

Escalating Penalties in Rule 42

No escalation in Events without systemic Rule 42 problems

A submission from the International 49er Class Association and Nacra 17 Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To remove the provision of escalating penalties for rule 42 violations for the 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 Events at the Olympic Games and qualifiers for the Olympic Games.

Proposal

To amend the standard SI's used by World Sailing for the 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 with the following clause:

Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, shall apply, with RRS P2.1 to P2.4 deleted and replaced by: "When a boat is penalised under RRS P1.2, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing."

Current Position

A second rule 42 violation in a day, results in a penalty that the sailor must withdraw from the race.

Reasons

1. The 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 do not have systemic rule 42 (propulsion) issues. As such, it is unnecessary to have the penalties for breaches in rule 42 escalate in order to contain such a problem.
 2. At major events, like an Olympic Games, it is unhelpful to our sport to have rarely used rules applying to our racing, confusing our sailors, commentators, and press who may not understand nuances of each penalty in our rule book.
 3. Since Tokyo 2020, when an incident did occur that ultimately resulted in a DND for one of our teams, we have trialled using the clause above at our major championships and found no subsequent change in behaviour of our sailing teams.
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