

## Rules Committee Report 2026 Annual Meeting

### Committee Members

MAISA - Dillon Paiva (chair)

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The Rules Committee met this spring to address the one proposal from the winter meeting that needed some rules language polishing along with several other issues that came up over the course of the spring season. Additionally, we discussed the concept of an ICSA Case Book, how it could be implemented, and the process for adding new cases.

### ICSA Procedural Rules - 2026 Annual Meeting.pdf

1. SAISA Proposal to allow rotation flexibility - The original proposal had edits to PR 4 and PR 21. After discussing, only PR 21 actually needed to be changed in order to accomplish the goal of the proposal. That change was made and reflected in the PRs.
2. Tie Breaks - There were several tie break situations that came up over the course of the spring team race season. The only one that was easy to fix quickly is listed below. One other will be workshopped and brought to the next winter meeting.
  - a. Marchiando - Issue with the language about how multi-way ties are broken and their process. This was fixed and language in this version of the PRs is updated to reflect
3. PR 25(a) was tweaked so that there is no ambiguity on what the intention is for a complete regatta.
4. The “college roll”, used in many places but most commonly to accelerate on the starting line, was brought up by an Umpire, Jerry Thompson. Discussion about whether our interpretations are clear enough ensued. Rules committee would like permission to add wording about the flatten, which is what actually makes you go faster, and to make it clear that our interpretations of 42 supersede the world sailing interpretations where we want them to. We would run our work by the competition committee to make sure we are in alignment with the competitive goals of college sailing before presenting to the board next winter meeting.
5. ICSA Case Book - Still working on the first draft of the casebook itself. From a process standpoint, once we have an ICSA approved document, any new submissions will come through the conference commissioners to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will vote whether or not to include the new case into the casebook.

