

# NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

## Merlin Rocket Nationals 2024 Discretionary Penalty Policy

The table below, based on the World Sailing Discretionary Penalty Guidelines, shows the likely points penalty for the breach of each rule in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions subject to a discretionary penalty. These penalties are starting points and may be increased by aggravating circumstances or decreased by mitigating circumstances.

Rule	Detail	Band	% Range	1st Breach	2 <sup>nd</sup> Breach
NoR 3.4 SI 3.4	Voice transmissions	3	30-70	21 points	35 points
NoR 15 SI 24	Support Boats	Level 1-5	Warning - Exclusion	Warning	Exclusion
NoR 16 SI 26	Berthing / Launching	1	0-10	4 points	7 points
SI 4	Code of Conduct	2 4	10-30 DSQ	11 points	DSQ
SI 5.3	D Flag	1 4	0-10	4 points	21 points
SI 19	Tallies	1	SI penalty	5 points	10 points
SI 19	Retirement	1	0-10	4 points	7 points
SI 20	Replacement of Crew or Equipment	2	10-30	5 points	21 points
SI 21	Inspection	1 3	0-10 30-70	2 points	21 points

World Sailing Band Penalty Guidelines are shown below.

Band 1	0-10%	Mid-point 5%
Band 2	10-30%	Mid-point 20%
Band 3	30-70%	Mid-point 50%
Band 4	DSQ / DNE	Starting point DSQ

Penalty	Points added for 70 Boat Event
5%	4 points
10%	7 points
15%	11 points
20%	14 points
30%	21 points
40%	28 points
50%	35 points

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Protest Committee Chair