

**2009-2012 US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS**  
**That apply to Acura Key West 2009 and the 2009 Acura Miami Grand Prix**

**Rule 68 After rule 68 add**

*US SAILING prescribes that:*

- (a) *A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
- (b) *A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- (c) *A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

**Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add**

*US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.*

**Rule 76.3 Add rule 76.3**

*76.3 US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.*

## ***APPENDIX F – Procedures for Appeals and Requests***

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*This appendix is a US SAILING prescription.*

*See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix F as adopted by the International Sailing Federation. The US SAILING Appeals Committee acts as the national authority within the meaning of rules 70.1 and 71.*

**F1 WHERE TO SEND AN APPEAL OR REQUEST**

- F1.1** All appeals and requests shall be sent to the Race Administration Director at US SAILING, at either P.O. Box 1260 or 15 Maritime Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871, or by e-mail to [RaceAdmin@ussailing.org](mailto:RaceAdmin@ussailing.org).
- F1.2** Except as provided in rule F1.4, the director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee or a request by a protest committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the association appeals committee for the place in which the event was held. However, such an appeal or request arising from an event conducted under the procedural rules of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association or the Interscholastic Sailing Association will be forwarded to the association appeals committee for the ICSA and ISSA.
- F1.3** The director will forward an appeal of a decision of an association appeals committee, a request by an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and a request for an interpretation of *rules* to the US SAILING Appeals Committee.
- F1.4** The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US SAILING national championship, and a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the US SAILING Appeals Committee.

**F2 TO APPEAL OR MAKE A REQUEST**

- F2.1** To appeal the decision of a protest committee or association appeals committee a *party* to the hearing shall, no later than 15 days after receiving the written decision being appealed or a protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, send an appeal and a copy of the decision to the US SAILING Race Administration Director. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect.
- F2.2** The appellant shall also send, with the appeal or as soon as possible thereafter, all of the following documents that are available:
  - (a) the written *protest(s)* or request(s) for redress;
  - (b) if the appeal is from a decision of an association appeals committee, the written decision of the protest committee;
  - (c) a diagram, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that shows
    - (1) the positions of all boats involved at relevant times, and their tracks;
    - (2) the course to the next *mark* and its required side;
    - (3) the speed and direction of the wind;
    - (4) any relevant *mark, obstruction* or *zone*; and
    - (5) if relevant, the depth of the water and the speed and direction of any current;
  - (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them;
  - (e) the names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of the *parties* to the hearing, the chairman of the protest committee and, if relevant, the chairman of the association appeals committee; and
  - (f) any other relevant documents.

**F2.3** To request confirmation or correction of its decision, a protest committee or association appeals committee shall send to the US SAILING Race Administration Director a copy of its decision and all relevant documents and comments.

**F2.4** To request an interpretation of the *rules*, a club or other organization affiliated to US SAILING shall send to the US SAILING Race Administration Director its request, which shall include assumed facts. A US SAILING committee is considered to be an organization affiliated to US SAILING.

### **F3 FEES**

**F3.1** If a fee is required for an appeal or request, it must be received before the appeal or request will be considered.

**F3.2** US SAILING charges no fee for forwarding an appeal or request to an association appeals committee. However, the association appeals committee may charge a fee. In that case, the association appeals committee will send a notice to the appellant (or, for a request, to the protest committee) stating the fee, to whom the fee is payable, and the address to which the fee must be sent.

**F3.3** US SAILING charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal made to the US SAILING Appeals Committee (see rules F1.3 and F1.4) by a member of US SAILING or another national authority. The fee is \$75 for all others. A fee of \$25 is charged for a request for an interpretation of the rules, but there is no fee for a request from a US SAILING committee. There is no fee for a request from an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision.

### **F4 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE DECISION IS BEING APPEALED**

Upon receipt of an appeal, the appeals committee shall send a copy of the appeal to the committee whose decision is being appealed, asking it for any documents required by rule F2.2 not supplied by the appellant.

### **F5 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **F5.1 Protest Committee**

A protest committee whose decision is being appealed shall supply the documents requested under rule F4 and any facts or other information requested under rule F6. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, it shall conduct a hearing, or reopen the hearing, of the *protest* or request for redress, or conduct a hearing to consider redress.

#### **F5.2 Association Appeals Committee**

(a) The association appeals committee shall send to all *parties* to the hearing, and to the committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that *party* or committee.

(b) The association appeals committee shall send its decision in writing to all *parties* to the hearing and the protest committee.

(c) An association appeals committee shall consider an appeal it has refused to decide if directed to do so by the US SAILING Appeals Committee.

#### **F5.3 US SAILING Appeals Committee**

The US SAILING Appeals Committee shall send to all *parties* to the hearing, to the protest committee and to the association appeals committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that *party* or committee.

### **F6 INADEQUATE FACTS; REOPENING**

An appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall promptly do so.

### **F7 COMMENTS**

The *parties* to the hearing, the protest committee and, if relevant, the association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal or request or on any of the documents listed in rule F2.2. Comments shall be sent in writing to the appeals committee no later than 15 days after the *party* or committee receives the document. The appeals committee need not consider comments sent after that time.

### **F8 OTHER PROVISIONS**

These provisions are in addition to those of rule 71.

(a) An association appeals committee may act as permitted by rule 71.2 and shall act as required by rule 71.3, subject to further appeal as provided in rule F1.3.

(b) An association appeals committee may request confirmation or correction of its decision (see rules F1.3 and F2.3).

(c) An appeals committee may direct a protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for an appellant or other *party* to the hearing.

(d) No member of the association appeals committee shall take part in the discussion or decision on an appeal or a request for confirmation or correction to the US SAILING Appeals Committee.

(e) The US SAILING Appeals Committee may direct an association appeals committee to consider an appeal it has refused to decide.

Notes:

The US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS are effective January 1, 2009

They are posted here for advance reference