World Sailing Regulations

Regulation 25.2.8 – Kiteboarding Expression World Championships

A submission from the Board

Purpose or Objective
To restrict the right of World Sailing kiteboarding Classes to hold World Championships in expression competition.

Proposal
Add new Regulation 25.28:

25.2.8 The automatic rights under Regulations 25.2.1, 25.2.2 and 25.2.5 to hold world championships do not apply to expression competitions run by World Sailing kiteboarding Classes. Approval to hold a world championship in expression kiteboarding may be granted by World Sailing under Regulations 25.1 and 25.6.

Current Position
There is no such current restriction.

Reasons
1. The current governance model of kiteboarding is not working and there has been a breakdown in relations between the numerous interested parties. This breakdown is damaging the kiteboarding community and needs remedying.

2. Throughout 2015 and 2016 the World Sailing Board and Executive Office have engaged in extensive discussions with the kiteboarding community, including the IKA, GKA, KRU and WKT. Following an extensive review of the situation, the Board has determined that the following kiteboarding governance model should be adopted moving forwards:

   (a) World Sailing will define future world championship and world tour rights for expression kiteboarding as well as racing. World Sailing may sanction these rights to a promoter who will work for the best interests of the sport. The GKA, KRU and IKA will be consulted to ensure the right promoter is appointed to ensure the riders and industry will support the events.

   (b) World Sailing will sign a Special Events Agreement with that promoter in line with other Special Events.

   (c) Only World Sailing approved events or event organisers will be allowed to become part of the expression tour.

3. This proposal is a necessary part of these governance changes.