

Appeals Committee

Title

The name of the committee is The Appeals Committee of The Yachting Racing Association of San Francisco Bay.

Purpose

The Appeals Committee is responsible for resolving appeals of decisions of protest committees or juries, when permitted, which are presented to the Appeals Committee in accordance with *The Racing Rules of Sailing with US Prescriptions*.

The Appeals Committee shall serve as The Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay Association Appeals Committee under rules 70 and 71 and US Prescription Appendix R of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for sailing members, clubs and other organizations of The Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay. The Appeals Committee may also be called upon to serve sailors, clubs and other organizations within Area G of US SAILING.

Organization

The Appeals Committee shall report to the Board of The Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay.

The Appeals Committee shall be comprised of five permanent members.

Permanent members shall be appointed by the Board of The Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay.

Permanent members shall serve a five-year term.

Permanent members may be reappointed to an unlimited number of terms.

One permanent term shall expire each successive year. The board may re-appoint the member whose term expired or appoint a new member.

If a permanent term is permanently vacated before its scheduled year of expiry, a new member may be appointed to fill the remainder of the partial term.

The Appeals Committee shall select from amongst its members a Chair.

The Chair shall be reaffirmed annually by the Appeals Committee.

In the event of an unscheduled temporary vacancy or recusal of a permanent member, and to decide an appeal, the Appeals Committee may temporarily replace a member with a fully qualified judge until that decision is complete. The Appeals Committee shall maintain a roster of such judges for this purpose.

Qualification and Appointment

To be appointed a permanent member of the Appeals Committee a candidate shall:

be a resident of US SAILING Area G and

be a US SAILING certified Judge or National Judge.

The Appeals Committee shall maintain a roster of interested and qualified judge candidates and nominate candidates to the Board for appointment by the Board.

Reports

The Appeals Committee shall report status to the Board. It shall ensure the publication and distribution of appeals decisions to the Association.

Fees

The Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay will not require a fee in addition to the US SAILING fee to process an appeal.

Procedures

The Appeal Committees shall establish internal processes and procedures to assure the fair and timely resolution of appeals to serve the sailing community.