

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS Introduction

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Update the Paragraph Appendices in the Introduction to reflect the current structure of the Appendices to the RRS. Add a new Section named 'Development Rules' so that the community knows of their existence and their status.

Proposal 1

Appendices When the rules of an appendix apply, they take precedence over any conflicting rules in Parts 1–7 and the Definitions. Each appendix in this book is identified by a letter. **Other appendices are available on the World Sailing website and are identified by two or three letters.** A reference to a rule in these appendices ~~an appendix~~ will contain the letter or letters, and the rule number (for example, 'rule A1' or 'rule MR1'). The letters I, K, L, O and Q are not used to designate appendices in this book.

The text above includes the changes approved to the last sentence after submission 001-22 Proposal 1.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

Two and three-letter appendices are officially approved are appendices to the RRS however, they are not mentioned in the rulebook and their existence and status are not generally known. This change recognises the current practise and will help the users.

Proposal 2

Add a new section after 'Appendices'

Development Rules Rules may be approved by World Sailing for specific events or categories of event. **Development Rules are available on the World Sailing website and are identified by the letters DR.**

The reference to the regulation will need to be checked after the final text of the regulations is approved.

Current Position

Is a new section.

Reasons

In the last few years, a number of development rules have been approved and made available to certain classes and events. Although they are published on the World Sailing Website there are still a lot of classes, clubs and event organisers that ignore their existence. Development rules are a useful testing tool and should be formally announced.

These changes should be considered as changes of pressing importance under regulation 28.1.2 so that, if approved with a 75% vote cast, they can be incorporated to the edition of the 2025-2028 RRS
