

## **B10 CHANGES TO RULES FOR EVENTS THAT INCLUDE ELIMINATION SERIES**

### **29 RECALLS**

For a race of an elimination series that will qualify a board to compete in a later stage of an event, rule 29 is changed to:

- (a) When at a board's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall signal a general recall.
- (b) If the race committee acts under rule 29.1(a) and the board is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is *abandoned*. The race committee shall hail or display her sail number, and she shall leave the course area immediately. If the race is restarted or resailed, she shall not sail in it.
- (c) If the race was completed but was later *abandoned* by the protest committee, and if the race is resailed, a board disqualified under rule 29.1(b) may sail in it.

### **37 ELIMINATION SERIES INCLUDING HEATS**

Add new rule 37:

*Rule 37 applies in elimination series in which boards compete in heats.*

#### **37.1 Elimination Series Procedure**

- (a) Competition shall take the form of one or more elimination series. Each of them shall consist of either rounds in a single elimination series where only a number of the best scorers advance, or rounds in a double elimination series where boards have more than one opportunity to advance.
- (b) Boards shall sail one against another in pairs, or in groups determined by the elimination ladder. The selected form of competition shall not be changed while a round remains uncompleted.

### **37.2 Seeding and Ranking Lists**

- (a) When a seeding or ranking list is used to establish the heats of the first round, places 1–8 (four heats) or 1–16 (eight heats) shall be distributed evenly among the heats.
- (b) For a subsequent elimination series, if any, boards shall be reassigned to new heats according to the ranking in the previous elimination series.
- (c) The organizing authority's seeding decisions are final and are not grounds for a request for redress.

### **37.3 Heat Schedule**

The schedule of heats shall be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat.

### **37.4 Advancement and Byes**

- (a) In racing and expression competition, the boards in each heat to advance to the next round shall be announced by the race committee no later than 10 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat. The number advancing may be changed by the protest committee as a result of a redress decision.
- (b) In expression competition, any first-round byes shall be assigned to the highest-seeded boards.
- (c) In wave performance competition, only the winner of each heat shall advance to the next round.
- (d) In freestyle competition, boards shall advance to the next round as follows: from an eight-board heat, the best four advance, and the winner will sail against the fourth and the second against the third; from a four-board heat, the best two advance and will sail against each other.

### **37.5 Finals**

- (a) The final shall consist of a maximum of three races. The race committee shall announce the number of

racers to be sailed in the final no later than 5 minutes before the warning signal for the first final race.

- (b) A runners-up final may be sailed after the final. All boards in the semi-final heats that failed to qualify for the final may compete in it.

## **63 HEARINGS**

For a race of an elimination series that will qualify a board to compete in a later stage of an event, rules 61.2 and 65.2 are deleted and rule 63.6 is changed to:

- 63.6** *Protests* and requests for redress need not be in writing; they shall be made orally to a member of the protest committee as soon as reasonably possible following the race. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

## **70 APPEALS AND REQUESTS TO A NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

Rule 70.5(a) is changed to:

- (a) it is essential to determine promptly the result of a race of an elimination series that will qualify a board to compete in a later stage of an event;

## **A2 SERIES SCORES**

Rule A2 is changed to:

Each board's elimination series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her

- (a) worst score when 3 or 4 races are completed,
- (b) two worst scores when from 5 to 7 races are completed,
- (c) three worst scores when 8 or more races are completed.

Each board's final series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score when 3 races are completed. (The sailing instructions may make a different arrangement. A race is completed if scored; see rule 90.3(a).) If a board has two or more equal worst scores, the score(s) for the race(s) sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded. The board with the lowest series score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.

#### **A4 LOW POINT SYSTEM**

Add at the end of the first sentence of rule A4.2: 'or, in a race of an elimination series, the number of boards in that heat'.

Add new rule A4.3:

**A4.3** When a heat cannot be completed, the points for the unscored places shall be added together and divided by the number of places in that heat. The resulting number of points, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), shall be given to each board entered in the heat.