



Opti International

Question for Officials

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Question For: Race Committee

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I have an Athlete attending Opti International by the name of Sarvin Panu (CAN 1710) who has diabetes.

To manage his condition, he carries a couple communication devices while sailing. On board are a cell phone and smart watch for monitoring blood glucose levels, along with a walkie talkie to communicate with me about said levels. He sometimes needs to be pulled out of a race for assistance managing his condition.

Would it be possible to get a medical exemption to the RRS rule against carrying communication devices while racing?

Secondly, if I need to pull him from a race for aid, would it be possible to return him to the race in situations where he isn't too far behind?

All the best,
Alastair MacIntyre

Answer:

Exceptions granted with the following conditions:

The boat must, for each race, report at the finish line:

- any walkie talkie or cell phone communication with the coach *while racing*
- any external aid, including moving the boat closer to the fleet *while racing*

At no time may the boat be helped into a better position.

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