

## **Racing Rules of Sailing**

### Rule N1

A submission from Australian Sailing

#### **Purpose or Objective**

The purpose is to make the composition of an international jury more feasible to organising authorities in Group L, as currently provided for in Groups M, N and Q.

#### **Proposal**

Amend rule N1 as follows:

N1.3 No more than two members (three, in Groups **L**, M, N and Q) shall be from the same national authority.

N1.4 (b) The chairman of a jury may appoint panels of at least three members each, of which the majority shall be International Judges. Members of each panel shall be from at least three different national authorities except in Groups **L**, M, N and Q, where they shall be from at least two different national authorities. If dissatisfied with a panel's decision, a party is entitled to a hearing by a panel composed in compliance with rules N1.1, N1.2 and N1.3, except concerning the facts found, if requested within the time limit specified in the sailing instructions.

N1.5 When a full jury, or a panel, has fewer than five members, because of illness or emergency, and no qualified replacements are available, it remains properly constituted if it consists of at least three members and if at least two of them are International Judges. When there are three or four members they shall be from at least three different national authorities except in Groups **L**, M, N and Q, where they shall be from at least two different national authorities.

N1.7 In exception to rules N1.1 and N1.2, World Sailing may in limited circumstances (see World Sailing Regulation 25.8.13) authorise an international jury consisting of a total of only three members. All members shall be International Judges. The members shall be from three different national authorities (two, in Groups **L**, M, N and Q). The authorisation shall be stated in a letter of approval to the organising authority and in the notice of race and sailing instructions, and the letter shall be posted on the event's official notice board.

#### **Current Position**

As above

#### **Reasons**

1. Organising authorities from Group L nations face significant financial and logistic difficulties compiling an international jury. Within group L, flights between countries are over 3 hours in
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duration. For judges travelling to an event from outside group L, the flight time exceeds 8 hours. Costs of return flights for an official from outside Group L can exceed €1250.

2. The requirement to have a majority of International Judges on the jury (refer N1.2) remains.
3. All the group L international judges are from 2 countries and most principal events are run from those two countries. If this proposal is adopted, the majority of International Judges can be satisfied from within the group but then the other 2 jury positions can be offered to more people from within group L who need the judging experience to become a qualified judge.
4. Making international juries more feasible may increase their use within Group L and expose Group L officials to a higher level of expertise and experience improving events and the calibre of local officials
5. There is a position for Groups M, N and Q which is needed and applicable for Group L

GROUP M	TLA	IJ	IU	IRO	TOTAL
Argentina	ARG	9	1	3	13
Chile	CHI	0	0	0	0
Ecuador	ECU	0	0	1	1
Peru	PER	1	0	1	2
Uruguay	URU	3	0	2	5
GROUP N					
Brazil	BRA	3	0	2	5
Paraguay	PAR	0	0	0	0
TOTAL for GROUPS M and N		16	1	9	26

GROUP Q					
Angola	ANG	0	0	0	0
Botswana	BOT	0	0	0	0
Egypt	EGY	1	0	0	1
Mozambique	MOZ	0	0	0	0
Algeres	ALG	0	0	1	1
Djibouti	DJI	0	0	0	0
Morocco	MAR	1	0	0	1
Senegal	SEN	0	0	0	0
Tunisia	TUN	0	0	1	1
Kenya	KEN	0	0	0	0
Libya	LBA	0	0	0	0
Madagascar	MAD	0	0	0	0
Mauritius	MRI	0	0	0	0
Namibia	NAM	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	NGR	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	ZIM	0	0	0	0
Seychelles	SEY	0	0	0	0
South Africa	RSA	2	0	1	3

Sudan	SUD	0	0	0	0
Tanzania	TAN	0	0	0	0
Uganda	UGA	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL for GROUP Q</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>GROUP L</b>					
Tahiti	TAH	0	0	0	0
Fiji	FIJ	0	0	0	0
American Samoa	ASA	0	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	PNG	0	0	0	0
Cook Islands	COK	0	0	0	0
Samoa	SAM	0	0	0	0
Australia	AUS	19	10	21	50
New Zealand	NZL	8	3	3	14
Vanuatu	VAN	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL for GROUP L</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>64</b>