

ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service



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Situation

A big boat regatta is sailed under a handicap rule. Several races are scheduled over several weeks, with one race to be sailed every weekend.

No protests or request for redress are lodged within the protest time limit after the first race. Thereafter, the results are posted on the official notice board and on the events web page as 'Provisional Results'.

Question 1

Considering that there are no protests or requests for redress after the first race, may the 'Provisional Results' for that race now be considered as Final Results for that race?

Answer 1

As long as the results may be changed as provided by the rules, they should not be published as final.

The terms 'provisional' and 'final' are not used in the rules and may be misleading. Results should be published as 'results'.

Question 2

If the race committee one week later realizes that they made an error by using the wrong formula when calculating the results of the first race, may the race committee then correct the scores of the first race?

Answer 2

Yes, the race committee may correct the score under rule 90.3(c).

Question 3

The situation is the same as Question 2, except that the race committee did not discover the error themselves, but rather by being advised by a competitor that the wrong formula had been used. May the race committee then correct the scores of the first race?

Answer 3

Yes. If the race committee, after being advised by a competitor or any other source, determines from its own records that it has made an error by scoring one or more boats incorrectly, under rule 90.3(c) it shall correct the error and make the corrected scores available to competitors.