The mission of the KiteUS Race Series is to introduce course racing to all levels of riders. Races will be run in a professional manner, but in a casual atmosphere. There are no manuals or books of rules here at the KiteUS Race Series, what you see below is all we need. Decisions made by the committee will be for the benefit of the event, spectators and the enjoyment of course racing. Rules will not specifically follow sailboat racing or other course race series.

Keep it casual, chill out and come see what it's all about!

Race Chapters

There are currently two chapters in the KiteUS Course Race Series; Great Lakes & East Coast. Other chapters are forming and will be announced very soon. Points earned from all chapter races will count toward a rider's total accumulated points for the series. Points will be accumulated per chapter and for the entire series. Standings will be updated regularly and posted on the series homepage at http://www.KiteUS.com/racing. For information about forming additional chapters, send an email request to racing@kiteus.com

Registration

Riders need to pre-register for all chapter races at http://www.KiteUS.com/racing. Registering will insure you get up to date information about pre-race changes, race day last minute information, standings and upcoming race events.

Points

Points will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
Points will be awarded per race and accumulated for the 2009 season total
Points = 1st 1000 2nd 750 3rd 600 4th 450 5th 300 6th 200
Everyone who starts a race will be awarded 100 points

Classes of Racers

Classes are designated by rider skill level and gear. Riders may race with other classes, but will place based on their determined class. Riders will progress to a higher class once they have finished at the top of their current class in multiple events. Rider's class will be determined by KiteUS Race Committee. Classes will allow every person to compete with others of a similar skill level.

Red	(Expert)	Sport Professionals, advanced riders and winners of other course race events nationwide
White	(Intermediate)	Local standouts and winners of multiple KiteUS chapter races
Blue	(Amateur)	Everyone else who wants to race!
Pink	(Women)	Yeah, let's get some woman to race!

Horn Signals

A single LONG horn blast will signify 3 minutes until the start of a race
Two SHORT horn blasts will signify 1 minute until the start of a race
A Single SHORT horn blast will signify the start of the race
Note - If the race committee needs to reset the race clock, FOUR SHORT horn blasts will sound

Right of Way

Right hand forward ALWAYS has the right of way and others must yield the right of way
Upwind kite should be high & the downwind kite flown low
If a rider does not yield the right of way and causes a tangle they are disqualified
A rider involved in a tangle and not at fault will be allowed to race in another heat. If time does not permit, rider advances to the final
If a tangle occurs during the final, the KiteUS Race Committee will determine the outcome

Race Rules

6 to 10 riders per heat and each heat should take approximately 20-30 minutes
Course layout will be determined by the KiteUS Race Committee on race day and explained at the riders meeting
All Races will begin with a rolling start
Racers jumping the start before the horn blast will need to go around and cross back over the start line
If you jump the start and do not go out and around to re-start you would be disqualified
In this situation a rider cannot stop and cross back over the start line, they need to go out and around
A rider may not cross back over the starting line
12 kts will be required to start the race
A rider missing a mark or not rounding a buoy without going back will be disqualified
The Committee has right to cancel a race due to conditions
In the case of a discrepancy the committee will vote and the decision is final
We will run as many heats as needed to allow everyone to race
A rider may enter several heats to attempt to qualify for the final
Winners of the heats will race in the final to determine 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
If the final heat cannot be run due, the KiteUS Race Committee will determine the final placing

Questions, comments or suggestions can be emailed to racing@KiteUS.com