

Accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress

Preamble

The Sailing Instructions state:

13.1 Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

This document sets out how the International Jury shall process protests and requests for redress.

Procedure

1. After each heat, a member of the International Jury shall record protests and requests for redress. This person shall be known as the Protest Recorder.
2. At the first reasonable opportunity after finishing or retiring a competitor shall inform an umpire of his intention to protest or request redress. The competitor shall notify the umpire of his sail number, the boat being protested, the nature of the incident and, if possible, any witnesses. This notification need not be in writing. This notification meets the requirements of rule E6.4.
3. The umpire shall hail the sail number of the boat(s) being protested and inform them of the protest. All parties shall report promptly to the Protest Recorder.
4. The Protest Recorder shall be informed at the first reasonable opportunity by:
 - Umpires: of protests and requests for redress notified by competitors;
 - Observers: of reports of unresolved incidents. This satisfies the requirements of rule E5.1(c);
 - Umpires or race committee: of their intention to protest
5. The Protest Recorder shall record in writing:
 - The protestor or requestor
 - The protestee
 - Any observer or umpire that witnessed the incident
 - A brief description of the incident including where and when it occurred and if it is alleged that a boat was damaged
 - The identity of any witnesses

This record shall be deemed to fulfil the requirements of rule 61.2 Protest Contents, rule 62.2 Redress, and SYRPH a) and b).
6. The Protest Recorder shall:
 - Inform the parties by hailing that a hearing is to be held
 - When the parties are present inform them of the nature of the incident
 - Invite any umpire or observer to give a brief report of the incident

This procedure is deemed to satisfy the requirements of IRSA SYRPH (c)
7. The Protest Recorder or member of the International Jury shall then administer IRSA SYRPH (d).
8. If after SYRPH a hearing is required, the hearing may be held immediately in or near the Control Area. The Jury panel:
 - shall conform to RRS N1.4(b)
 - may decide that a full hearing is necessary.
9. After having informed the parties the Jury panel shall notify the Protest Recorder of the decision.
10. The Protest Recorder shall communicate, as soon as possible, any necessary scoring information to the Scorer and inform all other competitors of the outcome of the protest by posting a notice on the Jury Notice Board.