

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 91(a)

A submission from the German Sailing Federation (Deutscher Segler-Verband)

Purpose or Objective

Change of rule 91(a) to clarify that national authorities may prescribe the composition of a protest committee.

Proposal

91 PROTEST COMMITTEE

A protest committee shall be

- (a) a committee appointed by the organizing authority or race committee. **A national authority may prescribe a minimum number of committee members and their qualifications for races within its jurisdiction;**

Current Position

as above

Reasons

1. Rule 91(a) does not include any specific requirements for the composition of a protest committee (other than rules 91(b) and N1 for international juries). Other than rule 91(b) and other rules of Part 7, rule 91(a) does neither include a specific permission for national authorities to prescribe the composition of protest committees.
 2. It is often argued that any prescriptions on the composition of the protest committee would be an addition to rule 91(a) and therefore a 'change' in the sense of rule 85.1 which is not permitted under rule 86.1(a).
 3. The proposed wording removes this ambiguity.
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