

Making
New
Waves

17-26
SEPTEMBER

EL GOUNA
RED SEA

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DEVELOPMENT

EL GOUNA WATER SPORTS FESTIVAL 2026 VOL. 6



WELCOME TO GWSF Vol6. 2026

THE ULTIMATE KITESURFING THROW DOWN!

GET READY TO SHRED, BOOST, AND SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS IN THE ELECTRIFYING KITESURFING EVENT OF THE YEAR! WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED PRO OR A ROOKIE, THIS IS YOUR MOMENT TO SNAG THE BIGGEST CASH PRIZES AND RIDE THE GNARLY WINDS.

NO LIMITS, NO RESTRICTIONS—JUST PURE KITESURFING MADNESS!

LET THE WIND CARRY YOU TO GLORY-ARE YOU IN?

EVENT DETAILS

DATES: SEPT. 17-19, 2026

if wind aren't in our favor we will move to the following weekend 24-26 Sept.

LOCATION: KITE POWER, EL GOUNA

CONDITIONS WE'RE CHASING 20+ KNOTS. IF THE WIND AREN'T ON OUR SIDE, THE HEAD JUDGE WILL MONITOR CONDITIONS AND MAY ADJUST THE COMPETITION SCHEDULE THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE BEST WIND WINDOW.

C A T E G O R I E S

BIG AIR MEN'S (PRO)

TOP 24 RIDERS, PODIUM CHAMPS, AND SPONSORED SHREDDERS.

MAX 24, MIN 6 RIDERS.

BIG AIR MEN'S (ADVANCED)

OPEN TO ALL MALE RIDERS.

MAX 24, MIN 12 RIDERS.

BIG AIR WOMEN'S

OPEN TO ALL FEMALE RIDERS.

MAX 24, MIN 6 RIDERS.

BIG AIR YOUTH (UNDER 16)

CALLING ALL YOUNG GUNS! MIN 6 RIDERS.

OG / OLD SCHOOL

CALLING ALL RIDERS 35+YRS "Not a kids' contest. Not a pro showdown, or wannabe pro, Just adults with experience, character, and flow — that's who we want on the water"

H E A T S

SINGLE ELIMINATION, AIMING FOR 7-MINUTE HEATS! TWEAKED FOR OPTIMAL SHREDDING.

REGISTRATION & REGISTRATION FORMS

READY TO SHRED THE WAVES AND OWN THE SKIES?

IT'S TIME TO THROW DOWN AND SHOW US WHAT YOU ARE MADE OF AT GWSF Vol.6
! WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED PRO OR A ROOKIE READY TO RIP, THIS IS YOUR
CHANCE TO SHOW YOUR A-GAME.

REGISTRATION & SIGN-UP

LISTEN UP, RIDERS! IT'S TIME TO LOCK IN YOUR SPOT FOR THE ULTIMATE
SHOWDOWN. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TO HEAD TO OUR [WEBSITE
WWW.FLYEVENTSEG.COM](http://WWW.FLYEVENTSEG.COM) AND HIT UP OUR ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE
THE 17th, SEPT, 2026 DON'T BE LEFT HIGH AND DRY – GET YOUR APPLICATION IN
EARLY AND MAKE SURE YOUR PLACE IS SECURED.

LAUNCH PROTOCOL

GOT A REASON WHY YOU CAN'T REGISTER ON TIME? NO WORRIES! JUST SHOOT A
MESSAGE TO OUR EVENT REPS AND PLEAD YOUR CASE. WE'LL CUT YOU SOME SLACK,
BUT YOU GOTTA BRING THE RECEIPTS – WE NEED PROOF THAT IT WASN'T JUST A
CASE OF COLD FEET.

