



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is applied according to the RRS Introduction - Notation.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a board.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes WCR A5.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing - Windsurfing Fleet Racing Edition (WCR).
- 1.2. The arbitration system as described in SI Appendix C will apply.
- 1.3. National prescriptions will not apply.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions (SI) and the Notice of Race or any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes WCR 63.7
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. **[SP] [NP] ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. Each competitor shall wear, outside of their clothing, an event lycra shirt or vest provided by the organiser.
- 2.2. Each competitor shall place stickers issued by the Organizing Authority, as shown on the diagram in SI Appendix A.;
- 2.3. Event stickers or event lycras shall not be cut, trimmed or altered in any way;
- 2.4. Penalties:
 - 2.4.1. Failure to comply with SI 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 will result in a 2 points penalty without a hearing for the first race sailed on the day;
 - 2.4.2. Application of these penalties shall not result in a board being scored worse than DSQ;
 - 2.4.3. If no race is completed on the day of the infringement the penalty will be applied to the most recent completed race in the series or, if there were no races previously completed to the next completed race in the series.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to the competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at <https://worlds2023.raceboard.org/notice-board>
- 3.2.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not less than 60 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of any race on the day that it takes effect,

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located next to the Race Office.
- 5.2. When the **AP Flag** is displayed '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**

6. RACE SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The daily race schedule and the scheduled time of the Warning is intended as follows:
First yellow/ gold fleet
Second blue silver fleet
Third U23 and women fleet
will be published daily on the Official Notice Board latest by 21:00 on the day before the schedule takes effect.
- 6.2. To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.3. Three (3) races may be sailed "back to back".
- 6.4. There shall be a maximum 4 races per day; with a maximum in the event of 15 races.
- 6.5. Age Divisions and Sub-Divisions shall race within their Gender Division.
- 6.6. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00.
- 6.7. **Long Distance Race.** It is the intention of the Race Committee to include a long distance race in the championship race series, which will rank as a championship race and may be discardable. Details to be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7. FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1. The regatta will consist of a single series for Women. The regatta will consist of Qualifying Series and Final series for Men, For Qualifying Series and Final series 7.2 – 7.9 applies.
- 7.2. The qualifying series (First round) shall be a maximum of 6 races and a minimum of 4 races. If fewer than 6 races have been completed at the end of the 2nd day the qualification series continues into the third day. If fewer than 4 races have been completed by the groups at the end of the 3rd day, the qualifying series shall be extended to the following days if necessary. If 4 to 6 races have been completed at the end of the 3rd or subsequent days the racing shall continue into the Final round.
- 7.3. For the first day competitors shall be assigned to groups described in 8 according to a seeding list defined as the competitors list in National letter and sail number order. Groups in the first round shall be reassigned at the end of each day if all groups in a Class Division have completed an equal number of races. They shall be intermixed according to their current (overall) standing in the Class Division.
- 7.4. Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in Series	Fleet Assignment
1 st	Yellow
2 nd	Blue
3 rd	Blue
4 th	Yellow
5 th	Yellow
6 th	Blue
7 th	Blue
8 th	Yellow
9 th	Yellow
And so on	

- 7.5. Reassignments will be based on the ranking available at 2000 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. **Except when splitting into Gold and Silver for the Final round, then the time limit does not apply.**

- 7.6. If both groups have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the groups with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all groups have completed the same number of races. All boards will thereafter race in the new groups.
- 7.7. At the end of the First round an overall standing shall be established. If racing in the Final round is not possible this standing shall count as the official result.
- 7.8. If at the end of the qualifying series a qualifying series group within a Class Division has more race scores than the other, any extra races will be abandoned so that all boards in the qualifying series of each Class Division have the same number of race scores.
- 7.9. The Final round shall be raced in Gold and Silver Groups. The Gold group shall consist of the top half of the competitors in the overall standing at the end of the first round, plus one in the case of an odd number of entries. In the case of ties at the breakpoint those competitors so tied shall sail in the Gold group
- 7.10. A competitor's group standing shall be the sum of his/her scores excluding their worst score(s) in accordance with WCR Appendix A as amended by Sailing Instruction 7.9. Silver group competitors shall be ranked in the division standing after those in the Gold group.
- 7.11. When 4 races have been completed, the worst score shall be excluded; if 12 races or more are completed, the worst score from the first round and the worst score from the final round shall be excluded.

