



SCOTTISH POWER KITE ASSOCIATION

## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RACE OFFICIALS

### Race Master

Requirement:

- For any race event held an official must be appointed to be responsible for the setting up and running of a race.

Responsibility:

- Responsible for the safety of all competitors, pilots and other officials during the race.

Qualifications:

- Comprehensive knowledge of the International Sailing Rules and Regulations.
- Appreciation of the wind direction, strength and condition prevailing throughout an event.
- Practical knowledge of the various elements of a race course.
- General knowledge of any particular area being used for a race meeting as to local conditions that normally exist with regard to any other parties that may be in the vicinity.
- Ability to recognise potential hazards/safety issues that may exist, or develop, during the course of an event and manage them accordingly.
- Ability to set a challenging course suitable for the variety of competitor skills present at any event.
- An awareness of the current and developing weather conditions with regard to the overall safety aspect of all involved.
- Ability to evaluate any given incident that may develop during a race and to take whatever remedial action may be required.

### Race Scorers

Requirements:

- For any race event held it is preferable to have a minimum of at least 3 independent scoring teams. Ideally each team will consist of one person shouting the identification marks and two people to record such information. For smaller fleet numbers and lower classifications of events where available personnel are at a premium, this could be reduced down to a minimum limit of two independent scorers.
- It is preferable for one scorer to record the crossings of each competitor over the scoring line in an endless stream from the start of each race till the end. The other scorer(s) should have the ability to record the crossings over the scoring line in lap order.
- Results can be calculated manually from the record sheets or via a suitable electronic means.

Responsibilities:

- Responsible to the Race Master
- The Scorers should be accurate in the recording of the individual characters.
- The Scorers should make the results available within a reasonable time period and before the start of the following race weekend/award ceremony.

### Race Marshalls

Requirements:

- Marshalls shall be located around the race course area at the instruction of the Race Master dependant on their safety assessments for each course set.
- Marshalls shall carry an **orange** warning flag and raise it as a warning to pilots of any situation that may develop which could have a potential safety issue for other pilots or beach users.

Responsibilities:

- Responsible to the Race Master.
- Marshalls shall be responsible for ensuring competitors follow the correct course and noting any discrepancies or rule contraventions within the scope of their knowledge.
- Marshalls shall be responsible for the safety of the pilots and other beach users in their vicinity for the duration of a race and be able to direct such users to a safe area away from the racing circuit.