

WORLD SAILING POLICY REGISTER

RACING RULES PROCEDURES

1. Changes to the Racing Rules

- 1.1 The revised edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* must be published every four years, to take effect on 1 January following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.
- 1.2 Unless otherwise approved by the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee, proposals for changes to the RRS must be made by Proposal.
- 1.3 The Racing Rules Committee must decide all Proposals for the next edition of the Racing Rules by 31 December in the year prior to the Olympic Sailing Competition.
- 1.4 However, no later than 1 May in the year of the Olympic Sailing Competition:
 - (a) previously accepted Proposals may still be edited;
 - (b) appendices in the Racing Rules may still be revised; and
 - (c) new Proposals concerning the implementation of previous Proposals may still be considered if necessary in the Committee's opinion to finalise the next edition.
- 1.5 The final, fully formatted copy of the revised edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, with changes from the previous edition clearly identified for translators, must be made available by the Chief Executive Officer to all World Sailing Members by 30 June of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.
- 1.6 The new edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* must come into effect worldwide on 1 January following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. However, if an event begins in the year of the Olympic Sailing Competition and continues past 31 December, the effective date may be postponed by the notice of race and sailing instructions.

2. Cases and Calls

- 2.1 Proposals for Cases and Calls must:
 - (a) be in English;
 - (b) include any necessary diagram;
 - (c) if it would duplicated a published Case or Call, state why the proposed Case or Call is preferable;
 - (d) for Cases, follow these guidelines :
 - (i) significantly clarify an important meaning of a rule or increase the understanding of a complex rule; and
 - (ii) not duplicate one already published (when a case is an improvement on an existing case it shall be included and the existing case deleted).
 - (e) for Calls, follows these guidelines:

- (i) illustrate the application of the rules or procedures, including the rules in any relevant appendix or additional rules, in a situation regularly occurring in that discipline;
 - (ii) any rule interpretation must be consistent with any Cases that interpret the same rule;
 - (iii) not duplicate a Call already published (when a call is an improvement on an existing call it shall be included and the existing call deleted).
- 2.2 Following publication of a new edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Racing Rules Committee must promptly review and revise all related documents (including *The Case Book* and *The Call Books*).
- 2.3 The Racing Rules Committee may authorise its working groups to published rapid response calls, including any proposed by a World Sailing Member, any World Sailing International Umpire, or a Racing Rules Committee working group.
- 2.4 The chief umpire or protest committee chairman at an event must report new event calls published during the event to World Sailing.

3. Racing Rule Q&As

- 3.1 The Chairs of the Race Officials Committee and Racing Rules Committee must jointly appoint the chair, vice-chair and members of the Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel.
- 3.2 The Panel must answer questions on the Racing Rules or race official procedures that are submitted to it by a World Sailing Race Official or a World Sailing Member.
- 3.3 The Panel may decide an answer should be published but is not obliged to do so. Questions and Answers published during the four-year rulebook cycle will normally be valid until 1 January in the year in which a revised rulebook is published.
- 3.4 Answers to questions provided by the Panel are not authoritative interpretations and explanations of the Racing Rules. They are the carefully considered opinions of an experienced panel whose members have a thorough knowledge of the Racing Rules and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.

4. Introductory Racing Rules of Sailing

- 4.1 The Racing Rules Committee is responsible for the formulation and revision of the Introductory Rules for Racing. The Introductory Rules for Racing must be a simplified set of rules intended for use when training people new to racing.

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