

Draft AC75 Procedure for Compliance 004
of
AC75 Class Rule Version 1.2 issued 10 December 2018

Pursuant to Article 32 of the AC75 Class Rule, this document details the process for submitting requests for interpretations

This document is a procedure issued by the 36th America's Cup Rules Committee, as such, it may be amended at any time, in part or in full, to reflect improvements, clarifications, class rule amendments, or any other reason the Rules Committee deems appropriate. In case of conflict the AC75 Class Rule shall prevail.

In reading these procedures AC75 Class Rule 2 and the definitions shall apply.

The process to submit interpretations is described as follows:

1. The requests for interpretation of the **AC75 Class Rule** shall be submitted by email to rules.committee@americascupofficials.com.
2. The request for interpretation shall include the clear questions in a separate section and may include any background and/or rule references as considered appropriate by the submitter.
3. The request for interpretation will be acknowledged within 36 hours. Should the **Rules Committee** not acknowledge receipt within that specified timeframe, submitters are encouraged to solicit the acknowledgement and/or resubmit the request.
4. Once the **Rules Committee** has acknowledged receipt it may either:
 - Propose, solely to the submitter, amended wording to the request for interpretation according to Rule 32.2 a). In this case, the effective receipt date will be the one in which confirmation by the submitter to alter as suggested or maintain the same wording has been received.
 - or
 - Anonymise and circulate the request for interpretation according to Rule 32.2 b). This communication will include the appropriate deadline for proposed response.
5. **Competitors** are encouraged to detail the reasoning behind their proposed response. All feedback correspondence received will be treated as confidential by the Rule Committee in accordance with the signed NDAs. For this purpose, all the documents and communications will be stored in a secured cloud-based depository managed by the Rules Committee in an independent domain.
6. Once the first draft of the interpretation has been circulated, the request for interpretation shall not be withdrawn by the submitter.
7. The process then continues as specified in Rules 32.2 e) and f) until the **Rules Committee** is in a position to issue the interpretation.

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8. Interpretations will be issued by email to the **Competitors'** interpretation correspondence email(s). The **Rules Committee** request the appropriate email(s) addresses are sent to rules.committee@americascupofficials.com by 1st June 2019.

Should the **Rules Committee** or **Measurement Committee** wish to request an interpretation which could potentially “reveal a design characteristic” as envisioned by Rule 32.1, the draft request for interpretation shall be sent to the affected **Competitor** and will be kept in confidence until such **Competitor** has agreed to the wording of the request for interpretation. The related “design characteristic” shall not be used for racing or, if appropriate, the measurement certificate shall be withheld until such interpretation has been issued as detailed in 31.16 c).

Pursuant to Article 21.6 of the Protocol, the costs of each interpretation will be awarded on a user pay basis by the submitters as ordered by the Rule Committee. Details of the fees and invoicing shall be issued by COR/D.

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