

# APPENDIX MR

## UMPIRED MEDAL RACING

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*This appendix may be used at international events for umpired medal racing in the last race(s) of each series for the Olympic classes. For other classes at international events this appendix may be used with the approval of World Sailing under rule 86.2.*

*The appendix may also be used for umpired medal racing at national events with approval under rule 86.3 if the national authority prescribes that rule changes are allowed for the purpose of development and testing. The national authority may prescribe that such changes require its approval.*

*Umpired fleet racing, other than medal racing, shall not use Appendix MR but may use Appendix UF instead.*

*No changes to this appendix are permitted unless specifically permitted by World Sailing.*

*Races may be sailed under the rules in this appendix only if the notice of race so states, with reference to the relevant version, and that version is posted on the official notice board. If the use of the appendix is approved for a specific event under rule 86.2 or 86.3, this approval must also be posted on the official notice board.*

*This appendix applies to all medal races and all pre-race or post-race activities related to them.*

### **MR1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES**

#### **MR1.1 Changes to the Definitions, the Rules of Part 1 and 2 and Appendix A**

- (a) Add to the definition *Proper Course*: ‘A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.’
- (b) Add new rule 7 to Part 1:
  - 7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY
  - The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.
- (c) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
  - (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.

Rule MR1.1(c) does not apply to boards, kiteboards or boats in a class so specified in the sailing instructions.
- (d) A boat that does not start within 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

## **MR1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Redress and Penalties**

- (a) Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- (b) A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with rules MR2.1 or MR2.4.
- (c) Rules B5 and F5 except F5 60.5(d) are deleted.
- (d) Rules 61.4(b)(1), (2), (3) and (5) are deleted. In a race where this appendix applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under any of these rules for a previous race.
- (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) In Appendix P, rule P5 applies, but rules P1, P2, P3 and P4 are deleted.

## **MR2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS**

**MR2.1** While *racing*, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) only for an incident in which she was involved or under rule 31 or 42. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision. However, a board, kiteboard or a boat in a class so specified in the sailing instructions need not display a red flag.

**MR2.2** A boat that protests as provided in rule MR2.1 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 taking a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.

**MR2.3** At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Flag B will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line while flag B is displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made

**MR2.4** A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule MR3.2 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule MR2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

**MR2.5** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any *protests* or requests for redress made under rule MR2.4.

**MR3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES**

**MR3.1** Signals by an Umpire

An umpire shall 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 shall hail or signal to identify each boat penalized.
- (c) To disqualify one or more boats, a black flag. The umpire shall hail or signal to identify each boat disqualified.

**MR3.2 Taking a Penalty**

- (a) A boat penalized under rule MR3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule MR3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

**MR3.3 Identification of Boats scored OCS, UFD or BFD**

- (a) An umpire displaying flag X with one long sound means ‘A boat has been scored OCS, UFD or BFD by the race committee’. The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat. The identified boat shall promptly leave the course area. This signal may be given any time after 2 minutes after the starting signal.
- (b) The sailing instructions of an event may replace flag X with another flag provided it is not a flag in Race Signals or a flag listed in rule MR3.1

**MR4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS**

**MR4.1** When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 42,
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (f) fails to comply with rule MR3.2 or MR3.3 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a *protest* by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with rule MR3.1(b), or disqualify her under rule MR3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule MR4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

**MR4.2** Rule 28.2 is changed to ‘A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or *finished*.’ A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified under rule MR3.1(c).

- MR4.3** 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 MR3.2 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule MR2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.1. However, the umpire will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.
- MR5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS**
- MR5.1** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire. In addition, a *party* to a hearing may not base an appeal on the decision of the protest committee.
- MR5.2** A hearing shall not be reopened based on a request of a *party* to that hearing.
- MR5.3** Hearing procedures (except for hearings under rule 69.2):
- (a) *Protests* and requests for redress need not be in writing.
  - (b) The protest committee may inform the *parties* and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
  - (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
  - (d) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.
  - (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule MR5.3(d) or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.
- MR5.4** The race committee will not protest a boat.
- MR5.5** The protest committee will not protest a boat for breaking rule MR3.2, rule 28, a rule listed in rule MR2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.
- MR5.6** The technical committee will not protest a boat, except under rule 60.1 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist.
- MR 5.7** The time limit for *protests* by the protest committee and the technical committee is the same as in rule MR2.4.
- MR5.8** If at the end of the protest time limit any proceedings under rule MR5 are not completed, the race committee may display flag F with one long sound. Flag F will be displayed for 2 minutes and this signal is for information only.