

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule B - Windsurfing Competition Rules

A submission from the Chairman of Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee

Purpose or Objective

To have Windsurfing Competition Rules ready for new attractive disciplines and formats and to rearrange the structure of Appendix B for more easy and fast use.

Proposal

APPENDIX B

WINDSURFING COMPETITION RULES

Windsurfing competition shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. The term 'boat' elsewhere in the racing rules means 'board' or 'boat' as appropriate. A windsurfing event can include one or more of the following disciplines or their formats:

Discipline	Formats
Racing	Course racing; Slalom; Marathon;
Expression	Wave performance; Freestyle
Speed	Standard Offshore Speed Course, Speed Crossings, Alpha Speed Course

In expression competition a board's performance is judged on skill and variety rather than speed and is organized using elimination series. Either wave performance or freestyle competition is organized, depending on the wave conditions at the venue. In speed competition, a 'round' consists of one or more speed runs in which the boards take turns sailing the course at intervals. In the racing discipline a marathon race is a race scheduled to last more than one hour.

In racing or expression competition, 'heat' means one elimination race, a 'round' consists of one or more heats, and an elimination series consists of one or more rounds.

DEFINITIONS

The definitions *Capsized*, *Mark-Room*, *Proper Course*, *Tack*, *Starboard* or *Port* are deleted and replace by.

Capsized A board is *capsized* ~~when if her sail or the competitor~~ if her sail or the competitor is in the water, or the competitor has, clearly by accident and for a significant period of time, fallen into the water and become disconnected from the hull.

Mark-Room Room for a board to sail ~~to the mark, and then room to sail~~ her proper course ~~while at~~ to round or pass the mark. However, *mark-room* does not include room

to tack unless the board is overlapped to windward and on the inside of the boat required to give *mark-room*.

Proper Course A course a board would sail to *finish* as soon as possible in the absence of the other boards referred to in the rule using the term. A board has no *proper course* before her starting signal. **A board taking a penalty or maneuvering to take a penalty is not sailing a proper course.**

Tack, Starboard or Port **A board is on the tack, starboard or port, corresponding to the competitor's hand that would be forward if the competitor was in standard sailing position with not crossed hands. A board is on starboard tack, when the competitor's right hand would be forward and is on the port tack when the competitor's left hand would be forward.**

The definition *Zone* is deleted.

Add the following definitions:

About to Round or Pass A board is *about to round or pass* a mark when her *proper course* is to begin to manoeuvre to round or pass it.

Beach Start When the starting line is on the beach, or so close to the beach that the competitor must stand in the water to *start*, the start is a *beach start*.

The following definitions apply only to expression competition:

Coming In and Going Out A board sailing in the same direction as the incoming surf is *coming in*. A board sailing in the direction opposite to the incoming surf is *going out*.

Jumping A board is *jumping* when she takes off at the top of a wave while *going out*.

Overtaking A board is *overtaking* from the moment she gains an *overlap* from *clear astern* until the moment she is *clear ahead* of the *overtaken* board.

Possession The first board sailing shoreward immediately in front of a wave has *possession* of that wave. However, when it is impossible to determine which board is first the *windward* board has *possession*.

Recovering A board is *recovering* from the time her sail or, when water-starting, the competitor is out of the water until she has *steerage way*.

Surfing A board is *surfing* when she is on or immediately in front of a wave while *coming in*.

Transition A board changing *tacks*, or taking off while *coming in*, or one that is not *surfing*, *jumping*, *capsized* or *recovering* is in *transition*.

B1 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 1

[No changes.]

B2 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 2

PREAMBLE OF PART 2

Insert 'and rule 23.3' after 'rule 23.1' in the Preamble of Part 2.

Rule 14 is change as follow:

14 AVOIDING CONTACT

A board shall avoid contact with another board if reasonably possible but shall not be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes damage or injury. However, a right-of-way board or one entitled to room or mark-room need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other board is not keeping clear or giving room or mark room.

