

iQFOiL

Class

**Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions
2020 European Championship Lake
Silvaplana, Switzerland**

Amended on 21 August 2020

to be hosted during the





iQFOiL European Championship
2020 Lake Silvaplana, Switzerland
21 – 26 August

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2** In Sprint Slalom, the *World Sailing Windsurfing Slalom Racing Rules* and the NOR/SI Addendum B for *Umpired iQFOiL Slalom Races* apply and take precedence over any conflicting instructions.
- 1.3** No national prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.4** In all rules governing this regatta:
- 1.4.1** [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or **technical committee** without a hearing (this changes RRS 63.1, A5) or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing;
- 1.4.2** [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a board. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4.3** [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is applied according to the RRS Introduction – Notation.
- 1.5** Under RRS 87, the **Class rules** (CR) E.2, F.2, C.6.3, **C.1.1 and H.2(b)** are changed according to the 10 July 2020 Dispensation Letter, which has been posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.6** If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.
- 1.7** For Slalom Medal Races, NOR/SI Addendum B, for Umpired iQFOiL Slalom Races apply. For non-Slalom Medal Races the World Sailing Addendum Q - *Umpired Fleet Racing* will apply. These documents will take precedence over any conflicting instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1** The regatta is open to all boards of the iQFOiL **class**.
- 2.2** The minimum number of competitors required for a valid championship is:
- Men: 10 competitors, 2 countries.
 - Youth: 10 competitors, 2 countries.
 - Women: 5 competitors, 2 countries

If the requirements are not met, the title shall not be awarded



3 FEES

3.1 Required entry fees are as follows:

Class	Fee
<i>iQFOiL</i>	€220 (before 07/07/20)
<i>iQFOiL</i>	€250 (after 07/07/20)

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located outside the race office. Identical notices may also be posted online at <https://europeans2020.iqfoil.org/notice-board>

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 1000 on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it shall take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the Official Flagpole.

6.2 When a visual signal is displayed over a fleet flag, the signal applies to that fleet only. This changes the Race Signals preamble.

6.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

7 **[DP]** EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

7.1 **[NP]** Each competitor shall complete an online Equipment Registration Form (ERF) and submitted it before the close of registration. An additional analogue registration system may be used.

7.2 Only **registered** equipment shall be used at this event.

7.3 The Equipment Inspectors may **inspect** and measure equipment at any time during the event and may instruct a competitor either ashore or on the water, to proceed immediately to the Inspection Area for inspection.

7.4 **[NP]** Until permission is given by the Technical Committee, a competitor once instructed to proceed for inspection, shall have no unauthorized contact with any support personnel, no equipment or other item shall be taken on or off that board and the board shall not leave the Inspection Area.

8 **[DP]** REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

8.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee.

- 8.2** Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made in writing on a form available at the Race Office and delivered there for consideration. Any request shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 8.3** When an item of equipment is damaged or lost shortly before a race and is replaced, the competitor shall notify the Technical Committee or Race Committee before the warning signal. As soon as practicable after coming ashore and within the protest time limit, the competitor shall comply with NOR/SI 8.2 and the replaced item shall be presented to the Technical Committee.

9 [DP] [NP] ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- 9.1** When the Organizing Authority supplies the event bib vests, the competitors shall wear it while racing.
- 9.2** When the Organizing Authority supplies the ranking coloured bib vests for event leaders (1st, 2nd, 3rd), the competitors shall wear it when they are racing for that day.
- 9.3** Bib vest shall be worn outside other clothing while racing. Competitors shall not deliberately cut or tear them.
- 9.4** When the Organizing Authority supplies the coloured fleet ribbons (see NOR/SI 12 – Fleets, Class Flags, Ribbons & Colours), the competitors shall apply it to the end of the second top batten of the sail.
- 9.5** The incumbent World Champion may wear the World Champion bib vest. The incumbent European Champion may wear the European bib vest. In either case, event leader bib vests shall take precedence over the World and European Champion’s bib vests.

