

ISAF TEAM RACING RAPID RESPONSE CALLS

The ISAF Call system was working well for long term Calls. However, for the short term the system was not responding quickly enough. This caused a desire to “do our own thing” from event organizers and umpires. A Rapid Response Call system for Match Racing was approved by ISAF Council in November 2000 for implementation with immediate effect. It was then recognized that Team Racing had the same needs as Match Racing and in November 2001 ISAF Council approved including Team Racing calls in the Rapid Response system.

The following system is to permit a consistent rapid response for Team Racing Calls, and will respect the guidelines for publishing calls in Regulation 31.3. In addition, where the factual matter is the same or substantially similar to an existing authenticated call, a call under this system may only be included if there are factual circumstances which are sufficiently different from an existing authenticated call that a different call is warranted, or if the new call clearly adds clarity to an existing call.

The Rapid Response system operates as follows:

- A group of up to 8 IU's are appointed to an ISAF Team Racing Rapid Response Calls Panel.
- At any one time at least 3 members of the panel will be authorized to act.
- All proposed new Calls under this programme are to be submitted to this panel. The panel have only 3 options – they may support the Call as submitted, support the Call with minor editing or reject the Call. If rejected, they must state the reasons for rejection and return to the originator. This should be within 4 weeks of receipt.
- If supported, the Call will be given a reference number and labeled “ISAF Team Racing Rapid Response Call”, given an expiry date (31 December of the year of the next RRC meeting to which the Call can be submitted) and forwarded to the ISAF secretariat.
- The ISAF Team Racing Rapid Response Call will then be sent to all MNA's and IU's who have email and it will be posted on the ISAF website within a few working days in a format capable of being downloaded.
- The ISAF Team Racing Rapid Response Calls will be automatically submitted to the next appropriate Racing Rules Committee meeting, via the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party, for adoption as Authorized Calls and added to the ISAF Team Racing Call Book, or rejected.
- If an existing ISAF Team Racing Rapid Response Call is found to be flawed, then a revised version may be submitted to the panel as if this were a new Call. If the panel decide to support the revised call it will be issued under the original reference but with the addition of “Revision 02”.

Notes:

Members of the panel must have e-mail and preferably the TSS programme, which will be used for the production of all diagrams.

ISAF Team Racing Rapid Response Calls are not authorized interpretations – they are intended to provide consistency around the World and permit Calls to be tested thoroughly before becoming Authorized in accordance with ISAF regulations.

Names of WP Members:

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