

World Sailing Racing Rules Committee

Addendum Q Working Party

Addendum Q Working Party Annual Report to the Racing Rules Committee 2021

Review:

The working party was newly constituted at the beginning of this year and started working on proposing updates to Addendum Q shortly after. The situation was that the new edition of the rulebook was already in effect and the last update to Addendum Q has been made almost 3 years before. In addition, the postponed Olympic Games made the update fundamental and highly urgent. Due to these constraints, we focused on the following topics which were discussed and later proposed to the Racing Rules Committee:

- Housekeeping and Streamlining: As the new rulebook changed a number of rules references and wordings, the Addendum needed to adapt to that. Also, some rules were reworded with the intention of removing unnecessary text and confusing references. Some rules were no longer needed and were removed.
- Consistency: Because of the Olympic Games were due to be held, the working party did not propose significant changes, that could affect the medal race game in general. It was the intention to collect the experience from this year and then discuss further changes based on that.
- Split between Appendix UF/MR: With the new Appendix UF in the making, Addendum Q was changed, so that it is limited to umpired medal racing only, mainly for the Olympic classes. However, it still remained Addendum Q (for consistency) but the new title “APPENDIX MR” is already mentioned in the headline. Note that Add. Q / App MR does no longer permit any changes to it, unless authorized by WS.
- Implementation of other Rules: An established procedure for boats scored OCS was introduced and implemented.

These amendments were put in a draft and then double-checked by all working party members individually. After two rounds of corrections, a final draft was delivered to the Racing Rules Committee for approval. In addition, a document that highlights the changes was supplied to give additional information.

The draft was approved unanimously and came into effect on March 1 2021.

Outlook

With the feedback and experience from this year, there is a growing list of items that need to be worked on. It is the intention of the working party to put together all such topics, structure them and discuss these before the end of the year. The next milestone is the first release of APPENDIX MR which will eventually replace Addendum Q. The target is to achieve that by March 2022.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the working party members for their hard and incredibly efficient work this year and I'm grateful for having the opportunity of chairing such a renowned group.

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