

Recognized Race Officials

Regulation 33.24

A submission from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Proposal:

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- 33.24** **The Race Officials Committee may appoint candidates for initial appointment who do not meet all the requirements for initial appointment, the status “ISAF Recognized Race Official”.**
- 33.25** **The candidate shall meet the following criteria:**
- (a) 33.11.1 (a) and (b) for Recognized Judge;**
 - (b) 33.12 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (h) for Recognized Umpire;**
 - (c) 33.13.1 (a) or (b) for Recognized Measurer; and**
 - (d) 33.14.1 (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) for Recognized Race Officer.**
- 33.26** **The candidate shall meet at least 50% of the following criteria:**
- (a) 33.11.1 (c) and (d) for Recognized Judge;**
 - (b) 33.12 (f) and (g) for Recognized Umpire;**
 - (c) 33.13.1 (a) or (b) for Recognized Measurer; and**
 - (d) 33.14.1 (a), (b) for Recognized Race Officer.**
- 33.27** **The Race Officials Committee or the relevant Sub-committee may request that the candidate shall be paired with a mentor appointed by the relevant Sub-committee for a certain period of time.**
- 33.28** **The candidate does not need to meet the criteria 33.9 (c).**
- 33.29** **The term of appointment for an Recognized Race Official shall begin on the date it is made by the Race Officials Committee and the duration of the appointment shall be two years. There shall be not more than two terms for an individual as Recognized Race Official in one discipline. If a Recognized Race Official fails to qualify for International Status after its second term he shall not be appointed as Recognized Race Official anymore.**
- 33.30** **A Recognized Judge shall be considered as one of the International Judges with regard to rule N1.2. There shall be no more than one such Recognized Judge who is counting as International Judge on one panel.**
- 33.31** **A Recognized Umpire shall be considered as one of the International Umpires with regard to regulation 24.2.5 “Minimum of International Umpires per Match”. There shall be no more than one such Recognized Umpire who is counting as International Umpire on one umpire team.**

33.32 All Recognized Race Officials, applicants and appointed, shall be considered to be ISAF International Race officials for the purposes of these regulations.

Current Position:

This is a new regulation. ISAF Recognized Officials do not currently exist.

Reasons:

The ISAF Strategic Projects initiative identified the need to make the entry to becoming an International Race Official easier, especially for regions that have less racing activity or less existing International Race Officials.

Currently it is impossible to become an International Race Official without being invited to serve at a significant number of Principal Events. The organisers of Principal Events are reluctant to appoint non International Race Officials, especially when the cost of travel is high.

This proposal ensures that Recognized officials meet exactly the same technical criteria as International Officials but it reduces the experience they need before appointment. The proposal limits the duration of these appointments to four years, but that should be enough time for the official to gain experience at sufficient Principal Events to become fully qualified.

The proposal deliberately uses the same technical criteria as full International Officials to ensure the technical competence of Recognized Officials. This also avoids the creation of additional regulations and procedure to process their applications. It will also ensure that their ISAF training through seminars and clinics is identical.

We considered using the term 'Probationary International Official' and plan to debate the best terminology prior to and during Conference, but that debate does not change the principal and should not delay progressing this submission.