

# **A** *Albacore*

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**THE NATIONAL ALBACORE**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**2012**

SATURDAY 21 JULY – MONDAY 23 JULY 2012



Organising Authority

**ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB**  
TORQUAY DEVON

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Rules of the National Albacore Association will apply (except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions).

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board adjacent to the race office located on the ground floor of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club 12 Beacon Terrace Torquay.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club signal flagpole at the inshore end of Haldon Pier.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in race signal AP.

**5. FORMAT OF RACING**

- 5.1 Assignments to gold or silver fleets will be posted before 1100 on Saturday 21 July 2012.
- 5.2 After the first two races any re-assignments will be posted before 0900 on Sunday 22 July 2012.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Saturday 21 July	Race 1 Race 2	As soon as possible after Race 1
Sunday 22 July	Race 3 Race 4 Race 5	As soon as possible after Race 3 As soon as possible after Race 4
Monday 23 July	Race 6 Race 7	As soon as possible after Race 6

- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for Race 1 on Saturday 21 July is 1255.  
The scheduled time of the warning signal for Race 3 on Sunday 22 July and Race 6 on Monday 23 July is 1055.
- 6.3 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal for at least four minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 On the last day of the championship no warning signal will be made after 1400.
- 6.5 There will be a competitors’ briefing on the harbourside below The Royal Torbay Yacht Club signal flagpole at 1100 on Saturday 21 July.

**7. CLASS FLAG**

The Class Flag will be Naval Numeral 1.

**8. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in Torbay.

## **9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1** The diagrams in the Attachments show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2** The course configuration will be displayed on a board on the stern of the race committee signal boat before the warning signal of each race as either "A" or "B" together with the number of rounds to be sailed.
- 9.3** No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1** Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflated buoys.
- 10.2** New marks, as provided in instruction 12 will be yellow inflated buoys.
- 10.3** The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a dan buoy or a race committee boat at the port end.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1** The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a dan buoy displaying an orange flag or the mast displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end.
- 11.2** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did not start". This changes rule A4.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1** The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a dan buoy displaying a blue flag at the port end.
- 13.2** When the course is shortened rule 32.2 shall apply (and both rule 32.2 and sailing instruction 13.3 may be applied in the same race).
- 13.3** Courses may be shortened when the race committee signal boat is in its normal position by its displaying flag "S" with 2 sound signals. When this is the case, the leading boat shall round mark 3 to port and proceed to the normal finishing line. All other competitors shall complete the number of rounds equal to the leading boat before proceeding to the finishing line. This modifies rule 32.2.

## **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1** The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes and the target time for each race is 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.2** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 60 and 62, A4 and A5.
- 14.3** Notwithstanding sailing instructions 14.1 and 14.2 above, the race officer may, at his sole discretion, give boats a finishing place based on their position when the time limit is reached. This changes rules 35, 60 and 62.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1** An arbitration procedure is available for Protest of Rules in RRS Part 2. Providing all parties to the protest agree to arbitration the procedure to be adopted is to be found in the Appendix of these sailing instructions.
- 15.2** Protest forms are available at the race office located at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club. Protests and Requests for Redress or Reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate protest time limit.
- 15.3** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.4** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race office.
- 15.5** Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

- 15.6** Breaches of instructions 17 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16** SCORING

- 16.1** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2** a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17** SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1** All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices or adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat. This changes rule 40.
- 17.2** Long hair shall be restrained to avoid any risk of entanglement with equipment.
- 17.3** **Tally System** – The personal identification tally number will be written on a tally wrist band. The helm and crew must tally out by taking his/her tally wrist band with him/her afloat visibly displayed on his/her wrist. Tallies can only be taken when released by the Beach Master. Tallies must be returned to the tally board immediately when coming ashore and not later than 10 minutes of the last boat coming ashore. The crew of a boat that does not intend to finish shall make every effort to notify the race committee signal boat, a safety boat or a mark boat of his/her intentions. The crew of any boat retiring from a race and coming ashore should report to the Beach Master as soon as possible. It is the sole responsibility of the helm and crew to ensure that they have tallied correctly. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction may result in disqualification without a hearing and or a fine of £20 payable to the local branch of the RNLI, at the sole discretion of the race committee. This alters rule 63.
- 17.4** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **18** REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19** EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20** TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **21** PRIZES

- 21.1** Prizes will be given as follows:

### **Major Trophies:**

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| <b>The Curry Plate</b>         | to the highest placed helm in the series.        |
| <b>The Marlow Trophy</b>       | to the crew of the champion boat.                |
| <b>The Russell Wane Trophy</b> | to the second highest placed helm in the series. |
| <b>The Breitling Trophy</b>    | to the winner of the First Points Race.          |
| <b>The Founders Trophy</b>     | to the winner of the Second Points Race.         |
| <b>The Racecraft Trophy</b>    | to the winner of the Third Points Race.          |

