

APPENDIX UF
UMPIRED FLEET RACING
J/70 Turkish Championship Edition

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Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.

UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

UF1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: ‘A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.’

UF1.2 Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.’

UF1.3 *Spare.*

UF1.4 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

UF1.5 *Spare.*

UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

UF2.1 Rule 28.2 is changed to

28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.2 A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

UF2.2 Rule 31 is changed to

31 TOUCHING A MARK

While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat’s hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. In addition, while *racing*, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a *mark*.

UF2.3 *Spare.*

UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

UF3.1 Penalties

- (a) In this appendix, ‘a penalty’ and ‘a voluntary penalty’ will mean the following:
A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2.

UF3.2 The first three sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a voluntary penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the *rules* of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42.’

UF3.3 On Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

- (a) While *racing*, a boat may protest another boat under a *rule* of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a *rule* of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail ‘Protest’ and conspicuously display a protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a voluntary penalty or after an umpire’s decision.
- (b) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a *rule* by taking a voluntary penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a *rule* and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.
- (c) However, if a boat has protested in accordance with UF3.3(a), and the umpires have not made any signal and no boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily, she is permitted to protest in accordance with UF5.3.

UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

- (a) When a boat
- (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a voluntary penalty,
 - (2) breaks rule 42,
 - (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty or a voluntary penalty,
 - (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship,
 - (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,
 - (6) fails to comply with rule UF2.1 (rule 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or
 - (7) breaks SI 14.2, B4, B5 or B7,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled;

- (b) An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a *rule*, other than rule UF3.6 or 28, or a *rule* listed in rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach

of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

UF3.5 Umpire Signals

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means ‘No penalty.’
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means ‘a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means ‘A boat is disqualified.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

UF3.6 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

UF4.1 At the finishing line, after all boats have finished, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Flag B will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound.

UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

UF5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF5.2 *Spare.*

UF5.3 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a *rule* other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28, or a *rule* listed in rule UF3.3(a),
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall inform the race committee before or during the display of flag B.

UF5.4 The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 also applies to protests under rule UF5.9, UF5.10 and UF5.11 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

UF5.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.3.

UF5.6 Protests and Redress

- (a) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (b) Rule 62.1(a), (b) and (d) are deleted.

UF5.7 The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are replaced with: ‘When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a *rule*, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee

shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.’

UF5.8 Hearings

Except for a hearing under rule 69.2

- (c) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (d) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
- (e) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (f) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make any other arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (g) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF5.7 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat’s score.

UF5.9 The race committee will not protest a boat.

UF5.10 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule UF3.6 or rule 28, a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

UF5.11 The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.

UF5.12 Rule 66.2 is changed to ‘A party to the hearing under this appendix may not ask for a reopening.’