

INTERPRETATION 001-20

REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Background

Regulation 19.20 provides:

'A Prohibited Event' means an event:

- a. *permitting or requiring advertising beyond that permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code;*
- b. *with prizes or other benefits referred to in Regulation 25.12.2 that is a national event not approved by the National Authority of the venue or an international event not approved by World Sailing;*
- c. *that is described as a world championship or uses the word "world", either in the title of the event or otherwise, and that is not approved by World Sailing;*
- d. *that does not conform to the requirements of RRS 89.1 and is not otherwise approved by World Sailing; **or***
- e. *for which the Organizing Authority that has not paid the World Sailing event fees, **and***
- f. *has been listed on the World Sailing website on a list maintained for this purpose.*

(emphasis added)

Question

How is item (f) read with regards to the 'or' in item (d) and the 'and' in item (e)?

Is it:

- A. A Prohibited Event is one where at least one of criteria in items (a) to (e) apply at the same time as the criteria in item (f).

OR

- B. A Prohibited Event is an event that fulfils any one of the criteria listed in items 19.20 (a) to (f).

Answer

A is correct. An event is a 'Prohibited Event' where any one (or more) of the criteria in items (a) to (e) are met **and** it is listed on the World Sailing website in accordance with item (f).

The Regulations must be read as a whole and the preceding Regulation 19.19(a)(ii) provides that the eligibility of a competitor may be suspended or revoked if the competitor competes in an event that they 'knew or should reasonably have known' was a Prohibited Event.

While it may be possible in limited cases for a competitor to 'know or reasonably have known' that there were circumstances when an event could be considered as a prohibited event without there being a listing on the World Sailing website, there is no clear determination of that situation.

The intention of the Regulation is to provide a system that unambiguously identifies any such prohibited event, and the Regulation provides that method to be the World Sailing website list maintained for that purpose.

**Constitution Committee
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