

Brief comments to the changes of the ARDF Rules, 2014 to 2015

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Current valid versions of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Rules are as follows:

Part A: 2015 (approved at the IARU Region 1 General Conference 2014, valid from January 1st, 2015)

Part B: 2015 (approved at the 35th IARU Region 1 ARDF WG Plenary Meeting 2014, valid from January 1st, 2015)

From now on, the Rules versions are named after the year of the validity commencement.

Part A (changes against the last published version, i.e. V2.8 valid from 2009)

- 1.1 The map is regularly used, in foxoring it is necessary.
- 1.7 Last sentence is deleted, because it is already contained in Terms of Reference of the IARU R1 Working Groups (only wording, no meaning change). Regarding World events, all three Regions shall be consulted.
- 2.7,2.8 Voting procedure is also described in Terms of Reference and it is not necessary to repeat it again in the Rules. "ARDF specialized bodies": There are no ARDF WG's in other Regions (ARDF coordinator in R2, ARDF Committee in R3), so general term is more suitable (only wording, no meaning change). Also in several other points.
- 6.1, 6.2 This wording shall make the fees more understandable, allowing competitors to pay exactly for option they wish.
- 7 The whole paragraph about event information is moved to Part B
- 8.2, 8.4 Small changes (proposal Region 1 EC)
- 8.6 Information about the time limit shall be available before the event. According to the new point B20 (Time limit) it is approved by Chairman of the Jury and published in the Bulletin 4 (see below)
- 8.10 Shorter wording, using terminology common in other IARU documents
- 11.2 Internet connection is nowadays much more available and useful than the telephone line
- 11.4. We believe that it is time to make some information public. During recent years more and more organizers published location of the competition areas and especially finish areas (of course forbiding direct access to embargoed areas). This will 1. encourage spectators and media to visit finish and create the atmosphere and 2. compensate advantage which may have local competitors with possible knowledge of the terrain. See also 13.5,13.6,32.4
- 12.1. Small addition

Part B - (changes against the last published version, i.e. V2.12 valid from 2014)

- 20.9. new paragraph forces the siting referee to consult main parameters of the courses with the Chairman of the Jury well before the event to avoid serious mistakes