



## World Snowkite Contest 2017 - Roccaraso - Italy

From 2 to 5 March 2017 will be the fourth edition of the Contest with a new freeride format. The event was confirmed as a important step in the international panorama. It will be a competition open to all snowkiting lovers who will have the opportunity to participate and test the equipment of the companies present at the event. There will be present the teams and the shops of the most important brands of snowkiting for four days dedicated to this wonderful discipline.

Below some important informations:

### REGISTRATION:

The registration will take place through the site [www.snowkiteroccaraso.com](http://www.snowkiteroccaraso.com) not after February 15. Athletes will have to enter their data into the application form.

The 2 March from 9.00 to 10 at the hotel Pizzalto we'll register officially to the race and you will have to sign a participant disclaimer before we are able to register you in the race.

### RACE FORMAT:

We introduced an event using the GPS and a complex calculation on our appetite for freeride, identifying the outer perimeter of a track as an objective measure. Today we'll introduce substantial changes to the roccaraso format with two types of races:

- 1) Freeride format: positioning of a distant buoy of 7 km from the starting point chosen as a function of the winds and a very clear starting procedure derived from sailing. The format will be carried out on the plateau at 2000m.
- 2) Race format: with a distance of not less than 10 km. From 1 to 3 turns. The athletes will have to complete a given number of rounds to be in the running for a podium position.

### SAFETY:

The competition does not have predetermined routes and each rider decides according to their possibilities the way to go. For this reason, the organization can't limit the spot in amplitude but will indicate some major dangers but can not predict signs all over the spot. Each rider must be aware of the risks involved. Is advisable to study the spot before the race and eventually arriving in previous periods to test the field. Please be precautious at all times, and pay attention to changes in weather. Participants must be able to make that decision of choosing kite size themselves based on the wind and weather when arriving at the rigging area. All Riders have to bring: helmet, goggles, fluids, SPF, snack, GPS/mobile phone. ARTVA, Probe and Shovel are necessary for the freeride format when there are avalanches risks.

### RULES

- All riders must wear start number, helmet, and bring at least 2 Kites
- Competitors are obligated to help if they see that there is an injury or problem that require immediate assistance
- Protests must be handed written to the race director before 20:00

### Kite equipment related:

- All kite types are accepted .
- All types of harnesses are allowed
- It is possible to bring several kites to the rigging area and change kite during the race.

### Ski/Snowboard related:

- All types of skis are allowed
- All type of snowboards and split boards are
- the use of ski touring, snowshoeing and split boards are recommended in freeride format: If an athlete to reach the mark were to be located in a windless area can walk to look for the best wind conditions!

### COMPETITION CLASSES:

There will be 4 classes:

Ski MAN - Snowboard MAN - Snowboard Women - Ski Women

### RACE DAYS

The event will be from Thursday to Sunday with 4 possible days of snowkiting. The race will be conducted from a minimum of 1 day at a maximum of 3 days.



### **TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES**

Roccaraso is a major ski resort in the Italian Centre and is 190 km from Rome, 150 from Naples and 90 km from Pescara. The riders who arrive by plane must hire a car to get around.

For all riders are provided facilities:

- Free ski pass
- 50% discount on the hotels of the area

For all the info about school, events and snowkitecamp [www.snowkiteroccaraso.com](http://www.snowkiteroccaraso.com)