

RYA 2013/2

Rule 76, Exclusion of Boats or Competitors

Rule 77, Identification on Sails

Appendix G (as prescribed by the RYA), Identification on Sails

Rule 77 may be deleted by sailing instructions. When rule 77 is deleted, neither Appendix G nor the RYA prescriptions thereto apply. A boat might break a class rule whether or not rule 77 applies. An organising authority may reject or cancel an entry when they know that a boat intends to race with a sail number other than its registered number or use a sail without any number. A boat may be protested for a breach of class rules, rule 77 or the ISAF Advertising Code.

Question 1

Can rule 77 be changed by deleting it in the sailing instructions?

Answer 1

Yes. Rule 77 may be changed or deleted as it is not a rule listed in rule 86.1(b).

Question 2

If yes, does Appendix G (or any part of it) now still apply?

Answer 2

No. If rule 77 is deleted, Appendix G does not apply.

Question 3

Also, if yes, do the RYA prescriptions to Appendix G (or any part of them) now still apply?

Answer 3

No. If rule 77 and Appendix G do not apply, the RYA Prescriptions to these rules do not apply. However, when Appendix G does apply, the RYA Prescription to rule 88.2 prohibits the sailing instructions from amending the RYA Prescription to Appendix G.

Question 4

If the RYA prescriptions to Appendix G cannot be disappplied, do rule G.1(c) and RYA prescription 3 to rule G1 require a new sail number series to be issued by a body in rule G2?

Answer 4

See Answer 3.

Question 5

In a non-ISAF class, if a boat enters a race with a different sail number than that originally allotted to her, what rules might she break and who can protest, and when?

Answer 5

The boat might break a class rule (including a rule of a rating or handicapping system) whether or not rule 77 applies. A protest alleging a breach of rule 77 or a class rule may be submitted by complying with rules 60 and 61. However, when permitted by the notice of race, a boat not belonging to any class may be entered and handicapped appropriately. Also, if a boat is loaned or chartered, rule G3 may apply.

Question 6

Can an organizing authority or race committee deny a boat entry under rule 76.1 when they know that a boat intends to race with a sail number other than its registered number, or use a sail (e.g. a spinnaker) without any numbers?

Answer 6

Yes. An entry may be rejected or cancelled provided the reason is given in accordance with rule 76.1.

Question 7

In a non-ISAF class, may a boat enter a fleet race when she has no registered sail number, e.g. a team racing firefly, if approved by the organizing authority?

Answer 7

Neither the notice of race nor the sailing instructions can change class rules unless rule 87 permits the change. See also Answer 5.

Question 8

In a non-ISAF class with open class rules, is there flexibility in rule G2 to allow emphasis of the presentation of certain sail numbers in order to advertise a commercial concern or sponsor? May she also be protested under the ISAF Advertising Code, in particular ISAF Regulation 20.2.6?

Answer 8

Class rules may not change rule 77 or Appendix G; see rule 86.1(c). Rule 80 and ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, always apply and cannot be changed. A protest alleging a breach of the Advertising Code may be submitted by complying with rules 60 and 61 and the protest committee shall act in accordance with the RRS Part 5 and Regulation 20.9.

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