



GWA WINGFOIL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS BREST, France 2023



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It is a pleasure to announce the first European Championship event of the year

which will be held in BREST, France.

The dates will be from the 03rd to the 8th of May 2023

This is a GWA Wingfoil World Tour event and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2023 GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook.

Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter a GWA Wingfoil continental event shall pre-register through the GWA Wingfoil World Tour website or under the following direct link:

https://www.wingfoilworldtour.com/register/

or via email to alvaro@globalwingsportsassociation.org or by other means to be specified by the GWA Sports Commission, no later than the published closing date for entries for that specific event.

Ultimately it is the competitors' responsibility to pre-register or to apply for an entry for an event and to ensure that the application has been received timely and correctly.





According to rule 11.2, fines and/or having their next events applications cancelled may be handed out to a pre-registered and / or qualified competitor who, without advanced notice fails to show up at an event.

Complete and signed entry forms for event registration must be signed and complete online after the application of the competitor got approved by the GWA Sports committee by latest one day after the preregistration period closes. Exceptions can only be granted by the GWA Representative.

If a competitor is unable to complete registration at the published time and place in the Race Notice for reasons beyond their control, then the competitor should contact the GWA Representative with details of their delay, and must gain consent for their registration period to be extended. Evidence must be supplied to support reasons showing that the circumstances were out of the competitor's control. Failure to comply with the above will prohibit a competitor from entering the event.

All riders must preregister for the event by the 12th of April.

The registration mail should contain:

- Full Name:
- Nationality:
- Date of Birth:
- Email
- Telephone/Whatsapp:

All attending riders need to have a valid membership with the GWA to be insured during the participation in the event.

Cost of entry is 60.- Euro for competing in one discipline. If competing in both entry fee will be €120.

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GWA membership. The membership for the continental championships will have a 50% discount being the total 40 €. The GWA membership needs to be obtained before or at the same time when confirming participation for an event and can be paid during the online registration. The membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third-party liability during the competition.

All entry fee and GWA membership payments must be made before the 24thth April 2023 via credit card payment through the online registration tool.

Entry restrictions

Entry-fee payments must be made no later than the end of the inscription-time at the respective event. In the case that the full amount of the inscription fee is not paid by the end of the announced inscription-time, the rider will not be allowed to compete. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event.

Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency!

In order to enter the event, parental consent / authorization must be received for all competitors who are under the age of 18 years old at the registration date.





Eligibility

A competitor is eligible for any GWA event if he meets the following conditions:

- He has a personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.
- The competitor cannot hold the GWA, the GKA Event Gmbh or the event-organizer responsible for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- The competitor cannot hold the GWA, the GKA Event Gmbh or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.
- He holds a valid competitor's membership with the GWA Wingfoil World Tour
- All French riders must have a French licence French Federation Voile FFVoile competitor 2023 and send to mathilde.dclp@aloha-attitude.fr before the 15th of March

Entry allocation

There is a maximum number of 48 competitors in both genders entering this event in the Surf-Freestyle discipline.

There is a maximum number of 48 male competitors and 48 female competitors entering this event in the FreeFly-Slalom discipline.

If the number of preregistered riders exceeds 48, the GWA Sports Commission will select the GWA Wildcards based on their participation and results in other international and national events as well as their wingfoil merits.

The GWA will publish the GWA wildcard allocation latest on 14th April 2023, two days after the end of preregistration.

	GWA Surf-Freestyle & FreeFly-Slalom	
PRIORITY CATEGORY	48 Surf- Freestyle Riders	48 FreeFly- Slalom Riders
World Cup Ranking		
GWA QS		
GWA Wildcards	3	3
Organiser Wildcards	3	3
DRAW (those who does not have ranking).		

Seeding





The seeding for the GWA Wingfoil European Championship 2023 in BREST, France will be done according to the current World Tour ranking as first instance, in addition, the QS ranking will also t in consideration for the seeding.

Surf-Freestyle;

FreeFly-Slalom;

Disciplines

There will be TWO official disciplines in this GWA Wingfoil European Championship.

Surf-Freestyle FreeFly-Slalom

Divisions:

Pro Men (Surf-Freestyle/FreeFly-Slalom): Any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)

Pro Women (Surf-Freestyle/FreeFly-Slalom): Any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)

There is a minimum number of **4 competitors needed** to run a separate division, otherwise all male and female competitors will run together in one division.