<b>The Albacore Association Trophy</b>	to the winner of the Fourth Points Race.
<b>The City of Plymouth Trophy</b>	to the winner of the Fifth Points Race.
<b>The Locks Trophy</b>	to the winner of the Sixth Points Race.
<b>The Lyme Bay Trophy</b>	to the winner of the Seventh Points Race.
<b>Special Trophies:</b>	
<b>Lady Trophy</b>	to the highest placed lady helm.
<b>Swansea Bay Trophy</b>	to the highest placed husband and wife team.
<b>Under 21 Trophy</b>	to the highest placed helm aged under 21 on the last day of the Championship
<b>Thorpe Bay Trophy</b>	to the highest placed helm aged 45 or over on the last day of the Championship.
<b>Armed Services Trophy</b>	to the highest placed service helm sailing a boat owned by RNSA, ASA, RAFSA or Affiliated Sailing Organisations.
<b>The Scotsman Trophy</b>	to the highest placed helm from a Scottish Club.
<b>The Anton McNamara Trophy</b>	to the highest placed helm not winning any other major trophy.
<b>The Helensburgh Trophy</b>	to the most improved helm's performance as compared with best previous Nationals results.
<b>The Digby Trailer Trophy</b>	to the highest placed older boat below number 2000.
<b>City of Portsmouth Trophy</b>	to the highest placed helm who is a member of a club within 15 miles of Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
<b>Graham Ebben Trophy</b>	to the highest placed boat between numbers 2000-6000.
<b>Chairman's Goblet</b>	to the highest placed helm and crew whose combined age is over 90 years.
<b>Wolfe Memorial Trophy</b>	to the highest placed helm over 60 years.
<b>President's Open Handicap Trophy</b>	to the winner on handicap for older boats.
<b>Prigmore Trophy</b>	to the highest placed helm competing in their first national championship.
<b>Nita Tapp Trophy</b>	to the last placed helm completing all races.
<b>Geriatric Jug</b>	to the highest placed helm over 70 years.
<b>The Little Ships Trophy</b>	to the leading team from an RYA recognised sailing club of the three highest placed competitors subject to the following requirements: <b>a)</b> Clubs to nominate one or more teams of three boats each, plus one reserve, from among their members competing.

- b) The appointed captain must submit details of his team plus reserve in writing to the Race Office not later than 1200 hours on Saturday 21 July. No team may be changed thereafter except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- c) The total lowest aggregate points of the three nominated boats in all races held will decide the winning club.
- d) To break a tie, the points accrued by reserve boats will be added. Should the tie then remain unbroken, the final overall position of the leading boat of the teams concerned (as shown in the Championship results) will be the decider.
- e) Should a club wish to substitute its reserve for a nominated boat the Race Office must be informed in writing at least one hour before the start of the race concerned. The displaced boat shall be counted as reserve for the remainder of the championship and no further changes will be permitted.

