

Class 8 Kite Buggy Racing Risk Assessment Officials/Photographers

Class 8 KiteBuggy Racing (Also known as Parakart see: <http://www.fisly.org/rules/index.php>) is one of the European and World Sand/Land Yacht racing classes and takes place around a marked course with a minimum of two marks and a start/finish line.

1. Method

We all make risk assessments throughout every day of our lives, but we don't write them down. When you decide that an activity is too dangerous for your level of knowledge/ability/equipment you make the decision to avoid that particular hazard.

When we make a formal risk assessment we:

- Decide the nature of the hazard
- Estimate the likelihood of the hazard
- Estimate how serious such an accident would be
- Judge the acceptability of using the substance or technique
- Accept the risk or apply control measures

A hazard is anything that could cause an accident. All you need to do is write down exactly what you think is hazardous.

For each hazard you should decide on the likelihood of an accident.

Likelihood:

- 5: Very Likely - If nothing is done, an accident will almost certainly occur
- 4: Likely - will happen if external factors take effect
- 3: Quite Possible - An accident may happen if pushed by other factors
- 2: Possible - may happen if external factors take effect, but unlikely
- 1: Not Likely - No real likelihood of an accident occurring and the severity of the injury it may cause.

Severity:

- 5: Very High - Multiple death or widespread injury
- 4: High - Serious injury or death to an individual
- 3: Moderate - Causing injury that could keep individuals away from normal activities
- 2: Slight - minor injury
- 1: Nil - No risk of injury

The combination of these two scales determines the level of risk: The higher the total, the higher the risk:

15 - 25 High, 7 - 14 Medium, 1 - 6 Low.

		Likelihood				
		5	4	3	2	1
Severity	5	25	20	15	10	5
	4	20	16	12	8	4
	3	15	12	9	6	3
	2	10	8	6	4	2
	1	5	4	3	2	1

2. Assessment

Perceived Hazard	Associated Risks	Controlled Y/N	Likelihood	Severity	Risk before control measure Low/Med/High	Control measures to minimize risk
Class 8 Kite Buggy Racing						
Officials standing on the race course to carry out their duties as defined	Collision resulting in possible injury to self and/or pilots	Y	3	3	Med	Carry out safety brief before racing. Officials are to wear Hi-Vis clothing at ALL times on the course
Photographers standing on the course taking pictures/video	Collision resulting in possible injury to self and/or pilots	Y	3	3	High	Carry out safety brief before racing. Instruction on go/no-go areas. ALL must wear Hi-Vis Clothing. Must not enter course without Race Master's permission.

NOTE:

Good practice is for ALL non-pilots/competitors to wear Hi-Vis clothing for the duration of the event whilst on and around the race course.

Retiring pilots/competitors are not to enter the race area without the Race Master's permission and MUST wear Hi-Vis clothing to do so.

See also: [Duties and Responsibilities of Race Officials](#).