Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 30.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To clarify the penalty for breaking the I Flag Rule and to make it easier for race officers to implement the rule.

Proposal

30.1 I Flag Rule

If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before starting.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Members of the ISAF Q&A Panel have different interpretations of this rule in some circumstances. This proposal clarifies that the penalty must be to sail, at least in part, across an extension towards the pre-start side. In addition, the proposed rule implies that the race committee need not identify a boat this is on an extension of the starting line one minute before her starting signal.