

IFDS Medical Committee Report, Bernard Destrubé

Medical Committee or Classifiers have been present at a certain number of events

Appropriate Panels of two or four International Classifiers were present at the following events:

ISAF Sailing World Cup

Sail Melbourne, AUS
Rolex Miami OCR, USA
Trofeo SAR Princesa Sofia, Palma, ESP
Semaine Olympique Française, Hyeres, FRA
Sail for Gold Regatta, Weymouth,
IFDS 2011 Combined World Championships.

The Classifier Sub-Committee chair and one other International Classifier provided Classification Introduction Instruction in Korea in November 2010. The Chair of the Medical Committee was present for a two day work session at ISAF UK in Southampton, GBR during March 2011 and also attended the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) conference organized in Lausanne, SUI, which dealt with many issues concerning sport Federation compliance to WADA requirements and recommendations.

Evolution of Numbers of Classified Sailors

Master list contained 270 athletes in 2004
260 athletes in 2008
282 athletes at the end of August 2011

This is already a record number of athletes classified for international competition, and with another six events including our world championships before the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition, we should expect over 300 athletes classified in this quadrennium, underlining the good health of IFDS activity.

WADA Anti-doping Code

One of the key issues discussed during the Lausanne conference concerned the difficulties encountered to determine each sport's registered testing pool and then manage testing of this group in an appropriate manner. This issue is our last hurdle before we can hope to be fully Wada compliant.

Classifiers Bulletin

The first edition of a bulletin specifically addressing issues of interest to international and national classifiers is being distributed in September. It is hoped that three or four bulletins of this type will be elaborated yearly.

Athletes Welcome Note

The classification procedure now includes delivery of this note to each sailor when classified, giving information on classification results, information about IFDS and in particular information about Anti-Doping awareness and resources.

Work in progress includes:

1. implementation of an online Classification payment procedure. This was already on last year's program, and although the web based mechanics are fully functional, the particularities of IFDS Dutch registration with a British office has blocked the system at present, awaiting clarification of our status as a non-profit organisation.
2. Attention has been focused on the lack of reliable methodology concerning approval of sailor

specific adaptations in each of the boats. Work is underway to establish a reliable approval procedure and to maintain records of approved adaptations.

I would like to thank all international classifiers and members of the medical committee for their dedication to all the work achieved this year.