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### **SECTION 3 - OFFICIALS**

#### **31. INTERNATIONAL RACE OFFICIALS ADMINISTRATION – INTERNATIONAL JUDGES, UMPIRES, MEASURERS AND RACE OFFICERS**

- 31.1 The provisions of this regulation affect all International Race Officials, namely International Judges, International Umpires, International Measurers and International Race Officers, referred to collectively in this Regulation as ‘International Race Officials.’
- 31.2 The Race Officials Committee shall appoint International Race Officials after considering the recommendations of the sub-committee that is responsible for the discipline concerned.
- 31.3 For the purposes of this regulation references to ‘Principal Events’ shall mean those events described generally or designated as Principal Events by the Race Officials Committee and published on the ISAF Website. This regulation shall not require the Chief Executive Officer to list each individual event.

#### *Term of Appointment*

- 31.4 The term of appointment for an International Race Official shall begin on the date it is made by the Race Officials Committee and,
- (a) if the applicant is less than seventy years old on the date of approval by the Race Officials Committee, the duration of the appointment shall be four years.
  - (b) if the applicant is seventy years old or older on the date of approval by the Race Officials Committee, the duration of the appointment shall be two years.

#### *Applications for Appointment and Re-appointment*

- 31.5 A candidate for initial appointment shall:
- (a) be nominated by the candidate’s Member National Authority, a Class/Owners Association or the Race Officials Committee;
  - (b) be recommended by the candidate’s Member National Authority;
  - (c) send the application on the official form so that it is received by the Chief Executive Officer by 1 September; and
  - (d) meet the general qualifications and the additional qualifications for the discipline concerned.
- 31.6 A candidate for re-appointment shall:
- (a) apply directly to ISAF;
  - (b) send the application on the official form so that it is received by the Chief Executive Officer by 1 September; and
  - (c) meet the general qualifications and the additional qualifications for the discipline

concerned.

- 31.7 ISAF shall inform the candidate's Member National Authority of the application.
- 31.8 On applying for appointment or re-appointment, all International Race Officials shall agree that, if aggrieved, they will resort only to the remedies referred to in this regulation, and whether those remedies are exhausted or not, will not resort to any court or other tribunal

***General Qualifications required of all International Race Officials***

- 31.9 A candidate for appointment or re-appointment for any discipline shall:
- (a) except in the case of International Measurers, be an experienced racing sailor;
  - (b) have a sufficient knowledge of the Racing Rules and a detailed knowledge of the rules, manuals and other requirements and publications relating to his discipline;
  - (c) be proficient in the English language and have the skills to communicate both with other race officials and with competitors on matters relating to his discipline;
  - (d) display the temperament and behaviour expected of an International Race Official at an event;
  - (e) have the health and physical capacity to fulfil the requirements of his discipline;
  - (f) have the observation skills necessary to perform the duties of his discipline;
  - (g) agree to support the policies of ISAF and further its objectives, rules and regulations;
  - (h) have unimpaired eyesight and hearing, natural or corrected, at a level to enable him to carry out the duties of his discipline; and
  - (i) be able to contribute to the development of the programme relating to his discipline.
- 31.10 Where a candidate is required to have served at an event outside of his Group or Member National Authority the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) If the event is the Olympic Sailing Competition, Youth Olympic Games, Paralympic Games or a Major Event as designated by Regulations 25.8.17(a) it will qualify as such an event even if it has taken place inside his Group or Member National Authority;
  - (b) if the candidate is from Groups A-H, the event shall be outside his Group;
  - (c) if the candidate is from Groups I-Q, the event shall be outside his Member National Authority.

***Additional Qualifications for Individual Disciplines***

31.11 International Judge

- 31.11.1 A candidate for first appointment as International Judge shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October of the year of application, with the requirements of System 1, that is to say:
- (a) have attended an ISAF Judging Seminar within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;
  - (b) have passed a written examination designed to show an intimate knowledge of the Racing Rules within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;

- (c) candidates who fail the examination the first time may take a new examination, but not within six months after the first one, except in special circumstances.
- (d) candidates who fail the examination a second time and request to take a new examination shall be assessed on an individual basis. The decision whether to allow this or not shall be made by the Chairman of the International Judges Subcommittee. Candidates who fail the examination a third time may only reapply after a period of 2 years following the failing of the third examination and only if they fulfil all requirements for first appointment.
- (e) have served as a member of a protest committee for at least three principal fleet racing events. At two of these three events the candidate shall have been a member of an International Jury. One of these three events shall have been outside the candidate's Group or Member National Authority; and
- (f) have obtained three completed IJSC reference forms from the relevant jury chairmen. Only IJSC forms completed by International Judges shall be valid for consideration.

