

Head of the Anacostia - Rules Of Racing

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Interference and/or buoy penalties are assigned at the sole discretion of the Head Referee following review of the observations and recommendations of the Umpires. Repeated or severe interference may result in disqualification.

1. Disregard for Safety

Any boat showing a blatant disregard for safety will be severely penalized (time penalties awarded by the Head Referee) and may be disqualified from the Regatta.

2. Coxswain on Board

Fours and eights must have their coxswain on board during the entire race. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

3. Buoys During Racing

During racing, boats must stay on the Course that is between the orange buoys to port and the green buoys to starboard. Oar blades may go over the buoys but the hull of the shell must stay inside the buoy line. Each buoy taken on the wrong side of the hull will result in a 10-second penalty.

4. Non-Yield Interference

When a passing crew (The Passer) closes to within one length of open water on the boat being overtaken, it is the responsibility of the slower crew to yield the line chosen by the Passer in a timely manner. The Yield should be completed by the time the overtaking boat has closed within $\frac{1}{2}$ boat length. A crew failing to yield to a Passer when there is adequate room and time to yield will incur the following interference penalties;
Interference (IN) Failure to Yield:

1st infraction - 60 second penalty

2nd infraction - 120 second penalty

3rd infraction - disqualification from the Regatta

5. Severe Collision

A passing crew (The Passer) has the right to pass on the side of its choice if and when a safe pass can be accomplished. The Passer must allow sufficient room for both their boat and the boat overtaken to stay safely within the race course. If a pass is attempted, the Passer shall not press the right to overtake to the point of severe collision. The actual severe collision incident can be caused by either a Passer or a Passeur. During a severe collision one or more of the following may occur:

- (A) damage to a boat
- (B) personal injury
- (C) the boat being overtaken is forced either off the race course or into a bridge or
- (D) a rower is struck by the blades of another boat

If a crew causes a severe collision that crew may be assessed a 60 second (IS) Severe Collision time penalty and may face further sanctions under Rule 1.

6. Safety of Rowers

If one or more rowers are lost from a boat during the race, the affected crew should first ensure the safety or rescue of the rower(s). If the rower(s) is (are) safe, the crew may continue to the finish line.

7. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct by a competitor or crew, including the use of personally abusive language shall be reported to the Head Referee by the witnessing official. The Head Referee may impose penalties ranging from reprimand to time penalties up to 60 seconds.

APPEALS

1. Appeals

Scullers, and institutions represented by sweep-oared entries, may appeal for relief from any ruling of ineligibility or any penalty imposed upon them by the Regatta for alleged infractions, e.g. interference, course violations, etc., but no protest alleging interference by a competing entry shall be heard. Appeals must be made by a race participant who observed the incident. Coaches can be present to support the appeal.

2. Enforcement of Racing Rules

Umpires calls on questions of interference and buoy violations will be considered final. No re-rows or time credits to fouled entries will be possible. Offenders **WILL BE PENALIZED** according to the racing rules. Preliminary results will be released immediately following each race, and Official Results will be released once all Umpires' calls have been reviewed by the Head Referee.