



ADDENDUM VH VIRTUAL HEARING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

All hearings conducted pursuant to the rules of RRS Part 5, Section B [Hearings & Decisions] and any misconduct hearings conducted pursuant to the rules of RRS Part 5, Section D [Misconduct] shall be conducted virtually using Zoom and the following rules.

1. People participating in these hearings [parties, party representatives in misconduct hearings, and witnesses] must have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability.
2. If someone participating does not have such a device, the person will have to obtain access to and use of such a device from another person or have another person appear before the hearing committee in their place and stead in the case of protests or redress requests. If a person appearing before the hearing committee does not know how to use such a device, they can have someone else set the device up so audio and video is in use for the person participating. Information about Zoom is available on its website: <https://zoom.us>; it is available for computers, tablets, and mobile phones.
3. People participating in virtual hearings and arbitration meetings must use audio and video in the presence of the hearing committee unless otherwise advised by the hearing committee. If a party or witness does not comply with this rule, the hearing committee may nevertheless decide the protest or request for redress as if the person did not come to the hearing [See RRS 63.3(b)], or take such action as is provided in rule 69 for a misconduct hearing [See RRS 69.2(f) and 69.2(k)].
4. On the date of the hearing, and at least 10 minutes before the hearing is scheduled to begin, the parties, party representatives for misconduct hearings, and any witness a party intends to have testify during the hearing, are to join the virtual hearing.
5. The parties to a virtual hearing are responsible for having their witnesses, if any, and party representatives for misconduct hearings, present in the virtual hearing at least 10 minutes before the time of the hearing on the date of the hearing.
6. At that time, the hearing panel will review the procedure for having parties, party representatives



for misconduct hearings, and witnesses participate in the hearing. Note: Parties and witnesses must be in separate locations when party testimony is being given: if a witness is present when party testimony is being given, the witness will not be permitted to testify.

7. No audio or video recording of the hearing is to be made by anyone other than the hearing committee; the hearing committee will advise the parties if a recording of the proceeding will be made.

8. Parties and witnesses shall not communicate or share information with anyone other than the hearing committee by any means or technology during the pendency of the hearing except to testify or question a party or a witness.

9. Notices of hearings will be posted on the official notice board (see below) as soon as practical after a request for hearing is filed to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

10. Hearings will be held virtually online on the day and time posted on the official notice board using Zoom links to be provided by the hearing committee (by email) before the hearing time.

11. Competitors must contact the Chief Judge or Jury Co-Ordinator by email should there be any questions regarding information posted.

12. Decisions will be communicated to the parties in person at the hearing, by email or cell phone and they will also be posted on the Official Notice Board.

Finding and submitting forms:

- Location for forms: <http://iodwca.org/bermudaworlds2021/race-documents/>
- Email for submitting forms: bacook@optonline.net; rduffy@logic.bm
- Notice Board: <http://iodwca.org/bermudaworlds2021/race-documents/>

Chief Judge: Bruce A Cook, IJ – USA; bacook@optonline.net

Jury Co-Ordinator: Robert Duffy, IJ- BER; rduffy@logic.bm