

The following rules have been changed / new rules introduced:

A2a

A rule prescribing to hold the continental champs within a period of 6-12 months prior the WRC has been cancelled.

A3e

The role of the pre-events for WRC has been clarified (including setting an obligation for an organizer to announce any possible limits on numbers of participants etc. early enough)

B7,8

The specification of the junior/youth category has been further elaborated including legal aspects, age limits a conditions for organizing races of both A and B category for juniors/youth.

B9

A new category - Masters - has been introduced - including age limits, conditions for organizing of race of both A and B category etc.

B11

Teams winning national qualifications v. teams actually competing at the Worlds - further specification.

E1 and further

A new name has been adopted for the Time Trial and H2H Sprint (from now on „Sprint“ and „H2H“)

E3c,d,e

A rather major reform within the H2H enabling all teams to compete in the discipline. The change includes incorporation of new enclosures to the rules (H2H System Form, H2H Race Order). It's complicated, but it should work.

E3j

An obligatory test of the H2H starting position introduced for the WRC (one day before the race itself).

E4c

The maximum number of gates in slalom has been increased. It's nothing mandatory though.

E4d

The height of slalom poles above the water level has been further clarified. The usual color of poles has been confirmed. The actual area of a gate has been clarified.

E4e

A deadline for readiness of a slalom course for an inspection has been further specified.

F1

It has been further specified when a competitor is “inside a raft”.

F2

The ban of an intentional „raft to raft“ contact has been cancelled. However ramming is still prohibited.

F7c,f

Meeting minutes from captains meeting - further specification.

F10

Timekeeping - further specification.

F12,17,N4

Further specification of disqualification and its consequences.

F13

„Total time“ will no longer be considered in case of equal points. Flipping a coin will decide.

F18

Not finishing of a race and its consequences has been further specified.

J3

An obligation to use safety gear in a downriver competition has been cancelled for artificial courses.

J4

Safety equipment check - specification.

O5,6

Medals - specification.

Further minor changes: A2a, A2e