

Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games - Kiteboarding

Equipment

The equipment will be based on the IKA Twin Tip: Racing Class Rules that can be found here: www.sailing.org/tools/documents/TTR2014CR011213-%5b16230%5d.pdf

However, the Class Rules are currently being amended following discussions with the World Sailing Technical Department. These changes will be published in the 2017 IKA Twin Tip: Racing Class Rules.

The key changes to the class rules apply only for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games qualification events and the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games itself. These changes have been made to prevent an arms race and create a fair playing field while maintaining the principle of kiteboarding of multiple manufacturers and “bring your own”.

The key characteristics of the equipment are:

- Only 'Leading Edge Inflatable' kites shall be used
- A maximum of one hull and 4 kites in the following size ranges may be registered per event:
 - Large: Nominal Size of 15m or bigger
 - Medium: Nominal Size of 11m to 15m
 - Small: Nominal Size 11m or smaller
 - X-Small: Nominal Size 9m and smaller
- All hulls and kites must be chosen from the relevant registered series production lists. The IKA is administering a registered series production equipment scheme already since 2011 for kites. The list of registered hulls will be available in 2017.
- Hulls and kites shall not be altered from the original state, unless alterations are allowed in the Class rules or Notice of Race. Routine maintenance and repairs that do not alter shape, characteristics and function of the original are permitted.
- A left and a right foot pad, left and right footstrap or left and right foot boots are permitted to be mounted on the hull deck. Any materials may be used.
- The hull shall be symmetrical within production tolerances and wear and tear, when mirrored at an axis laid over the beam at 50% of the length of the hull
- The vertical distance between the highest point and the lowest point of the hull at any transverse section shall not exceed 25mm.
- A maximum of any four fins may be attached to the hull when racing. Retractable fins are not permitted. No fin shall be attached to the hull in the mid 30% of the hull length.
- No other hull appendages are permitted.

The 2017 Class Rules will be published by 31 January 2017.

All equipment rules will be clearly stated in the Notice of Race of the Youth Olympic Qualification Events and the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

For more information on the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games click here: <http://www.sailing.org/regattainfo.php?rgtaid=20013>