~~(a) need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not keeping clear or giving room or mark room, and~~

~~(b) shall not be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes damage or injury.~~

or

Rule 14 becomes rule 14.1 and add new rule 14.2:

14.2 If a contact causes not damage or injury, no board shall be penalized.

Add new rule 16.3:

16.3 In racing with elimination series, a right-of-way board shall not change course during the last 30 seconds before her starting signal if as a result the other board would have to take immediate action to avoid contact.

Rule 17 is deleted.

Rule 18 is changed as follows:

Rule 18.1, the first sentence is changed to:

Rule 18 begins to apply between boards when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is *about to round or pass* it. The rule no longer applies after the board entitled to *mark-room* has passed the *mark*.

Rule 18.2(b) is changed to:

(b) If boards are *overlapped* when the first of them is *about to round or pass* the *mark*, the outside board at that moment shall thereafter give the inside board *mark-room*. If a board is *clear ahead* when she is *about to round or pass* the *mark*, the board *clear astern* at that moment shall thereafter give her *mark-room*.

Rule 18.2(c) is changed to:

(c) When a board is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(b), she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins.

Rule 18.3 is deleted.

Rule 18.4 is changed to:

18.4 CHANGE THE TACK

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way board must ~~gybe~~ **change tack** or bear away at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she ~~gybes~~ **changes tacks** or bears away she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.4 does not apply at a gate *mark*.

Preamble of Section D is changed to:

*When ~~rule 21 or 22 applies~~ **Section D rules apply** between two boards, Section A rules do not.*

Rule 21 is changed to:

21. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

21.1 A board sailing towards the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions after her starting signal to *start* or to comply with rule 30.1 shall *keep clear* of a board not doing so until she is completely on the pre-start side.

21.2 A board taking a penalty shall *keep clear* of one that is not.

21.3 A board moving astern by backing a sail shall *keep clear* of one that is not.

21.4 **A board that is *jumping* shall *keep clear* of a board that is not. If two boards are *jumping* at the same time, then the board required to *keep clear* under rule of Part 2 shall do so.**

Rule 22 is changed to:

22 CAPSIZED; AGROUND; RESCUING

22.1 If possible, a board shall avoid a board that is *capsized* or has not regained control after *capsizing*, or aground, or is trying to help a person or vessel in danger.

22.2 A board that is *capsized* or aground shall not act in a way that hinders another board.

Rule 23 is changed to

23 INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER BOARD

23.1 If reasonably possible, a board not *racing* shall not interfere with a board that is *racing*. After *finishing*, a board shall immediately clear the finishing line and *marks* and avoid boards still *racing*.

23.2 Except when sailing her proper course, a board shall not interfere with a board taking a penalty or sailing on another leg.

23.3 A board shall not sail in the course area defined in the sailing instructions when races are taking place except in her own race.

23.4 ~~When approaching the starting line to start~~ **In the last minute before her starting signal**, a board shall have her sail out of the water and in a normal position, except when accidentally *capsized*.

Add new Section E:

SECTION E

RULES FOR EXPRESSION AND SPEED COMPETITION

24.1 Right-of-Way Rules for Expression Competition

These rules replace all rules of Sections A, B, C and D.

(a) COMING IN AND GOING OUT

A board *coming in* shall *keep clear* of a board *going out*. When two boards are *going out* or *coming in* while on the same wave, or when

neither is *going out* or *coming in*, a board on *port tack* shall *keep clear* of the one on *starboard tack*.

- (b) BOARDS ON THE SAME WAVE, COMING IN
When two or more boards are on a wave *coming in*, a board that does not have *possession* shall *keep clear*.
- (c) CLEAR ASTERN, CLEAR AHEAD AND OVERTAKING
A board *clear astern* and not on a wave shall *keep clear* of a board *clear ahead*. An *overtaking* board that is not on a wave shall *keep clear*.
- (d) TRANSITION
A board in *transition* shall *keep clear* of one that is not. When two boards are in *transition* at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall *keep clear*.

