

ADVISORY PANEL REPORT on 2022 eSWC

Dear Sailors,

First of all, thank you very much for your help in the first season of the Advisory Panel. It was an interesting 2022, we learned a lot and created new procedures with the goal of sportsmanship and protecting the fair eSailors from unpleasant situations. We know we didn't make everyone happy but that is the nature of our sport.

In 2022 we had 37 Cases, the majority were for pirating with some other breaches on topics like: cheating and team racing. A few other cases were dismissed because they were either submitted before the panel was established or they were outside of our jurisdiction, such as: game engine issues (we forwarded these to VRI).

While we hope VRI continues to improve the game and also finds a way to recognize each eSailor, we will continue with our task also for 2023, supported by World Sailing.

Based on our findings in 2022, we are now ready to publish the **2023 Documents**.

- **The 2023 Forbidden Actions & Protest Procedure**
(former 2022 Advisory Panel Letter to eSailors)
- **2023 eSailing World Championship - Penalty Guidelines**

Please note that changes to the 2023 versions are in **pink** and two notable changes are:

1. ***We limited the right to submit a protest only to:***
 - a. **An eSailor directly involved in the incident;**
 - b. The AdP;
2. If an eSailor suffers one of the breaches listed in the “Forbidden Actions & Protest Procedure” (pirating, team racing, etc) and **retaliates against the eSailor who originally committed the breach** and if there is evidence of this retaliation, then the AdP will also penalize the Retaliator as per Table 1.
Eg: If someone punches you, then you cannot punch them back. You have to submit a protest.

We really hope these clarifications will remain on paper and you can have a successful 2023 Season!!!

All the best,

February 13th, 2023

Advisory Panel