

WORLD SAILING POLICY REGISTER

EQUIPMENT RULES PROCEDURES

1. Changes to the Equipment Rules

- 1.1 The revised edition of *The Equipment 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 Equipment Rules Sub-committee, proposals for changes to *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* must be made by Proposal.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules Sub-committee must decide all Proposals for the next edition of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* 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 Equipment Rules of Sailing* may still be revised; and
 - (c) new Proposals concerning the implementation of previous Proposals may still be considered if necessary in the Sub-committee's opinion to finalise the next edition.
- 1.5 The final, fully formatted copy of the revised edition of *The Equipment 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 Equipment 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

- 2.1 Proposals for Cases must:
 - (a) be in English;
 - (b) include any necessary diagram;
 - (c) if it would duplicated a published Case, state why the proposed Case is preferable;
 - (d) 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).

3. Equipment Rules Q&As

- 3.1 The Chairs of the Race Officials Committee and Equipment Rules Sub-committee must jointly appoint the chair, vice-chair and members of the Equipment Rules Question and Answer Panel.
- 3.2 The Panel must answer questions on *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* 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 Equipment Rules of Sailing*. They are the carefully considered opinions of an experienced panel whose members have a thorough knowledge of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.

POLICY DETAILS

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Administered by: Director of Technical & Offshore

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AMENDMENT HISTORY

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