

International Radio Sailing Association Addendum Q



UMPIRED FLEET RACING FOR RADIO-CONTROLLED BOATS

Principles of umpiring in ISAF Addendum Q have been used for this IRSA version of umpiring for radio racing events. The changes make them suitable for radio racing in heats of up to 20 radio boats with umpires working alongside observers.

Observers act in their normal role as E3.1 and in doing so provide umpires with assistants for their normal role of decision making. It is recommended that there should be one observer for every four boats in the heats. The number of umpires shall be flexible. Please read with IRSA Addendum Q Advice notes.

This addendum changes rules 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 70, E3.1 and E5.2.

Q.1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Q1.1 Changes to rules involving protests, exoneration, observers and umpires

- (a) An umpire may hail the penalty defined in 44.1(b) or, if an umpire does not hail the boat's penalty shall be to retire.
- (b) Add to end of the first sentence of rule 63.1: "and Q3"
- (c) E5.2 is changed to read as follows: In rule 61.1(a) Replace all after the first sentence with "When her protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall hail "(Her own sail number) protests (the sail number of the other boat(s))". Except where the protested boat(s) acknowledges her infringement or protests or an umpire hails a decision in accordance with Q3, the hail shall be repeated at least once."
- (d) Rule 64.1(c) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires as Q3.1(a) without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule in this Addendum.
- (e) E3.1 Races with observers is changed:
The word "may" shall be added after the second "and ".

Q2 PROTESTS BY BOATS

- Q2.1 Except where damage resulted from contact, a protest by a boat under rules 31 or 42 or under a rule of Part 2 may be decided by an umpire.
- Q2.2 (a) A boat may promptly acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn penalty.
(b) If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire may hail a decision as provided in rule Q3.1.
- Q2.3 A boat is entitled to a hearing only if:
 - (a) Rule 14 is broken with damage resulting from contact.
 - (b) No umpire decision is hailed.

Q3 HAILS BY UMPIRES AND TAKING A PENALTY

Q3.1 An umpire may hail a decision as follows:

- (a) "No penalty to (boat(s) sail number)"
- (b) "Penalty to (boat(s) sail number)." Brief reasons may be given quoting the other boat(s) involved. If an umpire is unable to identify a boat's sail number, the boat will be identified by other clear description and as soon as possible by sail number.

Q3.2 Taking a penalty:

A boat penalised by an umpire hail, as Q3.1(b) shall promptly take a One-Turn penalty.

Q4 PENALTIES INITIATED BY UMPIRES

Q4.1 (a) When there is no protest or penalty taken by a boat for contact with another boat or infringement of rules 31 or 42, an umpire may penalise a boat in accordance with Q3.1(b).

- (b) If an umpire decides that a boat may have broken a rule other those listed in Q2.1 and Q4.2, the umpire shall so inform the protest committee for its action under Rule 60.3 and notify this intention to the competitor.

Q4.2 When a boat

- (a) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 2,
- (c) breaks a rule deliberately,
- (d) fails to take a penalty when required by an umpire, or
- (e) fails to take a penalty in accordance with rule E4.4, an umpire may impose an additional penalty as Q3.1(b) or a disqualification by hailing "(boat sail number) disqualified", with brief reasons quoting the other boat(s) involved.

Q4.3 A boat disqualified by an umpire shall promptly leave the course.

Q5 REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, APPEALS, OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Q5.1 There shall be no request for redress or to reopen a hearing or appeal from the decision made by an umpire under rule Q3.1 or a hail under Q4. This changes rules 62, 66 and 70.

Q5.2 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.