

## Rules Specialist Group 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing

### Invalid entries in a race

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#### [Background](#)

Dealing with a yacht who lobs on the start line after having been advised that their entry has been rejected. (Failure to supply required information and/or certificates/audits)

#### [Question](#)

Are they allowed to start and recorded as a DNE, and argue about it later?  
Is this the case?

Also how do you advise them that their entry has been rejected?

#### [Answer](#)

If an Organising Authority rejects an entry (as allowed by rule 76.1), that boat is not entered in the event. Boats not in an event are not scored.

The Organising Authority or Race Committee can communicate their decision by any method at their disposal, which may include telephone calls, texts, emails and letters and advise the competitor their entry will be rejected and the reasons for rejecting the entry. It is recommended that such communication be in writing to preserve an accurate account of what was communicated and be communicated as soon as possible after the decision to reject the entry has been made.

If a boat 'sails' in the race the competitors (in particularly the person in charge) is probably in breach of rule 4 and is probably committing an act of misconduct that subject to action under rule 69. The organising authority may also consider actions under the rules of the club that may apply to the competitor.

Note: Requirements in a Notice of Race can be a pre-requisite for entry, or simply a requirement to comply with. How these are treated depends on how the notice of race describes them.

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