Important Info

- All riders need to wear a helmet during competition!
- For FreeFly-Slalom discipline an impact vest is mandatory!
- For Surf-Freestyle discipline, the Race Director can decide impact vest is mandatory.
- Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water also during training.
- Each rider will get one competition riders' vest at the registration. Each rider is responsible for his competition riders' vests. In case of loss a replacement is not possible!
- Competitors shall wear the event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing, including harness on the water at all times during the event and one (1) board sticker to be placed on the top and on the bottom of the board.
- All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than \$ 500 for each violation.
- All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.
- The Riders ID-Strap authorizes you to enter the equipment storage tent. You will receive the Riders ID-Strap personally and only at the registration.
- Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/autograph sessions.
- There will be a social event-calendar for each side event that all riders have to join via social media and share.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts:

Equipment storage





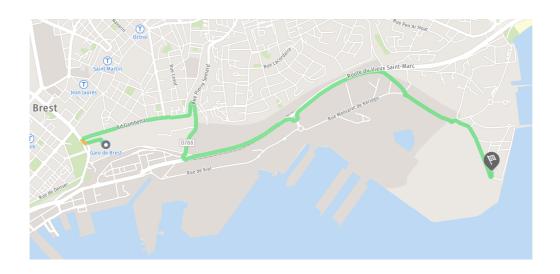
Tents will be available as well as a parking area for trucks and trailers from the May 2^{nd} .

Travel information:

Plane: Brest Airport - Aéroport Brest, 29490 Guipavas

https://www.brest.aeroport.bzh/accueil

1h30 from Paris



SNCF train: Brest station, 08 Pl. du 19eme Régiment d'Infanterie, 29200 Brest

https://www.sncf-connect.com/

4h from Paris

Car: 56 Rue des Mouettes, 29200 Brest

6h from Paris

The event address:

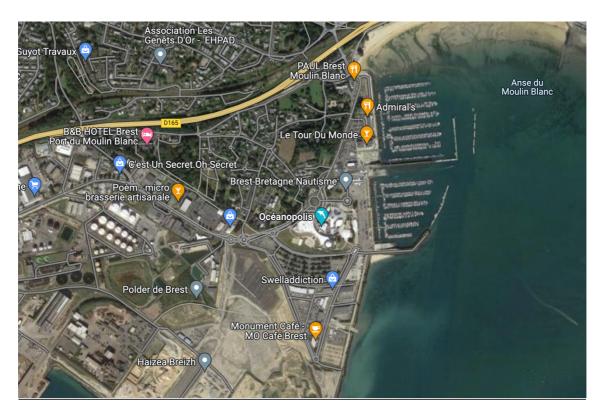
56 Rue des Mouettes, 29200 Brest. The event site is 20 minutes far away from BREST-BRETAGNE Airport.

Event organizer: Christophe Boutet - +33 (0)2 98 49 37 29

Location Map:

















Travel documents and Visa:

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email <u>alvaro@globalwingsportsassociation.org</u> and he will issue you the document.

Accommodation for competitors:

Brest Youth Hostel: https://www.ostal.org/votre-destination/brest/

Tourism office: https://www.brest-metropole-tourisme.fr/

Airbnb: https://www.airbnb.fr/

Appart'hôtel Brest Port du Moulin Blanc : https://www.hotel-bb.com/fr/hotel/brest-port

Motorhome / Van: parking 200 metres from the event venue

Weather:

12-18 knots average

Wind Information

Dominant wind South-West or North-East

- Wind effect: Thermal possible in both configurations (South-West or North-East)

Afternoon favourable to stronger and more stable winds

- Water level: relatively flat - residual swell possible from the West

Water temperature: 14-15 degrees CelsiusOutside temperature: 15 - 20 degrees Celsius

Event Schedule

Tuesday 2 May: 17:00 to 18:30 Welcome and registration

19:00 Opening ceremony

Wednesday 3 May: 9:00 briefing

10:30 - 1st race

Thursday 4 May: 9: 00 briefing

10:30 - 1st race

Friday 5 May: 9:00 briefing

10:30 - 1st race

Saturday 6 May: 9:00 briefing

10:30 - 1st race

Sunday 7 May: 9:00 briefing

10:30 - 1st race

Monday 8 May: 9:00 briefing





10:00 - 1st race 17:30 - prize giving

Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Skippers Meeting for the following day will always be communicated at the end of the previous day!

