

## US SAILING Prescriptions that must always apply

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*In its prescription to rule 88.2, US Sailing states*

US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription, Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1.

*Further, RRS J2.2(2) states*

J2.2 Unless included in the notice of race, the sailing instructions shall include those of the following that will apply:

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- (2) when appropriate, at an event where entries from other countries are expected, a copy in English of the national prescriptions that will apply;

...

*While it is common for international events to delete the host country's prescriptions, in the US, some prescriptions cannot be deleted and must be included, in English, in either the notice of race or the sailing instructions or both.*

*Note that US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble of Part 5 (no fees for protests) does not need to be stated in an NoR or SI as long as the event complies with the requirement.*

*Similarly, US Sailing prescription to 70.3(b) is only relevant for "no appeal" protest committee that is not an international jury and has a separate approval process.*

*US Sailing recommends that NoR/SI authors use the following instructions for including the required prescriptions.*

- (1) *Include the following language as the second clause of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions (usually 1.2, after 1.1 which usually states that the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply:*

1.(x) The prescriptions of US Sailing that will apply are stated in NoR Addendum A.

- (2) *Copy and paste the following language (see next page) as NoR Addendum A, and select the option at the end regarding US Sailing's RRS/US Appendix R)*

- (3) *Delete the red italicized instructions and notes.*

## **NoR Addendum A: US SAILING Prescriptions That Apply**

### **Add to RRS 65:**

*US Sailing prescribes that*

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for monetary damages.*
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for monetary damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for monetary damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

### **Add to RRS 76.1:**

*US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age. However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website under ‘Exclusion’ at [ussailing.org/rules](http://ussailing.org/rules).*

*For handing RRS/US Appendix R, include one of the following in either NoR 1 or the end of this addendum:*

- (a) If the event intends to appoint an international jury, then include in the NoR (generally under “Penalty System” or in the first clause)*

*X.X The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 91(b).*

- (b) If the event has applied for (and been granted) a “No Appeal” protest committee (and won’t have an international jury), then include in the NoR/SI the language in accordance with the approval letter from US Sailing.*

*(c) If the event won't have international jury and has not been granted "No Appeal" status, then include the following at the end of NoR Addendum A*

**RRS Appendix R (Procedures for Appeals and Requests) is replaced with RRS/US**

**Appendix R.** The text of RRS/US Appendix R can be found online at:

([https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/US-Sailing-Prescriptions-for-2025-2028\\_FEB12\\_2025-1.pdf](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/US-Sailing-Prescriptions-for-2025-2028_FEB12_2025-1.pdf))