

INTERPRETATION 009-21
REQUEST FROM THE CHAIR OF THE OCEANIC & OFFSHORE COMMITTEE

Question

Regulation 13.1 and 13.1(j) collectively read *“World Sailing recognizes the ORC Ltd. as the sole authority to manage and administer... the ORCi International Rating System World Championship”*.

Regulation 25.1 states that World Sailing approval is required for any event that is described as a World Championship.

Does World Sailing have to give approval for an event to be run called ORC World Championships, or similar, or does Regulation 13.1 and 13.1(j) override this requirement?

Answer

Regulation 13.1 states that only ORC Ltd has the sole authority to manage and administer an ORCi International Rating System World Championship. This means that no one else has the authority to run such a world championship and World Sailing cannot grant such a world championship to another body.

However, this does not remove the requirement under Regulation 25.1 for World Sailing to first approve the holding of a world championship. The two Regulations are not in conflict. In this respect, Regulation 13.1 deals with the authority and management of the world championship, whereas Regulation 25 deals with the approval of that event.

Further, to say that Regulation 13.1 automatically entitles ORC to a world championship would be against the clear wording of Regulations 25.5.1 and 25.5.2 which expressly state that international rating systems are not automatically entitled to a world championship and must apply for approval.

Therefore the position is the Board, or the Chief Executive Officer under authority from the Board, must first approve the holding of a world championship (a corporate decision under Article 68(c)) and, if approved, only ORC Ltd can then manage and administer that world championship.

Constitution Committee
World Sailing

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