

World Sailing Regulations

Racing Rules Submissions - Regulations 28.2.2 & 28.3.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To allow the Racing Rules Committee to work more collaboratively with submitters to increase the chances of approval of their submissions

Proposal

1. Amend Regulation 28.2.2 as follows:

28.2.2 Proposals for changes to the RRS shall be made by submission in accordance with Regulation 15. **The Racing Rules Committee may, with the agreement of the submitter(s), amend a submission prior to the decision by the Committee if it considers that the amendments will better implement the stated purpose or objective of the submission. Regulation 15.11(d) does not apply in such cases.**

2. Amend Regulation 28.3.1 as follows:

28.3.1 The Racing Rules Committee shall decide submissions for Cases and Calls. Such decisions may be referred to Council as provided for in Regulation 28.2.1(b). **The Racing Rules Committee may, with the agreement of the submitter(s), amend a submission prior to the decision by the Committee if it considers that the amendments will better implement the stated purpose or objective of the submission. Regulation 15.11(d) does not apply in such cases.**

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Submissions concerning the Racing Rules, Cases and Calls are often received which express an interesting purpose or outcome, but which are poorly worded or do not properly deal with all the inter-related concepts in the Racing Rules. This leads to the submissions being rejected because the Committee is not permitted to make substantial changes.
 2. This approach would allow the Committee, with the agreement of the submitters, to amend a submission into a form which is capable of acceptance (if the Committee agreed on the merits of the proposal). Crucially, the submitters must agree to the change. If the submitters do not agree, then the submission will continue unamended and the Committee will then make a decision on it.
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