

Racing Rules Committee

Rules 86.1(a) and 86.1(b)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To remove a conflict between rule 4.5 and rule 86.1(a).

Proposal

86 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

86.1 A racing rule shall not be changed unless permitted in the rule itself or as follows:

- (a) Prescriptions of a national authority may change a racing rule, but not the Definitions; the Basic Principles; a rule in the Introduction; Part ~~4~~, 2 or 7; rule **1, 2, 3, 5, 6**, 42, 43, 47, 50, 63.4, 69, 70, 71, 75, 76.3 or 79; a rule of an appendix that changes one of these rules; Appendix H or N; or a rule in a World Sailing Code listed in rule 6.1.
- (b) The notice of race or sailing instructions may change a racing rule, but not rule **4**, 76.1 or 76.2, Appendix R, or a rule listed in rule 86.1(a).

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Rule 4.5 states that rule 4 may be changed by a prescriptions of the national authority. Rule 4 is in Part 1 of the RRS. Rule 86.1(a) states that a rule in Part 1 may not be changed by a prescription of the national authority. Therefore, rules 4.5 and 86.1(a) conflict. The proposal removes this conflict.
 2. Rule 4 is a rule that should not be changed by either the notice of race or the sailing instructions.
 3. Under the proposal, it will be permissible for a prescriptions of a national authority to change rule 4, but it will not be permissible for either the notice of race or the sailing instructions to change it.
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