

2024 Racing Rules Committee – Decisions

This “yellow paper” is a summary of the Decisions & Recommendations made at the Racing Rules Committee meeting on 27 April 2024.

Decisions

E01-24	Racing Rules of Sailing – Introduction; Appendices Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: <u>Decision:</u> <u>Proposal 1 Approved (14 Favour / 0 Reject / 0 Abstain) with the following amendment:</u> Appendices When the rules of an appendix apply, they take precedence over any conflicting rules in Parts 1–7 and the Definitions. Each appendix in this book is identified by a letter. Other appendices are available on the World Sailing website and are identified by two or three letters. A reference to a rule in these appendices an appendix will contain the letter or letters, and the rule number (for example, ‘rule A1’ or ‘rule MR1’). The letters I, K, L, O and Q are not used to designate appendices in this book. <u>Proposal 2 Approved (14 Favour / 0 Reject / 0 Abstain) with the following amendment:</u> Add a new section after ‘Appendices’ Development Rules Development Rules may be approved by World Sailing for specific events or categories of event. Development Rules They are available on the World Sailing website and are identified by the letters DR. The Committee approves this submission an urgent rule change with effect from 1 January 2025 under Regulation 28.1.2.
E02-24	Racing Rules of Sailing – New Definition Committee Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: <u>Decision: Approved (13 Favour / 0 Reject / 1 Abstain)</u> The Committee approves this submission an urgent rule change with effect from 1 January 2025 under Regulation 28.1.2.
E03-24	Racing Rules of Sailing – Definition Continuing Obstruction Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: <u>Decision: Approved (14 Favour / 0 Reject / 0 Abstain)</u> The Committee approves this submission an urgent rule change with effect from 1 January 2025 under Regulation 28.1.2.
E04-24	Racing Rules of Sailing – Definition Start and Finish Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: <u>Decision: Approved (13 Favour / 0 Reject / 1 Abstain) with the following amendment:</u>

	(a) Amend definitions of start and Finish: Start A boat <i>starts</i> when, her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side, <u>or in the direction as described in the sailing instructions.</u> Finish A boat <i>finishes</i> when, after her starting signal, any part of her hull crosses the finishing line from the course side, <u>or in the direction as described in the sailing instructions.</u> However, she has not <i>finished</i> if after crossing the finishing line she (a) takes a penalty under rule 44.2, or (b) corrects an error in <i>sailing the course</i> made at the line, or (c) continues to <i>sail the course</i>. After <i>finishing</i> she need not cross the finishing line completely. <u>The sailing instructions may change the direction in which boats are required to cross the finishing line to finish.</u> (b) Amend J2.1(3) as follows: J2 SAILING INSTRUCTION CONTENTS J2.1 Unless included in the notice of race, the sailing instructions shall include the following: (3) a complete description of the course(s) to be sailed, or a list of <i>marks</i> from which the course will be selected and, if relevant, how courses will be signalled <u>and any change to the direction in which boats are required to cross the finishing line to finish;</u> The Committee approves this submission an urgent rule change with effect from 1 January 2025 under Regulation 28.1.2.
E05-24	Racing Rules of Sailing – Basic Principles Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: <u>Decision:</u> <u>Proposal 1 Approved (10 Favour / 1 Reject / 3 Abstain)</u> <u>Proposal 2 and 3 Approved (14 Favour / 0 Reject / 0 Abstain)</u> The Committee approves this submission an urgent rule change with effect from 1 January 2025 under Regulation 28.1.2.
E06-24	Racing Rules of Sailing – Preamble to Section C Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: <u>Decision: Approved (14 Favour / 0 Reject / 0 Abstain) with the following amendment:</u>

	SECTION C AT MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS <i>Section C rules do not apply ## <u>between boats when the mark or obstruction referred to in those rules</u> is a starting mark surrounded by navigable water or ## its anchor line, from the time the boats are approaching <u>it</u> them to start until they have <u>started and left it astern</u> passed them.</i> The Committee approves this submission an urgent rule change with effect from 1 January 2025 under Regulation 28.1.2.
E07-24	Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 18.3 Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: <i><u>Decision: Approved (13 Favour / 0 Reject / 1 Abstain)</u></i> The Committee approves this submission an urgent rule change with effect from 1 January 2025 under Regulation 28.1.2.
E08-24	Racing Rules of Sailing – Definition Continuing Obstruction Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Other Committee: <i><u>Decision: Rejected (0 Favour / 13 Reject / 1 Abstain)</u></i>
Part 5	In November 2023 the Committee approved submission 022-23 as follows: Decision: Approve with the following amendment See Appendix to Yellow Paper. The Committee approves the new text, subject to amendments being approved by email vote shortly after this meeting. Amendments were circulated and the committee was asked to vote on them: <i><u>Decision: Approved (13 Favour / 0 Reject / 1 Abstain)</u></i>

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