**2014 Umpire’s Quick Guide to Head Of The Charles® Penalties**

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| **Penalty** | **Explanation** | **Symbols** |
| **Buoy Violation** – **G**reen, **W**hite or O**R**ange | If the hull of a racing boat passes on the wrong side of a course buoy, Umpire Central assesses a **5 second** penalty for the first cut and **10 seconds** for every cut thereafter in that event. Umpires simply record the number of buoys cut. Umpire Central determines the total time penalty. Boats from the travel lane that move into the race course may be assessed buoy penalties for any orange buoys taken on the starboard side.  Note: At certain points along the course, there both colored and white buoys. The space between the colored buoys and white buoys is considered - out-of-bounds for hulls of all boats. **Persistent excursion into this zone may result in a penalty.** | **BG**, **BW** or **BR** |
| **Arch Violation** | Rowing through the Cambridge-side arch at the Lars Anderson Bridge or the BU Railroad Trestle Bridge or through the Boston-Side arch of any bridge results in a **60-second** penalty. | **AR** |
| **No Penalty** | If you fill out and turn in an Incident Report Form but do not assess a penalty, you must check this box. | **NP** |
| **Severe Collision** | **Applies either to the Passer or Passee**  If, in the judgment of the Umpire, there is **severe** contact between (a) boats, (b) oars and boats or (c) boats or oars and rowers, a **60-second** penalty or other sanctions may be applied. Forcing another boat into a bridge or off the racecourse is also considered a Severe Collision. Incidental or minor contact between boats or oars and boats, is not. | **IS** |
| **Non-Yield Interference** | **Applies only to the Passee**  When an overtaking boat closes to within 1 boat length of the stern of the boat ahead (and continues to close) and there is no visible effort on the part of the boat ahead to yield (where yielding can be done safely), a **60-second** penalty is assessed the overtaken boat. The yield should be completed by the time the passing boat is within ½ boat length. | **IN** |
| **Poor Crossing** | Any action by a crossing crew that causes a racing crew to slow down to avoid a collision or to alter course is considered Poor Crossing, for which they may be assessed a **60-second** penalty. | **PC** |
| **Travel Lane** | Non-racing boats entering the race course may be penalized **10 seconds** for each orange buoy cut. Non-racing boats interfering with a racing boat will be severely penalized. | **TL** *(write-in on Incident Report)* |
| **Disregard for Safety** | A crew that acts in a way that demonstrates a blatant and severe disregard for their safety or the safety of others will receive a **time penalty (SV)** or face **disqualification** (imposed by the jury). Traffic violations such as entering the race course from the travel lane may fall into this category. | **SV** |
| **Unsportsman-like Conduct** | Gross, directed profanity, abusive language, or other actions that violate the bounds of civil conduct will be reported to the Jury and may result in penalty ranging from reprimand to **60-second**s. Public urination will result in the offending crew’s **disqualification**. | **UC** |