10 FORMAT OF RACING

- 10.1** The event consists of an Opening Series which may include any or all following formats: course racing, sprint slalom, marathon; and a Medal Series.
- 10.2** The intention of the RC is to sail all three disciplines over the course of the regatta, on the basis of wind conditions and forecast.
- 10.3** The number of fleets is likely to be based on the number of entries as follows:

Entries	Fleets
< 60	1
61-80	1 or 2
> 80	2

10.4 Qualifying Series

- 10.4.1** If the event is split into fleets, the Opening Series shall be divided into a Qualifying Series and Final Series

10.4.2 Boards shall be assigned to fleets: Yellow, Blue and Red etc. of as equal size and ability as possible. Initial assignments shall be made on the basis of the previous year's World Championship. If that is not available, the LOA will decide on an appropriate initial fleet assignment system. Those Assignments shall be posted by 1000 hrs on the day of the first scheduled race for each event

10.4.3 Boards shall be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boards shall be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment shall be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments shall be made as follows:

Rank in series	Assignment (2 fleets)
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Blue
Fourth	Yellow
Fifth	Yellow
Sixth	Blue

10.4.4 Assignments shall be based on the ranking available at 2000 hrs that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.

10.4.5 If the fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races shall continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boards shall thereafter race in the new fleets.

10.5 Final Series

10.5.1 Boards shall be assigned to final-series fleets Gold, Silver and Bronze on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series.

10.5.2 There shall be the same number of fleets in the final series as there were in the qualifying series. The final-series fleets shall have, as nearly as possible, equal size but none larger than the Gold fleet.

10.5.3 Boards with the best qualifying-series ranks shall race all final-series races in the Gold fleet, boards with the next-best qualifying-series ranks shall race in the Silver fleet, etc. but at the break point, any competitors with the same score will race in the higher fleet.

10.5.4 Any recalculation of qualifying-series ranking after boards have been

assigned to final-series fleets shall not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a board to a higher fleet.

10.6 Medal Race Series

10.6.1 A Medal Series shall be sailed on the last scheduled day of racing.

10.6.2 The top 12 ranked competitors from the Opening Series shall be assigned to the Medal Series.

10.6.3 The RC will decide which Medal Series Format to use, based on the wind conditions and any venue specific features.

10.6.4 A notice will be posted before the first day of racing as to whether MR1 and MR2 will be used.

10.7 Medal Series Format 1 (above 10 knots):

AC Style Super Sunday Entertainment Format (“MR1”)

10.7.1 A series of three medal races shall be run to determine the overall winner. At the conclusion of Finals Series, the top 12 competitors are assigned to the medal races.

10.7.2 The top 12 that have progressed to the medal races shall race a quarter-final. The top 8 finishers from the quarter-final shall progress to the semi-final. The bottom 4 competitors are eliminated. Their final position in the regatta is determined by their respective positions in the quarter-final.

10.7.3 The top 8 competitors shall race a semi-final. The top 4 finishers from the semi-final shall progress to the grand-final. The bottom 4 finishers are eliminated. Their final position in the regatta is determined by their respective positions in the semi-final.

10.7.4 The top 4 competitors shall race a grand-final where they shall race to determine the medal positions. Their final position in the regatta shall be determined by their respective positions in the grand-final.

10.7.5 The target time is 6 minutes per race.

10.7.6 The rest time between races is 5 minutes from the time of the last finisher.

10.8 Medal Series Format 2 (below 10 knots):

4-Buoy Sprint Slalom Super Sunday Entertainment Format (“MR2”)

10.8.1 The course is a 4-buoy Sprint Slalom.

10.8.2 NOR/SI [10.7.3](#) to [10.7.4](#) apply to MR2.

10.8.3 The target time is 3 minutes per race.

10.8.4 The rest time between races is 5 minutes from the time of the last finisher.

11 SCHEDULE OF RACES

11.1 Event Schedule:

Date	Day	Times	Event
August 21	Friday	0900 - 1030 hrs	Registration
		1700 - 1900 hrs	Registration
August 22	Saturday	0900 - 1030	Registration
		1100 hrs	Competitors' Meeting
		1500 hrs	First Possible Start
August 23	Sunday	2000 hrs	Competitors' dinner
		1000 hrs	Competitors' Meeting
August 24	Monday	1200 hrs	Frist possible start
		1000 hrs	Competitors' Meeting
August 25	Tuesday	1200 hrs	First possible start
		1000 hrs	Competitors' Meeting
August 26	Wednesday	1200 hrs	First possible start
		1000 hrs	Competitors' Meeting
		1100 hrs	First possible start
		1600 hrs	Last possible waring signal
		1700 hrs	Prize Giving

