

ISAF RULE 42 WORKING PARTY – REPORT TO COUNCIL, JULY 2003

The ISAF Rule 42 Working Party was formed in November 2002 to cover all aspects of rule 42. Since then the following have been achieved:

- A conference was held in Southampton attended by over 60 International Judges from over 40 MNAs.
- Most delegates from the Southampton conference have held similar conferences in their home countries or regions.
- The booklet Interpretations of Rule 42, Propulsion has been issued with the support of the Racing Rules Committee.
- The ISAF rule 42 video CD has been produced. Copies have been sent to all MNAs, all International Classes, all International Judges and all International Umpires. Further copies are available from ISAF.
- The ISAF Judges Manual has been updated to be consistent with the ISAF interpretations.
- The ISAF website has continued to inform enquirers of the progress to date.

Feedback from fleet, team and match racing events has been generally positive while identifying one or two specific problems that require further work.

The working party have considered all submissions dealing with rule 42 that were deferred from November 2002. Recommendations are attached.

The working party have developed a number of submissions for consideration in November 2003. Some of these will cause much needed debate and the working party looks forward to continuing its work in these areas following November.

There are a number of items that the working party are continuing to develop and will report on again in the future. These are:

- Maintaining the development of judges to achieve higher standards of consistency.
- Establishing an effective Q & A system to answer detailed questions and promulgate the answers.
- Developing further interpretations to cover the areas that are still causing difficulty.
- Rewriting rule 42 to improve understanding and further improve consistency of application without substantially changing the rule.
- Considering changes to Appendix N with regard to the penalties.
- Providing rules that can be adopted by classes rather than permitting classes to change the rule. These will include permitting pumping in heavier wind conditions, but exclude multiple pumps per wave.
- Gaining information from judge reports.

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