Equipment

- Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition. There are not any restrictions on the size, length and width of the quiver
- The leading edge from the wing must be inflatable.
- Footstraps, pads and wax are allowed.
- The use of a safety leash to secure the wing is mandatory.
- The use of a helmet is mandatory.
- The use of a board leash could be mandatory depending on the conditions. It will be announced by the Race Director and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

<u>Prize money – Surf Freestyle & FreeFly-Slalom</u>

The prizemoney for the GWA Wingfoil European Championship, France will be **12.000 Euro.** The prizemoney split will be equally for the two official disciplines, which means that there is **6.000 Euro. For FreeFly-Slalom** discipline and **6.000 Euro for Surf-Freestyle** discipline.

Prize money distribution

The full amount of the advertised prize money shall be payable when a valid result stands as specified in the relevant subsections of the GWA Rulebook.

The WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser have got the right to subtract the competitors' individual withhold-tax from the prize-money to be paid out. The WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser have got the right to pay the individual withhold-tax on behalf of the competitor to the national tax-authorities of the country in which the event takes place. The WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser shall give all necessary information and documents of the tax-payment made to the competitor for his personal disposal.

The prize money distribution per event between genders will be done equally until 4th position. After that, the prize money will be distributed between genders based on the number of participants. The prize money distribution of each discipline for a valid and completed WWT event is specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

Prize Split - Surf Freestyle

- The prize money distribution for a valid and completed WWT event will be done according to the following:
- If there is 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:
- 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
- 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men





- 20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with more than 16 competitors (4 riders in equal 5th place)

Gender with 1	16 or more	Gender with	less than 16
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	15	1	15
2	10	2	10
3	8	3	8
4	7	4	7
Total 1- 4	40	Total 1- 4	40
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
Total 5-8	20		

- If there are 16 or more competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:
- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 women
- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 men

16 or mor	re women	16 or mo	ore men
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	14	1	14
2	9	2	9
3	7	3	7
4	6	4	6
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
Total	50	Total	50





- If there are less than 16 competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:
- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

Less tha	n 16 women	Less tha	n 16 men
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7
Total	50	Total	50

Prize Split - FreeFly-Slalom

The prize money distribution for a valid and completed WWT event will be done according to the following:

- if there is 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:
 - o 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
 - o 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men
 - O 20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with 16 or more competitors.

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gender with 16 or more		gender with less than	16
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	15	1	15
2	10	2	10
3	8	3	8
4	7	4	7
Total 1- 4	40	Total 1-4	40
5	6,5		
6	5,5		
7	4,5	7	





8	3,5
Total 5-8	20

- if there is 16 or more competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:
 - o 50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 women
 - o 50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 men

16 or more women		16 or more men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	14	1	14
2	9	2	9
3	7	3	7
4	6	4	6
5	5	5	5
6	4	6	4
7	3	7	3
8	2	8	2
Total	50	Total	50

- if there is less than 16 competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:
 - o 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
 - O 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

Less than 16 women		Less than 16 men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7

│ Total	50	∣ Total	l 5 0





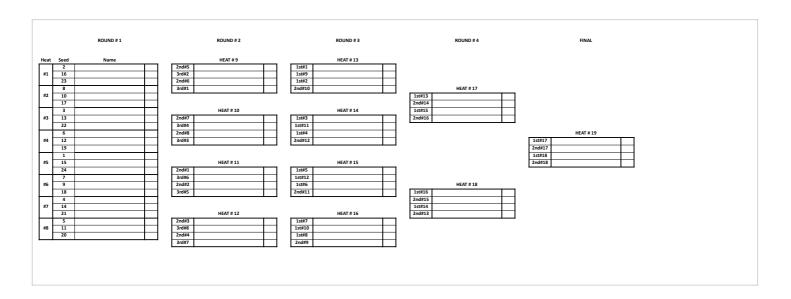
Surf-Freestyle Discipline

The Elimination procedure shall be:

- (i) Competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.
- (ii) Competitors with no ranking will be distributed in the WWT ladder according to the name drawing that shall be done by the Race Director at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.
- (iii) "Byes," if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.
- (iv) Competitors shall ride one against one, or in groups of up to 4. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder. Once a round is started, the format shall stay the same until that round is completed.

