

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 89.1, 89.2, 91(a) and 92.1

A submission from the Italian Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To allow MNA to prescribe that its approval is required to organize an event and to appoint race officials.

Proposal 1

Change RRS 89.1 as follows (new text in bold, deleted text is stroke-through):

“An event shall be organized by an organizing authority, which shall be

- (a) World Sailing;
- (b) a member national authority of World Sailing;
- (c) an affiliated club;
- (d) an affiliated organization other than a club ~~and, if so prescribed by the national authority, with the approval of the national authority or in conjunction with an affiliated club;~~
- (e) an unaffiliated class association, either with the approval of the national authority or in conjunction with an affiliated club;
- (f) two or more of the above organizations;
- (g) an unaffiliated body in conjunction with an affiliated club where the body is owned and controlled by the club. ~~The national authority of the club may prescribe that its approval is required for such an event;~~
- or
- (h) an unaffiliated body in conjunction with an affiliate, if approved by World Sailing ~~and the national authority of the club, an unaffiliated body in conjunction with an affiliate~~

When the organizing authority is either (c), (d), (f), (g) or (h) the national authority may prescribe that its approval is required to organize the event.

In rule 89.1, an organization is affiliated if it is affiliated to the national authority of the venue; otherwise the organization is unaffiliated. However, if boats will pass through the waters of more than one national authority while racing, an organization is affiliated if it is affiliated to the national authority of one of the ports of call.”

Current Position

At the moment only some types of organizing authorities are subject to approval by their MNA, sometimes as an option that the MNA can excerpt through a prescription and sometimes as a requirement set up by the rule itself.

Reasons

National authorities with a large number of events should have the power to require their authorization to run the events to better distribute human resources and sometimes even racing areas in restricted areas, avoiding clashing events that would deprive sailors from a good quality of racing and race officials. By changing the rule as suggested, those MNAs who are facing this issue will be allowed to add a prescription if they decide to do so.

It should be noted that several MNAs are already requiring their approvals for all the items listed using their national regulations; giving them the option to add a prescription would clarify the procedure and make it consistent with the RRS.

Proposal 2

Change RRS 89.2 as follows (new text in bold, deleted text is stroke-through):

- “
- (a) The organizing authority shall publish a notice of race that conforms to rule J1.
 - (b) The notice of race may be changed provided adequate notice is given.
 - (c) The organizing authority shall appoint a race committee and, when appropriate, appoint a protest committee, a technical committee and umpires. However, the race committee, an international jury, a technical committee and umpires may be appointed by World Sailing as provided in its Regulations. The national authority may prescribe that its approval is required before appointing a race committee, a protest committee, a technical committee or umpires.”

Current Position

There is no such requirement at the moment.

Reasons

As in Proposal 1, MNAs with a large number of events should be entitled to approve officials appointments to guarantee the best service to the sailors, especially when events are overlapping.

Proposal 3

Change RRS 91(a) as follows (new text in bold):

- “A protest committee shall be
- (a) a committee appointed by the organizing authority or race committee. The national authority may prescribe that its approval is required before appointing the protest committee;”

Current Position

There is no such requirement at the moment.

Reasons

See Proposal 2.

Proposal 4

Change RRS 92.1 as follows (new text in bold):

“A technical committee shall be a committee of at least one member and be appointed by the organizing authority or the race committee or as prescribed in the World Sailing Regulations. When the technical committee is appointed by the organizing authority or the race committee, the national authority may prescribe that its approval is required before the appointing the technical committee;”

Current Position

There is no such requirement at the moment.

Reasons

See Proposal 2.

Proposal 5

Add new rule RRS 88.3 as follows:

“Whenever a national authority prescribes that its approval is required, the prescription shall state the requirements for such approval.”

Current Position

There is no such requirement at the moment.

Reasons

The organizers should be able to understand the requirements needed to get the approval they are seeking from the MNA.

Proposal 6

Please note that Proposal 6 and Proposal 7 are mutually exclusive Add new rule RRS 88.4 as follows:

“Whenever a national authority prescribes that its approval is required and the approval is not given, the national authority shall send to the requestor the reasons for the decision.”

Current Position

There is no such requirement at the moment.

Reasons

Requestors will need feedback to understand what went wrong in their approval procedure and how to fix it.

Proposal 7

Please note that Proposal 6 and Proposal 7 are mutually exclusive Add new rule RRS 88.4 as follows:

“Whenever a national authority prescribes that its approval is required and the approval is not given, the national authority shall report this to World Sailing including the reasons for the decision.”

Current Position

There is no such requirement at the moment.

Reasons

World Sailing is the main body administering the sport of sailing and whenever a national authority deems appropriate to deny its approval, World Sailing should be made aware of them.