

Racing Rules Committee Minutes

The Racing Rules Committee met on Tuesday 26 & Thursday 28 October 2021 by videoconference



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Present:

Ana Sanchez (AS) (ESP) – Chair	Richard Slater (RS) (AUS) – Vice-Chair
Luigi Bertini (LB) (ITA)	Bernard Bonneau (BBon) (FRA)
Bence Borocz (BBor) (HUN)	Natalia Chubenko (NC) (RUS)
Helmut Czasny-Bonomo (HC) (AUT)	Gonzalo Heredia (GH) (ARG)
Line Juhl (LJ) (DEN)	Ricardo Lobato (RL) (BRA)
Jon Napier (JN) (GBR)	Christina Ortendahl (CO) (SWE)
Andrus Poksi (AP) (EST)	Marina Psychogyiou (MP) (GRE)
Chun Qu (CQ) (CHN)	Dick Rose (DR) (USA)
Jamie Sutherland (JS) (AUS)	Chris Lindsay (CL) (IRL) Race Officials Committee
Jo Aleh (JA) (NZL) Athletes Commission	Facundo Olezza (FO) (ARG) Athletes Commission

In attendance:

Philip Baum (PB) (RSA) Vice President	Dave Perry (DP) (USA)
Maddie Dunn (MD) – Sport Manager	John Doerr (JD) (GBR)
	Arnaud Mante (AM) (FRA)

1. Opening of the Meeting

- (a) Welcome from the Chairman

The Chair Ana Sanchez (AS) opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee members on their first meeting as a group within the new quadrennial, thanking them for the substantial work already over this year.

The Committee took a moment to remember those who have contributed to the progression of the Racing Rules of Sailing who have passed away during this year.

The Chair also welcomed Vice President Philip Baum (PB) responsible for Racing Rules who gave a brief update to the group from the Board on Finance and Governance.

The Chair noted the knock-on to the RRC workflow that were experienced due to the date adjustment of the Olympic Regatta including requirements for review and updates to areas concerning Rule 42, Addendum Q and others. New challenges lie close ahead with completion of a new rule book by June 2024, including a complete revision of Part 5, rule 18 and the equipment related rules in Part 4, as well as continued improvement to standardize the language and the structure of the appendices of the different

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disciplines in the rule book. The Chair recognised this as a huge amount of work for all of the Committee and a great deal to move forward.

In addition, it was noted that high importance should be given to the identification of individuals around the world who can be future RRC members, to help guarantee a strong future in the management of this area. The Chair appealed to members to find a person to mentor and introduce to the processes of the Committee.

- (b) Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

- (c) Declaration of Conflicts of Interests

Richard Slater (RS) declared his interest with Australian Sailing and other major professional sailing events – these were all noted as declared through the relevant World Sailing processes channels

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- (a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of its meeting of 27 October 2020 which were circulated and approved. No comments were received.

- (b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

3. Racing Rules of Sailing Submissions

- (a) Submission 024-21 – Definition Gate

Decision: Reject (0 in favour, 16 against, 0 abstain)

The absence of a definition has not led to any problems that the Committee is aware of.

- (b) Submission 025-21 – Race Signals AP/A, AP/H, N/A, N/H

Decision: Reject (0 in favour, 16 against, 0 abstain)

The new text proposed does not apply to all kinds of racing (for example, keelboats do not return to shore). It is inappropriate to add a rule into Race Signals.

- (c) Submission 026-21 – Definition Finish

Decision: Reject (16 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

A wider review of the issues arising from the new Definition Finish, Sail the Course and rule 28 needs to be undertaken. It is inappropriate to make an urgent rule change now.

- (d) Submission 027-21 – Rule 32

Decision: Approved with amendment (16 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstain)

32.2 To shorten the course, the race committee shall display flag S with two sounds before the first boat crosses the finishing line. ~~The two sounds shall be repeated~~

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~~as boats near the finishing line.~~ If the **course is shortened** ~~race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds)~~, the finishing line shall be,

- (a) at a rounding *mark*, between the *mark* and a staff displaying flag S;
- (b) a line the course requires boats to cross; or
- (c) at a gate, between the gate *marks*.