8. FLAGS

The Class flag shall be:

Class Division	Qualifying Series Group	Final Series Group	Flag	Ribbon
Women and U23			White with Class logo	none
Men	Yellow	Gold	Yellow with Class logo	yellow
Men	Blue	Silver	Blue with Class logo	blue

- 8.1. [DP] [NP] The ribbons provided by the Race Committee shall be tied at the batten retaining strap of the second batten down from the head of the sail according to the Group in which the board is sailing.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The racing area is an area extending 50 meters beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board normally sails while racing.
- 9.2. **[DP]** Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area. **This changes WCR 23.1**

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The diagram in SI Appendix B shows the course.
- 10.2. If more than one course option is prescribed for the days racing, no later than one minute before the warning signal the Race Committee Signal Boat shall display the course to be sailed on a black board.

11. MARKS

Course marks –conical inflatable orange
Gate Marks conical inflatable yellow

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started according to WCR 26.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and the windward side of the mark on the port end.
- 12.3. A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. **This changes WCR A4 and A5.**

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay the old mark to a new position(or move the finishing line)

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and nearby laid mark.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. The target time for the first finisher is 25 to 30 minutes.
- 15.2. The time limit for the first board in each race to reach the first mark is 15 minutes.
- 15.3. The time limit for the first board to finish a race is 45 minutes.
- 15.4. If the time limits in SI's #15.2 and #15.3 are exceeded the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.5. Boards failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first finisher in their respective division shall be scored DNF except those who are scored DSQ, BFD, UFD, OCS, RET, RDG or DNE. **This changes WCR 35, A4 and A5.**
- 15.6. For **the long distance race SI 15.1 to 15.5 do not apply.**

16. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available in the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered at the Race Office within the Protest time limit.
- 16.2. Special attention shall be given to WCR 61.1 (a) "...She shall inform the Race Committee of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she *finishes* or *retires*"
- 16.3. **[DP][NP]** Boards retiring from racing after finishing shall complete a Retirement Declaration Form at the Race Office before the protest time limit.
- 16.4. The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the display of AP+ A or N+A, whichever is later.
- 16.5. Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as a witness. Hearings will be held in the protest room.
- 16.6. Notices of protest by the Race Committee, Jury or Technical Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boards under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.7. Breaches of WCR 77 and rules in the Sailing Instructions marked **[NP]** will not be grounds for a protest by a board. **This changes WCR 60.1(a).**
- 16.8. Penalties for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked **[DP]**, **Class Rules**, **WCR 50**, are at the discretion of the jury and may be less than disqualification if they so decide.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Scoring will be according to WCR appendix A. For 'group' racing refer to Sailing Instruction 7.9.
- 17.2. The first place of a long-distance race in their Group shall be scored as 0,7 points. **This changes WCR A4.**
- 17.3. Three races are required to validate the event for each division.
- 17.4. Division titles and prizes will be awarded based upon a boards position in the overall ranking, except U23 Men shall be scored separately.
- 17.5. To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a board shall complete an electronic Scoring Enquiry Form available on the Notice Board.

18. [DP] [NP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee. Request for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms for replacement are available at the Race Office.

19. EQUIPMENT CHANGES AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. **[DP][NP]** A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a board can be instructed by the Race Committee or Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 19.2. **[DP]** When changing to a rig with a different size sail, the competitor must obtain the new rig and return the old rig at the same time to the equipment storage area. The equipment storage area shall be ashore in the vicinity of the launching area.

20. [NP] OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

- Race Committee boats - white flag with black "RC"
- Media boat - red flag with black "MEDIA"

21. [NP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1. Support boats (including coach boats) shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boards have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment except to assist a crew in distress or at request of the Race Committee.
- 21.2. Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.
- 21.3. A personal flotation device shall be worn by all support boat personal at all time while afloat.
- 21.4. Support boat drivers shall use the kill cord in the recommended manner.
- 21.5. All support boats shall carry a tow rope (minimum 15 metres long and 8 mm thick)
- 21.6. An alleged breach of any of the regulations in SI #21 may be referred to the Race Committee and Jury. The Jury may instruct the organizing authority to withdraw accreditation and access rights to the regatta venue and the course areas from the offending party without the option of replacement during the regatta.

