

Appendix F

Rule F4 44.2

A submission from the International Formula Kite Class Association

Purpose or Objective

Adjust the description of the One-Turn Penalty

Proposal

44.2 One-Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making one turn with her hull appendage in the water. ~~The turn shall include one completed tack and one completed gybe.~~ When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull and competitor shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The One-Turn Penalty is the appropriate penalty for minor breaches of rules. The One-Turn Penalty as described in the current rule, takes a significant amount of time and space to execute, making the penalty disproportionate to the breach. Removing the requirement of a tack and a gybe practically means that the turn is only made by the board. This is faster and is considered a punishment that is better 'fit to the crime'.
 2. Additionally, a turn only by the board requires less space for the kite, consequently making the maneuver safer for the other kiteboards.
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