

## Championship Committee

### No Appeal

#### Procedures for ladder or feeder events

2009

Most, if not all of our Semi Finals will require us to follow the No Appeal route this year. Due to the new US SAILING prescription to Rule 70.5, each championship that requests no appeal must have a protest committee composed of a majority of International Umpires or Senior US SAILING certified judges and conforms to the requirements at the site listed below.

Also, in order to be approved, the judges must be named individually. We realize that many Semi Finals might have problems in complying with this requirement (note: all finals will be appealable). We will need to have in place a back-up system to support the judges that are on site if the PC formed does not meet the requirements.

It will be very important that each Chair be very proactive in working with each Area Representative that is running a Semi and insures that all is coordinated. If we don't do this correctly and in a timely manner, any decisions made will be open to appeal and will put any finals at risk of being a non event.

If a given Semi does not have the required PC in place we will have to set up for each Semi a conference call system ( a speaker cell phone or computer Skype )so that a judge(s) that we have lined up can participate in the Non Appealable hearing.

We are currently working on the list of judges who will make themselves available and will have full information to all in the next few weeks. **We must have from each Chair the dates of each Semi** so we can get a commitment from these judges to be free and accessible for a hearing on those days. **We need these dates within the next 2 weeks.** The application for non appeal may be found at:

[http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No\\_Appeal/Rule\\_70\\_5\\_a\\_Application.htm](http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No_Appeal/Rule_70_5_a_Application.htm)

Note: We will be working directly with US SAILING to obtain permission for some flexibility when the names for the PC have to be provided.

Each **NOR** ( if it has been posted ) **must** be amended with the paragraph below. This same paragraph **must** also be inserted in the **Sis**.

"It is intended that decisions made by the protest committee are non appealable in accordance with RRS 70.5 and the US SAILING prescription to that rule. If the requirements show on [http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No\\_Appeal/Rule\\_70\\_5\\_a\\_Procedure.htm](http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No_Appeal/Rule_70_5_a_Procedure.htm) are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed."

Note: With regards to a 69 hearing/no appeal. A contact person will be designated by US SAILING and that individual must be consulted in advance of calling a 69 hearing.

Be sure to cover the Procedure and application form with each Area Rep as well as advise them to respond with any questions.