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Rule T1(a) application

Situation for Question 1

Appendix T applies to a race. A protest is heard over an incident related to a rule of Part 2 (or to rule 31). No boat took a Post-Race Penalty before the start of the hearing. After the protest is decided, the protest committee decides to reopen the hearing.

Question 1

Can a boat take a Post-Race Penalty before the beginning of the reopened hearing?

Answer 1

No.

App T1(a) states that the latest time a Post-Race Penalty can be taken is prior to the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident. The hearing on this incident had already begun, even if it is re-opened.

Situation for Question 2

Appendix T applies to a race. A protest is heard over an incident related to a rule of Part 2 (or to rule 31). No boat took a Post-Race Penalty before the start of the hearing. After the protest is decided, there is an appeal to the national authority under rule 70.1(a).

Question 2

If the national authority's decision is that the hearing is to be re-opened, or that there is to be a new hearing, can a party take a Post-Race Penalty before the new or re-opened hearing begins?

Answer 2

No.

That entitlement ended when the original hearing began. See rule T1(a).

Situation for Question 3

Appendix T applies to a race. A protest related to an incident involving a rule of Part 2 (or to rule 31) is lodged. The protest is not heard, and there is an appeal to the national authority under rule 70.1(b).

Question 3

When the national authority decides that a protest committee will hear the protest, can a party take a Post-Race Penalty before the beginning of this hearing?

Answer 3

Yes.

It complies with rule T1(a).