



# **RACING RULES OF SAILING**

For 2009 – 2012

CONTAINING

The 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)  
of the International Sailing Federation,  
and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of  
Yachting Australia

The Racing Rules of Sailing are effective in Australia from 1 January 2009.  
The Yachting Australia Special Regulations are effective from 1 July 2009.

(The ISAF has provided for the possibility of changing the RRS annually.  
Except for the above, no changes are contemplated to the RRS until  
31 December 2012)

(Provision has been made to change the Yachting Australia Special Regulations if  
necessary prior to 30 June 2012)

- **INTRODUCTION**

In the introduction add after **Changes to National Authority Prescriptions**

***Yachting Australia Provisions***

*The special provisions of Yachting Australia Inc. are printed in italics.*

*Except for international events of an ISAF class, a notice of race or sailing instruction shall not alter any Yachting Australia prescription.*

*The term “National Authority” wherever it appears in these rules means Yachting Australia unless otherwise specifically provided.*

*The term “MYA” means the appropriate member State/Territory yachting authority of Yachting Australia.*

*The expression “Continental Championship” referred to in rule 76.2 does not refer to an Australian Championship.*

*The Racing Rules of Sailing become effective in Australia on January 1, 2009 and replace all previous editions of the Racing Rules of Sailing of the ISAF or Yachting Australia and shall apply when so stated in the sailing instructions to events commencing after that date.*

- **Rule 1.2**  
Add at the end

*Refer to the Yachting Australia prescription to rule 47*

- **Rule 26**  
Add at the end

*Yachting Australia prescribes that when handicap starts apply a boat's preparatory signal is deemed made four minutes before the boat's starting time.*

- **Rule 46**  
Add at the end

*Yachting Australia prescribes that the designated person on board shall be a member of a Club affiliated to an MYA and a Yachting Australia Card holder, or, if an international competitor, a member of a club affiliated to an ISAF recognized Member National Authority (MNA).*

- **Rule 47.2**  
Add at the end

*Yachting Australia prescribes that a boat shall also carry the equipment specified in and otherwise comply with the Special Regulations of Yachting Australia as set out in Part 1 or 2 as appropriate.*

- **Rule 55**

Add a new rule 55

**55**      ***CREW ELIGIBILITY***

*Yachting Australia prescribes that except in an International event, any crew member that sails in more than 3 races in any one sailing season, shall be a member of a Club affiliated to an MYA and a Yachting Australia Card holder.*

*It shall be the responsibility of the person in charge of any boat to ensure that all crewmembers on board for each race comply with this prescription.*

*A Club may seek dispensation from this requirement from the MYA. Advice of such dispensation shall be included in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.*

- **Rule 63**

Add as a preamble to rule 63

*Yachting Australia recommends that Appendix M apply to protest hearings.*

- **Rule 68**

Add at the end

*Yachting Australia believes that the question of damages is for the appropriate court of law.*

- **Rule 70**

Add as a preamble to rule 70.1

*Yachting Australia prescribes that an appeal under rule 70.1 or a request under rules 70.2 or 70.4 shall be sent to and dealt with by the MYA.*

Add at the end of 70.5(a)

*Yachting Australia prescribes that:  
Written approval shall be obtained from the MYA and advice of this should be included in the notice of race and shall be included in the sailing instructions.*

Add at the end of 70.5(b)

*Yachting Australia prescribes that:  
For events conducted on behalf of Yachting Australia or other events of National importance, Yachting Australia may agree to the appointment of a National Jury, which shall comply, with Yachting Australia's policy on the appointment of a National Jury. In this event the right of appeal shall be denied and advice of this should be included in the notice of race and shall be included in the sailing instructions.*

*(For the Yachting Australia policy regarding these prescriptions refer to Addendum A)*

- **Rule 71**

Add as a preamble to rule 71

*Yachting Australia prescribes that the national authority in rule 71 is the MYA.*

- **Rule 71.4**

Add at the end of rule 71.4

*Yachting Australia prescribes that a party to an appeal, reference or question may apply to have the decision reviewed by Yachting Australia in accordance with Addendum B.*

- **Rule 80**

Add at the end of rule 80 (prescription to rule 80 has been deleted by an amendment issued 1 July 2009.)

~~*Yachting Australia prescribes that in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code, Yachting Australia has decided that for all classes sailed in Australia, other than ISAF classes and Non-ISAF classes that have decided that its advertising category be restricted to category A, boats may carry Category C advertising.*~~

~~*In accordance with the permission granted by the Code to a National Authority to decide the maximum level of advertising to be applied to boats racing under a handicap/measurement system, Yachting Australia has decided that Category C advertising is permitted.*~~

- **Rule 88.2**

Add at the end of rule 88.2

*Yachting Australia prescribes that except for international events of an ISAF class, a notice of race or sailing instruction shall not alter any Yachting Australia prescription.*

- **Rule 91**

Add at the end of rule 91

*Yachting Australia prescribes that approval of the composition of an international jury shall be obtained from Yachting Australia by the MYA*

- **Appendix F**

Add as a preamble to Appendix F

*Yachting Australia prescribes that the national authority in Appendix F is the MYA.*

- **Appendix F2.2**

Add at the end of F2.2(e)