22. [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our waters. Boards shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. **This changes WCR 47.**

23. PRIZES

Prizes will be given according the Notice of Race.

24. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

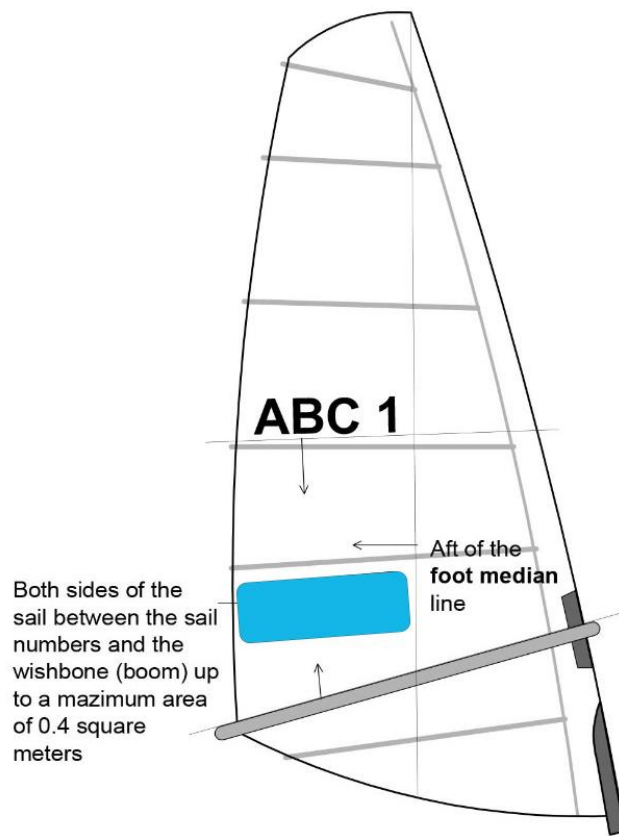
25. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 25.1. A Check-out & Check-in system may be prescribed, and if so, details will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 25.2. Competitors in the U23 Division shall at all times whilst afloat wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (level 50). All other competitors shall whilst afloat wear a floatation device as described above when signal "Y" is displayed ashore.
- 25.3. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct;

26. It is not allowed to put your belongings on Race Committee vessels.

A boat shall be provided close to the starting area or finishing area for competitor's backpacks, food and drinks

