



PKA 2009 Events – Competitor acknowledgment

THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETED IN FULL.

IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLETE THIS FORM CORRECTLY YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RACE OR EVEN PRACTICE AT PKA EVENTS

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

ICE Details: _____

Relevant Medical Conditions and/or Treatments: (Please detail any medical conditions or treatments that you are undergoing that might be relevant in the context of any treatment you may require in an emergency i.e. allergies or chronic conditions):

2. ENTRY QUALIFICATION

- a) All competitors entering each event must be confident and capable of stopping and controlling their buggy in race conditions.
- b) All competitors must be in possession of a recognized 3rd party liability insurance policy.

3. EVENT AND SAFETY RULES

The following rules shall govern each race:

- (a) International Land and Sand Yachting Federation (**FISLY**) – All Documented International Sailing and Racing Rules. (These rules may be excluded in whole or in part for “Special” PKA events.)
- (b) Any supplementary PKA rules.
- (c) The local rules applicable to the venue where the race and practice takes place.
- (d) The race rules for the day as detailed in the pre-race safety briefing.

It is your responsibility to understand and comply with the above rules.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to attend the safety briefing for each and every race; failure to do so may result in disqualification.

All competitors shall wear a proper fitting helmet. All equipment must be well maintained and of sufficient quality and standard to complete each event safely.

The decision of the Sailing Master as to the competence of competitors and the safety and suitability of equipment shall be final.

4. COLLISION AND AVOIDANCE RULES

Anti-collision rules

All competitors will steer right to avoid a head-on collision.

Competitors on a converging course will protect their right, so the competitor on the right has priority i.e. the competitor on the left must avoid the competitor on the right.

Kite position

When crossing, overtaking or passing, the upwind competitor must raise their kite and the downwind competitor must lower their kite. The overtaking pilot must show consideration for the overtaken.

Re-launching kites

The launching or landing of kites in such a way as to cause an obstruction to other competitors is strictly forbidden. Once the kite is at the top of the window the competitor has the air and must be considered an obstacle. When the competitors' lines and kite are on the ground they are also

considered as obstacles that must be avoided. Competitors may only launch their kites when this will not cause an obstruction to other competitors.

Gybe & Tack

Gybing and tacking competitors will accept responsibility in the event of an obstruction to other competitors, whether with priority or not. The turning competitor has to shout "Gybe" or "Tack" or make some appropriate gesture so that the other competitors know what they are about to do.

5. RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I make the following acknowledgement and declaration.

A. Identification of Risk

I am aware that parakarting is an inherently dangerous sport. I am also conscious of the risks involved in competing in a PKA race event and of the dangers caused by other competitors and changing atmospheric and environmental conditions, be it during practice or during the actual race.

I know and accept that by taking part in PKA events, in any capacity, life and physical safety could be endangered. In addition, I acknowledge that these dangers may threaten anyone within the race, and practice areas, and may include environmental conditions, technical equipment, and atmospheric influences as well as natural or manmade obstacles.

B. Acknowledgement of Risk

I acknowledge that it is up to me personally to assess whether; based on the course, the prevailing weather conditions and my equipment, if any race or practice course is too difficult for me. I agree that I will conduct my own inspection and I will immediately notify the event officials of any obvious safety concerns I may have. I also agree that during each event or practice I will continually assess the conditions and ascertain whether I remain capable and competent to continue.

I acknowledge that I will be responsible for my own errors of judgement and failures of skill and from decisions and actions at physically demanding extremes.

By starting in a race, or taking part in practice I acknowledge acceptance of the suitability and condition of the particular course. I also agree that I am responsible for the choice of equipment and in particular my choice of kite having taken due account of the wind speed, direction and variability.

I am also responsible for the selection of my line around each course and my ability to sail this line.

C. Personal Liability

I understand that I may be found personally liable to third parties for damages arising from bodily injury or property damage they have suffered as a result of my participation in an event organised by the Parakart Association. I agree that it is not the responsibility of the organiser to inspect or supervise my equipment nor in any way are the organisers responsible for my actions within any designated area of the PKA event.

This Competitor's Acknowledgement is also binding on any relatives, personal representatives, heirs, successors, beneficiaries, and next of kin or assigns who might pursue legal action.

6. Use of images

I the undersigned also give permission for any images of myself, either still or moving, taken by or given to the organisation to be used in any promotional literature that the organisation sees fit to use. I also give permission for these images to be published on the Internet. If I am signing for a minor I also give permission for their images to be used in any way the organisation wishes to. The organisation will have full rights to those pictures and they will remain the property of the organisation.

7. CERTIFICATION

I confirm that I have made a full disclosure of relevant medical conditions and treatments and will notify the relevant official of any changes to these conditions or treatments as necessary.

I confirm that I have read and understood all the above sections and agree to them in full. I understand that by signing this document, I agree that these terms apply to every PKA event I may participate in during 2009.

I confirm that I have valid and existing insurance and a license suitable for each event.

I confirm that I am fit and healthy and have no medical conditions that affect my ability to enter the events.

Signature of entrant: _____

Signature of parent/guardian (if under 18): _____