

## **ISAF MATCH RACING RAPID RESPONSE CALLS**

The ISAF Call system is working well for long term Calls. However, for the short term the system is not responding quickly enough. This is causing a desire to “do our own thing” from event organizers and umpires. A Rapid Response Call system was approved by ISAF Council in November 2000 for implementation with immediate effect.

The following system permits a consistent rapid response for Match Racing Calls, and will respect the guidelines for publishing calls in Regulation 31.3. In addition, where the factual matter is the same or substantially similar to an existing authenticated call, a call under this system may only be included if there are factual circumstances which are sufficiently different from an existing authenticated call that a different call is warranted, or if the new call clearly adds clarity to an existing call.

The present system is not meeting the short-term demands for the following reason:

- Calls submitted for consideration to the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party often need considerable work to make them “acceptable”, thus delaying when they are available to the umpire community.

The Rapid Response system operates as follows:

- A group of up to 8 IU's are appointed to a ISAF Rapid Response Calls Working Party.
- At any one time at least 3 members of the group will be authorized to act.
- All proposed new Calls under this programme are to be submitted to this group. The group have only 3 options – they may support the Call as submitted, support the Call with minor editing or reject the Call. If rejected, they must state the reasons for rejection and return to the originator. This should be within 4 weeks of receipt.
- If supported, the Call will be given a reference number and labeled “ISAF Match Racing Rapid Response Call”, given an expiry date (31 December of the year of the next RRC meeting to which the Call can be submitted) and forwarded to the ISAF secretariat.
- The ISAF Match Racing Rapid Response Call will then be sent to all MNA's and IU's who have email and it will be posted on the ISAF website within a few working days in a format capable of being downloaded.
- The ISAF Match Racing Rapid Response Call will also be sent to those who request to be on the mailing list for such calls.
- The ISAF Match Racing Rapid Response Calls will be automatically submitted to the next appropriate Racing Rules Committee meeting, via the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party, for adoption as Authorized Calls and added to the ISAF Match Racing Call Book, or rejected.
- If an existing ISAF Match Racing Rapid Response Call is found to be flawed, then a revised version may be submitted to the working party as if this were a new Call. If the working party decide to support the revised call it will be issued under the original reference but with the addition of “Revision 2”.

Notes:

Members of the WP must have e-mail and the TSS programme, which will be used for the production of all diagrams.

ISAF Match Racing Rapid Response Calls are not authorized interpretations – they are intended to provide consistency around the World and permit Calls to be tested thoroughly before becoming Authorized in accordance with ISAF regulations.

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