11.2 Number of scheduled races:

Class	Total No of Races	Max No of Races per Day
iQFOiL Men	25	6
iQFOiL Women	25	6

11.3 A minimum of 3 races are required to constitute a valid championship for each class or division.

11.4 The Qualifying Series shall consist of a maximum of 12 races and a minimum of 4 races, sailed for a minimum of 2 days or as long as necessary for all fleets to complete 4 races

11.5 The Final Series shall consist of a minimum of 2 races before progressing to Medal Series.

11.6 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races shall begin soon, the orange starting line flag shall be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.

11.7 On the Last Day:

11.7.1 if fewer than 4 races have been completed for split fleets, then the last day continues as Qualifying Series.

11.7.2 if fewer than 2 Final Series races for split fleets and fewer than 6 races for single fleets have been completed then the last day will continue as Final/Opening Series.

11.7.3 if 2 or more Final Series races for split fleets and 6 or more Opening Series races for single fleets have been completed then competitors will race in the

Medal Race or, for those not assigned to the Medal Race the additional Final/Opening Series races.

- 11.8** On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal shall be made after 1600 hrs unless after a postponement during a start sequence or a general recall.

12 FLEETS, CLASS FLAGS and COLOURS

- 12.1** The description of Class flags, ribbons and bibs will be as follows:

<i>Fleet</i>	<i>Bib</i>	<i>Ribbon</i>	<i>Class Flag</i>
Men Yellow/Gold	Black	Green	Yellow flag with iQFOiL logo
Men Blue/Silver	Black	Red	Blue flag with iQFOiL logo
Women	Blue	No ribbon	Green flag with iQFOiL logo

13 [DP] [NP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 13.1** When provided by the Organizing Authority, boards or competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:

13.1.1 Cameras and sound equipment;

13.1.2 Tracking and timing equipment.

- 13.2** [SP] Competitors shall collect the provided equipment from the Race Office before racing each day.

- 13.3** [SP] On return to shore competitors shall return the provided equipment to the same place that they received it.

14 RACING AREAS

- 14.1** The racing area is defined as an area extending 50m beyond the course, including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board would normally sail while racing.

15 THE COURSES

- 15.1** The course or courses to be used will be published on the ONB before the daily skippers meeting. The diagrams will show the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Course races shall be either: Windward-Leeward course, Trapezoid course, Sprint Slalom course or Marathon course.

- 15.2** The courses may have a reaching start and or finish which may be placed at the top, bottom or middle of the course.

- 15.3** Sprint Slalom races shall be either a two, three or four-mark slalom course.

16 MARKS

16.1 The starting marks, finishing marks and marks of the course will be as described on the course diagrams posted on the ONB.

16.2 A boat that is a mark may not be anchored, but held in place by the use of an engine. This will not be grounds for redress, provided the boat remains close to her correct position. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 THE START

17.1 Races will be started using WCR26 – System 1 with the following amendment:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	U or Black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Start signal

17.2 The starting line will be between two starting marks.

17.3 [DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.

17.4 A competitor starting later than 3 minutes (or 1 minute for Sprint Slalom) after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

18 THE FINISH

18.1 The finishing line will be between two marks.

19 PENALTY SYSTEM

19.1 Penalties for breaches of the class rules are at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than disqualification.

19.2 For breaches of a rule marked [SP], the Race Committee or Technical Committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the ONB. However, The Race Committee or Technical Committee may protest a board when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A board that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested by another board for the same incident nor can another board request redress for this committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.

19.3 Penalties for breaches of rules in the Sailing Instructions marked [SP] will be 1 point for each infringement. The penalty is applied to each race in which the

instruction was infringed:

- 19.3.1 Failure to comply with NOR/SI 13.2 will result in 1-point penalty for the next race completed even if no race is completed on the day of the infringement.
- 19.3.2 Failure to comply with NOR/SI 13.3 will result in 1-point penalty for the last race completed even if no race is completed on the day of the infringement.
- 19.3.3 Only one 1-point penalty for infringements of NOR/SI 13.2 and NOR/SI 13.3 will be applied to any one race.
- 19.4 If penalties referred to in NOR/SI 13.2 and 13.3 are applied by the Race Committee:
 - 19.4.1 they will be applied without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - 19.4.2 a competitor shall not be scored worse than a disqualified competitor.
- 19.5 they will be posted on the Official Notice Board within one hour of the protest time limit.