LAST CHANCE

MISSED THE BOAT ON REGISTRATION? DON'T SWEAT IT JUST YET – THERE'S STILL A
CHANCE TO SNAG A SPOT. SWING BY THE SKIPPERS MEETING ON THE 17TH OF Sept
AT 7:00 PM SHARP, AND WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN SQUEEZE YOU IN.
BUT HEY, NO GUARANTEES – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

ENTRY FEE

IT'S 1,700 EGP TO PLAYUP UNTIL THE 16TH OF SEPT. REGISTRATION FEES WILL GO UP
TO 2000 EGP STARTING THE 17TH OF SEPT... NO CASH, NO SPLASH!
YOUTH 1250EGP , BIG AIR AND RACE (2500EGP)

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GRAB YOUR GEAR, AND GET READY TO SEND IT

R I D E R S G E A R

- ONLY INFLATABLE KITES AND TWIN TIP BOARDS.
- MANDATORY GEAR CHECKS BEFORE EVENTS.
- HELMETS AND IMPACT VESTS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

REQUIREMENT TO CARRY ADVERTISING

FOR THE ENTIRE EVENT, INCLUDING REGISTRATION DAY, WHETHER COMPETING, RIDING AS PART OF AN EXHIBITION OR OTHER FUN EVENT, WARMING UP IN THE DESIGNATED AREA, BEING INTERVIEWED BY EVENT MEDIA OR OFFICIAL PRESS TEAMS, OR AT ANY PRESENTATIONS OR WHEN ON ANY PODIUMS, ALL RIDERS, IF REQUIRED BY THE RACE NOTICE OR RACE DIRECTOR, SHALL WEAR A STANDARD GWSF VOL. 6 LYCRA, OVER ALL OTHER CLOTHING, INCLUDING HARNESS AND LIFE JACKET AND / OR

MANDATORY COMPETITOR'S MEETING

A MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL COMPETITORS AT LEAST HALF-AN-HOUR BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST HEAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST DAY OF OFFICIAL COMPETITION. ALL COMPETITORS WILL RECEIVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO THE OFFICIAL TIME AND LOCATION FOR THE MEETING AT REGISTRATION.

E L I M I N A T I O N L A D D E R

THE COMPETITION WILL BE SINGLE ELIMINATION, THE FIRST AND SECOND PLACE RIDERS OF EACH HEAT ADVANCE TO THE NEXT ROUND, WHILST THE THIRD AND FOURTH PLACE RIDERS ARE OUT OF THE COMPETITION.

THE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS WILL CONSIST OF THREE RIDERS IN EACH HEAT.

ESTIMATED RUNNING TIME 8:30 AM - 6:45 PM. THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING TO TIDES, CONDITIONS, AND SAFETY PROTOCOL.

TRANSITION TIME BETWEEN HEATS 5 MINUTES. TRANSITION TIME BETWEEN ROUNDS 10 MINUTES.

ALL OF THE ABOVE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE HEAD JUDGE

START, FINISH, TRANSITIONS AND DISCREPANCY

HEATS SHALL BE STARTED WITH THE FOLLOWING SYSTEM

- **RED FLAG** NOT STARTED
- **YELLOW FLAG** 1 MIN TO START
- **GREEN FLAG** START
- **YELLOW FLAG** 1 MIN TO END
- **RED FLAG** END

JUDGING CRITERIA

THE JUDGES AT GWSF Vol. 6 ARE LOOKING FOR THE MOST EXTREME, HIGH-FLYING TRICKS EXECUTED WITH STYLE AND POWER. HERE'S HOW THEY'LL SCORE YOUR PERFORMANCE

HEIGHT (50%)

MAXIMUM AIR: WE'RE LOOKING FOR THOSE MASSIVE BOOSTS THAT DEFY GRAVITY. THE HIGHER YOU GO, THE MORE YOU IMPRESS

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY: COMPLEXITY COUNTS. THE MORE CHALLENGING AND PRECISE THE TRICK, THE BETTER YOUR SCORE.

DISTANCE TRAVELED: COVERING SERIOUS GROUND WHILE AIRBORNE ADDS TO YOUR OVERALL IMPACT AND PERFORMANCE

INTENSITY (30%)

POWER: THE STRENGTH AND ENERGY BEHIND YOUR TRICKS, INCLUDING THE SPEED AT TAKEOFF AND LANDING.

