 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP] or [SP], should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 18.6 For breaches of NoR/SI marked [SP], the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing to the race closest in time to the incident. The scores of other kiteboards shall not be changed; therefore, two kiteboards may receive the same score. However, the race committee may protest a kiteboard when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A kiteboard that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another kiteboard nor can another kiteboard request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.
- 18.7 On the last day of opening series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 18.7.1 within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - 18.7.2 no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day;This changes RRS 66.
- 18.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAM PERSONNEL

- 19.1 All support team members shall be registered with the local organizing authority at registration day and will be required to comply with local legislation and the Support Team Regulations. The local organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

- 19.2 Support boats shall clearly display their national 3 letter country code in black on a white background, either on a flag of a minimum of 50cm x 40cm in size or on the cover of their outboard engine
- 19.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where kiteboards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all kiteboards have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20 PRIZES AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

- 20.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 competitors of each gender.
- 20.2 Division winners may receive additional trophies depending on entry level
- 20.3 Prize money will be awarded as provided as follows:

20.3.1 Women Open

Rank	Amount
1	50000 BHT
2	30000 BHT
3	20000 BHT

20.3.2 Men Open

Rank	Amount
1	50000 BHT
2	30000 BHT
3	20000 BHT

- 20.3.3 Additional prizes in form of equipment will be available.
- 20.3.4 Prizes will be awarded once a valid result stands as provided by the rules.
- 20.3.5 If no valid result stands, 50% of the advertised prize money will be evenly distributed between the competitors. Equipment prizes will not be distributed.
- 20.3.6 When a number of competitors share the same position, the prize money for the shared position and the following unoccupied positions shall be added and then divided by the number of competitors sharing that position. Equipment prizes will not be shared.

- 20.3.7 If governmental tax deductions are applicable on prize money at an event, the local organizing authority shall provide competitors detailed information about the deductions and procedures on refund.
- 20.4 [DP] The top three competitors in each division as well as individual race winners (if applicable) may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 20.5 [DP] Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.
- 20.6 If a competitor who finished in the top 3 in his/her discipline leaves the event before the conclusion of the closing ceremony or, if other competitor, leaves the venue before the day before the prize giving ceremony, IKA may exclude that competitor from the next IKA Formula Kite Championship or impose any similar sanction.
- 20.7 IKA may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

21 [NP] [DP] INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each competitor and „person in charge“ (see RRS 46) shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least EUROS 1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.
- 20.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

22 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors and support team participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Kiteboarding is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their equipment to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their equipment and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) By participating in any form of competition, they are satisfied that their equipment is in good order, equipped to compete in the event and they are fit to participate;

- e) The provision of a race management team, rescue crafts, judges, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of rescue craft cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

23 MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the local organizing authority, IKA , all involved classes, and their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during and after the period of the competition without compensation.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact

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Or visit the event website, www.twintipracing.com