

DECISION

Request No.: 01

Request for Redress

Event: National School Games Sailing Championships 2022 (August Edition) Race Number: Repechage
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-03

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Optimist - Junior Division Boys - SGP 3121 - Aaron Kai En Chan

Optimist - Junior - 4711 - Aaron Abraham Say

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: N/A

Within Time Limit: N/A

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: N/A

Red Flag Displayed: N/A

Decision: N/A

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. An online request for redress was lodged by SGP 3121 at 22:56. The event concluded on the same day at approximately 15:00.
2. SGP 3121 is alleging that she fared better than SGP 4711 in the Qualifying series. In spite of this, SGP 4711 was given a place in the Repechage round and she was not.

FACTS FOUND

1. Addendum Q (Appendix MR) applied at this event.
2. The event comprised a Qualifying round, a Repechage round and a Final round.
3. Three races were scheduled in the Qualifying round. The first two highest ranked in the Qualifying round progressed to the Final round and the next three to the Repechage round.
4. There were twelve boats in the Brown group. SGP 4711 and SGP 3121 were in this group. The Brown group completed their three scheduled races.
5. The finishing positions of each boat were entered in an Excel spreadsheet. The system then summed the scores of the three races of each boat. The boat with the lowest total score for three races was ranked higher than the next lowest.
6. Unknown to all, there was an error in one of the formulae in the spreadsheet. Boats that finished first, second, third and so on were entered in the spreadsheet as 1, 2, 3 and so on, respectively. Boats that were scored OCS, DNS or DNF in a race were entered in the spreadsheet as OCS, DNS or DNF, respectively. In summing the scores of the three races of each boat, the system ignored any score that was entered in alphabets, i.e., OCS, DNS or DNF. The system summed only those scores that were entered in numerical value.
7. SGP 4711 was scored OCS in race 1, DNF in race 2 and 9 in race 3. As a result of the error in the formula, SGP 4711 was ranked third with 9 points instead of eleventh with 35 points for her three races.
8. The gross score of SGP 3121 was 17 points. Her race scores were 4, 6 and 7 in races 1, 2 and 3, respectively. She was ranked 6th instead of 5th in her group.
9. SGP 4711 progressed to the Repechage round.
10. Rule Addendum Q1.2(d) provides that RRS 62.1(a), (b) and (d) are deleted.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: Addendum Q1.2(d) and RRS 62.1(a) and NoR and SI 1.8.

1. As a result of the error in the Excel spreadsheet, SGP 4711 was wrongly ranked as third instead of eleventh and was incorrectly given a place in the Repechage round.
2. As a result of the error noted in conclusion 1, SGP 3121 was wrongly ranked as sixth instead of fifth and was not given her place in the Repechage round.
3. The errors noted in conclusions 1 and 2 are improper actions of the race committee.
4. Since RRS 62.1(a) is deleted by Addendum Q1.2(d), no redress can be given to SGP 3121 whose place in the series has been, through no fault of her own, made significantly worse by the improper actions of the race committee.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-08-05 20:30 UTC

Redress is not given.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Selvam Mookken (SGP)

Committee Members: Terence Koh, Jen-E and Claudia

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