Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule X

A submission from the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee and the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee

Purpose or Objective

To inform readers of the rulebook of the status and location of the Kiteboarding Racing Rules.

Proposal

Add a new appendix, Appendix X, as follows:

APPENDIX X
KITEBOARDING RACING RULES

The ISAF is developing an appendix containing racing rules to govern kiteboarding course racing. These rules are relatively new and are evolving rapidly based on the experiences of competitors in kiteboard races and those who serve on the protest committee or the race committee at such races. Therefore, in order to enable expedited revision and continued testing of evolving rules during the years 2013–2016, the kiteboard racing rules will be available on the ISAF website at www.sailing.org/kiteboardrules. Visit that site to download the most recent version of these rules. Also, at that site, you will find links to the rules for other kiteboard disciplines.

Current Position

None. Appendix X is new.

Reasons

It is preferable not to include in The Racing Rules of Sailing rules that are likely to need changes more frequently than the usual four-year cycle. The principal reason is that such rules may only be changed annually using the ISAF submission process. Also important is the fact that, in order for a rule change to take effect before 1 January 2017, it will require a super-majority vote of both the Racing Rules Committee and the Council. This process, while appropriate for firmly established and long-standing rules, is not appropriate for a rapidly evolving discipline that is only now beginning to receive attention from the community of ISAF Judges and Race Officers.