~~The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.~~

Shortened Course



~~S~~ **Shortened course.**
Two sounds repeated as
required by rule 32.2.
~~S~~ **The course has**
been shortened. Rule
32.2 is in effect.

- (e) Submission 028-21 – Rule 44

Decision: Reject (Proposal 1: 1 in favour, 15 against, 0 abstain – Proposal 2: 0 in favour, 17 against, 0 abstain)

More research amongst the community needs to be undertaken.

- (f) Submission 029-21 – Rule 44.3

Decision: Approve with amendment (16 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain)

Amend so that rule 44.3(a) starts with “If specified by the notice of race or sailing instructions, ...”

- (g) Submission 030-21 – Rule A10 - RAF

Decision: Reject (1 in favour, 15 against, 0 abstain)

This would create a third abbreviation for a boat not finishing (DNF, RET and RAF). The Committee supports reviewing the use of abbreviations overall.

- (h) Submission 035-21 - Terminology

Decision: Reject (0 in favour, 17 against, 0 abstain)

The Committee supports the concept but the current proposal needs further work. In particular, the rules may need to accommodate conflicts between different languages which are not English.

- (i) Submission 036-21 – Rule 34

Decision: Approve (18 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

- (j) Submission 037-21 – Rule 86.1(a) and (b)

Decision: Approve (18 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

- (m) Submission 038-21 – Rule 90.3

Decision: Approve (17 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

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- (n) Submission 39-21 – Rule D1.1(a)

Noted request to be approved under Regulation 28.1.2 as an urgent change

Decision: Approve: (17 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstain)

The Committee approves an urgent rule change with effect from 1 January 2022 under Regulation 28.1.2.

- (o) Submission 40-21 – Rule 69.2(k)

Decision: Approve: (18 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

4. The Case Book

- (a) Submission 031-21 – New Case

Decision: Reject (5 in favour, 13 against, 0 abstain)

- (b) Submission 033-21 – New Case

Decision: Approve (11 in favour, 7 against, 0 abstain)

5. Other Submissions

- (a) No other submissions were discussed

6. Reports

The Committee received reports of the Working Parties and Groups of the Committee:

- (a) Submissions Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party

- (b) Case Book Working Party

A brief verbal report was received alongside the report noted by the Committee Party.

- (c) Q&A Panel

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party.

- (d) Rule 18 Working Party

The Chair of the Working Party presented a report on the work undertaken so far. The Committee engaged in considerable discussion on four documents circulated by the WP including a summary on the current position, new suggestions, comparison, and findings from a Rule 18 survey completed by over 600 sailors and race officials of all ages and experience levels and the actions moving forward.

- (e) Addendum Q Medal Race Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party.

- (f) Team Racing Rules Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party.

- (g) Match Racing Rules Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party. A low amount of Rapid Response Calls were received in the past year although the WP continue to answer questions. It was noted that reports will be shared between High-Speed Rule WP as well as shared work

- (h) High Speed Working Party

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In addition to a written report, the committee received a verbal update on updating the High-Speed Rules alongside the new rulebook. Work to be shared with the Rule 18 WP to areas relating to both

(i) Windsurfing Rules Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party, and a short update was given on the presentation of rules online and the work on appendices for disciplines, slalom, expression, and speed etc.

(j) Kiteboarding Rules Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party circulated prior to the meeting. An additional verbal report elaborated on the identification of issues around Rule 18 (to be picked up with the Rule 18 WP). Work also to progress with the Race Officials Committee on the current first draft of a manual for officiating medal race series which for Kites is different to Addendum Q.

(k) Appendix UF Fleet Race Umpiring Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party

The WP continues to receive feedback from the recent circulated Test Rules, and are monitoring responses and patterns to these

(l) Radio Sailing Rules Working Party

The Committee noted the report of the Working Party.

(m) Definition Start, Finish & Rule 28 Working Party

The Chair reflected on the rejection of some 2021 submissions within this subject area, and with reference to current work which continues to be undertaken within this Working Party.

(n) Part 5 and related Appendices Working Party

The Committee received a brief report on new proposals for changes and reorganisation of Part 5 which are to be presented in principle for discussion to the Committee in the first half of 2022 for feedback.