24.2 RULES FOR SPEED COMPETITION

24.2.1 General Rules

All other rules of Part 2 are replaced by relevant parts of this rule.

- (a) BEACH AND WATER STARTING
A board shall not *beach start* or water start on the course or in the starting area, except to sail off the course to avoid boards that are *starting* or *racing*.
- (b) LEAVING THE COURSE AREA
A board leaving the course area shall *keep clear* of boards *racing*.
- (c) COURSE CONTROL
When the race committee points an orange flag at a board, she is penalized and the run shall not be counted.
- (d) RETURNING TO THE STARTING AREA
A board returning to the starting area shall *keep clear* of the course.
- (e) RUN; ROUND
The maximum number of runs to be made by each board in a round shall be announced by the race committee not later than 15 minutes before the starting signal for the first round.
- (f) DURATION OF A ROUND
The duration of a round shall be announced by the race committee not later than 15 minutes before the starting signal for the next round.
- (g) CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A RECORD
The minimum distance for a world record is 500 metres. Other records may be established over shorter distances. The course shall be defined by posts and transits ashore or by buoys afloat. Transits shall not converge.

24.2.2 Penalties

- (a) If a board fails to comply with a rule or infringes the course area regulations, she may be cautioned and her sail number shall be posted on a notice board near the finishing line.
- (b) If a board is cautioned a second time during the same round, she shall be suspended by the race committee from the remainder of the round and her sail number shall be posted on the official notice board.
- (c) A board observed in the course area while suspended shall be excluded from the competition without a hearing and none of her previous times or results shall be valid.
- (d) Any breach of the verification rules may result in a suspension from the competition for any period.

24.2.3 Verification

- (a) An observer appointed by the World Sailing Speed Record Council (WSSRC) shall be present and verify run times and speeds at world record attempts. The race committee shall verify run times and speeds at other record attempts.
- (b) A competitor shall not enter the timing control area or discuss any timing matter directly with the timing organization. Any timing question shall be directed to the race committee.

B3 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 3

Rule 26 is changed to:

26 STARTING SYSTEMS

26.1 Starting Races

The sailing instructions shall specify one of these starting systems.

(a) SYSTEM 1

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5*
Preparatory	P, I, Z or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

*or as stated in the sailing instructions

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

(b) SYSTEM 2

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Attention	Class flag or heat number	3
Warning	Red flag; Attention signal removed; 1 sound	2
Preparatory	Yellow flag; ; Red flag removed; 1 sound	1
	Yellow flag removed	1/2
Starting	Green flag; 1 sound	0

(c) SYSTEM 3 (FOR BEACH STARTS)

- (1) Before her start each board in a heat or class shall draw a number for her station on the starting line. The stations shall be numbered so that station 1 is the most windward one.
- (2) After boards have been called to take their positions, the race committee shall make the preparatory signal by displaying a red flag with one sound. The starting signal shall be made, at any time after the preparatory signal, by removing the red flag with one sound.
- (3) After the starting signal each board shall take the shortest route from her starting station to her windsurfing position in the water (with both of the competitor's feet on the board).

26.2 Starting and Ending Heats for Expression Competition

Heats shall be started and ended by using the following signals:

(a) STARTING A HEAT

Each flag shall be removed when the next flag is displayed.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Warning	Heat number, Red flag; 1 sound	begin of transition period
Preparatory	Yellow flag; 1 sound	1
Starting	Green flag; 1 sound	0

(b) ENDING A HEAT

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before ending signal</i>
End warning	Green flag removed; 1 sound	1
Ending	Red flag; 1 sound	0

26.3 Starting System for Speed Competition

Rounds shall be started and ended by using the following signals. Each flag shall be removed when the next flag is displayed.

