Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix B

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To exclude all rules of windsurfing disciplines from the Racing Rules of Sailing, except the fleet racing rules. All windsurfing discipline rules, except the fleet racing rules to be published as separate appendices and online only.

Proposal 1

Amend the title of Appendix B as follows:

Windsurfing Competition Fleet Racing Rules.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. Appendix B in the RRS book applies for the fleet racing only.
2. All other windsurfing discipline rules will be published online only.

Proposal 2

Amend the preamble of the Appendix B as follows:

Windsurfing fleet races (including marathon races) shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. The term ‘boat’ elsewhere in the racing rules means ‘board’ or ‘boat’ as appropriate. A marathon race is a race intended to last more than one hour. The term ‘heat’ means one elimination race, a ‘round’ consists of several heats, and an ‘elimination series’ consists of one or more rounds. However, in speed competition, a ‘round’ consists of one or more speed ‘runs’.

A windsurfing event can include one or more of the following disciplines or their formats:

Discipline—Formats

Racing——Course racing; Slalom; Marathon
Expression Wave performance; Freestyle
Speed——Standard Offshore Speed Course; Speed Crossings; Alpha Speed Course
In racing or expression competition, boards may compete in elimination series, and only a limited number of them may advance from round to round.

In expression competition a board’s performance is judged on skill and variety rather than speed and is organized using elimination series. Either wave performance or freestyle competition is organized, depending on the wave conditions at the venue.

In speed competition a board’s performance is based on her speed over a measured course. Boards take turns sailing runs over the course.

Note: Rules for Slalom, Expression (including Wave and Freestyle) and Speed disciplines are not included in this appendix. These are available at the World Sailing website.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

Appendix B in the RRS book applies for the fleet racing only and there is no need to include the introduction of the disciplines which are not part of this appendix.

Proposal 3

Amend the rule 26 in Appendix B as follows:

26.1 System 1 (for Upwind Starts)

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

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<th>Minutes before starting signal</th>
<th>Visual signal</th>
<th>Sound signal</th>
<th>Means</th>
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<td>5*</td>
<td>Class flag</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Warning signal</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>P, I, Z, with U, or black flag</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Preparatory signal</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Preparatory flag removed</td>
<td>One long</td>
<td>One minute</td>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Class flag removed</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Starting signal</td>
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*or as stated in the sailing instructions

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

26.2 System 2 (for Reaching Starts)

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
### Minutes before starting signal

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<th>Visual signal</th>
<th>Sound signal</th>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Class flag or heat number</td>
<td>Attention signal</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Red flag; attention signal</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Warning signal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Yellow flag; red flag removed</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Preparatory signal</td>
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<tr>
<td>1/2</td>
<td>Yellow flag removed</td>
<td></td>
<td>30 seconds</td>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Green flag</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Starting signal</td>
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### 26.3 System 3 (for Beach Starts)

(a) When the starting line is on the beach, or so close to the beach that the competitor must stand in the water to *start*, the start is a beach start.

(b) The starting stations shall be numbered so that station 1 is the most windward one. Unless the sailing instructions specify some other system, a board’s starting station shall be determined

1. by ranking *(the highest ranking board on station 1, the next highest on station 2, and so on)* for the first race or round of the event, by draw, or

2. by draw, for any race or round after the first one, by her place in the previous race or heat *(The first place on station 1, the second place on station 2, and so on).*

(c) After boards have been called to take their positions, the race committee shall make the preparatory signal by displaying a red flag with one sound. The starting signal shall be made, at any time after the preparatory signal, by removing the red flag with one sound.

(d) After the starting signal each board shall take the shortest route from her starting station to the water and then to her sailing position without interfering with other boards. Part 2 rules will apply when both of the competitor’s feet are on the board.

### Current Position

As above

### Reasons

1. To be consistent with other rules of 26.

2. In practice in System 3 the first option to determine the starting stations is usually a ranking and then, if no ranking, by draw.
Proposal 4

Delete rule 30.2 in Appendix B as follows:

**PART 3 RULES DELETED**

Rule 30.2 is deleted.

Current Position

Rule 30.2 was not deleted in Appendix B.

Reasons

1. Rule 30.2 is not used at windsurfing events.

Proposal 5

Amend the rule 42 in the Appendix B as follows:

**42 PROPULSION**

Rule 42 is changed to:

A board shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sail, and by the action of the water on the hull. However, pumping or fanning the sail is permitted, and by the unassisted actions of the competitor. However, significant progress shall not be made propelled by paddling, swimming or walking.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

The new edited text clarifies the confusion about pumping the sail and makes the text better to read.

