

HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE WORLD SAILING PACKAGE OF TEST RULES

AT MATCH RACING EVENTS

The World Sailing Match Racing Test Rules Working Group package of test rules regarding mark-room and rule 17 (incorporating the lessons learnt in 2015) were approved for inclusion into the 2017-2020 *Racing Rules of Sailing* in November 2015.

World Sailing has approved the use of this approved package for 2016. If an Organizing Authority (OA) decides to use this package of test rules, no modification can be made to the package.

Below is advice on how an OA can implement the use of this package for a Match Racing Regatta:

1. Obtain approval to use package.

There are 2 options to obtain such approval:

- (a) **Obtain World Sailing approval as allowed in RRS 86.2.** The Working Group suggests this method for Match Racing events that are held across multiple countries (multiple Member National Authorities). Examples being the WMRT or the Nations Cup (Regional Finals or Grand Final).
- (b) **Obtain approval from the Member National Authority as allowed in RRS 86.3.** This requires that the MNA has a prescription to rule 86 and that any conditions in such prescriptions are met.

2. If the OA has approval to use the package of test rules:

2.1 Add the following to the Notice of Race (NoR).

- (a) Under the heading of 'Rules' (7.2(d) in World Sailing Standard Match Race NoR) state:

"Under RRS 86.2 / 86.3 [use rule number applicable], this event will use the package of test rules approved by World Sailing for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NoR Addendum X."

- (b) Add Addendum X, version 1 (detailed in this document) into the NoR. Do not make any changes to the wording provided in the package.

2.2 Add the following to the Sailing Instructions (SI's)

- (a) Under the heading of 'Rules' (1.8 in World Sailing Standard Match Race SI's) state:

"Under RRS 86.2 / 86.3 [*use rule number applicable*], this event will use the package of test rules approved by World Sailing for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in SI Addendum X."

- (b) Add Addendum X, version 1 (*detailed in this document*) into the SI's. Do not make any changes to the wording provided in the package.

ADDENDUM X - PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS.

The rules below in **red** represent changes to the 2015 test rules.

A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:

18 MARK ROOM

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,
 - (1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.
 - (2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.
- (b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required **based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.**
- (c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must **change tack** at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she **changes tack** she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* **or a finishing mark** and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the **course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.**

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* **on the required side. If room includes a change of tack, such tack or gybe shall be done no quicker than a tack or gybe to sail her proper course.**

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14 Rule 17 is deleted.