*Yachting Australia prescribes that a filing fee of \$110.00 (includes GST) shall be forwarded with an appeal.*

- **Appendix G**

Add as a preamble to Appendix G

*Yachting Australia prescribes that this appendix shall apply to all boats except that the distinguishing number may be allotted by or under the authority of the MYA. Sail numbers shall be deemed to include a club prefix if any.*

- **Appendix J1.1 (2) AND J2.1 (1)**

*Yachting Australia prescribes that the special regulations that will apply in accordance with Yachting Australia Special Regulations shall be stated.*

## **LIST OF RULES WHERE YA HAS PRESCRIBED**

Yachting Australia has prescribed to the following RRS:

Introduction

Rule 1.2

Rule 26

Rule 46

Rule 47.2

Rule 55

Rule 63

Rule 68

Rule 70

Rule 71

Rule 71.4

Rule 80

Rule 88.2

Rule 91

Appendix F

Appendix F2.2

Appendix G

Appendix J1.1(2)

Appendix J2.1(1)

# **Yachting Australia ADDENDUM A**

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## **Y.A. POLICY ON DENIAL OF THE RIGHT OF APPEAL**

### **RACING RULE 70.5(a) and (b) REFERS**

#### **PART 1 - APPLICATIONS FOR EVENTS UNDER 70.5(a) APPOINTING A PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**AA1.1** Denial of the right of appeal will only be granted for National events which comply with rule 70.5(a) when selection is being made for a National or International event to follow shortly thereafter.

**AA1.2** An application shall be made in writing to the MYA and shall include:

- (a) A copy of the draft race documents.
- (b) The name and experience of the principal race officer.
- (c) The names of the protest committee.
- (d) An undertaking that a copy of all decided protests will be provided within 10 days of completion of the event.

**AA1.3** The MYA considering the application retains the absolute discretion to grant, refuse or withdraw an approval and shall consider:

- (a) The importance of the event and its compliance with 1.1 above.
- (b) The standard of the race documents.

- (c) The experience of the principal race officer.
- (d) The protest committee shall consist of not less than 3 members. At least one member shall be a national or international judge and at least 2 remaining members shall be, as a minimum, either members of an MYA racing rules committee or state judges.

**AA1.4** If the application is approved the right of appeal is denied provided that:

- (a) The notice of approval is displayed on the official event notice board.
- (b) The protest committee consists of the nominated persons.
- (c) No amendments are made to the approved race documents without the prior approval of the protest committee.
- (d) The protest committee acts while properly constituted.

**AA1.5** Approval may be withdrawn at any time prior to the completion of the event if the terms of this Addendum have been infringed.

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## **PART 2 - APPLICATIONS FOR EVENTS UNDER 70.5(a) or (b)**

### **APPOINTING A NATIONAL JURY**

**AA2.1** A National Jury is recommended for appointment to events conducted on behalf of Yachting Australia or other events of National significance such as National Championships.

**AA2.2** A National Jury shall consist of not less than 3 members. At least one member shall be a national or international judge and at least 2 remaining members shall be, as a minimum, either members of an MYA racing rules committee or state judges. Not less than two states or countries shall be represented.

A National Jury for a match racing event or a team racing event shall consist of not less than 3 members. At least 3 members shall be, as a minimum, national umpires or national teams racing umpires as appropriate to the event. Not less than two states or countries shall be represented.

**AA2.3** An application for appointment of a national jury shall be made in writing to the MYA of the organizing authority and shall include the information required by clause 1.2 of this Addendum and the details of the invitation and arrangements for interstate jurors.

**AA2.4** The MYA shall submit the membership of the jury to Yachting Australia for its approval.

**AA2.5** If approval is granted by Yachting Australia the right of appeal is denied and the relevant provisions of ISAF Appendix N and Part 1 of this Addendum in relation to constitution, responsibilities and procedures of the jury shall apply.

## **Yachting Australia ADDENDUM B**

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### **REVIEW OF APPEAL DECISIONS**

#### **RACING RULE 71.4 REFERS**

**AB1** A party to an appeal or request may apply to have the appeal or request decision reviewed by Yachting Australia. The application shall be lodged in writing with the MYA, together with a \$200.00 (GST inclusive) service fee, within 15 days of receiving its written decision on the appeal or request.

**AB2** The application shall be concise and state the grounds on which the review should be granted.

**AB3** The MYA shall forward eight copies of the application to Yachting Australia, together with all other documents associated with the appeal or request and a \$120.00 (GST inclusive) service fee, within 15 days of receiving the application.

**AB4** The application may not be granted unless based on a claim or possibility that:

- (a) there has been a misinterpretation of a rule; and
- (b) the misinterpretation has resulted in significant unfairness to the applicant.

**AB5** Yachting Australia shall either:

- (a) refuse to grant the application and so advise the applicant, or
- (b) grant the application, in which case its review decision shall:
  - (i) refer the matter back to the MYA for further action, or
  - (ii) confirm, amend or reverse the appeal decision.

**AB6** Yachting Australia shall advise its review decision to the MYA which shall advise the relevant organizing and conducting authorities and all parties to the appeal or request.

**AB7** The review decision of Yachting Australia shall be binding on all parties to the appeal or request, including the MYA and relevant organizing and conducting authorities.

