

Racing Rules of Sailing

Definition 'Rule'

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Purpose or Objective

To align the definition 'rule' with rule 86.1(a) and to make it clear that the 'Basic Principles' are rules under the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Proposal

Rule

- (a) The rules in this book, including the Definitions, Race Signals, Introduction, **Basic Principles**, preambles and the rules of relevant appendices, but not titles;

Current Position

as above

Reasons

1. The 'Basic Principles' are not mentioned in the definition 'rule'. Therefore, it is not clear whether the 'Basic Principles' qualify as rules or not.
 2. As the 'Basic Principles' are listed in rule 86.1(a), the intention of the Racing Rules of Sailing seems to be that the 'Basic Principles' qualify as rules.
 3. In addition, competitors have to comply with the 'Basic Principles' and these are the basis for decisions under rule 2 and rule 69.
 4. To require competitors to comply with the 'Basic Principles', these need to be qualified as rules.
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