



Case Decision

Décision du jury

As of THU 25 JUL 2024 at 16:19

CASE No. 1

Event: Women's Windsurfing	Race:
Initiator: Technical Committee	Respondent: NED (R1)
Protest details: NED requested verbal permission to make a modification to their boom. NED were requested to submit this through the SailorApp on Wednesday 24th July @ 1342. The request was rejected by the Technical Committee through ManagetoSail on Wednesday 24th July @ 1920 approximately. NED confirmed that they had made the modification to their boom - the modification made is in breach of ER 7.1.8 and Class Rule C.9	
Procedural matters: Jeske Kisters attended the hearing as an observer.	
Facts found: NED requested verbally to sand their boom grip and were asked to submit a request in writing. An RFI request was made by NED but they were then asked to submit a change to equipment request. NED submitted request number 34 asking for three different permissions. Over the course of several verbal interactions with both the Technical Committee and the equipment supplier to Paris 2024, NED understood that sanding the boom grip was permitted. No written permission was given by the Technical Committee for the boom grip to be sanded. The equipment is currently the property of Paris 2024. NED sanded the boom grip. It is not possible to return the equipment to its original condition. Sanding reduces the diameter of the boom grip which makes it easier for a sailor with smaller hands to control the equipment.	
Conclusion: NED sanded the boom without prior permission in writing from the Technical Committee and broke ER 7.1.8 and CR 9	
Rule(s) applicable: ER 7.1.8 and Class Rule C.9 with Olympic amendments	



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Decision:

Using the Discretionary Policy Penalty a starting penalty of Band 3 was decided.

The penalty was decreased because of the substantial confusion created by the event officials and NED was acting in good faith.

5% penalty applied to race 1 for this breach.

Jury:

Jon Napier (GBR), Jamie Sutherland (NZL), Iskra Yovkova (BUL), Selvam Mookken (SPG), Sally Burnett (GBR)

Signed: _____
Jon Napier, Chairman

Decision Issued: 25 JUL 2024 Time: 15:33

Legend:

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