

Racing Rules of Sailing

43.1(c), 62.1(a), 78.3, 85, 89.2(b) and new Rule 92

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Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this submission is to define an equipment inspection committee and to use the term “equipment inspection committee” to replace all other terms in use in the RRS for persons in charge of any form of equipment inspection or event measurement.

Proposal

1. Add the following new rule in Part 7, Race Organization:

92 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION COMMITTEE

An equipment inspection committee shall be a committee of at least 1 member, appointed by the organising authority or race committee, except when appointed by the ISAF under rule 89.2(b), to carry out equipment inspection as required by the notice of race and the sailing instructions.

2. Change rule 43.1(c) as follows:

- (c) When ~~an equipment inspector or a measurer in charge of weighing clothing and equipment believes~~ **an equipment inspection committee decides** a competitor ~~may have~~ **has** broken rule 43.1(a) or 43.1(b) ~~he~~ **it** shall report the matter in writing to the race committee.

3. Change rule 62.1(a) as follows:

- (a) an improper action or omission of the race committee, protest committee, organizing authority, **or** equipment inspection committee ~~or measurement committee for the event~~, but not by a protest committee decision when the boat was a party to the hearing;

4. Change rule 78.3 as follows:

- 78.3 When an ~~equipment inspector or a measurer for an event~~ **equipment inspection committee** decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, ~~he~~ **it** shall report the matter in writing to the race committee.

5. Change rule 85 as follows:

85 GOVERNING RULES

The organizing authority, race committee, **equipment inspection committee** and protest committee shall be governed by the *rules* in the conduct and judging of races.

6. Change rule 89.2(b) as follows:

- (b) The organizing authority shall appoint a race committee and, when appropriate, appoint **an equipment inspection committee**, a protest committee and umpires. However, the race committee, **an equipment inspection committee**, an international jury and umpires may be appointed by the ISAF as provided in the ISAF regulations.

Current Position

As above. However, proposed rule 92 is a new rule.

Reasons

1. To define appointment and task of an equipment inspection committee consisting of race officials in charge of equipment inspection or event measurement in the RRS as is the case for all other race officials in race committee, protest committee and umpire team. Like the other committees the equipment inspection committee should be appointed by the organising authority, the race committee or by ISAF as provided in the ISAF Regulations;
 2. To define a committee instead of a person in charge of equipment inspection or event measurement as this task is hardly ever performed by an individual. This is equivalent to the allocation of the task of conducting races to a race committee or the task of dealing with protests and redress to a protest committee.
 3. To refer in all cases to a committee instead of a person in charge of equipment inspection or event measurement like for example the race committee or the jury of which no reference is made in the RRS to individual members of these committees.
 4. The changes in rule 43.1(c), rule 62.1(a) and in rule 78.3 are housekeeping changes made necessary by the addition of proposed rule 92 and are intended to replace all other terms in use for person(s) in charge of any form of equipment inspection or event measurement by only one term, the new defined term "equipment inspection committee".
 5. The change in rule 43.1(c) "~~believes~~ **decides** a competitor ~~may have~~ **has**" is proposed to align the text in this rule with the text in RRS 78.3.
 6. The changes in rule 85 and rule 89.2(b) are necessary changes to add the equipment inspection committee to the list of committees with race officials as mentioned in these rules.
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