(a) STARTING A ROUND

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Stand-by	AP flag	Course closed Races are postponed
Course closed	Red flag	Course closed; will open shortly
Preparatory	Red and Yellow flag	Course will open in 5 minutes
Starting	Green flag	Course is open

(b) ENDING A ROUND

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
End warning	Green and yellow flag	Course will be closed in 5 minutes
Extension	Yellow flag	Current round extended by 15 minutes
Round ended	Red flag	A new round will be started shortly

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Rule 29.3 is added as a new rule:

29.3 RECALL FOR A SLALOM RACE

- (a) When at a board's starting signal for a slalom race or heat any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall signal a general recall.
- (b) If the race committee acts under rule 29.3(a) and the board is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race or heat is *abandoned*. The race committee shall hail or display her sail number, and she shall leave the course area immediately. If the race or heat is restarted or resailed, she shall not sail in it.
- (c) If a slalom race or heat was completed but was later *abandoned* by the protest committee and if the race or heat is resailed, a board disqualified under rule 29.3(b) may sail in it.

Rule 31 is deleted.

Add the following rules:

37 EXPRESSION COMPETITION – REGISTRATION OF SAILS; COURSE AREA; HEAT DURATION

- (a) Boards shall register with the race committee the colours and other particulars of their sails, or their identification according to another method stated in the sailing instructions, no later than the starting signal for the heat two heats before their own.

- (b) The course area shall be defined in the sailing instructions and posted on the official notice board no later than 10 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat. A board shall be scored only while sailing in the course area.
- (c) Any change in heat duration shall be announced by the race committee no later than 15 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat in the next round.

38 ELIMINATION SERIES

Rule 38 applies when an elimination series is organized in which boards compete in heats.

38.1 Elimination Series Procedure

- (a) Competition shall take the form of one or more elimination series. Each of them shall consist of either rounds in a single elimination series where only a number of the best scorers advance, or rounds in a double elimination series where boards have more than one opportunity to advance.
- (b) Boards shall sail one against another in pairs, or in groups determined by the elimination ladder. The selected form of competition shall not be changed while a round remains uncompleted.

38.2 Seeding and Ranking Lists

- (a) When a seeding or ranking list is used to establish the heats of the first round, places 1–8 (four heats) or 1–16 (eight heats) shall be distributed evenly among the heats.
- (b) For a subsequent elimination series, if any, boards shall be reassigned to new heats according to the ranking in the previous elimination series.
- (c) The organizing authority's seeding decisions are final and are not grounds for a request for redress.

38.3 Heat Schedule

The schedule of heats shall be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat.

38.4 Advancement and Byes

- (a) In racing and expression competition, the boards in each heat to advance to the next round shall be announced by the race committee no later than 10 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat. The number advancing may be changed by the protest committee as a result of a redress decision.
 - (b) In expression competition, any first-round byes shall be assigned to the highest-seeded boards.
 - (c) In wave performance competition, only the winner of each heat shall advance to the next round.
 - (d) In freestyle competition, boards shall advance to the next round as follows: from an eight-board heat, the best four advance, and the winner will sail against the fourth and the second against the third; from a four-board heat, the best two advance and will sail against each other.
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38.5 Finals

- (a) The final shall consist of a maximum of three races. The race committee shall announce the number of races to be sailed in the final no later than 5 minutes before the warning signal for the first final race.
- (b) A runners-up final may be sailed after the final. All boards in the semi-final heats that failed to qualify for the final may compete in it.

B4 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 4

Rule 41 becomes rule 41.1. Add new rule 41.2:

- 41.2** An assistant may provide replacement equipment to a board but shall keep clear of other boards competing. A board whose assistant fails to keep clear shall be penalized. The penalty shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

Rule 42 is changed to:

- 42** A board shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sail, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted actions of the competitor. **However, the competitor shall not make material forward progress by paddling, swimming or walking.**

Rule 43.1(a) is changed to:

- 43.1(a)** Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight, except for speed discipline. However, a competitor may wear a drinking container that shall have a capacity of at least one litre and weigh no more than 1.5 kilograms when full.'

