

ISAF Match Racing Rankings

International Jury Requirement - Regulation 27.2.3

A submission from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

To introduce the possibility that ISAF in special circumstances can waive the requirement for an International Jury at a match racing event.

Proposal

Insert Regulation 27.2.3(g) as follows:

27.2.3 Grading of Events

(g) Requirement for an international jury

For match racing events where an international jury is required, ISAF may in special circumstances waive this requirement by authorizing a protest committee for the event. An organizing authority may apply to ISAF for such an authorization at the same time as it applies for grading of the event. ISAF shall consider the following factors:

- (i) the International Judges who are available for the event and their geographical distribution;**
- (ii) the financial situation of the event, the budget available for race official travel costs and the estimated travel costs of the International Judges that are available;**
- (iii) the qualifications, experience and nationality of the proposed members of the protest committee;**
- (iv) whether ISAF has given authorization previously; and**
- (v) any other information ISAF considers relevant.**

The decision is made jointly by the Chairman of Race Officials Committee, the Chairman of the International Judges Sub-committee and the Chief Executive Officer. ISAF may impose conditions on any authorization.

Current Position

There is no current position.

Reasons

1. Match racing at Grade 3 events and higher require a specified number of International Umpires. Grade 1 events and higher also require an International Jury and thereby at least 3 International Judges (according to RRS, Appendix N). Not all International Umpires are also International Judges. Therefore, the requirement for an International Jury limits the selection of International Umpires which may impose both a logistic challenge in finding umpires that are available and a financial problem because the umpires may come from more distant locations which may impose higher travel costs.
 2. The general aim in the Race Officials area to ensure high quality events for competitors, organizers, sponsors and spectators. That is why an International Jury is required at higher level match racing events.
 3. This submission provides ISAF with the ability for a specific event to balance the aim of high quality officiating against a limited event budget. In addition, it allows ISAF to control and monitor how frequently the general requirement for an International Jury is waived.
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