

ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service



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Situation:

At the end of a regatta, after the prize giving, the RO discover that the tie breaking system he used was the wrong one and some tie breaks were wrong, including the silver and bronze which should have been reversed.

Question 1:

Is the RO allowed to correct the results?

Answer 1

Rule 90.3 (a) places the responsibility for scoring on the race committee as a whole. If the race officer becomes aware of a mistake, he must refer the matter to the race committee. The race committee may correct any mistake for which it was responsible. In doing so, it is scoring the boats as they should have been scored had the race committee not made an error so that action is not one that would worsen a boat's score as provided in A5.

Question 2:

If the answer to question 1 is affirmative, then how long after the end of the regatta?

Answer 2

There is no time limit but it will depend. The time elapsed since the end of the regatta is only one factor. If the event was being used as selection for another event that has not yet happened, correction is necessary. The importance of the event and the value of prizes are other factors.

Question 3:

If the answer to question 1 is affirmative does the RO need the permission of the PC/jury?

Answer 3

No permission is needed, but, if the race committee becomes aware of a scoring mistake after the end of an event, it might wish to consult the protest committee or the international jury before deciding whether to issue corrected results.

Question 4:

If the answer to question 1 is affirmative, does it apply to other scoring mistakes, such as those brought in by competitors?

Answer 4:

Yes