



International Rafting Federation

Procedure for rules updates

The S&C Com discusses proposed Race Rule changes and updates once a year, towards the end of the year.

The schedule is as follows:

- a date will be set for when rule change proposals need to be received by the S&C Exec Com. Proposals are then debated in the Exec Com, and then based on a vote, will either be rejected or added to the list to be sent to S&C for further debate and vote. The Exec Com will first hammer out the primary pros and cons of the proposed change so the S&C can understand the points to be considered.
- a date will be set for when the Exec Com presents the final list to the S&C com for debate.
- a date will be set for when a vote on new rules will be finalized. This date would need to allow for enough time to debate, and all votes to be counted.
- a date will be set for when any rule changes will be published so that all federations are aware of the changes. Ideally two months before the change goes into effect.
- a date will be set for when the changes will go into effect. This is ideally 1 January but should be no later than 1st March.

Any rule change requests that fall outside this schedule will have to be looked at as a request for a Rule Exception rather than a rule change. A decision based on merit on whether to accept the request for debate and follow up will be made.

Exceptions to the schedule in case of the need of an emergency change of rules for the good of the sport can be made, but it would have to be agreed by the Exec Com that it is an emergency.