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IRSA Guide: Prohibited Events

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This Guide is a summary of the full Policy, "IRSA Policy on Prohibited Events".

World Sailing Eligibility is required for all competitors who wish to enter Radio Sailing World Championships, and Competition Eligibility is required for any Radio Sailing event. Eligibility can be revoked if the competitor is guilty of gross misconduct (RRS 69.1), drug abuse (RRS 5), or participates in a Prohibited Event in the previous 2 years. Revocation or suspension of eligibility is a form of disciplinary action or sanction against a competitor. Similarly, sanctions may be made against any Race Official who officiates at a Prohibited Event, against any Office Holder or person involved in the organisation of a Prohibited Event, and against any club or organisation which provides the venue for a Prohibited Event.

Some common ways in which a Radio Sailing event may be a Prohibited Event are:

- The event is said to be, or held out as, a World Championship when it has not received IRSA approval. Typically this is when a non-IRSA Class attempts to promote a World Championship.
- The event does not include an affiliated body in its organisation (RRS 89.1). Typically this is because an unaffiliated class organises an event without officially involving an affiliated club. IRSA's interest here is in an event which sets out to attract competitors from a number of countries and is reasonably described as "International".
- The event is not run under the RRS. Typically Naviga events fall into this category.

IRSA policy is:

"IRSA will judge the actions needed to ensure equality, consistency, and quality in racing, and impartiality, confidence, and trust in event results, particularly in international events, as desired and expected by the community of Radio Sailors and as laid down in the *rules*.

"If it so judges, following the issue of a Notice of Race, IRSA will notify an event as a Possibly Prohibited Event in order that affected parties may receive advance warning, and in order that the event organiser may seek timely advice and assistance from IRSA.

"If it so judges, IRSA will pursue sanctions against competitors, Race Officials, or IRSA Members, proportionate to the harm actually suffered and which is proportionate to the fault and responsibility inherent in the actions of those involved.

"IRSA will always consider whether other actions, such as education or *rule* change, may be needed or desirable in addition to or instead of sanctions."

IRSA will seek one or more of the sanctions shown in Table 1 by submitting a report, usually to World Sailing or a DNM, under an applicable Regulation.

Table 1. Overview of sanctions

Sanction	Sub-level	Acronym	Description	Duration (yrs)*
Level 1		WAR	Warning, admonishment, or reprimand	1
Level 2		DNO	Direction not to act, compete, officiate, or participate	1**
Level 3	i	SREi	Suspension of privilege, right, eligibility, certificate, or office	2**
	ii	SREii	Revocation, removal, withdrawal, or cancellation of privilege, right, eligibility, certificate, or office	3**
Level 4	i	SRMi	Suspension of membership	2**
	ii	SRMii	Revocation, removal, withdrawal, or cancellation of membership	3**

(*) In the first instance. Repeated, aggravated, or gross violation may have a longer duration.

(**) Before any re-application, re-examination, re-nomination, reinstatement, or replacement for the lost privilege, right, eligibility, certificate, office, or membership.

By way of illustration, Table 2 shows some possible sanctions that IRSA might seek in the cases of the example Prohibited Events outlined earlier.

Table 2. Illustrative levels of sanction for example Prohibited Events*

Example Prohibited Event		Com- petitor	Race Official	Office holder
Non-IRSA class runs a "World Championship"	Class seems to meet all major criteria to be an IRSA Class	1 WAR	1 WAR	2 DNO
Non-IRSA class runs a "World Championship"	Class fails one or more of the criteria	2 DNO	2 DNO	3 SRE
Event fails to conform to RRS 89.1		1 WAR	2 DNO	2 DNO
Event is not run under the RRS		2 DNO	3 SRE	3 SRE

(*) In the first instance. Level or duration of sanction increased for repeated, aggravated, or gross violations.