

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 69.2(k)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To make clear that the decision not to hold a hearing is for the protest committee, not the organizing authority or race committee.

Proposal

Amend rule 69.2(k) as follows:

- (k) If the protest committee decides not to conduct the hearing without the person present, or if the protest committee has left the event and a report alleging a breach of rule 69.1(a) is received, the race committee or organizing authority may appoint the same or a new protest committee to proceed under this rule. If **the protest committee decides** it is impractical ~~for the protest committee~~ to conduct a hearing, it shall collect all available information and, if the allegation seems justified, make a report to the national authority of the person or, for specific international events listed in the World Sailing Regulations, to World Sailing.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

The current wording is unclear as to who can decide if a hearing is impractical (i.e. could it be the race committee or organizing authority when they receive a report?). The process should be that a protest committee is appointed to review the report and make the decision about how to proceed.
