

Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix R Procedures for Appeals and Requests

A submission from Australian Sailing

Purpose or Objective

To reduce the time taken to answer appeals

Proposal

Change the preamble to read:

See rule 70. A national authority may change this appendix by prescription, but it shall not be changed by the notice of race or sailing instructions.

Time periods shall be extended by the appeal committee when there is good reason to do so.

Reduce the time periods in R2.1(a), R2.1(b), R2.3 and R4.4 as follows:

R2.1 To make an appeal,

(a) no later than ~~45~~ 7 days after receiving the protest committee's written decision or its decision not to reopen a hearing, the appellant shall send an appeal and a copy of the protest committee's decision to the national authority. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect;

(b) when the hearing required by rule 63.1 has not been held within 30 days after a protest or request for redress was delivered, the appellant shall, within a further ~~45~~ 7 days, send an appeal with a copy of the protest or request and any relevant correspondence. The national authority shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so;

R2.3 A request from a protest committee for confirmation or correction of its decision shall be sent no later than ~~45~~ 7 days after the decision and shall include the decision and the documents listed in R2.2. A request for an interpretation of the *rules* shall include the assumed facts.

R4.4 Comments on any document shall be made no later than ~~45~~ 7 days after receiving it from the national authority.

Current Position

See above.

Reasons

The timings in appendix R have not changed for many years but electronic communication has significantly improved the speed of document transmission and reducing these times will make a significant difference to the timing of issuing appeal decisions.

The change to the preamble ensures time periods can be extended when necessary.
