

Kitesurfing Rules of the Road

1. Before launching a kite from the beach, one must be sure that it does not create any danger, not only for other riders but also for other people on the launching spot. In addition, the fact that the kite can drag a few dozen meters during launching this should be taken into account. A rider launching his kite on the beach gives way to anybody around him.
2. Give way to riders entering the water. Being on land with an inflatable kite is more hazardous than being on water. Always allow others to enter the water even if this means having to take another turn before being able to return to the beach.
3. When passing one another, the upwind rider must put his kite up and downwind rider must put his kite down.
4. Give way to riders who are not in control of their equipment. You should give space to riders without their board or who look less in control (students).
5. If two riders are on colliding course, rider riding right hand forward has the priority. If rider is riding switch (toe side edge), he has left hand forward of course.
6. When overtaking, faster kiter must not obstruct or impede the slower kiter. Faster kiter must keep clear by a suitable distance, either windward (upwind) or leeward (downwind).
7. The downwind rider has the priority. The upwind rider keeps out of the way of the downwind rider.
8. Rider riding a wave has always the priority.
9. The multiperson meetings increase the risk of collisions and should be avoided. It concerns especially beginners. Seeing that in a moment the multiperson meeting will take place and having doubts whether it is safe, the best way is to make a U-turn on the opposite course. If there is no place for that, just stop, set your kite in the zenith and wait until the situation is cleared.
10. Give way to other water users over. Remember, even if it is your right of way, it is your responsibility to avoid collision at all costs and to help keep kitesurfing safe and respect as a watersport.