



R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for NGB Qualifying Competitions or US Sailing Selection Competitions, as defined and permitted in US Sailing Regulation 12.02 and 12.03.

To find this process on line, go to:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/appeals/#expedited-appeals>

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Race Administration Director (director) at raceadmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chair.

R8.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen the hearing, whichever is latest. This changes rule R1.1(a).

R8.3 The appeal shall include:

- a) the written decision being appealed;
- b) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and
- c) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chair of the protest committee.

R8.4 There is no fee for an expedited appeal.

US SAILING RACE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible

- a) forward the appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee, and
- b) send a written acknowledgement of the appeal via email, which will contain the email of the chair of the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chair of the US Sailing Appeals Committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:

- (a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
- (b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
- (c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule R1.2(c);
- (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the US Sailing Appeals Committee; and
- (e) any other relevant documents.

R8.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the US Sailing Appeals Committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the Appeals Committee. If directed to do so by the Appeals Committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The Appeals Committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

R8.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule R8.6 and R8.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the Appeals Committee sends the appeal or document unless the Appeals Committee sets a different deadline. The Appeals Committee need not consider comments sent after that time or comments on comments. This changes rule R6.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.9 The Appeals Committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee chair, an acknowledgement letter with a copy of the appeal and copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received. The acknowledgement letter will contain the contact information of the Appeals Committee.

R8.10 The Appeals Committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.

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