Appendix A



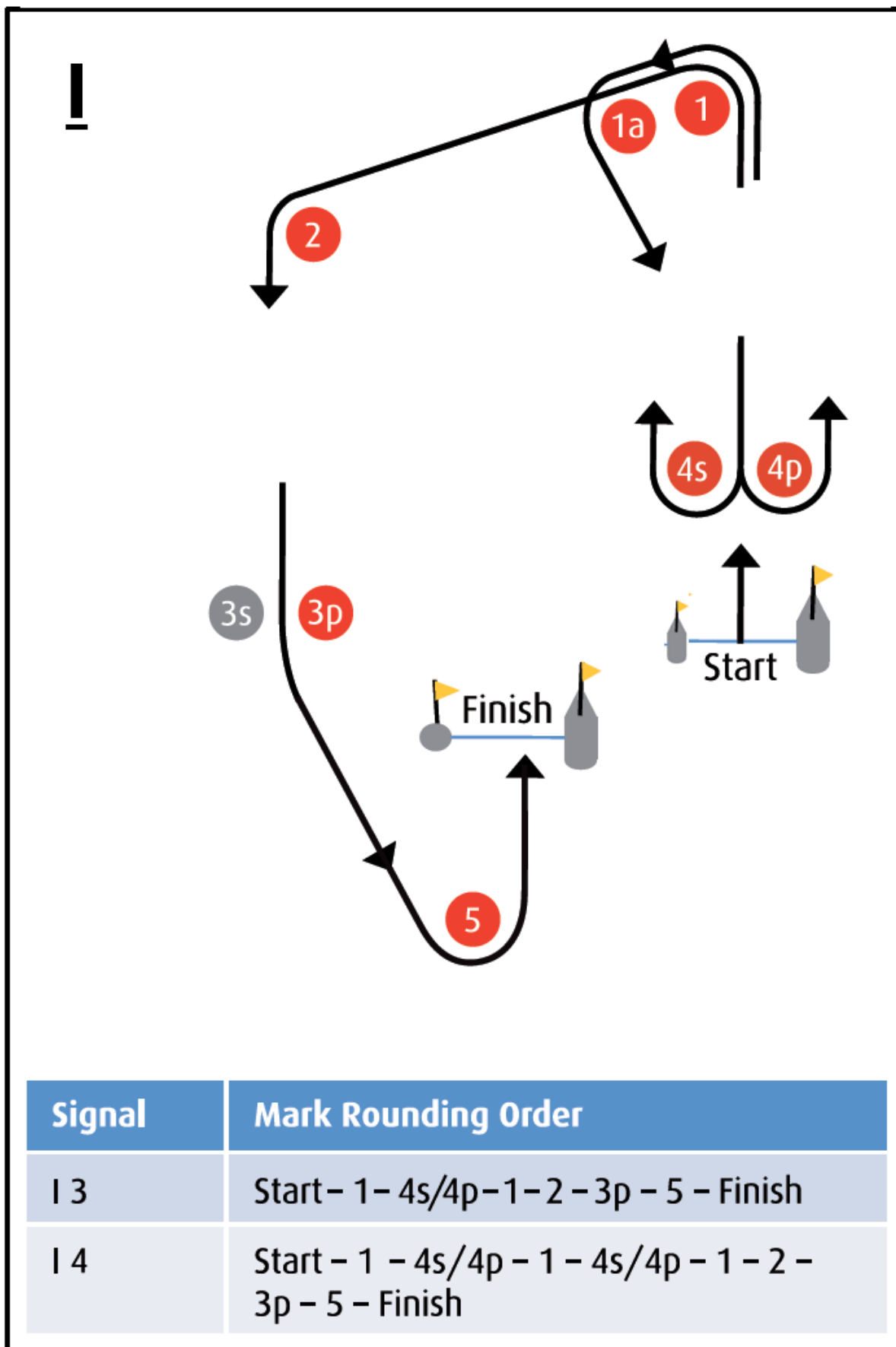
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