(o) MNA Prescriptions Working Party

The Committee noted the report of this Working Party which is a new group for the term. Discussion was received on elements surrounding prescriptions requested which relate to Appendix N. It was agreed that the regulations and policy should be reviewed as an action through the Executive involving the Race Officials Committee and Constitution Committee

7. Reports from Representatives on Other Committees

The Committee received and noted the reports from the Committee's representatives on Other Committees.

(a) Race Officials Committee

The Committee received a brief update on the recent ROC meeting, only urgent items were received by the ROC due to the planning of conference this year.

(b) Equipment Committee/ Equipment Rules Sub-committee

There were some delays in progression of activity due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19 and personnel across committees involved in the Tokyo 2020 rescheduled event for 2021. Work is expected to begin positively in the final quarter of the year with

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positive outlook for further collaboration moving forward into 2022 which is reflected in Agenda Item 8.

8. Recommendations Not Based on Submission

The Committee proposed the following Recommendation not based on Submission:

'RRS-ERS Joint Working Party

"The Committee recommends to Council that it approves the appointment of a joint working party between the Racing Rules Committee and the Equipment Rules Sub-committee under Regulation 5.5.1(c).

The remit of the joint working party shall be to:

- 1) Rationalise rules relating to equipment and its use to ensure consistent definitions and interpretations and clearer lines of responsibility***
- 2) Study options to incorporate the ERS into the RRS***
- 3) Resolve conflicts between the RRS and ERS***
- 4) Advise the RRC on other submissions about rules involving equipment-related rules in the RRS***

The members of the joint working party shall be appointed jointly by the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee and Equipment Rules Sub-committee."

9. Discussions

The Committee considered views and actions relating to additional topics of activity progressing within the Racing Rules of Sailing Committee.

- (a) Rules Tree and how rules evolve.
- (b) Appendices. Consistency on formats.
- (c) Rule 62.1 Improper action or omission.
- (d) Rule 62.2 Time limits to request redress.
- (e) Letter Scores (rule A10).
- (f) Inclusive language in the rules.

10. Annual Report

The Committee noted the Chair's report to Council.

11. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the Chair, Ana Sanchez thanked those present and closed the meeting.

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Appendix 1

2021 Racing Rules Committee Yellow Paper

This “yellow paper” is a summary of the Decisions & Recommendations made at the Racing Rules Committee meeting on 26 October 2021.

Decisions

024-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Definition Gate Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Reject</u> The absence of a definition has not led to any problems that the Committee is aware of.
025-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Race Signals AP/A, AP/H, N/A, N/H Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Reject</u> The new text proposed does not apply to all kinds of racing (for example, keelboats do not return to shore). It is inappropriate to add a rule into Race Signals.
026-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Definition Finish Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Reject</u> A wider review of the issues arising from the new Definition Finish, Sail the Course and rule 28 needs to be undertaken. It is inappropriate to make an urgent rule change now.
027-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 32 Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Approve with amendment:</u> 32.2 <u>To shorten the course, the race committee shall display flag S with two sounds before the first boat crosses the finishing line. The two sounds shall be repeated as boats near the finishing line. If the <u>course is shortened</u> race committee</u>

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028-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 44 Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u><i>Decision: Reject</i></u> More research amongst the community needs to be undertaken.
029-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 44.3 Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u><i>Decision: Approve with amendment:</i></u> Amend so that rule 44.3(a) starts with “If specified by the notice of race or sailing instructions,…”
030-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule A10 - RAF Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u><i>Decision: Reject</i></u> This would create a third abbreviation for a boat not finishing (DNF, RET and RAF). The Committee supports reviewing the use of abbreviations overall.

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031-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Reject</u>
033-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Approve</u>
035-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Terminology Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Reject</u> The Committee supports the concept but the current proposal needs further work. In particular, the rules may need to accommodate conflicts between different languages which are not English.
036-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 34 Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Approve</u>
037-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 86.1(a) and (b) Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Approve</u>
038-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 90.3 Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials

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	<u>Decision: Approve</u>
039-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule D1.1(a) Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Approve</u> The Committee approves an urgent rule change with effect from 1 January 2022 under Regulation 28.1.2.
040-21	Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 69.2(k) Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: Race Officials <u>Decision: Approve</u>

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Authenticated by email

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Chair, Racing Rules Committee
27 October 2021