

Racing Rules Committee – Constituting the Committee and Terms of Reference

Regulation 15.21

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal:

15.21 RACING RULES COMMITTEE

Constituting the Committee; Other Appointments

- 15.21.1 The Racing Rules Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 59.
- 15.21.2 The Racing Rules Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 59. **Members should have thorough knowledge of the racing rules and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.**
- 15.21.3 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee shall appoint the members and chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee Working Party, the Case Book Working Party, the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party, the Match Racing Rapid Response Call Panel, and the Team Racing Rapid Response Call Panel.**
- 15.21.4 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee shall, together with the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, appoint the members of the Racing Rules Q&A Panel and the chairman of the panel. At least one member of the Case Book Working Party and of the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party shall be on the panel.**
- 15.21.5 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee shall appoint the Racing Rules Committee representatives to the Equipment Committee, the Class Rules Sub-Committee and the Equipment Control Sub-Committee.**
- 15.21.6 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee may, for the purposes of **communication and cooperation** ~~liaison~~, appoint himself/herself or another member of the committee as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Race Officials Committee.

~~15.21.4 15.21.5 – Reserved for future use.~~

Terms of Reference

15.21.7 The Racing Rules Committee shall:

- (a) formulate, revise and publish **The Racing Rules of Sailing** ~~the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)~~ every four years after approval by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 31.1.1;
- (b) consider submissions **that propose or suggest** ~~with respect to~~ changes in the **racing rules** ~~RRS~~ in accordance with Regulation 31.2.1;

- (c) consider recommendations from and decisions of other committees ~~Committees that which~~ might affect the racing rules ~~RRS~~;
- (d) include in the ~~The~~ racing rules ~~RRS shall include~~ the following:
 - (i) (i) ~~the~~ ~~The~~ authority given to national authorities, organizing authorities, race committees, protest committees, umpires and measurers ~~judges~~ in the conducting of races;
 - (ii) (ii) ~~The~~ procedures to be used when conducting races;
 - (iii) (iii) ~~the~~ ~~The~~ responsibilities of boats, competitors and boat owners ~~the yacht, her owner and her crew~~ before, during and after racing;
 - (iv) (iv) rules that apply when boats meet ~~The right of way rules~~;
 - (v) (v) ~~The~~ methods of dealing with breaches of rules ~~rule infringement~~ and the imposition of penalties;
 - (vi) (vi) other ~~Other~~ disciplinary measures;
 - (vii) (vii) provisions ~~Provisions~~ for appealing decisions of ~~juries or~~ protest committees;
 - (viii) (viii) references to appropriate ~~various~~ regulations ~~Regulations~~, including the Eligibility, Advertising and Anti-Doping ~~Codes, that have been incorporated into the Rules by Council; and~~
 - (ix) (ix) other ~~various~~ related subjects with which the racing rules ~~RRS~~ deal;
- (e) approve and publish interpretations of the racing rules and calls for match and team racing ~~RRS~~ submitted in accordance with Regulation 31.3;
- (f) approve the sailing instructions for the Olympic Sailing Competition;
- (g) (working together with the Race Officials Committee) approve and publish on the ISAF website the ISAF Racing Rules Questions and Answers;
- (h) approve and publish on the ISAF website the ISAF Match Racing Rapid Response Calls and the ISAF Team Racing Rapid Response Calls;
- (i) communicate and cooperate with other committees on matters related to the racing rules;
- ~~(j)~~ work for continued improvement of rule observance;
- ~~(k)~~ work for standardization and improvement of notices of race and sailing instructions; and
- ~~(l)~~ consider and debate other ~~the various related~~ subjects related to the racing rules ~~with which the RRS deal~~.

Racing Rules Administration - See Part VI, Regulation 31.

Current Position:

See above.

Reason:

In November 2004 Council decided that the ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service should continue under the joint responsibility of the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee and the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee. New Regulations 15.21.4 and 15.21.7(g) are proposed to implement this decision. (See also the companion submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee proposing similar changes in Regulation 15.19.)

The addition to Regulation 15.21.2 is proposed to encourage appointment to the Racing Rules Committee of persons with a thorough knowledge of the racing rules and with extensive experience either as competitors or as race officials. It is important that competitors have a voice in the rules that govern their sport.

New Regulations 15.21.3, 15.21.4 and 15.21.5 are proposed to include in the list of responsibilities of the Racing Rules Chairman duties that have become part of chairman's responsibilities since Regulation 15.21 was last revised.

The changes in Regulation 15.21.7(d)(i), (iii), (iv), (vii) and (viii) are proposed because of changes in words and phrases used in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* that have occurred since Regulation 15.21 was last revised.

The change in Regulation 15.21.7(e) and new Regulation 15.21.7(h) are proposed because of the increased activity of the Racing Rules Committee in the areas of match racing and team racing that has occurred since Regulation 15.21 was last revised.

Other changes are proposed to simplify and improve wording, to make wording consistent with other parts of the Regulations, and to refer to the racing rules in a manner consistent with a new definition of that term proposed in Submission 263-07.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – FEBRUARY 2008

The Executive Committee recommends changing “racing rules” to “**Racing **Rules**” throughout Submission 020-07, in line with the ISAF Regulations.**

2007 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE**COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2007**

Council received Submission 020-07 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee.

The recommendation from the Executive Committee was noted.

Decision

1. **On a proposal by Max Rivero Kelly, seconded by Teresa Lara, Council approved the amendment to Submission 020-07, as follows: (21 in favour, 10 against, 4 abstain)**

- 15.21.2 The Racing Rules Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 59. Members should have thorough knowledge of the racing rules and extensive experience as competitors or and as race officials.**
- 2. Council deferred Submission 020-07 as amended to the 2008 ISAF Mid-Year Meeting to be further considered by the Committee Terms of Reference working party. (32 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstain)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPINIONS – NOVEMBER 2007

Executive Committee Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommended to defer to the Working Party considering terms of reference.

Constitution Committee Opinion

The Constitution Committee considered submission 020-07 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about the Racing Rules Committee – Constituting the Committee and Terms of Reference.

Opinion: No Recommendation.

The Constitution Committee has reviewed this submission and is satisfied with the proposed wording except that it recommends that 15.21.7 (d)(viii) should be deleted: ~~(viii) other various related subjects with which the racing rules RRS deal;~~

Match Racing Committee Opinion

The committee considered submission 020-07 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about regulation 15.21

Opinion: Approve

Racing Rules Committee Opinion

The Committee considered submission 020-07 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Regulation 15.21.

Opinion: Approve with amendments

Delete 'approve and' from Regs. 15.21.7(g) and (h).