

# NoR Addendum WASZP Sprint Rules

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*WASZP sprint races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this Addendum. Races shall be umpired.* This Addendum applies to all sprint races and all pre-race or post-race activities related to them.

## WSR1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

### WSR1.1 Changes to the Rules of Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3

- (a) HS.13 Add New rule 7:

#### **7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY**

The umpires will assume that the state of the boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

- (b) HS.14 Delete RRS 13 and replace with:

#### **13 Deleted**

- (c) HS.16 Delete RRS 16.2 and replace with:

#### **16.2 Deleted**

- (d) HS.17 Delete RRS 17 and replace with:

#### **17 Deleted**

- (e) In accordance with RRS 20.4, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails when RRS 20 applies:

- (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

- (f) HS.22 Delete rule 23.1 and replace with:

**23.1** If reasonably possible, a boat not *racing* shall not interfere with a boat that is *racing* or an umpire boat.

- (g) RRS28.2 is changed to:

#### **28 SAILING THE COURSE**

28.2. A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or *finished*.

### WSR1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Redress and Penalties

- (a) A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with rules WSR2.1 or WSR2.4. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1(a).
- (b) RRS 61.4(b)(1), (2), (3) and (5) are deleted.
- (c) RRS 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except RRS 14 when she has caused injury or serious damage), RRS 31 or RRS 42. However,

- (1) when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and RRS 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking RRS 31;
- (2) if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.'
- (d) RRS 44.2 is changed to: 'After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a penalty by:
  - (1) Before starting, when on the leg of the course to Mark 1 or when on a leg of the course from the last mark to the finishing line, by either:
    - i. Promptly gybing and, as soon as reasonably possible, luffing to a close-hauled course, or
    - ii. Promptly tacking and, as soon as reasonably possible, bearing away to a course that is more than ninety degrees from the true wind.
  - (2) When on a leg of the course to a leeward mark or gate, or finishing line for a downwind finish, by promptly tacking and, as soon as reasonably possible, bearing away to a course that is more than ninety degrees from the true wind.
  - (3) When on a leg of the course to a windward mark, by promptly gybing and, as soon as reasonably possible, luffing to a close-hauled course.
  - (4) Bronze fleet only: WSR 1.2(d)(1) also applies when on the leg of the course from mark 2 to mark 3.

When a boat takes a voluntary penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before she *finishes*.'

- (e) The first sentence of rule 60.5(c) is changed to: 'If the protest committee decides that a boat has broken a *rule*, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable.' The last sentence of rule 60.5(c) is changed to: 'If a boat 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) RRS P1 to P4 are deleted.

## **WSR2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY A BOAT**

**WSR2.1** While *racing*, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except RRS 14) only for an incident in which she was involved, under RRS 31, or RRS 42. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously raise an arm at the first reasonable opportunity for each. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.2(a)(1).

**WSR2.2** A boat that protests as provided in rule WSR2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule for which she is not exonerated by promptly taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took the applicable penalty. This changes RRS 60.5(a) and 63.2(a).

**WSR2.3** At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors which are the 9 highest ranked boats in the race after applying any scoring changes as directed by the umpires or protest committee, together with flag L and one sound. The scoring information and flag L will be displayed for at least one minute and then removed with one sound. This changes RRS Race Signals L.

**WSR2.4** A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule WSR3.2 or RRS 28, or a rule listed in rule WSR2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under RR 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

does not have to hail 'Protest' and raise arm but shall inform an umpire of her intention to do so as soon as practicable after she *finishes* if the *protest* or request for redress is based on an incident while *racing*. However, if the boat retires from the race or the race committee signals *a postponement*, general recall or *abandonment*, she shall inform an umpire at the first reasonable opportunity.

For all other protests and requests for redress, the boat shall inform either the protest committee or an umpire of her intention at the first reasonable opportunity. This changes RRS 60.2(a), 60.3(b) and 61.2.

**WSR3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES**

**WSR3.1 Signals by an Umpire**

An umpire will signal a decision with one long sound and the display of a flag as follows:

- (a) For no penalty, a green and white flag.
- (b) To penalize one or more boats, a red flag. The umpire will hail or signal to identify each boat penalized.
- (c) To disqualify one or more boats, a black flag. The umpire will hail or signal to identify each boat disqualified.

**WSR3.2 Penalties imposed**

- (a) A boat penalized under rule WSR3.1(b) shall take a penalty in accordance with rule WSR1.2(d), except if the penalty is signalled while the boat is on the last leg of the course to the finishing line or if she has *finished*. In this case, her penalty shall be a 5 point scoring penalty without a hearing.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule WSR3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

**WSR4 PENALTIES OR PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE**

**WSR4.1** When a boat

- (a) breaks RRS 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks RRS 42,
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (e) fails to comply with rule WSR3.2,

an umpire may penalize her without a *protest* by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more penalties to be taken in accordance with rule WSR1.2(d), each signalled in accordance with rule WSR3.1(b), or disqualify her under rule WSR3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule WSR4.1(e) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

**WSR4.2** An umpire who decides, based on their own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule WSR3.2 or RRS 28 or a

rule listed in rule WSR2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under RRS 60.1. However, they will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of RRS 14 unless there is damage or injury.

**WSR4.3** When a boat fails to comply with rule WSR1.1(g) (RRS 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule WSR3.1(c).

**WSR5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS**

**WSR5.1** Hearing procedures (except for a hearing under RRS 69.2)

- (a) *Protests* and requests for redress need not be in writing. They shall be made orally to a member of the protest committee as soon as reasonably possible, which may be after the race. This changes RRS 60.3 and 61.2.
- (b) The protest committee may inform the *parties* and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally. This changes RRS 63.1(a).
- (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally. This changes RRS 63.1, 63.2, 63.4 and 63.6.
- (c) If the protest committee decides that the outcome of a hearing would not affect the further qualification, it may postpone the hearing or make any arrangement it decides is equitable. This changes RRS 60.5, 61.4(a) and (c), 63.1 and 63.2(a).
- (d) RRS 63.7 is deleted.
- (e) Protest Committee decisions or imposed standard penalties that change the score or ranking of one or more boats will be communicated to all boats affected, and – if reasonably possible – be included in the scoring information under rule WSR 2.3.

**WSR5.2** The race committee may not protest a boat. This changes rule 60.1.

**WSR5.3** The protest committee may not protest a boat for breaking rule WSR3.2, RRS 28, a rule listed in rule WSR2.1, or RRS 14 unless there is damage or injury. This changes rule 60.1.

**WSR5.4** The technical committee may only protest a boat when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, RRS 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such rules exist. This changes RRS 60.1.

**WSR5.5** The time limit for *protests* by the protest committee and the technical committee is the same as in rule WSR2.4.

**WSR5.6** HS.28 Delete rule 70.3 and 70.5 and replace with:

70.3 There shall be no appeal for an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires or from a decision of a protest committee.

70.5 Deleted

**WSR5.6** HS.30 Delete rule 71 and replace with:

**71 DELETED**