

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 76

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To clarify and improve rule 76

Proposal

Delete rule 76 and replace as follows:

76 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS

76.1 The organizing authority or the race committee may reject or cancel an entry, or exclude a competitor, provided

(a) it does so before the start of the first race after receipt of the entry for the boat or competitor, and

(b) states a proper reason for doing so.

The reason shall be provided promptly in writing if requested by the boat or competitor.

76.2 However, the organizing authority or the race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor

(a) because of advertising if the boat or competitor complies with the World Sailing Advertising Code, or

(b) at world and continental championships if the entry is within the stated quotas and the approval of the relevant World Sailing Class Association (or the Offshore Racing Council) or World Sailing has not first been obtained.

76.3 A boat or competitor may request redress under rule 62 if they consider the reason given for rejection or exclusion is improper or if it breaks rule 76.2.

Current Position

See above.

Reason

1. Rule 76 has been amended over the years and has become unclear. The RYA has had a number of appeals regarding the use of the rule.
-

2. The words “before the start of the first race after receipt of the entry for the boat or competitor” have been added. This is to address the situation where a boat or competitor enters a series after the first race has occurred. In that case, the organizing authority or race committee should still have the ability to reject the entry before the boat or competitor competes.
 3. The requirement to give a ‘proper reason’ is considered necessary in the circumstances of the rule. This can still be prescribed to by MNAs.
 4. New rule 76.3 makes clearer that if redress is requested, it is considered under rule 62 (including the time limits that come with that rule).
-