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## TO: ALL ISR Affiliates

SUBJECT: Appeals Process (Please Read and Have Forms Available At All Events)

#### Appeals Process

The following appeals process shall be applicable for all ISR affiliates and will be the binding operational guide and procedure statement for all affiliates effective July 30, 2015. For any Affiliate that has an internal Appeals Process, the process will only apply to operations inside the association or company and will not have any bearing on race rule interpretation, infractions, misconduct or other situations that may arise from race activity.

#### **Technical Infractions**

Driver or team are found in non compliance with the rules concerning fuel, sled construction, specific dimensions, materials used, or components used not conforming to the rules for each specific class, the following will be the procedure.

Tech Director or Race Director determines infraction and makes the appropriate decision considering the gravity of the offence. The Director may:

a. Verbally warn driver or team.

b. Disqualify driver from event for the class specified.

c. Disqualify driver from all events entered in days competition.

d. Fine driver, if affiliate has a fine process in place in the affiliates bylaws or published operational guide.

e. Suspend driver or team for season.

### **On Track Infractions**

Race Director determines infraction and makes the appropriate decision considering the gravity of the offence. The Director may:

a. Verbally warn driver or team.

b. Disqualify driver from event for the class specified.

c. Disqualify driver from all events entered in days competition.

*d.* Fine driver, if affiliate has a fine process in place in the affiliates bylaws or published operational guide.

e. Suspend driver or team for season.

If the affected driver feels the decision is not correct, he/she may appeal the decision in the following manner.

1. The Appeal must be presented to the affiliate Race Director in writing using the ISR approved form available from the ISR web site. This form must be presented within 30 minutes of the announcement of the disqualification or penalty. The Appeal must be accepted by the affiliate.

2. The affiliate must within 24 hours convene a meeting of the owner/ management/ officials of the affiliate and review the offense/ infraction. If the offense is upheld, the driver/team can request a further appeal to ISR and ask for a review by the rules group for the particular discipline. ISR has 5 days to conduct such review with the rules committee of the specific discipline.

If the Appeal is found valid, all points, money, prizes, etc are returned/ awarded to the driver/team.

3. If the offense is upheld, the Affiliate and the Driver/team must inform ISR of the situation within 24 hours of the alleged infraction. ISR will then, within 5 working days conduct a review of the situation, convene the appropriate rule review group from the proper discipline/aspect and render a decision.

The decision of this session is binding and has no further appeal.

Affiliates and Drivers must review the Chain of Custody and submission of components/ fuels/ design concepts presented for the Appeal. If the driver/team does not submit samples, exhibits, photos, etc of the offending component or fuel, the appeal is considered void and the penalty stands. If the Affiliate does not accept and submit samples, exhibits, photos, etc of the offending component or fuel, the appeal is considered void, and the penalty is rescinded and all prize money, awards and points are returned to the driver/team. There is no appeal of any type to this operational chain of evidence and procedure.

The Operational Guideline and Appeals Forms are found here:

#### Race Operation Infractions Forms <u>Click Here</u> Rules Interpretation Technical Issues Forms <u>Click Here</u> Business Operation Misconduct Forms <u>Click Here</u>

The affected driver/team may ask for a review of a decision or procedure within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the event or race where the infraction is deemed to have occurred.

1. The Appeal must be presented to the affiliate Race Director in writing using the ISR approved form available from the ISR web site. This form must be presented within 30 minutes of the announcement of the disqualification or penalty. The Appeal must be accepted by the affiliate.

2. The affiliate must within 24 hours convene a meeting of the owner/ management/ officials of the affiliate and review the offense/ infraction. If the offense is upheld, the driver/team can request a further appeal to ISR . ISR has 5 days to conduct such review by ISR management and consultants.

If upheld the driver/team has no further appeal. If the Affiliate decision is overruled, all points, money and prizes are awarded to the driver.

The ISR decision is binding and has no further appeal, from Driver/Team or Affiliate.