

## How to Appeal a Protest Committee Decision

### Where do I find the rules governing Protest Appeals?

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 70 and 71 govern how and when an appeal can be made, while Appendix R of the rules details the procedure. All these regulations are contained in the Rule Book available from the ISA office and may also be found on the ISAF website at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)

### Is there an appeal form?

No. The appeal is a document stating why the appellant believes the protest committee's interpretation of a rule or its procedures were incorrect.

### Can I appeal on the facts found by the Protest Committee?

No. RRS 70.1 states that the facts in a protest committee's decision may not be appealed.

### Is there a time limit?

Yes, the appeal must be submitted within 15 days of the appellant receiving the written decision of the protest committee.

### How much does it cost?

The ISA prescription to RRS Appendix R requires that a fee of €50 be submitted with the appeal.

### What must accompany an appeal?

RRS Appendix R2.2 details the documents that must accompany an appeal:

- a) the written protest(s) or request for redress;
- b) a diagram, prepared or endorsed by the Protest Committee, showing the positions and tracks of all boats involved, the course to the next mark and the required side, the force and direction of the wind, and, if relevant, the depth of water and direction and speed of any current;
- c) the notice of race, the sailing instructions, any other conditions governing the event, and any changes to them;
- d) any additional relevant documents; and
- e) the names and addresses of all parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman.

### I have submitted everything; what happens next?

The ISA circulates the paperwork to all the other parties to the protest and the protest committee chairman. They are invited to comment on the appeal. Their comments and the original appeal and all relevant documents are passed to the Chairman of the ISA Appeals Board who determines the members of the Board for each appeal. The Board members are circularised with the documents and consider their decision. When agreement is reached all parties are informed of the decision.

### Is there a hearing?

No. The decision is reached on the basis of the written submissions.

### It can take a while then?

Yes. Because of the need to inform every party and to afford them opportunity for comment, the appeal procedure can take up to six months.

### Where do I send my appeal?

ISA Racing Dept., 3 Park Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.