Rule 44 is changed to:

44.1 Taking a Penalty

A board may take a Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while *racing*. Sailing instructions may specify the use of some other penalty. However, if the board caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

44.2 One-Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other boards as soon after the incident as possible, a board takes a Turn Penalty by promptly making one 360° turn with no requirement for tacks or gybes. When a board takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before *finishing*.

44.3 Scoring Penalty

Rule 44.3 will apply if so state in the sailing instructions.

In rule 44.3(a), change 'displaying a yellow flag' to 'hailing "Accept penalty"'.

In rule 44.3(b), replace the first two sentences with: 'When a kiteboard has taken a Scoring Penalty, she shall inform the race committee at the finishing line of that fact and of the identity of the other kiteboard involved in the incident.'

In rule 44.3(c), change '20%' to '10%'.

Add to rule 47.1: 'except as stated in rule 41.2'.

Rules 45, 47.2, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 54 are deleted.

B5 Changes to the Rules of Part 5

Rules 60.1 and 60.2(c) are changed to:

60.1 A board may

- (a) protest another board, but not for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, unless she was involved in ~~or saw~~ the incident; or
- (b) request redress;

(c) lodge scoring inquire form to the race committee.

60.2(c) report to the protest committee requesting action under rule 69.1(a).

However, when the race committee receives a report required by rule 43.1(c) or 78.3, it shall protest the board **and the equipment inspector or the measurer will represent the race committee in the protest hearing.**

Rule 61.1(a) is changed to:

- 61.1(a)** A board intending to protest shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity. When her *protest* concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in ~~or sees~~, she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the race committee of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she *finishes* or retires.

Rule 61.2 is changed to:

61.2 Protest Contents

(a) COURSE AND MARATHON RACING – WITH THE TEXT OF RULE 61.2

(b) ELIMINATION SERIES

In an elimination series, *protests* and requests for redress shall be made orally immediately following the heat in which the incident occurred. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

Add new rule 62.1(e):

- (e) *capsizing* because of the action of a board that was breaking a rule of Part 2.

Rule 63.1 is deleted and replaced by:

63.1 Requirement for a Hearing

A board or competitor shall not be penalized without a protest hearing, except as provided in rules 30.2, 30.3, 69 and A5. 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~~ **is** withdrawn.

Rule 63.3(b) is changed:

- 63.3(b)** When the protest committee is in doubt **relating to any matter concerning the measurement of a board, the interpretation of the class rule, or damage of a board** ~~about the meaning of a measurement~~

~~rule~~, it shall refer its questions, together with the relevant facts, to an authority responsible for interpreting the **equipment** rules. In making its decision, the committee shall be bound by the reply of the authority.

Rule 63.6 is deleted and replace by:

63.6 Taking Evidence and Communication a Decision

The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

In rule 64.1(c), add in the end the text '**even if she didn't take a penalty when she broke a rule**'.

64.3(b) is deleted and replace by:

When the protest committee is in doubt **relating to any matter concerning the measurement of a board, the interpretation of the class rule, or damage of a board** ~~about the meaning of a measurement rule~~, it shall refer its questions, together with the relevant facts, to an authority responsible for interpreting the rule. In making its decision, the committee shall be bound by the reply of the authority.

Add to rule 65.2 in the beginning: 'Except in disciplines with elimination series'

For disciplines with elimination series delete Section D of Part 5 and replace it with: 'Appeals are not permitted in disciplines with elimination series.'

B6 Changes to the Rules of Part 6

Add to rule 78.1:

'When so prescribed by the ISAF, a numbered and dated device on a board and her centreboard, fin and rig shall serve as her measurement certificate.'

B7 Changes to the Rules of Part 7

The last sentence of rule 90.2(c) is deleted.

Add new rule 90.2(d): 'Oral instructions may be given only if the procedure is stated in the sailing instructions.'

