

Changes made to the IRF Race Rules – March 2015

DEFINITIONS

- Permanent Domicile = The place where a person has his/her permanent principal home ~~for 2 years or more~~, and to which he/she returns or intends to return.

B. Teams and Competitors

1.c. If a Competitor wishes to compete for a Member Nation at an A- or B-Level Event and they do not hold a passport or official permanent residency in that nation, they must:

- i. provide proof that they are permanently domiciled in that foreign nation to the satisfaction of the S&C Com.
- ii. Provide authorisation from their Federation of origin unless he/she has domiciled for 2 years or more in this foreign nation or has married a citizen from that foreign nation.
- iii. Have competed in the national selections of the foreign nation.
- iv. Bring Ss such cases ~~must be brought~~ to the attention of the IRF before the announced deadline date for Team entries.

b. If demanded by the Organiser, Jury, S&C Com, or their designees, Competitors must provide proof of one of the following:

- i. citizenship, they are a legal citizen of the nation that they represent
- ii. ~~or proof of permanent residency, they are a legal permanent resident of the nation they represent~~
- iii. ~~or proof of S&C Com approval of permanent domicile the S&C Com has recognised that they have established a permanent domicile in the nation they represent~~

to the Organiser, Jury, S&C Com, or their designees.

E. Race Format

4. Slalom (wording restructured for easier reading. Red wording indicates changes to the rule.)

d. Gate Construction and Marking

- iv. Single pole gates must adhere to the following guidelines:
 1. They may be used for upstream gates only.
 2. They must use a second pole as a visual reference for fair and easy judging of the gate line. A visual reference pole is not part of the gate, is not subject to penalization and must not interfere with gate negotiation.
 3. The visual reference pole must be secluded/confined from the public to prevent disturbance, and cannot be changed or disturbed during or between the two slalom runs.
- v. Downstream and upstream gates must be easily distinguished from each other. Downstream gates should be painted with green and white rings, and upstream gates painted with red and white rings.
- vi. The minimum length of gate poles is 2 meters. The recommended pole diameter is 70 mm but must be no less than 50 mm, and of sufficient weight that motion caused by wind is not excessive.

vii. Each gate must be clearly numbered with black paint against a white or yellow background. The number plate, which should be fastened inside the top of each gate, must have the number inscribed on both sides. The plate should measure a minimum of 30 cm x 30 cm, and the number should measure 20 cm in height. On the side of the plate opposite the direction of correct negotiation, a diagonal red line must be painted across the number.

e. Gate Negotiation

i.2. When a gate has a single pole, the gate line area is projected horizontally from the gate pole towards the visual reference pole. The side of the gate without a pole is not delineated.

i. A gate is considered entered the moment that a Team Member's whole head has crossed the gate line.

F. General Rules for Competition

2. When an organiser issues competitors a raft for a discipline, it then becomes the responsibility of the team to ensure that the raft is in race-ready condition at the start. If a raft is discovered to be defective, the team must advise race officials as soon as the problem is discovered so that a replacement can be issued. Teams that do not advise race officials of a defect within 5 minutes of their start, will receive a DNS if they are unable to start. The organizer is not responsible if a raft deflates or is damaged during the run. No re run will be allowed.

6- 7. Attempting to cheat the start or finish signals, photo cells, or timing systems is illegal. Penalty for infringement: 50 seconds.

J. Event Safety

J.1.a. A personal flotation device (PFD) designed specifically for whitewater use. The PFD must have a minimum buoyancy rating of 60N (13.5lbs/6.12kg) and must be labeled as ISO approved, or labeled with an equivalent widely recognized national or international standard approved by the IRF. The IRF recommends the use of PFDs equipped with reinforced shoulder straps and an adjustable cinching system that permits the PFD to be tightly fitted. A buoyancy aid/PFD with a minimum buoyancy rating of 60N. For a Competitor's safety, the IRF recommends the use of PFDs equipped with reinforced shoulder straps and adjustable waist bands.

M Protests

1. For the Sprint discipline, protests must be lodged with the Finish Judge or Jury within 5 minutes after the provisional results have been posted.

2. For the H2H discipline, protests must be lodged with the Jury within 10 minutes after the provisional results have been posted.

~~4- 3. For the Downriver discipline, protests must be lodged with the Jury within 5 minutes after the provisional results have been posted. Protests must be lodged by the Team Captain to the Finish Judge within 5 minutes of completion of the Sprint or Downriver race, and within 10 minutes of completion of a H2H run.~~

6. Official Protests ~~must are to~~ be made in writing on protest forms that will be supplied by the Finish Judge or Jury and may only be lodged by a Team Member or their coach or manager.

10. During an Event, a National Federation's official representative may inquire against another National Federation one (1) time without a fee. The inquiry must be made in writing within one hour after the final results of the discipline having been posted. The Head Judge will review all of the available information for the processing of the inquiry. If the inquiry culminates in a changed race result, the National Federation making the inquiry will not lose their one (1) inquiry and all Teams affected by the result must be informed. The decision of the Head Judge will thereafter be a matter of fact and cannot be protested further.

11. If after an Event has ended, a National Federation wishes the IRF to investigate any part of the race because they believe a judging, procedural or technical error was made, the request must meet the following conditions:

1. Must be requested by an official representative of the National Federation
2. Must be received by the IRF Administration within one week after the Official Race Results are posted.
3. Must be made in writing and specify the exact area of concern.
4. Must be accompanied by a \$300 inquiry fee.

Post-Event investigations will be conducted by the Head Judge and/or other IRF officials under the direction of the IRF Administration using all available information. If the investigation reveals that an error occurred that affected the Official Race Results, the details and conclusions of the investigation must be passed to the IRF Board of Directors.

c. Only the IRF Board of Directors, after careful deliberation, will have the power to change a post-Event Official Race Result.

d. After the process has concluded, the decision thereafter will be a matter of fact and cannot be protested further. If the decision requires a change in the Official Race Results, all teams and National Federations affected by the changed result will be informed, and the inquiry fee will be returned.