20 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 20.1 Time limits and target times are in minutes and as follows:

	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>Finish Window</i>	<i>Target Time</i>
Course Races	25	10	10	15
Sprint Slalom	8	2	2	3
Marathon	150	60	30	60-120

- 20.2 If no board has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 20.3 Boards failing to finish within the time stated after the first board in that group sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

21 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 21.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 21.2 For **Course Racing or Marathon**, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 21.3 Notices shall be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held in the protest room.
- 21.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee shall be posted to inform boards under RRS 61.1(b).

21.5 On the last scheduled day of a competitor's Series (Qualification or Final/Opening), a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

21.6 On the last scheduled day of a competitor's Series (Qualification or Final/Opening), request for redress from an International Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

22 SCORING

22.1 The Low Point System applies accordance with RRS A4 and B8.

22.2 Three (3) races are required for a valid Championship.

22.3 A board's series score shall be the total of her race scores from (excluding her worst scores):

22.3.1 Course racing;

22.3.2 Sprint Slalom, where one slalom round shall be scored as one course race for the Series; and

22.3.3 Marathon, where one race shall be scored as two races, but the board's finishing position in that race shall be divided by the number of fleets in that class.

Note For example, in a category of 90 competitors, where fleets have been split into two, and where a board finishes in 70th position, that board's score shall be recorded as two 35ths.

22.3.4 One of those two scores may be excluded. One of these shall not be excluded.

22.4 A board's worst scores shall be excluded from her total race score as follows:

22.4.1 1-3 races, 0 excluded;

22.4.2 4-11 races, 1 excluded;

22.4.3 12-17 races, 2 excluded;

22.4.4 18-23 races, 3 excluded;

22.4.5 24 or more, 4 excluded.

22.5 A discard shall remain in the Series in which it was first applied.

Note For example, if 12 races are completed in Qualifying Series allowing for two discards, those two discards shall remain in that Series and shall not be taken from Finals Series.

22.6 Where there are only two discards, they shall be from different disciplines.

- 22.7** To request correction of an alleged error in posted results, a competitor shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the Race Office.
- 22.8** The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under NOR/SI 1.4.1 will be SCP.
- 22.9** For those Gold fleet competitors not assigned to the Medal Series and scheduled to the additional Opening Series races, the first finisher will be scored 13 points, second 14 points and so on.
- 22.10** If no race in Final Series is completed, the overall ranking in Qualification Series will be established and this shall count as the official result.
- 22.11** If no Medal Series is completed, the rankings in series will be established and this shall count as the official result.
- 22.12** When racing in multiple fleets, competitors assigned to Gold fleet will be ranked higher in the regatta than competitors assigned to Silver fleet and so forth.
- 22.13** Competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Races will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a competitor disqualified from a Medal Race under RRS 5, 6, 7 or RRS 69.
- 22.14** For competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Series, ties in the regatta score are broken by the Medal Series scores. This changes RRS A8.
- 22.15** A competitor assigned to compete in the Medal Race shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. The penalty for a breach of this instruction will be ranking the competitor tenth in the regatta. If there are two such competitors, they will be ranked eleventh and twelfth, in order of their Series ranks, and so on. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

23 [NP] [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 23.1** A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall complete a Retirement Declaration Form, available from the Race Office, within the protest time limit.
- 23.2** Competitors not racing for any of the racing days shall inform the Race Office.
- 23.3** When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF channel for instructions and assist in search and rescue operations.

24 ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES

- 24.1** When international code flag Q is displayed. Competitors shall only cross the start line on Starboard.

25 [DP][NP] EVENT ADVERTISING

- 25.1 Each competitor shall carry stickers issued by the Organizing Authority, back to back on the sail immediately below batten 5 and as close to the leach as possible but without overlapping the sail corner reinforcement. Competitors shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.

26 LOCATIONS OF IMPORTANCE

- 26.1 The Race Office is located at the beach.
26.2 The Official Notice Board is located next to the Race Office.
26.3 The Official Flagpoles are located in front of the beach.
26.4 The Equipment Inspection area is located the beach.
26.5 The Jury Room is located in front of the Race Office.