**B8 CHANGES TO APPENDIX A
Overall Scores**

If an event includes more than one discipline or format the sailing instructions shall state how the overall score is to be calculated.

Rule A2 is changed to:

Each board's series score shall be the total of her race, elimination series or speed round scores with the number of her worst scores excluded as follows:

<i>Course races</i>	<i>Speed rounds</i>	<i>Slalom and expression elimination series</i>	<i>Number excluded</i>
1–4	1–3	1–2	0
5–11	4–6	3–4	1
12 or more	7–10	5–7	2
	11–15	8 or more	3
	16 or more		4

If a board has two or more equal worst scores, the score(s) for the race(s) sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded. The board with the lowest series score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly. Rules A4.4, A4.5 and A4.6 contain exceptions to this rule. The sailing instructions may make a different arrangement.

Rule A4.2 and A8 are changed to:

- A4.2** A board that did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired after *finishing* or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boards entered in the series, or in an elimination series the number of boards in that heat. A board that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c).

A4.3 Uncompleted Heat

When a heat cannot be completed, the points for the unscored places shall be added together and divided by the number of places in that heat. The resulting number of points, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), shall be given to each board entered in the heat.

A4.4 Scoring a Final Series in Series in Racing with elimination series

- (a) If three final races are completed, a board's series score in the final shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. Otherwise her series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (b) A board that did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired after *finishing* or was disqualified from a final race shall be scored points equal to the total number of boards entered in the final.

A4.5 Expression Competition Scoring

- (a) Expression competition shall be scored by a panel of three judges. However, the panel may have a greater odd number of members, and there may be two such panels. Each judge shall give points for each manoeuvre based on the scale stated in the sailing instructions.
- (b) The criteria of scoring shall be decided by the race committee and announced on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat.
- (c) A board's heat standing shall be determined by adding together the points given by each judge. The board with the highest score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.
- (d) Both semi-final heats shall have been sailed for an elimination series to be valid.

- (e) Except for members of the race committee responsible for scoring the event, only competitors in the heat shall be allowed to see judges' score sheets for the heat. Each score sheet shall bear the full name of the judge.
- (f) Scoring decisions of the judges shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a board.

A4.6 Speed Competition

- (a) The speeds of a board's fastest two runs in a round shall be averaged to determine her standing in that round. The board with the highest average wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.
- (b) **On Standard Offshore Speed courses**, the speeds of a board's fastest two runs in a round shall be averaged to determine her standing in that round. The board with the highest average wins and others shall be ranked accordingly. **In case of a tie, the tie shall be broken in favour of the fastest single speed of the board in that round.**
- (c) **On Speed Crossings and Alpha Speed Courses, the fastest speed of a board shall be used to determine her standing in that round. The others shall be ranked accordingly.**

A8 SERIES TIES

A8.1 RACING COMPETITION

- (a) If there is a series-score tie between two or more boards, it shall be broken in favour of the board(s) with the best single excluded race score(s).
- (b) If a tie remains between two or more boards, each board's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the board(s) with the best score(s). These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.
- (c) If a tie still remains between two or more boards, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boards' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

A8.2 EXPRESSION COMPETITION

- (a) In a heat, if there is a tie in the total points given by one or more judges, it shall be broken in favour of the board with the higher single score in the priority category. If the categories are weighted equally, in wave performance competition the tie shall be broken in favour of the board with the higher single score in wave riding, and in freestyle competition in favour of the board with the higher score for overall impression. If a tie remains, in wave performance competition it shall be broken in favour of the board with the higher single score in the category without priority, and in freestyle competition it shall stand as the final result.
 - (b) If there is a tie in the series score, it shall be broken in favour of the board that scored better more times than the other board. All scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.
 - (c) If a tie still remains, the heat shall be resailed. If this is not possible, the tie shall stand as the final result.
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A8.3 SPEED COMPETITION

- (a) **If there is a series-score tie between two or more boards, it shall be broken in favour of the board(s) with the highest top speed in the competition'**
- (b) If a tie remains use rules A8.1(b) and (c).