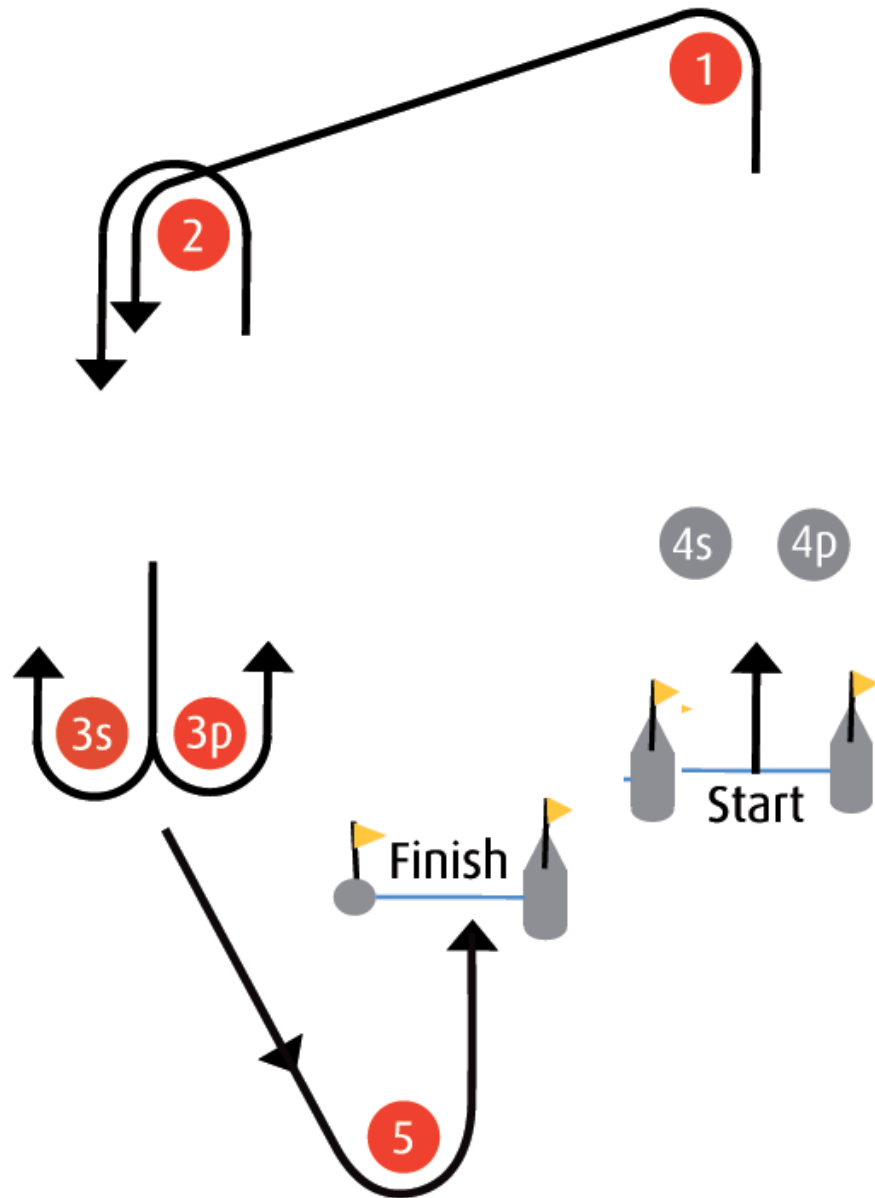
Note: There shall be no reserved hull space on sailboards for event sponsorship.

