

Accelerated procedure for hearings

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Preamble

The Sailing Instructions state:

13.1 Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

This document sets out how the International Jury shall process protests and requests for redress.

This procedure changes RRS E5.1(c) and E6.4 by changing 'Race Committee' to 'Umpire'

Procedure

1. After each heat, a member of the International Jury shall record hearing requests. This person shall be known as the Hearing Recorder.
2. At the first reasonable opportunity after finishing or retiring a competitor shall inform an umpire of his intention to protest or request redress. The competitor shall notify the umpire of his sail number, the boat being protested, the nature of the incident and, if possible, any witnesses. This notification need not be in writing. The competitor is not required to inform the Race Committee.
3. The umpire shall hail the sail number of the boat(s) being protested and inform them of the protest. All parties shall report promptly to the Hearing Recorder.
4. The Hearing Recorder shall be informed at the first reasonable opportunity by:
 - Umpires: of protests and requests for redress notified by competitors;
 - Observers: of reports of unresolved incidents. Observers are not required to make a report to the Race Committee;
 - Umpires or race committee: of their intention to protest
5. The Hearing Recorder shall record in writing:
 - The initiator
 - The respondent
 - Any observer or umpire who witnessed the incident
 - A brief description of the incident including where and when it occurred and if it is alleged that a boat was damaged
 - The identity of any witnesses

This record shall be deemed to fulfil the requirements of rule 61.2 Protest Contents, rule 62.2 Redress, and SYRPH a) and b).
6. The Hearing Recorder shall:
 - Inform the Race Committee of all protests received
 - Inform the parties by hailing that a hearing is to be held
 - When the parties are present inform them of the nature of the incident
 - Invite any umpire or observer to give a brief report of the incident

This procedure is deemed to satisfy the requirements of IRSA SYRPH (c)
7. The Hearing Recorder or member of the Protest committee shall then administer IRSA SYRPH (d).
8. If after SYRPH a hearing is required, the hearing may be held immediately in or near the Control Area.
9. After having informed the parties the Jury panel shall notify the Hearing Recorder of the decision.
10. The Hearing Recorder shall communicate, as soon as possible, any necessary scoring information to the Scorer and inform all other competitors of the outcome of the protest by posting a notice on the Official Notice Board.