

RYA PRESCRIPTIONS

With effect from 1 January 2025, the RYA prescribes

RULES

4 Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their *support persons* comply with the *rules*.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

6 Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the **RYA Anti-Doping Rules**, as published on the RYA website.

40 Personal Flotation Devices

When a *rule* requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

65.1 Legal Liability and Costs

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a *rule*.

70.3 Right of Appeal

1. RYA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.3(b).
2. The RYA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.3(c) unless

- (a) the RYA decides there is good reason to approve. The cost of an international jury which would otherwise be appropriate for the event is not a good reason.
- (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
- (c) application to the RYA is made no later than one month before the notice of race is to be issued. In exceptional circumstances, the RYA may consider a later application.

A copy of the RYA letter of approval shall be posted on the official notice board.

- 3. However, the denial of appeal shall not apply to a party to a hearing under rule 69.2, Misconduct, but the decision of the protest committee shall determine the results of the event.

78 Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

Add new rule 78.3:

The race committee or technical committee may inspect or measure any **boat** or **personal equipment**, at any time.

Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

86.3 Rule Changes

An organizing authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules, other than Development Rules approved by World Sailing, shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. An application form is available from the RYA. The notice of race shall include the approved alternative rules. The organizing authority shall promptly report the results of the development or test to the RYA.

88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 65.1, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

APPENDIX G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS

G2 Other Boats

Renumber rule G2 as G2.1.

Add new rule G2.2:

A boat, other than a boat of a World Sailing Class, shall comply with rule G1 except as follows:

1. Sail numbers shall be issued by any of these Authorities
 - a. Y, M, N, T, A, L and X series issued by the RYA.
 - b. R series issued by the Royal Ocean Racing Club.
 - c. C series issued by the Clyde Yacht Clubs Association.
 - d. National class series issued by the RYA.
 - e. Series issued by RYA affiliated class associations.
 - f. Series issued for a class by a single manufacturer approved by the RYA.
2. Identification
 - a. under rule G1.1(a), class insignia need not be carried when the boat carries a sail number from one of the series specified in prescription G2.2(1)(a) to (d).
 - b. under rule G1.1(c), a sail number of more than four digits may be carried.
 - c. under rule G1.1(c), one of the authorities specified in G2.2(1) above shall allot an appropriate sail number.
 - d. under rule G1.2(b), the height of a letter included as part of a sail number shall be the same as any numerals included in the sail number.
 - e. under rule G1.3(a)(ii), the national letters may be placed in front of or above the sail numbers.
3. Exceptions
 - a. Class rules may state that national letters and sail numbers need not be displayed on a spinnaker
 - b. A boat that normally races in a country outside the United Kingdom shall comply either with the rules for sail identification applicable in that country or with this prescription.

APPENDIX R, PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

R2.1 Submission of Appeal

Rule R2.1 shall apply except as changed by the following:

1. The appellant shall notify RYA Racing stating an intention to appeal within the relevant time limit in rule R2.1. No details are needed at this stage.
2. Within 15 days thereafter, the appellant shall submit to the RYA a completed appeal form with a copy of the protest committee's decision and other documents listed in rule R2.2, all as far as reasonably possible.

3. Unless the appellant is a personal member of the RYA, an appeal fee, stated on the appeal form, is payable to the RYA and shall be sent with the appeal form.

The appeal form is available from www.rya.org.uk/racingrules or by request to RYA Racing.

R2.4 Failure to Comply with Procedures for Appeal or Request

Add new rule R2.4:

If the appellant does not comply with rule R2.1 as prescribed or the protest committee does not comply with rule R2.3, the RYA will refuse to hear the appeal unless there are exceptional circumstances. If other *parties* to the hearing or the protest committee do not meet the requirements of the procedure, the RYA may decide the appeal as it thinks fit.

R2.5 Expedited Appeals

Add new rule R2.5:

The time periods in rules R2.1, R2.3 and R4.4, as amended by prescription, may be shortened by the RYA if it decides that an appeal or request for confirmation or correction has a timeline necessitating that it be heard on an expedited basis.

WORLD SAILING ADVERTISING CODE

2.3 Right to Display Advertising on a Boat

When the right to display advertising on a boat is subject to prior authorisation by the national authority in accordance with Advertising Code 2.3.3, the approval of the RYA is automatically granted provided that such advertising is permitted by the relevant rules of the class, rating system or handicapping system.

8.2 Fees

When the person in charge of a boat chooses to display advertising, the RYA will not impose a fee as permitted by Advertising Code 8.2.

NOTE: The RYA prescription to rule 88.2 was approved by World Sailing on 9 August 2024.