

**Continental Associations to Train and Certify Regional Technical Officers and Race Officials**

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**Purpose or Objective**

To train locally and increase the quality of Technical Officers in ISAF.

**Proposal**

Continental Associations can train and certify regional Technical Officers including Jury and Race Officers. Those Technical Officers certified by the Continental Associations can qualify to become ISAF International Technical Officers.

**Current Position**

None.

**Reasons**

1. Language is a big concern for many countries in International Sport
  2. ISAF conducts all its tests for certifying International Technical Officers in English
  3. Continental Associations can certify Technical Officers who are knowledgeable, with a lot of practical experience but do not necessary pass the ISAF Exams due to language issues
  4. These officials can be excellent help at regional events and should not be denied roles
  5. Continental Associations train and help such officials to improve and eventually pass the ISAF examination
  6. This will also make ISAF system efficient as only those officials who have the experience regionally and probability to pass the difficult ISAF exam for being ITOs would appear for ISAF exam.
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