



**2018 Cancun North American Windsurfing Championships  
for RS:X, Techno 293, Techno 293 Plus  
23 -27 May 2018  
Club de Vela Puerto Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico**

## **INFORMATION TO COMPETITORS FROM THE JURY**

This document does not in any way modify or replace the rules of the competition.

### **1. Basic Principle – Sportsmanship and the Rules**

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

### **2. Protests by the Jury for Incidents on the Water**

The jury will not usually protest for a breach of a rule of Part 2 unless they observe an apparent breach of good sportsmanship (RRS 2). Examples of breaches, where the jury will consider protesting, include:

- deliberately or knowingly breaking a rule without justification for exoneration and not taking the appropriate penalty;
- intimidating other boards, often evidenced by unnecessary shouting or foul language;
- team tactics, sailing to benefit another board to the detriment of your own position;
- reckless sailing that results in, or is likely to result in, damage or injury.

### **3. Outside Help**

RRS 41 applies from a board's preparatory signal (see RRS 41 and the definition Racing). A board shall not receive instructions or exchange sailing gear with a coach or support boat after the preparatory signal.

### **4. Requests for Redress, Claiming RC Error in Scoring a Board OCS, UFD or BFD**

Boards sometimes want to challenge the race committee's decision to score them OCS, UFD or BFD by requesting redress under RRS 62.1(a).

Competitors are advised to consult the race officer prior to a hearing, to learn the race committee's evidence that the board was OCS, UFD or BFD.

For a board to be given redress, the competitor must provide conclusive evidence that the race committee has made an error in identifying the board as OCS. Even video evidence is rarely conclusive. In the absence of conclusive evidence to the contrary, the jury will uphold the race committee's decision.

Evidence of the relative positions of two boards that are scored differently is not conclusive evidence that either boat started properly.

### **5. Video and Tracking Evidence**

A party wishing to bring video evidence to a hearing is responsible for providing the equipment required to view the evidence. Internet connection will not be generally available during a

hearing. It should be possible for all parties and the panel to view the evidence at the same time.

Tracking system information, if available, may be presented, but is of limited accuracy. The images produced are enhanced from the actual data as an aid to the viewer. The system may be used to get an indicative position of the boards for visualization, but it is not sufficiently precise to be used for race management purposes or for jury decisions that require exact positioning information.

#### **6. Requests for Redress or Requests for Reopening between stages**

It is the intention of the International Jury to hear requests for redress or requests for reopening as soon as possible, especially between stages of the event. Competitors involved in such requests should be prepared to proceed on schedule.

#### **7. Failure to Attend a Hearing**

Competitors should be aware that the jury may proceed with a hearing (under RRS 63.3(b)) in the absence of one of the parties and this will not be grounds for reopening unless the Jury is satisfied that the competitor made every reasonable effort to find out the time of the hearing and attend.

It is the responsibility of the competitors to monitor the official notice board until all hearings are concluded for the day. Failure to attend a hearing may be investigated by the Jury.

#### **8. Observers at hearings**

Each party may bring one person to observe at a hearing, unless the jury panel decides in a particular case that it is inappropriate. Observers must sign and comply with the requirements in the document titled Information for Observers

#### **9. RRS 69**

Any form of cheating, including not telling the truth in a hearing is a breach of sportsmanship and may result in a hearing under RRS 69 and a very heavy penalty.

#### **10. Questions on Jury Procedure and Policy**

Athletes, team leaders and coaches are welcome to discuss procedure and policy with the Jury Chairman. The Jury Chairman may be contacted through the Jury Office on each day before and after sailing.

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Chairman of the International Jury

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