KITE POSITION: HOW WELL YOU CONTROL YOUR KITE THROUGHOUT THE TRICK.

HEIGHT AND AMPLITUDE: NOT JUST HOW HIGH YOU GO, BUT HOW FAR YOU TRAVEL HORIZONTALLY.

EXECUTION (20%)

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY: THE COMPLEXITY OF THE TRICKS YOU PERFORM DURING YOUR HEAT.

VARIETY: MIXING UP YOUR TRICKS SHOWS VERSATILITY AND SKILL.

CONTROL: IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE TRICK - IT'S HOW YOU CARRY IT OUT. CLEAN, SMOOTH MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT AND A STABLE, WELL-STUCK LANDING SHOW TRUE MASTERY. CONTROLLED LANDINGS CAN MAKE OR BREAK A PERFORMANCE

TRICK LIMITATIONS

JUDGES WILL TAKE TOTAL OF YOUR 3 BEST TRICKS IN ADDITION TO YOUR VARIETY SCORE TO DETERMINE YOUR OVERALL PERFORMANCE.

JUDGING SCALE

SCALE: TRICKS WILL BE JUDGED ON A SCALE FROM 1-10.

FOCUS: QUALITY OVER QUANTITY. GO BIG, GO BOLD, AND MAKE IT STYLISH!

HEAT AND TRANSITION DURATION

- HEAT AND TRANSITION DURATION SHALL BE POSTED AT LEAST 12 MINUTES BEFORE THE HEAT.
- HEAT DURATION WILL BE 7-9 MIN AND 5 MIN WILL BE LEFT FOR THE TRANSITION BETWEEN ONE HEAT TO ANOTHER.
- RIDERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE UP TO DATE WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE HEATS WHILE STAYING TUNED AND FOLLOWING THE LEADERBOARD.

DISCREPANCIES

RE-RUNNING OF HEATS THE HEAD JUDGE HAS THE POWER TO RE-RUN A HEAT, ONLY WHEN HE HAS WITNESSED THE COMPLETE HEAT AND HE FIRMLY BELIEVES THERE IS A MAJOR DISCREPANCY OR CHANGE IN CONDITIONS. WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE DECISION TO RE-RUN A HEAT SHALL BE MADE BEFORE ANNOUNCING A WINNER OF THE HEAT IN QUESTION.

APPEALS AGAINST JUDGES: NOT CONSIDERED (NO PROTEST ALLOWED) WITH NO PROOF AT ANY TIMES. THE RIDER IS EXPECTED TO ASSIGN A CADDY TO SHOOT THE HEAT AND USE A VIDEO AS PROOF FOR APPEALS.

THE APPEAL SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ONLY TO THE HEAD JUDGE AND/ OR SPORTS DIRECTOR IN A WRITTEN FORMATE, CLEARLY EXPLAINING THE INCIDENT, ALONG WITH ANY SUPPORTING VIDEO EVIDENCE.

SAFETY RULES

EQUIPMENT

IMPACT VEST: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

HELMET: STRONGLY ADVISED.

SAFETY LEASH: CONNECT TO YOUR CHICKEN LOOP WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

EQUIPMENT CHECK: ENSURE YOUR KITE-SAFETY DEVICES ARE IN TOP SHAPE.

LYCRA VEST: MANDATORY DURING HEATS—MUST BE WORN OVER THE HARNESS. NO VEST, NO SCORE.

WARM-UP GEAR: KEEP THE LYCRA VEST ON DURING WARM-UPS AND INTERVIEWS.

THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF COMPETITION ARE SAFETY AND FAIR PLAY.

UNSAFE COMPETITORS WILL BE WARNED, FINED OR DISQUALIFIED.

KITE ZONE

KITE PLACEMENT

SECURE YOUR KITE IN THE MARKED ZONE, CONSIDERING HIGH TIDES.