**21.2** Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third placed boats overall in the Silver fleet.

**22** **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

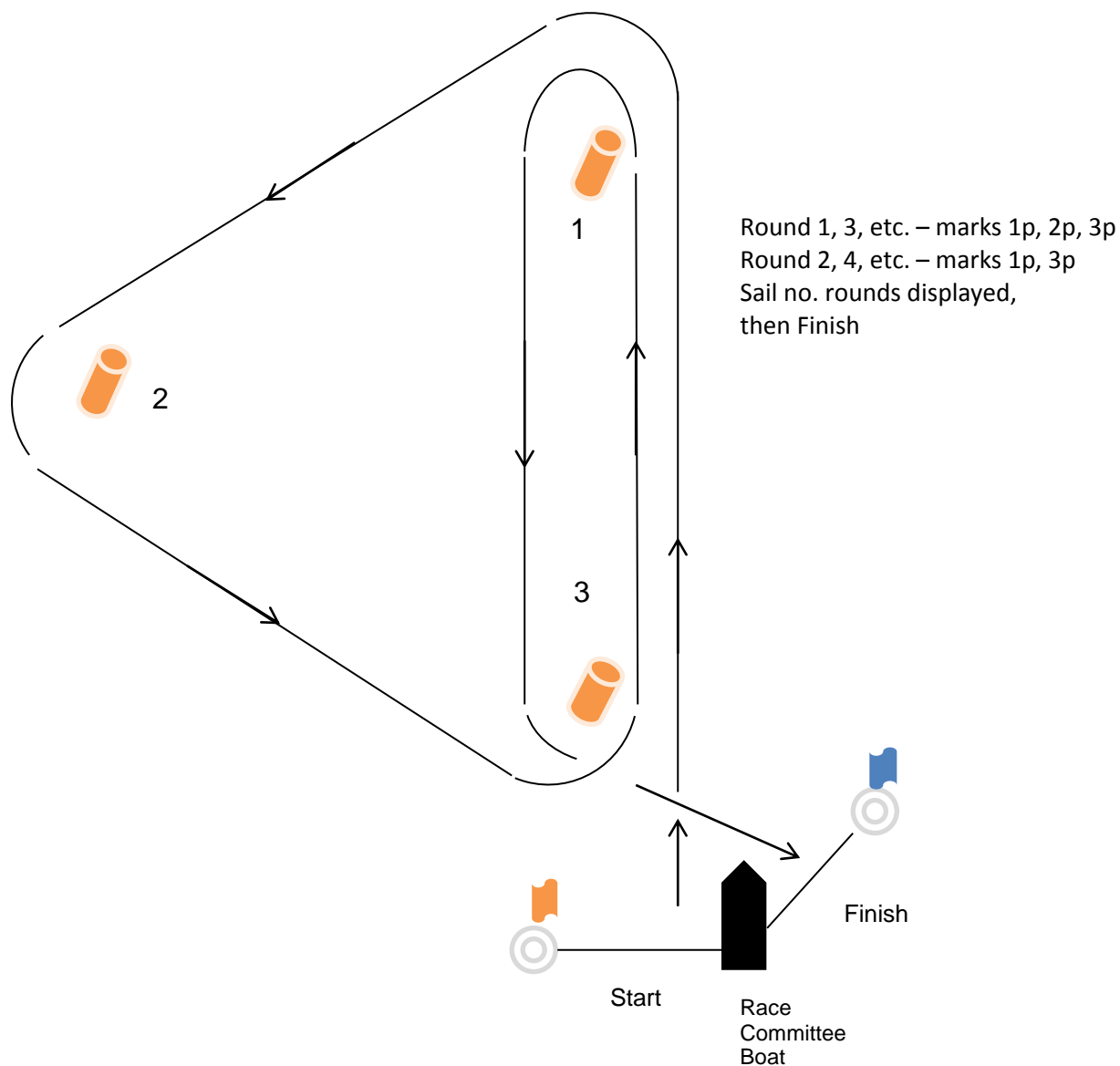
Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