31.11.2 A candidate for re-appointment as International Judge shall by 14 October of the year of application either comply with the requirements of System 1 set out in regulation 31.11.1 (except 31.11.1(f)) with the exception of attending an ISAF Judging Seminar if they have previously done so or comply with the requirements of System 2, that is to say, candidates for reappointment shall have:

- (a) passed an ISAF judges examination in the three years prior to 14 October of the year of application. However, they may take the examination after 14 October on the following conditions:
  1. if the candidate has fulfilled all other requirements, he may be reappointed, subject to passing the examination no later than 1 May of the following year.
  2. if the candidate does not pass the examination by 1 May of the following year he may reapply for appointment at the following ISAF Annual Conference.
- (b) an examination may only be used once to qualify, except for candidates who are seventy years of age or more at the time of appointment;
- (c) within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application, served as a member of a protest committee for at least six principal events, the majority of which shall be fleet racing events. At no less than three of these six events the candidate shall have been a member of an International Jury. At least two of these six events shall have been outside the candidate's Group or Member National Authority.

## 31.12 International Umpire

31.12.1 A candidate for first appointment and re-appointment as an International Umpire shall:

- (a) in the case of applications for first appointment only, have raced recently, preferably match or team racing;
- (b) have consistently demonstrated the following qualifications:

- (i) be able to apply the relevant rules and make correct decisions within a few seconds under pressure;
  - (ii) anticipation skills based on an understanding of how boats manoeuvre in match and /or team racing;
  - (iii) be able to drive and position small powerboats; and
  - (iv) be fit and able to withstand several consecutive days on the water in small powerboats;
- (c) in the case of applications for first appointment only, have attended an ISAF Umpiring Seminar within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;
- (d) have passed the ISAF examination within the time scale and in accordance with the provisions of this regulation:
- (i) candidates for first appointment must have taken the examination in the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;
  - (ii) candidates for re-appointment must have passed the examination in the three years prior to 14 October of the year of application. However, they may take the examination after 14 October on the following conditions:
    1. candidates for re-appointment who have fulfilled all other requirements, but who have not passed the examination by 14 October, may be approved subject to passing the examination no later than 1 May of the following year;
    2. candidates for re-appointment who do not pass the examination by 1 May the following year will, unless there are special circumstances, only be considered for appointment at the following Annual ISAF Meeting, and then, only as an applicant for first appointment;
  - (iii) an examination may only be used once to qualify, except for candidates who are seventy years of age or more at the time of first appointment or reappointment;
  - (iv) candidates who fail the examination may take a new examination, but not within six months after the first one, except in special circumstances; and
  - (v) candidates who fail the examination a second time and request to take a new examination shall be assessed on an individual basis. The decision whether to allow this or not shall be made by the Chairman of the International Umpires Sub-committee. Candidates who fail the examination a third time may only reapply after a period of 2 years following the failing of the third examination and only if they fulfil all requirements for first appointment.
- (e) In the case of applications for first appointment only, have passed the ISAF performance assessment at least one time in the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application. The ISAF performance assessment is designed to establish that the

candidate has the qualifications listed in Regulation 31.12(b);

- (f) have acted as an umpire in at least eight principal events in the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application. One of these events shall be outside the candidate's Group for candidates from Groups A-H, or the candidate's Member National Authority for candidates from Groups I-Q. The events shall include a range of grades;
- (g) in the case of applications for first appointment only, have obtained a completed IUSC Reference Form from the Chief Umpire of at least three of the principal events submitted in accordance with regulation 31.12(f). This regulation will not apply to events held before 7 November 2007;
- (h) have contributed to development of the Umpiring Programme, and furthered the objectives, rules and regulations of ISAF; and
- (i) have demonstrated contributions to umpiring on national level, such as umpiring at national level events, and training and development of umpires on national level.

### 31.13 International Measurer

31.13.1 The appointment is made for a specific Class or Rating System. For the purpose of this Regulation a Rating System, except where otherwise stated, shall be deemed to have the status of a Class.

31.13.2 An International Measurer can only be appointed to a maximum of five Classes subject to meeting the requirements in Regulation 31.13.5.

31.13.3 A candidate for appointment as International Measurer shall:

- (a) have acted as an Equipment Inspector in at least two principal events (as defined by the International Measurers Sub-committee) of the Class he is applying for, within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;
- (b) have attended an ISAF International Measurer's seminar and have passed the International Measurers written test within the last four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;
- (c) have an intimate knowledge of the relevant Class rules and the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing.
- (d) be recommended by the relevant class association or, for Rating Systems, by an ISAF Rating class, and
- (e) have obtained one completed IMSC reference form from an International Measurer who has served at a principal event with the candidate.

Candidates who fail the examination may take a new examination, but not within six months after the first one, except in special circumstances. Candidates who fail the examination more than once shall be assessed on an individual basis. The decision whether to allow this or not shall be made by the International Measurers Subcommittee.

31.13.4 A candidate for re-appointment as International Measurer shall:

- (a) have acted as an Equipment Inspector in two principal events (as defined by the

International Measurers Sub-committee) within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application; one of the events shall be of the Class or Rating System he is applying for. As an alternative, one of the events may be substituted by one hull prototype measurement of the Class he is applying for;

- (b) have an intimate knowledge of the relevant class or Rating System rules and the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing; and
- (c) be recommended by the relevant class association or Rating System.

