

MNA Prescriptions WP Annual Report

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Objectives

- Review the applications submitted by MNAs for approval of their prescription to rule 88.2;
- To check that the prescriptions submitted comply with rule 86.1(a)
- In case of any non-compliance, report to the MNA (through the office) why they do not comply
- If the submission complies with rule 86.1 report to Ana including a recommendation either to approve or not.

Activity

From the time of appointment (February 2021) till present WP has reviewed and given its opinion on 14 MNA prescriptions. Some prescriptions did not require WP approval as they do not change rule 88.2. Nevertheless, the WP reviewed them and gave an opinion on the wording, where it looked appropriate, to keep the consistency with the RRC wording.

Below the list of MNA prescriptions which were reviewed by WP in 2021 and posted on WS website:

Approved (Approval is required under rule 88.2) and published on the WS website:

JPN, NED, FRA, HUN, CHN, SUI, GER

Reviewed and positive opinion given (Approval is not required, as MNA did not change rule 88.2):

CZE, BRA, SWE

The following prescriptions are approved and will be posted soon:

GRE, FIN

Under discussion with the submitters:

PER, ITA

During the discussions the WP considered several points which should be clarified either in the rules or be included in the future guidance for MNA Prescriptions.

1. The requirements for ROs appointments or approval by MNA. The main reasons not to approve national prescriptions was that many MNAs have the desire to appoint race officials themselves or require their approval for appointments. However, the WP found

that most of those prescriptions did not comply with rule 86.1(a) as the changed rules 89.2(c), 91 and 92.

2. Furthermore, various MNAs require minimum qualifications for the race officials and/or a minimum number of protest committee members. The WP found that this complies with the rules of Part 7 as it does not affect the competence to appoint race officials for an event. Nevertheless, this could be clarified in the rules.
3. Prescription that English language will take the precedence – which rule apply to or introduce a new rule to the RRS?
4. Prescription to ROs to wear PFD. WP agreed that it should not be prescription to RRS
5. Prescription for the support person to use kill cord which rule apply to.
6. Many MNAs have a prescription to prevent fees for actions of the protest committee. The WP suggests to consider a general rule for that which those MNAs, that do not want to include it, may delete in their national prescriptions (suggested wording: ‘No fees shall be charged for any procedures under Part 5. Rule 64.4(e), however, remains unchanged.’)

Tasks for the future:

- Made the sample of standard wordings for the most common national prescription. This will help the MNAs to have prescriptions which do not only comply with the rules but are also consistent with the wording of the RRS.
- Made a guidance for MNAs for drafting their prescription which would clarify to which rules prescription may be made, which “prescription” should be in the internal MNA policy and how to achieve a final wording that is consistent with the one of the RRS.

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