

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 70.1

A submission from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond

Proposal:

70.1 Provided that the right of appeal has not been denied under rule 70.4, a *party* to a hearing may appeal a protest committee's decision or its procedures, but not the facts found, to the national authority of the ~~venue~~ **organizing authority (MNA) of the race, unless its sailing instructions state that the MNA of specified ports of call in the race will be responsible.**

Current Position:

See Above.

Reason:

In the case of international regattas that do not have an International Jury, and where the starting and finishing venues as well as ports of call do not come under the jurisdiction of the same MNA, it is unclear under the current rule which national authority is responsible for the appeals procedure.

In the above proposal, the responsibility for any appeals procedure falls on the MNA of the organizing authority, making it clear to competitors where to lodge their appeals.

By allowing the Sailing Instructions to change this rule, we give organizing authorities the choice to transfer the responsibility of the appeals procedure to, for instance, the MNA of the finishing port, if this should be in a different nation and more convenient to competitors and race officials alike, while not intruding on rule 86.1(a).