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The American Kitefliers Association

AKA Appendix

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This appendix contains additional AKA-specific information not covered in the previous Definitions, Rules, and Guidelines.

When researching specific topics within the AKA rulebook, it is recommended that you first review the most recent appendix; then the IRB, then the AKA 4th Edition Rule Book. Updates to this Appendix will be published in *Kiting* and on the AKA website. This appendix (and it's future revisions) supersedes any conflicting information in the AKA 4th Edition Rulebook. It is the competitor's responsibility to acquire the most current version of this document.

1. Windspeeds

The following table indicates minimum and maximum wind speeds for classes not covered in the International Sport Kite Rules:

	Minimum	Maximum
Experienced	4 kph (2 mph)	45 kph (28 mph)
Train	7 kph (4 mph)	30 kph (18 mph)

2. Pair/Team Registration

In order to comply with Rule J, pairs and teams must register their base member composition with their AKA Sport Kite Conference Commissioner within seven days of the first event in which they compete.

3. Skill Levels

In reference to Definition C, the AKA recognizes the following skill levels:

- <u>Novice:</u> Beginners in sport kite competitions who do not feel ready to compete in a higher class. Novices may compete as a member of a pair or team.
- Experienced: Competitors who have a lot of competition experience and/or who have attained a higher skill level than the majority of competitors in the Novice class.
- <u>Masters:</u> Competitors who have the necessary skills and experience to compete against the very best.
- Open: Open to all competitors, regardless of their skill level in other disciplines.

4. Precision Disciplines

All precision disciplines at the AKA Grand Nationals will be flown Standard format. While event organizers are free to continue to use League format, in the interest of best preparing competitors for the Grand Nationals, they are strongly encouraged to use Standard format for all precision disciplines.

5. Revision of Rule B.1. "Moving Up"

If, during a season, an individual or team, in either discipline, places in the top three in their competition conference, AND accumulates more than 25 points (as reported on the AKA website at the conclusion of the season), they will be required to move up to at least the next higher class at the beginning of the next season. (Competitors in the Masters class are the very best and as such can not move any higher). *

6. Requests for Change or Clarification

Any such requests should be made by contacting the AKA Sport Kite Committee <sportkite@aka.kite.org>.

*This rule becomes applicable on August 1, 2001; for events contested during the 2000/2001 season.