

# DECISION

Protest by PC

Request No.: 23

Event: 2021 Zhik 29er European Championships Race Number: 5  
Hearing Schedule: 2021-10-25 18:50

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 23: Protest Committee

29er - FIN 2167 - Noora Ruskola

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** N/A

**Red Flag Displayed:** N/A

**Decision:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Noora confirmed she had sufficient time to prepare and would represent herself

## FACTS FOUND

FIN 2167 submitted a Request for Redress earlier in the day that included statements that a race official appointed to the event had made false statements to her regarding the arbitration process, and had forced her to sign a form requesting to withdraw her protest.

As a result of the notice board and protest system used at the event, these statements are in the public domain.

Noora Ruskola wrote the words in her request; she was influenced by advice she received overnight from others in Finland.

Noora stated that the use of the word "force" was not correct, and now agreed that the race officials statements were not false. She had not understood RRS Appendix T correctly.

Noora agreed that her actions had been misconduct, and wished she could withdraw the allegations as they were not correct. In her summing up, Noora stated she wished to apologise to the race official (which she did in person after the hearing).

Noora is 26 years old and more often sails a 49erFX.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** 69.1(a)

The allegations made by Nora Ruskola in her Request for Redress broke rule 69.1(a)

## DECISION

FIN 2167 is scored DNE in Race 5

**Date & Time:** 2021-10-25 21:30 CEST

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Chris Atkins (GBR)

**Committee Members:** Natalia Chubenko (RUS), Christina Örtendahl (SWE)