SECURE KITES

COVER WITH ENOUGH SAND TO PREVENT FLYAWAYS.

LINES

ALWAYS ROLL UP YOUR LINES ON THE BEACH.

LAUNCHING AND LANDING

LAUNCH

ALWAYS FACE THE WATER AND ENSURE PLENTY OF SPACE.

SAFETY LEASH

CONNECTED TO THE FRONT PART OF THE HARNESS.

USE A CADDY

NO SELF-LAUNCHING.

ASSISTANCE

ASK FOR HELP TO REACH THE WATERLINE.

AVOID WALKING WITH YOUR KITE UP IN THE AIR.

ON THE WATER

AWARENESS

ALWAYS KEEP AN EYE ON OTHER RIDERS.

JUMP SPACE

ENSURE ENOUGH ROOM BEFORE TAKEOFF

SHORE LANDINGS

NO RECKLESS LANDINGS NEAR THE SHALLOW AREA - SUBJECT TO PENALIZATION.

COMPETITION AREA

STAY CLEAR

NON-COMPETING KITEBOARDERS SHOULD AVOID THE COMPETITION AREA.

NO OBSTRUCTION

DON'T BLOCK OTHER KITEBOARDERS' PATHS.

JUMPING

NO BEACH LANDINGS AND STAY CLEAR OF NATURAL OBSTRUCTIONS.

SAFETY AND FAIR PLAY

RIGHT OF WAY:

LEEWARD KITEBOARDS HAVE PRIORITY. WINDWARD KITEBOARDS SHOULD YIELD.

OPPOSITE TACK:

WINDWARD KITE BOARDERS KEEP THEIR KITES HIGH, AND LEEWARD KEEP THEIRS LOW TO AVOID TANGLES.

STARBOARD TACK: STARBOARD RIDERS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY AND SHOULD CROSS UPWIND WITH KITES HIGH.

TRANSITIONS:

LOOK OUT FOR OTHER RIDERS AND KEEP CLEAR WHEN CHANGING TACK OR DOING TRANSITION JUMPS.

AFTER THE HEAT

LAND IMMEDIATELY USE A CADDY TO LAND YOUR KITE.

LIMIT BEACH WALKS KEEP BEACH WALKING WITH KITES IN THE AIR TO A MINIMUM.

CRASH OR ACCIDENT

SEAMANSHIP THE HEAT IS PAUSED IF A RIDER AIDS ANOTHER IN NEED.

HEAT STOP THE RACE DIRECTOR WILL BUZZ TO PAUSE THE HEAT IN CASE OF A HEAVY CRASH OR IF A RIDER IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. THE HEAT WILL RESTART ONCE THE SITUATION IS CLEAR. THE DECISION TO PAUSE IS MADE BY THE JUDGES

SELF-RESCUE TRY TO GET BACK TO THE BEACH YOURSELF IF POSSIBLE. (ONLY IN RACE)

ASSIST CRASHES CHECK ON CRASHED RIDERS, SIGNAL FOR HELP IF NEEDED.

KEEP KITE AIRBORNE TO HELP THE SAFETY TEAM LOCATE YOU.

UNCONSCIOUS RIDER KEEP THEIR HEAD ABOVE WATER AND RELEASE KITES IF NECESSARY.

RESCUE TEAM THEY TAKE CHARGE UPON ARRIVAL.

MATERIAL PRIORITY RIDER'S SAFETY FIRST, GEAR WILL BE PICKED UP LATER.

STAY STOKED, RIDE HARD
LET'S MAKE THIS KITEMANIA ONE TO REMEMBER!

NOTE: SHOULD ANY RULE OR REGULATION NOT BE EXPLICITLY MENTIONED HERE, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES OUTLINED IN THE OFFICIAL GKA RULEBOOK.

ALL DECISIONS AND ACTIONS SHOULD ALIGN WITH THE STANDARDS SET BY THE GLOBAL KITESPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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