Proposal 6

Amend the rule 43.1(a) in the Appendix B as follows:

Rule 43.1(a) is changed to:
(a) Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight. However, a competitor may wear a drinking container that shall have a capacity of at least one litre and weigh no more than 1.5 litres kilograms when full.

Delete the rule 43.2 in the Appendix B as follows:

Rule 43.2 is deleted.

OTHER PART 4 RULES DELETED

Rules 43.1(c), 43.2, 45, 47.2, 48.1, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 54 are deleted.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

Housekeeping – to be consistent with other Parts of Appendix B.

Proposal 7

Amend the rule 62.1(b) in the Appendix B as follows:

62 REDRESS

Rule 62.1(b) is changed to:

(b) injury, physical damage or capsize because of the action of

(1) a board that broke a rule of Part 2 and took an the appropriate penalty or was penalized, or

(2) a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

In some circumstances there is more than one appropriate penalty.

Proposal 8

(a) Delete rule B10 from Appendix B.

(b) Amend rule 61 in the Appendix B as follows:
61 PROTEST REQUIREMENTS

61.1 Informing the Protestee

The first three sentences of Rule 61.1(a) is changed to:

(a) A board intending to protest shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw, she shall hail ‘Protest’ at the first reasonable opportunity. She shall also inform the race committee of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she finishes or retires. However,

(1) if the other board is beyond hailing distance, the protesting board need not hail but she shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity;

(2) no red flag need be displayed;

(3) if the incident was an error by the other board in sailing the course, she need not hail but she shall inform the other board either before or at the first reasonable opportunity after the other board finishes;

(4) if at the time of the incident it is obvious to the board intending to protest that either competitor is in danger, or that injury or serious damage resulted, the requirements of this rule do not apply to her, but she shall attempt to inform the other board within the time limit of rule 61.3.

61.2 Protest Contents

Add to rule 61.2:

This rule does not apply to a race in an elimination series that will qualify a board to compete in a later stage of an event.

(c) Amend the rule 63.6 in the Appendix B as follows:

63 HEARINGS

63.6 Taking Evidence and Finding Facts

Add to rule 63.6:

However, for an elimination series race that will qualify a board to compete in a later stage of an event, protests and requests for redress need not be in writing; they shall be made orally to a member of the protest committee as soon as reasonably possible following the race. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
(d) Amend the rule 65.2 in the Appendix B as follows:

**65 INFORMING THE PARTIES AND OTHERS**

Add to rule 65.2:

This rule does not apply to a race in an elimination series that will qualify a board to compete in a later stage of an event.

(e) Amend the rule 70.5 in the Appendix B as follows:

**70 APPEALS AND REQUESTS TO A NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

Rules 70.5 and 70.5(a) are changed to:

70.5 There shall be no appeal from the decisions of an international jury constituted in compliance with Appendix N, and no appeal from the decisions of the protest committee for a race in an elimination series that will qualify a board to compete in a later stage of an event. Furthermore, if the notice of race and the sailing instructions so state, the right of appeal may be denied provided that

(a) it is essential to determine promptly the result of a race that will qualify a boat to compete in a later stage of an event or a subsequent event (a national authority may prescribe that its approval is required for such a procedure);

(f) Add new rule A4.3 in the Appendix B as follows:

**A4 LOW POINT SYSTEM**

Add new rule A4.3:

A4.3 For an elimination series race that will qualify a board to compete in a later stage of an event, a board that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points equal to the number of boards permitted to sail in that race.

(g) Amend the rule A8.1 in the Appendix B as follows:

**A8 SERIES TIES**

Rule A8 is changed to:

A8.1 If there is a series-score tie between two or more boards, they shall be ranked in order of their best excluded score. Each board’s excluded race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the board(s) with the best excluded race score(s).

Current Position

As above
Reasons

1. Rules B10-B12 were ruling the disciplines which are taken out from the new Appendix B, however the elimination races are still included, therefore the rule changes were made accordingly.

2. The part of the text in the rule 61.1(a) was unintentionally removed and is reinstated now.

3. There is no windsurfing board longer than 6 metres, therefore the rules 61.1(a)(2) and (3) are changed accordingly.

4. In case of elimination races there are no written protests required.