

## “Al Gharbia Watersports Festival - Mirfa 2011” Notice of the Kiteboarding Competition

### 1. EVENT:

“Al Gharbia Kiteboarding Championship” will be held on **March 25th, 26th, and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>** in Mirfa.

### 2. ORGANIZATION:

“Al Gharbia Watersports Festival - Mirfa 2011” is organized by: Abu Dhabi Motors Club, technical operations are conducted by Abu Dhabi International Marine Sports Club and initiated by Western Region Development Council.

### 3. DISCIPLINES:

#### - **Freestyle**

Judging criteria are based solely on the individual's performance.  
Competitors will be judged based on 3 criteria:

1. Technical competency (considering height and power)
2. Variety (demonstrating the ability to perform on both tacks, rotations in either direction, off-axis, power and high moves)
3. Overall impression (considering style, quality vs. quantity, innovation and “wow” factor)

#### - **Race**

The starting signals shall be:

- a). Warning signal (2min) - Red flag displayed
- b). Preparatory signal (1min) - Yellow flag displayed
- c). Starting signal - Green flag displayed

## Scoring

Places in race will be awarded in following order:

Place	Points	Bonus point System
First	1	0
Second	2	3
Third	3	5,7
Fourth	4	8
Fifth	5	10
Sixth	6	11.7
Seventh	7	13
Each place thereafter	Add 1 point	Add 1 point

The Low Point Scoring System will apply.

If 4 races have been completed there will be 1 discard.

## 4. PRIZES:

### Freestyle Overall

1. AED 10,000
2. AED 7,500
3. AED 5,000

### Freestyle UAE National

1. AED 10,000
2. AED 7,500
3. AED 5,000

### Freestyle Female

1. AED 10,000
2. AED 7,500
3. AED 5000

### Race Overall

1. AED 10,000
2. AED 7,500
3. AED 5,000

### Race UAE National

1. AED 10,000
2. AED 7,500
3. AED 5,000

### Race Female

1. AED 10,000
2. AED 7,500
3. AED 5,000

### Race Junior (under 15)

1. AED 5,000
2. AED 3,000
3. AED 2,000

## 5. PARTICIPANTS:

Completed registration forms must be checked in before 11am on March 25th at the Race Office located on the beach.

Riders under age of 18 must have written permission of parents or lawful minders to compete in Kite Event.

The maximum number of entries for the event shall be 50 persons.

## 6. DAILY SCHEDULE

### Friday March 25th

10:00 – 11:00	Registration for all Competitors in Mirfa beach.
11:00 – 12:00	Competitors meeting and drawing.
12:00 – 18:00	Race, Freestyle.

### Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>

11:00 – 12:00	Competitors meeting.
12:00 – 18:00	Race, Freestyle.

### Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>

11:00 – 12:00	Competitors meeting.
12:00 – 18:00	Race, Freestyle.

### Saturday April 2nd

11:00 – 12:00	Competitors meeting.
12:00 – 17:00	Race, Freestyle.
17:00	Prize giving and closing ceremony.

## 7. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to decide whether or not to start or to continue the race and to preserve his/her safety.

The safety of the kiteboarding equipment shall be the sole responsibility of the competitor, who must ensure that the equipment is adequate to endure any conditions that may arise in the course of the contest.

The organizing entities will not be held responsible for any losses, damages, or deaths or personal injuries occurring as a result of the competitors' participation in the contest.

If the judges, race director or any of the crew members offer assistance to a competitor, he/she shall accept this assistance offered and shall follow the directions and instructions given by the above.

During the contest and training sessions, all competitors are recommended to use helmets and impact vests.

All competitors shall wear official vests during any water activity such as practice sessions and competing.

Safety and fair play are the most important aspects of the competition. Unsafe riders will be disqualified. Common sense is to be followed on the water. Priority rules will be posted on the ONB before start of the event.

Competitors that are not sportsmanlike and don't show courtesy to other competitors while crossing or passing during the heat, launching or otherwise will be disqualified from the event.

#### **8. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD:**

The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be displayed in the Race Office. Any changes in the contest instructions will be posted on ONB. All Competitors have the responsibility of checking the ONB periodically for any changes.

The scheduled discipline will be notified on the ONB at least 30 minutes before the start of the first heat. Each competitor is responsible for checking time.

#### **9. LAUNCHING AREA:**

Competitors are requested to keep and launch their kites only from the launching area located on the beach during the competitions. Keep this area clear of any object other than kiteboard equipment. Completely clear the shore of this area from any equipment (approximately 5 meters from the sea) that will be considered as a safety area.

#### **10. COMPETITIONS AREA:**

Only competitors competing during his/her qualifying heat are requested to kite on the competitions area that will be determined by buoys.

#### **11. PENALTIES AND FINES:**

Competitors may be *disqualified* if:

- They sail or fly the kite in the competition area while the competition is going on, other than during his/her qualifying heat.
- They do not stack safely his/her equipment on the launching area to prevent it from flying away.
- They do not respect the safety rules.
- Attitude or action of the competitors during the contest is considered against the promotion of the sport.
- They fail to obey to verbal or written instructions.

## 12. CHANGES TO KITEBOARDING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Competition Director has the authority to make any necessary changes in the kiteboarding instructions due to time or weather constraints. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 30 minutes before the starting time of the heat or heats concerned.

## 13. RULES AND PROTEST:

The contest will be governed by

- This Notice of Competition and Kiteboarding Instructions.
- Oral and Written Instructions given by the Head Judge.

***There will be no protests or disputes taken into consideration during this event. The Competition Director has the final say in all matters.***

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