

# DECISION

Protest by PC

Request No.: 32

Event: YAI Youth Nationals 2022 Race Number: 12  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-10-20

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 32:** Protest Committee

ILCA 4 - IND 211786 - Vishwanath Padidala

**Witnesses:** PC - NJ T Jaiswal; IND 211784, Satyam. Coach of the protestee.

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** N/A

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Yes

**Decision:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. PC protested boat, sail no. IND 211786, under RRS 2 after observations by the National Judges Deepak Singh Dikhit and T Jaiswal, on Jury Boat 1 in Course A in Race No. 12 on 20-10-2022.
2. The said judges witnessed three rules infringement which left no doubt that the helm was fully aware of breaking rules and yet showed no intention of taking penalty to exonerate himself despite persistent hails by other sailors who also saw these incidence of breaking rules.
3. Judge Deepak Singh Dikhit filed the protest on behalf of the PC and Judge T Jaiswal was witness during the hearing.
4. IND 211786 stated there was a video of the incidence, but could not be provided at the hearing. The hearing was stopped and scheduled to continue next day at 0930 with the video evidence, if made available. The Protestee also wanted to bring in a witness, which he was allowed to do.
5. Hearing re-started as scheduled on 21-10-2022, video was presented by the protestee but the coach who had taken the video did not attend as witness at the re-started hearing.
5. The Jury informed the RC at the finishing line its intention to file protest under RRS 2.

## FACTS FOUND

1. IND 211786 while approaching the windward mark 1, on first leg on port tack touched the mark and remained stuck to it for a short time. Wind was 5-7 knots and sea state 1.
2. IND 211786 did not take penalty for touching mark, and failed to round the mark on this attempt.
3. After extricating his boat from the mark, and having drifted down with current and wind, he sailed on port tack across the starboard lay-line, ignoring hails of 'starboard' by boats approaching to round the mark on starboard tack, and collided while on port tack with a boat on starboard tack.
4. He thereafter sailed to round the mark and touched the Mark 1 once again, and sailed past the Jury Boat positioned about 20 m from the mark 1. He again failed to take penalty despite hails from a number of other sailors who had seen the incident.
5. Further in the race, while rounding the Mark no. 3 from run to upwind leg, IND 211786 once again touched the mark, and the sailor failed to take penalty.
6. In all these incidences of breaking rules knowingly, the sailor of IND 211786 showed no intention of even trying to take penalty.
7. He did not file any protest.

**Diagram:** Protest Committee diagram attached

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** 2, 10, 14, 31

1. By knowingly breaking rules 10, 31 (twice) & 14, and not taking the appropriate penalty, IND 211786 failed to compete in compliance with the principles of sportsmanship and fair play, and broke RRS 2

**DECISION**

**Date & Time:** 2022-10-21 10:05 IST

IND 211786 DNE in race no. 12.

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**Chaired By:** Tribhuvan Jaiswal (IND)

**Committee Members:** Deepak Singh Dikhit (IND), Soma Pillai (IND), Madhu Lal Sharma (IND)

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