

BASIC PRINCIPLES: SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of *rules* that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of **sportsmanship** is that when a boat breaks a *rule* and is not exonerated she will promptly take an appropriate penalty or action, which may be to retire.

Be a lady or a gentleman

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Participants are encouraged to **minimize any adverse environmental impact** of the sport of sailing.

Part 1 Fundamental Rules:

1 SAFETY

1.1 Helping Those in Danger

A boat, competitor, or *support person* shall give **all possible help to any person or vessel in danger**.

1.2 Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices

A boat shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item ready for immediate use, unless her class rules make some other provision. Each **competitor is individually responsible** for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.

2 FAIR SAILING

A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized **principles of sportsmanship and fair play**. A boat may be penalized under this rule only if it is clearly established that these principles have been violated. The penalty shall be a **disqualification** that is not excludable.

3 DECISION TO RACE

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.

Part 1 Fundamental Rules continued:

4 ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

4.1 (a) **By participating** or intending to participate in an event conducted under the *rules*, each competitor and **boat owner agrees to accept the rules**.

(b) A **support person** by providing support, or a parent or guardian by permitting their child to enter an event, agrees to **accept the rules**.

4.2 Each competitor and boat owner agrees, on behalf of their **support persons**, that such *support persons* are **bound by the rules**.

4.3 **Acceptance of the rules** includes agreement

(a) to be governed by the *rules*;

(b) to **accept the penalties** imposed and other action taken under the *rules*, **subject to the appeal** and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules*;

(c) with respect to any such determination, **not to resort to any court of law** or tribunal **not provided for in the rules**; and

(d) by each competitor and **boat owner to ensure** that their **support persons are aware of the rules**.

4.4 The **person in charge of each boat** shall ensure that all competitors in the **crew** and the boat's owner are **aware of their responsibilities under this rule**.

4.5 This rule may be changed by a prescription of the national authority of the venue.

5 RULES GOVERNING ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES AND OFFICIALS

The organizing authority, race committee, technical committee, protest committee and other race officials shall be governed by the *rules* in the conduct and judging of the event.

Part 1 Fundamental Rules continued:

6 WORLD SAILING REGULATIONS

6.1 Each competitor, boat owner and *support person* shall comply with the World Sailing Regulations that have been designated by World Sailing as having the status of a *rule*. These regulations as of 30 June 2020 are the World Sailing:

- Advertising Code
- Anti-Doping Code
- Betting and Anti-Corruption Code
- Disciplinary Code
- Eligibility Code
- Sailor Categorization Code

6.2 Rule 63.1 does not apply unless *protests* are permitted in the Regulation alleged to have been broken.

These are either egregious or clear cut

Rule 63.1: Requirement for a hearing

A boat or competitor **shall not be penalized without a protest hearing, except** as provided in rules 30.2, 30.3, 30.4, 64.4(d), 64.5(b), 64.6, 69, 78.2, A5.1 and P2. A decision on redress shall not be made without a hearing. The protest committee shall hear all *protests* and requests for redress that have been delivered to the race office unless it allows a *protest* or request to be withdrawn.

rules 30.2: Z Flag rule. If Flag Z displayed, no part of hull in triangle formed by starting line and first mark during last minute before start, 20% penalty without hearing

30.3, U Flag rule. Same as Z but disqualified without hearing

30.4, Black Flag Rule. Same as Z but disqualified without hearing

64.4(d), boat penalized under a **class rule**

64.5(b), breach of a rule by a **support person** and boat gained advantage

64.6, Discretionary penalties: boat reports that she has broken a rule

69, Misconduct

78.2, requirement of a **valid certificate** to race

A5.1 A boat that did not start, sail the course or finish, or comply with rule 30.2, 30.3, 30.4 or 78.2, or that retires or takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a), shall be scored accordingly by the race committee without a hearing.

and P2, PENALTIES

P2.1 First Penalty: first penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a **Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2**. If she **fails to take it** she shall be **disqualified without a hearing**.

P2.2 Second Penalty: Penalized a second time, shall promptly retire. If she **fails to do disqualified** without a hearing.

P2.3 Third and Subsequent Penalties: penalized a third or subsequent time, she shall **promptly retire**. If she does so disqualification without a hearing. If she fails to do so penalty disqualification without a hearing from all races in the event, with no score excluded, protest committee consider a hearing under rule 69.2.

P2.4 Penalties Near the Finishing Line: If a boat is penalized under rule P2.2 or P2.3 and it was not reasonably possible for her to retire before finishing, she shall be scored as if she had retired promptly.

Sorry about the fine print to fit on the slide but I thought the context provided helps to understand the exceptions for a hearing. 😊 p.s. I cut out some adjectives and adverbs to save space but kept the intent of the rule