

**Racing Rules of Sailing**

Rule 71.2

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

**Proposal**

**71 NATIONAL AUTHORITY DECISIONS**

- 71.1** No *interested party* or member of the protest committee shall take any part in the discussion or decision on an appeal or a request for confirmation or correction.
- 71.2** The national authority may uphold, change or reverse the protest committee's decision; declare the *protest* or request for redress invalid; or return the *protest* or request for the hearing to be reopened, or for a new hearing and decision by the same or a different protest committee. **When the *protest* or request is returned for a new hearing, the national authority may appoint members to the protest committee.**

*[no change to the rest of rule 71]*

**Current Position**

As above.

**Reason**

When the national authority upholds an appeal and requires a new hearing, it may decide that the original protest committee is not competent to hear the new protest or request. If so, the national authority should be allowed to appoint a protest committee of its choice.

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