

## PART 7 RACE ORGANIZATION

### 85 CHANGES TO RULES

**85.1** A **change to a rule shall refer specifically to the rule and state the change**. A change to a *rule* includes an addition to it or deletion of all or part of it.

**85.2** A change to one of the following types of *rules* may be made only as shown below.

<i>Type of rule</i>	<i>Change only if permitted by</i>
Racing rule	Rule 86
Rule in a World Sailing code	A rule in the code
National authority prescription	Rule 88.2
Class rule	Rule 87
Rule in the notice of race	Rule 89.2(b)
Rule in the sailing instructions	Rule 90.2(c)
Rule in any other document	A rule in the document itself governing the event

### 86 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

**86.1** A **racing rule shall not be changed unless permitted in the rule itself or as follows**:

(a) Prescriptions of a **national authority** may change a racing rule, **but not** the Definitions; the Basic Principles; a rule in the Introduction; Part 1, 2 or 7; rule 42, 43, 47, 50, 63.4, 69, 70, 71, 75, 76.3 or 79; a rule of an appendix that changes one of these rules; Appendix H or N; or a rule in a World Sailing Code listed in rule 6.1.

(b) The **notice of race or sailing instructions** may change a racing rule, **but not** rule 76.1 or 76.2, Appendix R, or a rule listed in rule 86.1(a).

(c) Class rules may change only racing rules 42, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55.

**PART 7 RACE ORGANIZATION** continued:

**86.2** In exception to rule 86.1, World Sailing may in limited circumstances (see World Sailing Regulation 28.1.3) authorize changes to the racing rules for a specific international event. The authorization shall be stated in a letter of approval to the organizing authority and in the notice of race or sailing instructions, and the letter shall be posted on the official notice board.

**86.3** If a national authority so prescribes, the restrictions in rule 86.1 do not apply if rules are changed to develop or test proposed rules. The national authority may prescribe that its approval is required for such changes.

**87 CHANGES TO CLASS RULES**

The notice of race may change a class rule only when the class rules permit the change, or when written permission of the class association for the change is posted on the official notice board.

**88 NATIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS****88.1 Prescriptions that Apply**

The prescriptions that apply to an event are the prescriptions of the national authority with which the organizing authority is associated under rule 89.1. However, if boats will pass through the waters of more than one national authority while *racing*, the notice of race shall identify the prescriptions that will apply and when they will apply.

**PART 7 RACE ORGANIZATION** continued:**88.2 Changes to Prescriptions**

The notice of race or sailing instructions may change a prescription. However, a national authority may restrict changes to its prescriptions with a prescription to this rule, provided World Sailing approves its application to do so. The restricted prescriptions shall not be changed.

**89 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY; NOTICE OF RACE; APPOINTMENT OF RACE OFFICIALS****89.1 Organizing Authority**

Races shall be organized by an organizing authority, which shall be

- (a) World Sailing;
- (b) a member national authority of World Sailing;
- (c) **an affiliated club**;
- (d) an affiliated organization other than a club and, if so prescribed by the national authority, with the approval of the national authority or in conjunction with an affiliated club;
- (e) an unaffiliated class association, either w/ the approval of the national authority or in conjunction w/ an affiliated club;
- (f) two or more of the above organizations;
- (g) an unaffiliated body in conjunction with an affiliated club where the body is owned and controlled by the club. The national authority of the club may prescribe that its approval is required for such an event; or
- (h) if approved by World Sailing and the national authority of the club, an unaffiliated body in conjunction with an affiliated club where the body is not owned and controlled by the club. In rule 89.1, an organization is affiliated if it is affiliated to the national authority of the venue; otherwise the organization is unaffiliated. However, if boats will pass through the waters of more than one national authority while *racing*, an organization is affiliated if it is affiliated to the national authority of one of the ports of call.

**PART 7 RACE ORGANIZATION** continued:**89.2 Notice of Race; Appointment of Race Officials**

- (a) The organizing authority shall **publish a notice of race that conforms to rule J1**. [J1: Notice of Race contents](#)
- (b) The **notice of race may be changed** provided **adequate notice** is given.
- (c) The organizing authority shall **appoint a race committee** and, when appropriate, **appoint a protest committee**, a **technical committee** and **umpires**. However, the race committee, an international jury, a technical committee and umpires may be appointed by World Sailing as provided in its Regulations.

**90 RACE COMMITTEE; SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; SCORING****90.1 Race Committee**

The race committee shall conduct races as directed by the organizing authority and as required by the *rules*.

**90.2 Sailing Instructions**

- (a) The race committee shall publish written **sailing instructions that conform to rule J2**. [J2: Sailing Instructions contents](#)
- (b) When appropriate, for an event where entries from other countries are expected, the sailing instructions shall include, in English, the applicable national prescriptions.
- (c) The **sailing instructions may be changed** provided the change is in writing and posted on the official notice board before the time stated in the sailing instructions or, on the water, communicated to each boat before her warning signal. Oral changes may be given only on the water, and only if the procedure is stated in the sailing instructions.

**PART 7 RACE ORGANIZATION** continued:**90.3 Scoring**

- (a) The race committee shall score a race or series as provided in Appendix A unless the notice of race or sailing instructions specify some other system. A **race shall be scored if it is not abandoned** and if **one boat starts, sails the course and finishes within the race time limit**, if any, even if she retires after *finishing* or is disqualified.
- (b) When a scoring system provides for excluding one or more race scores, any score that is a **Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE)** shall be included in a boat's series score.
- (c) When the race committee determines from its own records or observations that it has scored a boat incorrectly, it shall correct the error and make the corrected scores available to competitors.
- (d) The race committee shall implement scoring changes directed by the protest committee or national authority as a result of decisions made in accordance with the *rules*.
- (e) **When so stated in the notice of race**, notwithstanding the provisions of rules 90.3(a), (b), (c) and (d), there shall be **no changes to race or series scores** resulting from action, including the correction of errors, **initiated more than 24 hours after**
- (1) the **protest time limit** for the last race of the series (including a single-race series);
  - (2) being informed of a **protest committee decision** after the last race of the series (including a single-race series); or
  - (3) the **results are published**.

However, in **exception**, changes to scores shall be made resulting from a **decision under rules 6, 69 or 70**.

The **notice of race may change '24 hours' to a different time**.

Rule 6: WORLD SAILING REGULATIONS  
Rule 69: Misconduct  
Rule 70: APPEALS AND REQUESTS TO A NATIONAL AUTHORITY

**PART 7 RACE ORGANIZATION** continued:

**91 PROTEST COMMITTEE**

A protest committee shall be

- (a) a **committee appointed by the organizing authority** or race committee;
- (b) an international jury appointed by the organizing authority or as prescribed in the World Sailing Regulations. It shall be composed as required by rule N1 and have the authority and responsibilities stated in rule N2. A national authority may prescribe that its approval is required for the appointment of international juries for races within its jurisdiction, except World Sailing events or when international juries are appointed by World Sailing under rule 89.2(c); or
- (c) a committee appointed by the national authority under rule 71.2.

**92 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**92.1** A technical committee shall be a committee of at least one member and be appointed by the organizing authority or the race committee or as prescribed in the World Sailing Regulations.

**92.2** The technical committee shall conduct equipment inspection and event measurement as directed by the organizing authority and as required by the *rules*.