Elimination Ladders - Surf Freestyle

The elimination ladder used for the WWT Surf-Freestyle events shall be a Dingle elimination of 24 riders.







WWT 24 Riders Elimination:

SURF-FREESTYLE JUDGING RULES

General Judging Rules

Selection of judges

- (i) Only the WWT Sports Commission can make appointments and substitutions for an event.
- (ii) An attempt shall be made to ensure that no judge has a vested interest. There should not be family tie with a competitor.

Individual Scoring procedure

- In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, the judges won't count a repeated manoeuvre.
- Judging Criteria are applied to score individual waves or tricks performed.
- The maximum of attempts per wave or trick will be up to the Head Judge. A notice must be made on the Official Notice Board 30 minutes before the heat starts.
- One or two panels of judges, each panel comprising an odd number of judges, no less than three (3) in number, shall score each heat. When there are five (5) judges, the highest and the lowest scores per wave or scoring category will be withdrawn and the average scores of the other three (3) judges will be counted as the final wave or category score.
- If a judge misses a wave or a trick they should place an "M" and that score will be given points equal to the average to the nearest thousandth of a point (0.005 to be rounded upward) of the other judges' scores.
- The judges shall award each competitor's wave or trick or judging category points on a scale from 0.1 to 10.0, broken into one-hundredths increments (e.g 6.444).
- Each individual score is rounded to the nearest hundredths place. The rounded scores are added to calculate the final score.
- The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points wins.
- The weight given to waves, tricks and judging categories will be announced by the Head Judge and in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.
- If a competitor lands the trick wet and doesn't lose the board, the judges will still give some credit to the trick. It's at the discretion of each judge to consider if it's a crash or a wet landing and to consider how much credit they will give to the trick, based on the commitment, technical difficulty, height, and time spent going up to the board.
- The credit given to wet trick landings is directly related to the risk factor involved in the
 execution of the trick. For tricks with a high degree of risk factor, judges won't deduct points for
 a wet landing.

A trick is a crash only if the majority of the judges consider it as a crash. If the minority of the judges consider a trick as a crash, those crashes will be withdrawn and the judges will reconsider the trick in the other scoring categories.

- A crash will be considered when:
- a competitor finishes the trick by pulling the leash to get the wing back.
- when landing a trick, a competitor is capsized, losing control of the board or wing.





- a competitor lands a jump but loses the wing.
- a competitor lands a jump but crashes the wing into water and completely stops.

Judges may give credit to a landed trick that is not a crash when:

a competitor lands a jump and crashes the wing into the water, but manages to relaunch it and keep riding without completely stopping.

The credit given to such a trick is directly related to the risk factor and technicality involved in the execution of the trick.

It's at the discretion of each judge to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

Overall Impression Scoring procedure

An overall impression score may be used in addition to the trick scores counting towards the final heat result. Criteria of variety, "wow" factor, smoothness, innovation, tricks landed vs crashes, and commitment impact the Overall Impression score. The points awarded to the Overall Impression score counting towards the final result per competitor during a heat will be announced by the Head Judge and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

Judging Criteria

Judging criteria for the waves

Judging Criteria are applied to score individual waves ridden. Each judge analyses the following major elements when scoring a wave:

- (i) Degree of difficulty of the manoeuvres performed.
- (ii) Commitment in the manoeuvres performed and the risk taken to perform them.
- (iii) Variety and combination of manoeuvres within the same wave.
- (iv) Speed and power.
- (v) Flow and linking of manoeuvres.
- (vi) Size of the waves ridden, directly linked to the degree of difficulty of manoeuvres performed in each wave.
- (vii) Innovative and progressive manoeuvres.

It's important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day.

Competitors must combine the major key elements in order to be awarded scores in the excellent range

The following scale may be used to describe a wave ridden that is scored:

0 - 1.9 = Poor;

2.0 - 3.9 = Fair;

4.0 - 5.9 = Average;

6.0 - 7.9 = Good;

8.0 - 10.0 = Excellent.