**23** **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or the equivalent.

**ATTACHMENT**

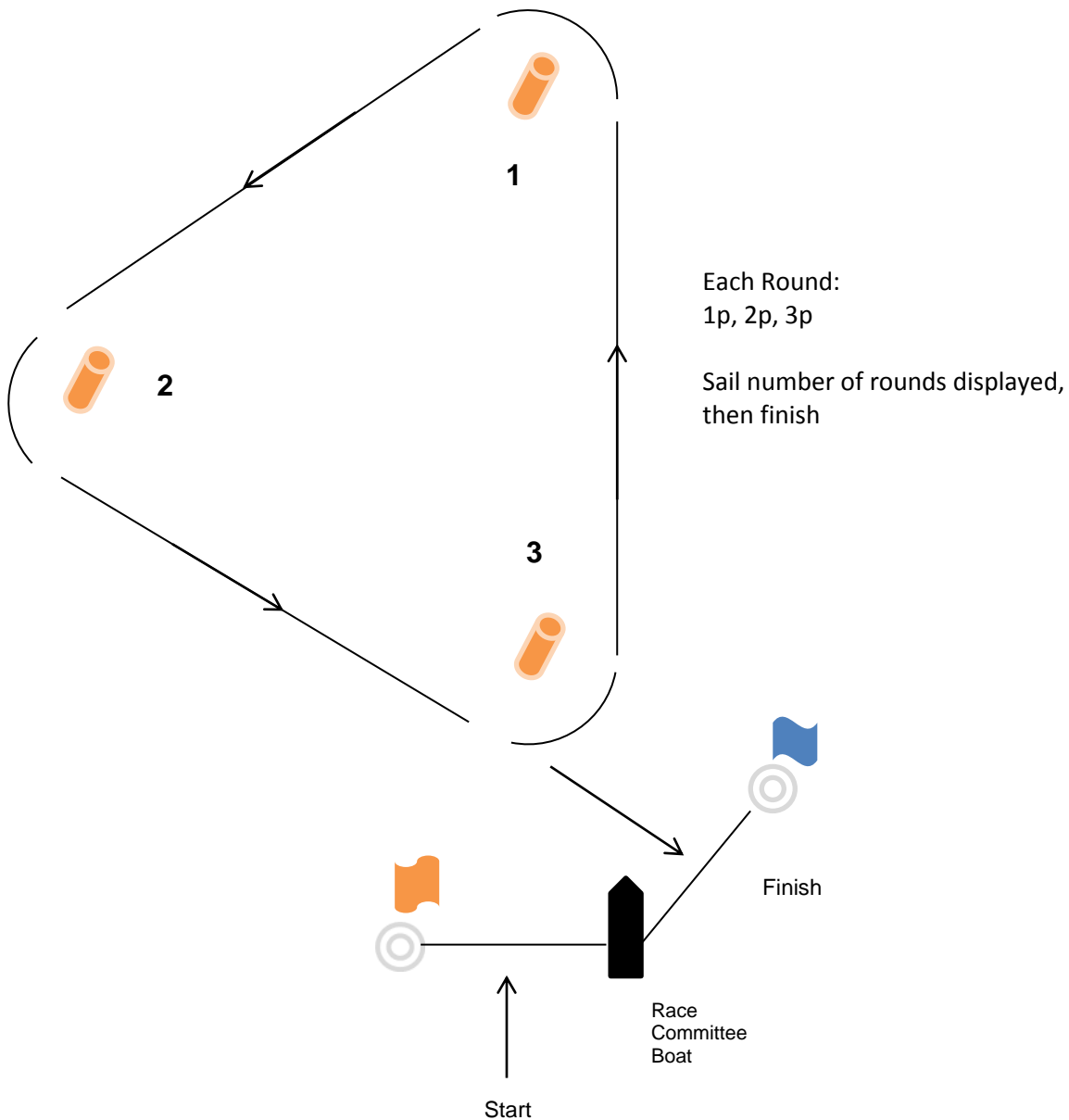
**COURSE "A"**



- Note:**
1. Start below leeward mark 3 (if laid)
  2. Leeward mark 3 (if laid) will not be a mark of the course on the first leg of round 1
  3. The approximate internal angle between legs on round 1, 3 etc. will be 60°
  4. Boats finish by reaching from leeward mark 3 across the bow of the committee boat  
(See Sailing Instruction 13)

**ATTACHEMENT**

**COURSE "B"**



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- Note:**
1. Start below leeward mark 3 (if laid)
  2. Leeward mark 3 (if laid) will not be a mark of the course on the first leg of round 1
  3. The approximate internal angle between legs will be 60°
  4. Boats finish by reaching from leeward mark 3 across the bow of the committee boat (See Sailing Instruction 13)



## APPENDIX

### ARBITRATION

1. After a protest has been lodged in accordance with the Sailing Instructions, all parties involved in protests alleging infringements of a rule of Part 2 shall be entitled to be heard by an Arbitrator appointed by the Race Committee.  
In exception to the above, incidents where damage or injury is involved shall not be subject to arbitration, but shall be referred directly to the Protest Committee for a hearing.
2. Only one party to the protest from each boat involved, who shall have been on the boat at the time the incident occurred, shall attend the arbitration hearing. No witnesses shall be allowed.
3. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately 3 minutes. After hearing these descriptions, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
  - a) **No rule was broken**  
If the protesting boat accepts this opinion she can agree to withdraw the protest and the protest is then settled.
  - b) **A rule was broken by one of the boats involved**  
If that boat accepts this opinion she may accept a 20% penalty and the protest is then settled.
  - c) **Both boats broke a rule**  
If both boats accept this opinion and each agrees to accept a 20% penalty then the protest is then settled.
  - d) **The arbitrator is unable to offer an opinion based on the brief description given by the parties**
4. Once the protest has been settled under 3.a), b) or c) above, the arbitrator shall record this on the protest form and the matter shall not thereafter be referred to the protest committee and is not subject to requests for redress, reopening or appeal by any party.  
If however:
  - (i) The protestor does not withdraw the protest under 3. a) above; or
  - (ii) If a boat does not accept the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule under b) or c); or
  - (iii) If the arbitrator is unable to offer an opinion under (d), the protest shall be submitted to the protest committee for a hearing.
5. If the arbitrator's opinion is not accepted, there shall be no further discussion of the incident with the parties and the testimony given at the arbitration hearing shall remain confidential and shall not be discussed with any person prior to the protest hearing.
6. If one party fails to attend, the arbitration may still be heard in line with rule 63.3(b).
7. When protests are submitted to the Protest Committee, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the committee hearing the protest. However, he/she may be present to ensure that the incidents are described in the same way as in arbitration. If the facts given are different he may intervene to restate the original arbitration details. The arbitrator shall not discuss the matter with committee members until after the Committee's decision has been posted.
8. Application of the 20% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 20%.