

# Supplementary notes

## for using Event Virtual Protest Hearings

Protest Hearings at the event are intended to be conducted electronically preferably over Zoom.

Protests are being managed through the event website, [Racingrulesofsailing.org](http://Racingrulesofsailing.org) (select the event) or the App issued by Racing Rules of sailing, available on IOS or Android.

**Protest Time limits** should be posted online for your information.

Protests should be lodged with the Race Office by an electronic means, e mail, or directly through the [Racingrulesofsailing.org](http://Racingrulesofsailing.org) portal (enter an select your event)/app or via the event website.

**Parties:** Should provide telephone numbers for themselves and any witnesses to facilitate the correct sequencing of the entry of witnesses and re-invitation following the Protest Committee deliberations.

**DIAGRAMS:** are often vital to the resolution of a protest. There is difficulty seeing “Models” and other aids when using Zoom, so lodging a protest with a better diagram is helpful.

**Protestor**, it is recommended that a diagram is submitted with the protest, this can be a graphics file of a diagram, or a photograph taken on a phone of something handwritten.

**Protestee**, you would have traditionally given your evidence (only) at the hearing but you might consider it expedient to lodge a statement of your case and a diagram, like that of the Protestor.

**Hearing times** should be given by e mail, from [theracingrulesofsailing.org](http://theracingrulesofsailing.org) website or APP, so please check. This is your responsibility.

**Access to Zoom** The link will be on the hearing schedule, if you are in doubt e mail the event office.

**Appendix T Arbitration.** An arbitration will be considered before any hearing.

If a “Post Race Penalty” is accepted before a hearing an e mail needs to be forwarded to the Race Office before the hearing. This may be submitted through the jury links

You are responsible for supplying the information to enable the protest committee to contact any witnesses, which, should be on the same electronic platform, and ensuring they are available at the time of the hearing. You should share your Zoom link with them and ensure they are available.

Zoom procedure. You can log in to Zoom just prior to the hearing time, do not be late as the hearing may be held without you. Your witnesses should log in at the same time. You will all be held in a Zoom waiting room ready to be admitted, you will not be connected directly. The Protest Committee will admit you when they are ready to commence. They may admit and check with the witnesses and put them back in the "Waiting room".

Parties should ensure that neither any witnesses you intend to call nor any other persons are able to view or hear any of the proceedings except when they are invited in by the Protest Committee.

At the end of the parties giving evidence the Protest Committee will put them back in the "waiting room" while they deliberate (the witnesses will have been released) they will readmit you for the decision.

Decisions You may request a written copy of the decision be emailed to you.

Hearings will be recorded, but subject to the Data Protection Act (Ireland GDPR). Parties should not record hearings without the express consent of all others.

**Note: If your connection drops out please try to reconnect.**

**If all else fails or if you have any questions, please call  
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