Judging criteria for Freestyle tricks

(i) Height and amplitude - The combination of height and amplitude of the tricks completed during the





heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height and amplitude are achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.

- (ii) Technical Difficulty The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.
- (iii) *Power* The power during the execution of the tricks. Power will be considered as a combination of speed into the trick to pop and speed out during the landing, height and amplitude during the trick.
- (iv) Risk factor The risk factor is directly linked to the power, height, amplitude and technical difficulty of the jump, but also to the commitment of the competitor and physical challenge during the execution, duration of the critical moment, and energy on the execution.
- (v) Smoothness Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.
- (vi) Innovation Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

FreeFly-Slalom Discipline

The Elimination procedure shall be

- Competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.
- Competitors with no ranking will be distributed in the WWT ladder according to the name drawing that shall be done by the Head Protest Judge at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.
- "Byes," if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.
- Competitors shall ride all versus all, in several FreeFly-Slalom/heats. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder.
- If a division has less than 20 competitors, it can be run as a full fleet race with all the competitors at once. The Full fleet can be only used in the long-distance format. It is recommended to don't run heats with a bigger fleet of 15 competitors.

Scoring FreeFly-Slalom Discipline

When FreeFly-Slalom is run using an elimination system, competitors will score points based on the following principle. Competitors in the final shall score their finishing position (0.7 for 1st place). Competitors in a small final shall score their finishing position plus the number of competitors in the final. Competitors in previous heats shall score the average of the positions covered by all sailors who finished in the same position in the other heats in that round of the elimination.

(i) in a single 48 elimination with 12 riders in each heat.

Finishing Position	Points
FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	0.7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
SMALL FINAL	





1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
ROUND 1	
7th, 8th, 9th, 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	26.5, 30.5, 34.5, 38.5, 42.5, 46.5

(iii) in a single 24 elimination with 12 riders in each heat.

Finishing Position	Points
FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	0,7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
SMALL FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	13 ,14, 15 ,16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

Scoring of Incomplete Heats

- Where the minimum number of heats for a valid race/elimination series has been completed but not all places determined, competitors qualified for heats which have not been run shall be awarded the total of the points for all the positions not decided, divided by the number of competitors in the remaining heats.
- An elimination needs to be completed including the finals to be scored for the event ranking.
- If the first elimination is completed including the semi-finals it will count as a valid race for the event ranking.
- All riders that qualified for the final which is incompleted will get rewarded the average points from positions 1st to 12th, and all the riders that qualify to the small finals which are incomplete will get the average points from 13th till 24th.

Number of Eliminations and discards

Depending upon the number of discards permitted, the highest, then second highest and third highest scores are discarded. The lowest total score, with discards, if any, taken into account, wins. Scores may be discarded as set out in the following table.

Nº OF RACE / ELIMINATIONS	DISCARDS
1 to 3	0





4 to 6	1
7 to 9	2
10 ore more	3

Examples of FreeFly-Slalom courses:

FreeFly-Slalom courses will be available to download shortly when the new 2023 GWA Rulebook gets published.

Rulebook

Below there is the 2023 GWA Rulebook:

https://wingfoilworldtour.com/rulebooks/2023/GWA%20Rulebook%202023.pdf

Covid-19 Pandemic Disclaimer

Every competitor must be aware of the Covid-19 pandemic situation and its changing restrictions and regulations on travel protocols and event regulations. In case the event will be cancelled because of reasons not under the responsibility of the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer, neither the GWA, nor the GKA Event GmbH, nor the Organizer can be hold legally responsible for any financial losses.

The rider is aware about the global Covid-19 pandemic, which might cause travel restrictions, the changing of laws and custom-procedures worldwide on very short notice. Each rider takes part in the event at his or her own risk, which includes also all travels because of his or her participation at this event. Each rider is responsible for ensuring and fulfilling all relevant individual travel requirements as well as fulfilling all legal requirements for border controls, which are necessary for the participation in the event and for the return home. The GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and the event Organizer cannot be held legal and/or financial liable by the rider for damage and/or financial losses caused by travel restrictions, quarantine measures, flight changes or flight cancellations, tests required for entering or exit countries or because of any other regional, national or international measures associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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We look forward to seeing you very soon!





The GWA Team