

29er UK Misconduct & Resolution Policy

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Introduction

The 29er UK Class Association members want our class to be a welcoming place for all involved with 29er UK events. We want to encourage a culture where we can all have fun, enjoy the sport and display sportsmanship on and off the water.

This policy is applicable to conduct related to sailing and the 29er Class, both at sailing events and between events, whether in person or on social media, chat groups, or other forms of communication. Please see the *29er UK Social Media Policy* for further guidance.

The relevant Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) relating to misconduct are principally RRS 69 and 2. The 29er UK CA encourages the reporting of misconduct and will not hesitate to take appropriate action when it becomes aware of allegations of misconduct. Depending on the seriousness of the allegation and the circumstances, this may include an appropriate member(s) of the 29er UK Committee seeking to resolve the allegation informally, or reporting the allegation to a protest committee, and referring to the [World Sailing Misconduct Guidance](#).

There is specific World Sailing guidance on misconduct by youth and junior competitors (see Appendix L from the World Sailing Misconduct Guidance).

Resolution Process

Any person may report misconduct. They need not be a competitor.

1. The report should generally be made to the protest committee or jury, if they have already been appointed.

2. If a person deems another's behaviour to fall in the description of misconduct, and it is not related to a protest, they may come and talk to any of the 29er UK Committee.
3. Any action taken by the 29er UK CA when it becomes aware of alleged misconduct will be determined, taking into account WS Misconduct Guidance, by at least two members of the 29er UK Committee, and/or appropriate persons appointed by the 29er UK CA for the purpose, who have no significant conflict of interest. A conflict of interest shall be as defined under RRS 63.4. The 29er UK CA's consideration of whether a conflict of interest is significant shall take into account the factors identified at RRS 63.4(c).
4. WS Misconduct Guidance says that the assessment of conduct is context-dependent. There is a wide spectrum of misconduct and thus a wide range of appropriate penalties which the Committee may refer to. Please see WS Misconduct Guidance paragraph 43 and Appendix B for examples.
5. Where, however, the 29er UK CA considers that the allegation is less serious and that an informal resolution may be possible, it may seek to resolve the allegation informally.

One final, but very important, point!

Our 29er Quizzes are legendary. Any over-zealous competitiveness that results in minor injury will result in 10 points being docked or even the team being disqualified, if deemed appropriate by the Quiz Master/Mistress!