

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule 69.2(k)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

In October 2021 the RRC approved a change to rule 69.2(k). This proposal is an addition to that of last year and the intention is to make clear that a new protest committee is to be appointed only when the original protest committee is not available.

#### Proposal

Change rule 69.2(k) as follows:

- (k) If the protest committee decides **that it is impractical to conduct the hearing or not to conduct the hearing without the person present, or if the protest committee has left the event and a report alleging a breach of rule 69.1(a) is received, the race committee or organizing authority may appoint the same or a new protest committee to proceed under this rule. If it is impractical for the protest committee to conduct a hearing,** it shall collect all available information and, if the allegation seems justified, make a report to the national authority of the person or, for specific international events listed in the World Sailing Regulations, to World Sailing. **If the protest committee has left the event and a report alleging a breach of rule 69.1(a) is received, the same or a new protest committee may be appointed under rule 89.2(c).**

Clean version:

- (k) If the protest committee decides that it is impractical to conduct the hearing or decides not to conduct the hearing without the person present, it shall collect all available information and, if the allegation seems justified, make a report to the national authority of the person or, for specific international events listed in the World Sailing Regulations, to World Sailing. If the protest committee has left the event and a report alleging a breach of rule 69.1(a) is received, the same or a new protest committee may be appointed under rule 89.2(c).

#### Current Position

See above

#### Reasons

1. The current wording seems to permit the organizing authority to appoint a new protest committee when they disagree with the decision of the original protest committee of not calling a hearing if the person is not present.
  2. The proposed wording makes it clear that the organizing authority may appoint a new protest committee only if the original one has left the event.
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