31.13.5 An International Measurer applying for appointment to an additional Class shall:

- (a) have acted as an Equipment Inspector in at least two principal events (as determined by the International Measurers Sub-committee) of the Class he is applying for, within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;
- (b) have an intimate knowledge of the relevant class rules and the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing.
- (c) be recommended by the relevant class association or, for Rating Systems, by an ISAF Rating class.

31.13.6 Once appointed, an International Measurer shall not be employed by or act as a consultant to or regular official measurer at a builder for that class or Rating System

31.14 International Race Officer

31.14.1 A candidate for first appointment as International Race Officer shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October of the year of application with the following:

- (a) have served as Race Officer responsible for the management of the races on the water in four principal events. Notwithstanding this requirement, a candidate may count no more than two events in a 4 year period at which he/she served as an International Technical Official (ITO) on the race management team at the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games or Youth Olympic Games, or as Principal Race Officer (PRO), Deputy Race Officer (DRO), Course Representative (CR) in events listed in Regulation 25.8.17(a) and (b);
- (b) have served as Race Officer responsible for the management of the races on the water in at least four other events;
- (c) include with the application a letter of recommendation from a class association or organizing authority of a principal event at which the candidate was a race officer responsible for running the races;
- (d) have knowledge of matters affecting the safety of competitors in respect of race management;
- (e) have experience in race management training;
- (f) have attended an ISAF Race Management Seminar and have passed the International Race Officers written test;
- (g) have passed the ISAF International Race Officers examination, in accordance with the

provisions of this regulation;

- (i) (candidates who fail the examination the first time may take a new examination, but not within six months after the first one, except in special circumstances; and
  - (ii) candidates who fail the examination a second time and request to take a new examination shall be assessed on an individual basis. The decision whether to allow this or not shall be made by the Chairman of the Race Management Sub-committee. Candidates who fail the examination a third time may only reapply after a period of 2 years following the failing of the third examination and only if they fulfil all requirements for first appointment.
- (h) be prepared to work with the Race Management Sub-committee on race management matters.
- (i) have obtained three completed International Race Officer Reference Forms (on the water assessment) from three different ISAF International Race Officials at least one of which shall be completed by an International Race Officer who observed the candidate's performance on the water.

31.14.2 A candidate for re-appointment as an International Race Officer shall comply with the following:

- (a) the requirements set out in Regulation 31.14.1 with the exception of 31.14.1(f) and (h).
- (b) have completed eight on-line International Race Officer Regatta Report Forms in the role as described in 31.14.1 (a) and (b) and sent digitally to the ISAF office. (This to be phased in over the next 4 years 2013 -2016 on a pro rata basis).

#### ***Considerations for Appointment***

31.15 Each Sub-committee shall consider the following when deciding on an application:

- (a) whether the candidate has complied with the requirements listed above;
- (b) any comments received by means of Regatta Report Forms;
- (c) the candidate's relevant experience in other disciplines; and
- (d) such other information as it may consider relevant.

31.16 Candidates for re-appointment who do not meet all the requirements for re-appointment, especially in respect of events attended, may, in special circumstances or on medical grounds, be recommended for re-appointment. In those cases, the Race Officials Committee may approve either:

- (a) re-appointment of a candidate for a full 4 year term;
- (b) extension of the existing appointment for 12 months;

31.17 Race Officials whose appointments have expired less than 12 months will be considered as candidates for re-appointment and shall meet the general and additional requirements for re-appointment for each discipline.

31.18 Race Officials whose appointments have expired for more than 12 months will be considered

as candidates for initial appointment and they shall meet the general and additional requirements for initial appointment for each discipline.

### ***Recognition and Designation***

- 31.19 The Race Officials Committee and the Sub-committees may develop and subsequently act in accordance with written procedures for the grouping and classification of International Race Officials but shall submit the procedures and any changes to the Executive Committee before they are implemented. The procedures submitted shall specify the nature of the groups to be selected. After approval they shall be published by ISAF.
- 31.20 The identity of the members of any grouping panel shall be published after the grouping process is completed but not later than the date specified in the written procedures approved by the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 31.19 but will not be published earlier. Until that time the identity of the members of any grouping panel will not be known to the other members of the panel or to any other Sub-committee Chairman (except the chairman of the relevant Sub-committee, the Chairman of Race Officials Committee and the Chief Executive Officer). Accordingly panel members are required to keep their membership confidential.
- 31.21 Separate lists of International Race Officials shall be printed in the ISAF Yearbook with a designation indicating the designation of the Member National Authority of the official. However if an International Judge or International Umpire is approved for re-appointment subject to passing the ISAF examination of the discipline before 1 May and the examination is not passed before the 31 December, his name will not be included.

### ***Termination of Appointment and Appeals***

- 31.22 An International Race Official may appeal against the decision of the Race Officials Committee or any other body or person that affects the following:
- (a) his initial appointment;
  - (b) his reappointment; or
  - (c) termination of his appointment or restriction of his status.
  - (d) any sanction imposed under Regulation 32.10.
- 31.23 This appeal shall be decided by the ISAF Review Board or by an ISAF arbitration court established by the Review Board.