IHCA Class Rule Penalty Policy

GUIDE

1 Start by using the Base Penalty Band Tables to find which band applies except band 3 and 4 which may only be increased. Consider the 'base penalty' to be at the mid-point of the band. Then determine if there is a cause to increase or decrease the penalty within the band or to change the band.

2 Penalties are divided into 4 bands with the midpoint being the normal base penalty:

(a) Band 1 – 10 - 30% (midpoint 20%)

(b) Band 2 – 30 - 70% (midpoint 50%)

(c) Band 3 – DSQ

(d) Band 4 – DNE

3 A positive answer to these questions would lead to reducing the penalty.

(a) Was the breach accidental?

(b) Was there a good reason or justification for the breach?

(c) Was the breach reported by the competitor?

(d) Did anyone who was not part of the boat's crew or support team contribute to the breach?

4 A positive answer to these questions would lead to increasing the penalty.

(a) Was the breach repeated?

(b) Was the breach deliberate as opposed to a misjudgement or carelessness?

(c) Was there any attempt to conceal the breach?

(d) Was anybody inconvenienced?

5 The Protest Committee may use other questions to determine if a penalty should be increased or decreased.

To calculate and apply the penalty:

(a) The discretionary penalty may not make a boat's score worse than retirement or disqualification.

(b) Percentage penalties are calculated to the nearest tenth of a point, (0.05 to be rounded upward).

(c) When the breach affected racing performance, it should be applied to all races sailed that day, provided any protest is valid for all races.

 (d) When the breach does not affect racing performance or safety, the penalty should be applied to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident as specified in RRS 64.1.

 (c) The penalty was increased because...... or There were no circumstances to justify increasing the penalty.

(d) The penalty applied is xx% applied to [all races of the day] or to [race numbers yy]

6   When writing a decision applying a discretionary penalty, include the following statements:

(a) Using the DP Guide a starting penalty of xx% was decided

(b) The penalty was decreased because......or There were no circumstances to justify decreasing the penalty.

(c) The penalty was increased because...... or There were no circumstances to justify increasing the penalty.

(d) The penalty applied is xx% applied to [all races of the day] or to [race numbers yy]

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Penalty Tables

Band	CREW-WEIGHT	Penalty
2	Less than 2 kg under combined minimum crew weight.	But not greater than a DSQ - applies for the race before the check.
3	2-5 kg under combined minimum crew weight.	DSQ - applies to all races of the day/round prior to the check.
4	More than 5 kg under combined minimum crew weight.	DNE - applies to all races of the day/round prior to the check.
4	More than 2 kg under combined minimum crew weight and no corrector weights carried although weigh-in indicated the need for corrector weights.	DNE - applies to all races of the day/round prior the check.

Band	EQUIPMENT & BOAT	Penalty
1	Illegal righting line dimensions.	But not greater than a DSQ - applies to all races where used.
1	Violation of Gen. Rule 16.3 or TIWI Rule C 5.2 (a) (1) (*Compasses and electronic devices*).	But not greater than a DSQ - applies to all races where used.
3	Personal flotation device (PFD)/life jacket does not meet class rule requirements.	DSQ - applies to all races where used.
3	Not carrying PFD.	DSQ - applies to all races where not carried.
3	Missing righting line.	DSQ - applies to all races where missing.
3	Violation of rules related to downhaul.	DSQ - applies to all races where used.
4	Spinnaker-pole blunt end cap missing.	DNE - applies to all races where missing.
4	Illegal sails, battens, rudder-blades, daggerboards & trampolines.	DNE - applies to all races where used.

All other class rule violations: DSQ.

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