

QUESTION 111

Interpretation Requested by the San Diego Yacht Club

Rule 65, Informing the Parties and Others

If an action is not specifically discussed in the rules of Part 5, Section B, a protest committee may act as it considers appropriate.

Question 1

In rule 65.2 or any other rule in Part 5, Section B, is a protest committee prohibited from providing written copies of items listed in rule 65.1 to the parties without having received a written request for them?

Answer 1

No. When a rule of Part 5, Section B, does not specifically discuss an action, then that rule does not govern the matter in question. In this case, there is no rule discussing this action of the protest committee; therefore the protest committee may act as it considers appropriate.

Question 2

If one party submits a written request for a written copy of the items listed in rule 65.1, is a protest committee prohibited from also sending a copy to the other party without the second party having submitted a written request for it?

Answer 2

No. See Answer 1.

Question 3

Is a protest committee prohibited from posting the items listed in rule 65.1 on a bulletin board or notice board where they may be seen by anyone?

Answer 3

No. See Answer 1.

Question 4

If the action in Question 3 is permissible, is there a time period that must pass after the protest committee informs the parties of the decision before the items listed in rule 65.1 may be posted for public viewing?

Answer 4

No. See Answer 1.

Question 5

If a party submits a written request for a written copy of the items listed in rule 65.1 to the race committee or organizing authority, instead of the protest committee, is it permissible for the race committee or organizing authority to send the copy to the party?

Answer 5

Yes. See Answer 1.

Question 6

If a party submits a written request for a copy of the items listed in rule 65.1 to the race committee or organizing authority, instead of to the protest committee, is it permissible for the race committee or organizing authority to forward the request to the protest committee on behalf of the party, or must the party submit the request directly to the protest committee?

Answer 6

Rule 65.2 does not require that the party submit the written request directly to the protest committee.

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