B9 Identification on Sails

- (a) Add to rule G1.1(a): 'The insignia shall not refer to anything other than the manufacturer or class and shall not consist of more than two letters and three numbers or an abstract design.'
- (b) Rules G1.3(a), G1.3(c), G1.3(d) and G1.3(e) are changed to
 The class insignia shall be displayed once on each side of the sail in the area above a line projected at right angles from a point on the luff of the sail one-third of the distance from the head to the wishbone. The national letters and sail numbers shall be in the central third of that part of the sail above the wishbone, clearly separated from any advertising. They shall be black and applied back to back on an opaque white background. The background shall extend a minimum of 30 mm beyond the characters. Between the national letters and sail number a '—' and normal spacing shall be applied.

B10 Additional information about procedures and scoring in disciplines with elimination series and for speed discipline and formats will state in Addendum BB of this Appendix or in the Sailing Instructions.Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Appendix B was rearranged to follow the structure of the Racing Rules of Sailing. The former rule 24 becomes rule 23.4 and the reserve rules 24, 37 and 38 are used for rules for disciplines and formats with elimination series, for expression and speed disciplines and their formats.
2. The definitions *Capsize*, *Mark-Room*, *Proper Course* and *Tack*, *Starboard*, *Port* are changed to give more accurate and helpful description.

For example the definition of *Tack*, *Starboard*, *Port* was not accurate for the boards and create unnecessary and useless discussions between competitors and judges.

The definition for *Mark-room* Much is shorter, provides more protection and freedom to a board entitled to mark-room when she sail to the mark. Also it is in compliance with rule 18 for boards – windsurf and kiteboard. For the boards the moment when rule 18 starts to apply is when the proper course of a board is to begin to manoeuvre to round or pass a mark. Because of that she has to have room to follow her proper course to the mark.

3. The changes in rule 14 refer to the typical situation in windsurfing and kiteboarding competition when there are minor and unavoidable contacts between hulls and equipment connected with the efforts to keep the balance or flying kite in low wind or wavy conditions.
 4. Rule 31 is unnecessary for the boards and was deleted. As result the wording in rule 44.1 which related to the former rule 31 was deleted.
 5. The sport of sailing is self-governed sport and as that sort of sport it needs not to have the possibility protest to be lodged from third party (competitor who saw an incident) when the competitors involved in this incident don't want to protest. Also the Protest Committee has to decide to allow or not protest or request to be withdrawn. The competitors from all windsurfing classes support these changes (rules 60.1(a), 61.1(a), 63.1).
 6. The Equipment inspector or measurer is more involved in the matter connected with measurement and class rules issues than the PRO, why has to be party in a hearing for this kind of protests. Also the PRO is the most busy officer in the Racing Committee and will be better to reduce some of his obligations. During the hearing the Equipment inspector or measurer takes part as witness and have no right to asks question, which may give more precise and accurate facts to the Protest Committee (rule 60.2).
 7. The exception of rule 64.1(c) does not cover the case when a boat compelled to break a rule because another board broke a rule didn't take a penalty – this breaks the Basic principle. If the competitor is penalized for this break, this dismissed the exoneration given by the rule. If the competitor is not penalized for this break the Basic Principle is ignored. If the competitor takes a penalty, then raised the question for redress. Redress can not be given if there is no relevant change in rule 62.1. If the board takes a penalty for which, after a change in rule 62.1, she is entitled for redress, the result in the race will be not the real one. The proposed change of rule 64.1(c) covert these problems.
 8. To increase the issues in which the Equipment Committee has responsibility and experts (rule 64.3(b)).
 9. In competition with elimination series, which the windsurfers did from many years successfully, appeals are not permitted. And there is a rule for that in all version of Appendix B. Section D of Part 5 give possibility this to be disregard.
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