This figure is for guidance purposes only, in all cases the text of the regulation shall prevail.

Appendix B

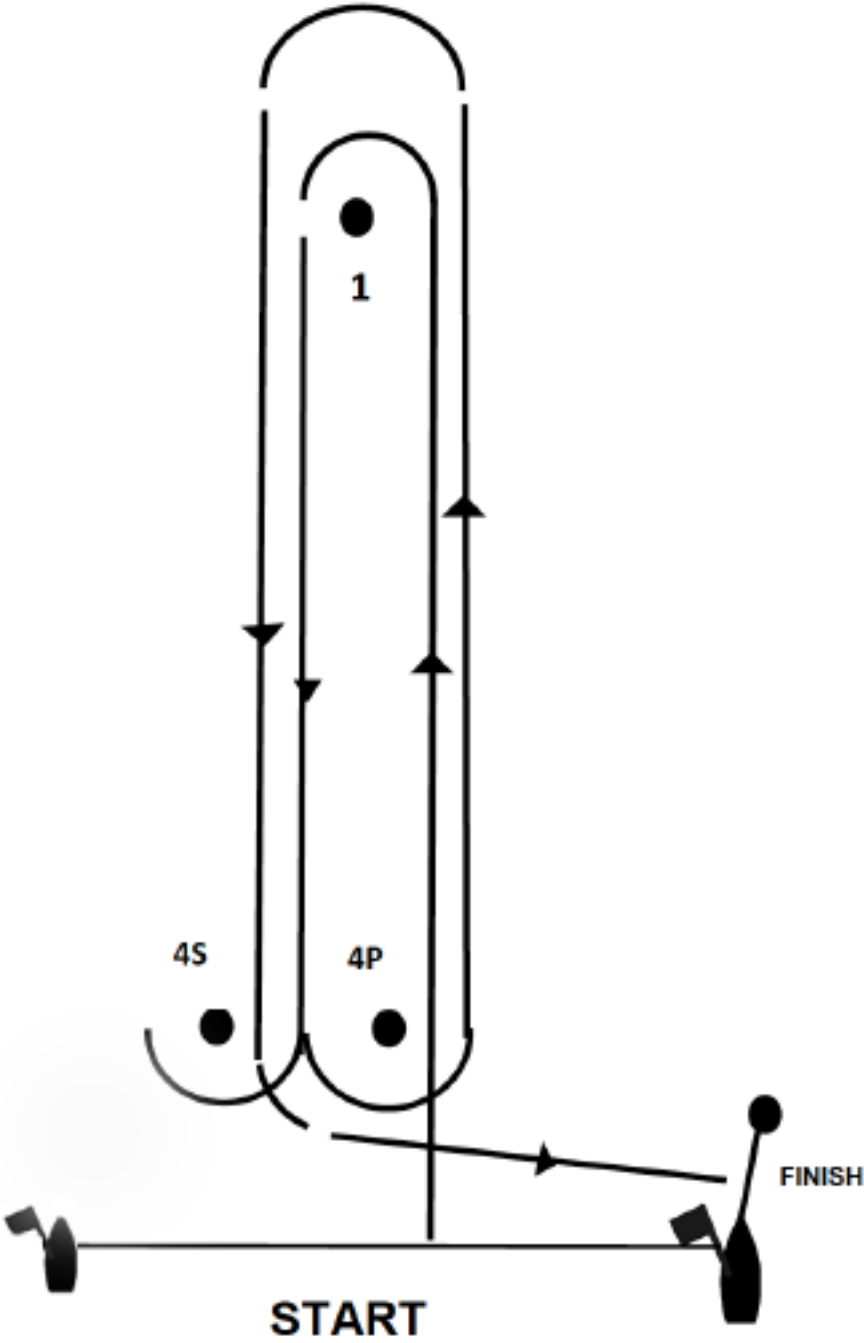


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Signal	Mark Rounding Order
03	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
04	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

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START - 1 - 4S/4P - 1 - 4P - FINISH

APPENDIX C – POST-RACE PENALTY, ARBITRATION

1. POST-RACE PENALTY

- 1.1. A board that may have broken a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31 while racing and has not taken a turns penalty on the water or retired, may take a Post-Race Penalty after she has finished and before the start of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- 1.2. The race score for a board that takes a Post-Race Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty made worse by 30% of the score for DNF, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upwards), but not more than half of the difference between the board's score before applying the penalty and the score for DNF. However, if the board caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.
- 1.3. A board that accepts a Post-Race Penalty shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing for the same incident unless the International Jury concludes that the board caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31.

2. ARBITRATION

- 2.1. Rule WCR63.1 is changed to add: “The International Jury may appoint an arbitrator to review a protest, who may allow the protest to be withdrawn.”
- 2.2. Rules WCR63.1 and WCR64.3 are changed to add: “When, during arbitration, a board that, in the opinion of the arbitrator, is at fault has taken an appropriate penalty for the incident on the water or has accepted a Post-Race Penalty, or retired, an arbitrator may, acting for the international jury, offer redress to a board not considered at fault provided that, in the opinion of the arbitrator, the requirements of WCR62.1((b) are met. If a board accepts redress, her score shall not be changed in a later hearing for the same incident unless the International Jury concludes that she was at fault in the incident.”
- 2.3. An arbitration meeting will be held before the hearing for each protest involving a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31, provided that:
 - 2.3.1. the arbitrator decides that the protest is appropriate for arbitration,
 - 2.3.2. the parties to the protest are present,
- 2.4. The arbitrator will listen to testimony from the parties. No witnesses will be permitted.
- 2.5. The arbitrator will then give one of the following opinions:
 - 2.5.1. The protest is invalid. The arbitrator may allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - 2.5.2. No board broke a rule. The arbitrator may allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - 2.5.3. One or more boards broke a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31. Each of those boards may take a Post-Race Penalty or retire.

If all boards considered to be at fault have taken an appropriate penalty for the incident, the arbitrator may, if appropriate, offer redress to boards not considered to be at fault.

If all boards considered to be at fault have taken a penalty and all offers of redress are accepted by all parties, the arbitrator may allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - 2.5.4. A hearing by the International Jury is required. The protest cannot be withdrawn without the permission of the International Jury.
- 2.6. If the protest is not withdrawn, the International Jury will schedule a hearing. The arbitrator may be a member of the panel that hears the protest.
- 2.7. If the protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held. Redress given in arbitration may be the subject of a request for redress.