

IDBF DISCIPLINARY CODE

FOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL REGATTAS

General Conditions.

1. The Disciplinary Code that follows is intended for use at IDBF Championships and IDBF sanctioned International Regattas and covers the following areas of misconduct:-
 - 1.1. Failure by crews to comply with the instructions of race officials.
 - 1.2. Verbal abuse between competitors and between competitors and officials.
 - 1.3. Conduct by competitors, team officials and race officials likely to bring the sport into disrepute, such as improper behaviour and abusive criticism.
 - 1.4. Threat of physical violence or actual physical violence by competitors, team officials or race officials.
2. The IDBF Executive Committee under the authority of Article 44 of the IDBF Statutes lays down the following disciplinary action, which is to be taken in the event of any of the above forms of misconduct occurring during the period of an IDBF Championship event. The period of an event includes misconduct at any time from the day of arrival of a crew at the regatta location to the day of departure, and to incidents that may occur on or off of the competition site, before during and after the actual races.

Failure by crews to comply with the instructions of Officials.

3. Time Penalties of between 1-5 seconds, added to a crew's actual time in a race, may be awarded by the Chief Official against crews, for example, as follows:-
 - 3.1 Failure to leave the embarking area when instructed to by the Boat Marshals.
 - 3.2. Failure to obey the instructions of an Umpire.
 - 3.3 Failure to come under Starter's Orders when required to do so.
 - 3.4. Failure to return to the embarking area when required to do so.

Time Penalties.

4. Before Time Penalties can be awarded a crew must be warned that an offence has occurred and be given the opportunity to respond. In the event that a crew does not respond to the 1st warning, then the Crew Captain must be told by the Race Official concerned, that a 2nd warning has been given and that a report will be made to the Chief Official. The Chief Official is not compelled to award Time Penalties but as a minimum must inform the Team Leader of the crew concerned that any further instances of misconduct will result in disciplinary action being taken against them.

Official Warnings.

5. Warnings may be verbal or through the use of a Black Flag (or Dark Blue Flag if a Black Flag is not available). When a Flag is used then the procedure will be as follows:-

5.1 **WARNING 1.** When an offence has occurred a Black Flag will be raised by the Official and the offence notified to the crew. The Black Flag will then be lowered. If the crew does not respond within a short time then the 2nd warning will be given.

5.2. **WARNING 2.** The Black Flag will be raised again and stay raised until the Crew Captain has acknowledged the offence. The Race Official will then report the offence to the Chief Official. (Boat Marshals will report to the Chief Marshal).

6. When a Time Penalty has been awarded by the Chief Official the initials TP will be annotated against the time shown for the crew concerned on the Results Sheet and on any scoreboard used at the regatta site. There is no appeal against Time Penalties.

False Starts, Jumping the Start, Race Conduct.

7. Time Penalties awarded by the Starter and Umpires under Racing Rules 6 and 7, do not form part of this Disciplinary Code and should not be awarded instead of taking action under this code. Neither must Time Penalties awarded under Rules 6 and 7 be included in any points total recorded against a crew under this Code.

Verbal abuse between Competitors and between Competitors and Officials

8. Verbal abuse by competitors against Race Officials will be dealt with as follows:-

8.1. Verbal abuse occurring between crews whilst proceeding to the Start or after the Finish of a race will be dealt with by the Course Umpires in accordance with paragraph 5 above. In addition to Time Penalties, the Chief Official may award Penalty Points for verbal abuse of between 1-3 points per offence. A crew that collects 4 points during a competition will be excluded from the Race Distance in question. A crew that collects 6 or more points will be excluded from the remainder of the competition.

8.2. Verbal abuse occurring between crews whilst under Starter's Orders will be dealt with by the Starter, who may award Time Penalties without reference to the Chief Official. The award of Penalty Points always remains with the Chief Official.

8.3. Verbal abuse by competitors directed at a Race Official will be dealt with by the Race Official first warning the competitor(s) or Crew Captain of the crew concerned that an offence under this Disciplinary Code is likely to occur. If the abuse continues, the Race Official will inform the person or persons concerned that an offence has occurred and report the matter to the Chief Official. A minimum of 2 Penalty Points will be awarded by the Chief Official in such circumstances and the Team Leader informed of the award. Appeals may be made against Penalty Points.

Conduct likely to bring the sport into disrepute.

9. Any conduct likely to bring the sport into disrepute, such as behaviour considered to be unacceptable in public, aggressive behaviour to members of the public or social bad manners, *or any action (or lack of action) that compromises the safety of a crew or individual whilst on the water*, will be reported to the Chief Official who will take action under this Disciplinary Code and report the matter to the Competition Jury, where one exists. The Jury must record the details of the incident *and may sanction a non-competitor* or disqualify a competitor or crew from taking any further part in the competition, irrespective of any previous action that may already have been taken, during the competition, against the person or persons concerned.

10. If during an IDBF Championships a competitor refuses to take a Doping Control Test, when requested to do so, or fails to provide a sample, as required by the IDBF Anti-Doping Policy, the competitor concerned shall be excluded by the Jury, from taking any further part in the Championships under this paragraph of the IDBF Disciplinary Code. The Chairman of the Jury shall report the exclusion and the reasons why, to both the IDBF Executive Committee and the IDBF Member Association to which the competitor belongs, for them to decide what further action, if any, is to be taken. The competitor concerned is also to be informed of the Jury's action.

11. At a IDBF Championship Regatta, the decision of the Jury is final. At an IDBF sanctioned event, an appeal against the decision of the Jury may be made to the IDBF Secretariat for consideration by the IDBF Executive Committee.

Threat of violence or actual physical violence

12. Any threat of violence or actual violence occurring during the period of an event between any participants will be reported to the Chief Official. The Chief Official will disqualify the person or persons concerned and the crew from taking any further part in the competition. The Chief Official will also report the matter to the Jury as above. The Jury will investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident and make a written report to the IDBF Executive Committee who may take further action against the IDBF Member concerned under IDBF Bye-Law 8.