27 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 27.1 Official boards shall be marked as follows:

Boat	Flag
Jury	White flag with black letter J
Race Committee	White flag with black letter RC
Technical Committee	White flag with black letter M
Rescue	White flag with black letter S
Press, Media	White flag with black letter P

- 27.2 Actions by the official boats or helicopters shall not be grounds for redress by a competitor. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

28 SUPPORT BOATS

- 28.1 There shall be no support boats.

29 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 29.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

30 [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 30.1 While on the water, a competitor shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communications, except for equipment provided by the Organizing Authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 30.2 For purposes of safety, support boats may monitor the Race Committee working channel, but cannot transmit on this channel except in the case of an emergency.

31 PRIZES

31.1 Prizes shall be given according to the Notice of Race.

32 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

32.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

33 INSURANCE

33.1 Each participating board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM B - Umpired iQFoil Races

These sailing instructions change World Sailing Windsurfing Slalom Racing Rules 28, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66.

B1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Additional changes to rules are made in instructions B2, B3, B4, and B5.

B1.1 There are no changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2

B1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

- (a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: ‘A board may take a 360° - Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused serious damage or injury)’.
- (b) Rule 60.1 is replaced with ‘A board may protest another board or request redress provided she complies with instructions B2.1 and B2.4.’
- (c) The third sentence of rule 61.1 is deleted.
- (d) Rules 62.1(b), (c) are deleted. In a race where this addendum applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under any of these rules for a previous race.
- (e) The three sentences of rule 64.1 are replaced with: ‘When the protest committee decides that a board that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a *rule*, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a board has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.’
- (f) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a board may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.
- (g) Rule 64.4(b) is replaced with: ‘The protest committee may also penalize a board that is a *party* to a hearing under rule 60.3(d) or rule 69 for a breach of a *rule* by a *support person* by changing the board's score in a single race, up to and including DSQ.’

B2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOARDS

B2.1 While racing, a board may protest another board under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14), however, a board may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail ‘Protest’ and raise her hand at the first reasonable opportunity for each.

B2.2 A board that protests as provided in instruction B2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a board involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a 360° Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2. An umpire may penalize any board that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the board took a voluntary penalty or when as a consequence of breaking a rule, there is minor contact or position changes.

B2.3 At the finishing line, the race committee will inform orally the competitors about each board’s finishing place or scoring abbreviation. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line, it will display flag L with one sound.

B2.4 A board intending to

- (a) protest another board under a rule other than instruction B3.2 or rule 28, or a rule listed in instruction B2.1,
- (b) protest another board under rule 14 if there was contact that caused serious damage or injury, or

(c) request redress

shall hail the race committee immediately after finish. Protests under instruction B5.5 shall also be communicated as soon as reasonably possible. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

B2.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction B2.4.

B3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

B3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

(a) A green and white flag with one long sound means ‘No penalty.’

(b) A red flag with one long sound means ‘A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such board.

(c) A black flag with one long sound means ‘A board is disqualified.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify the board disqualified.

B3.2 (a) A board penalized under instruction B3.1(b) shall take a 360° Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2.

(b) A board disqualified under instruction B3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

B4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

B4.1 When a board

(a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,

(b) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,

(c) deliberately breaks a rule,

(d) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or

(e) fails to comply with instruction B3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another board. The umpire may impose one or more 360° Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with instruction B3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction B3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a board is penalized under instruction B4.1(e) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

B4.2 The last sentence of rule 28 is changed to ‘She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or *finished*.’ A board that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified under instruction B3.1(c).

B4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a board may have broken a rule, other than instruction B3.2 or rule 28 or a rule listed in instruction B2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is serious damage or injury.

B5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

B5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

B5.2 A party to a hearing may not ask for reopening or appeal.

B5.3 (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.

(b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it

considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.

- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (d) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a board in accordance with instruction B5.3 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boards will be informed about the change of the penalized board's score.

B5.4 The race committee will not protest a board.

B5.5 The protest committee may protest a board under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a board for breaking instruction B3.2 or rule 28, a rule listed in instruction B2.1, or rule 14 unless there is serious damage or injury.

B5.6 The technical committee will only protest a board under rule 60.4 when it decides that a board or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 43, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.