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Regulation 24 ISAF World Rankings - Grading Criteria for Ranked Events

A submission from the chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

PROPOSAL:

Add to the ISAF grading criteria requirements regarding the number of judges and the number and specification of judge boats in relation to the number of classes and number of entries.

CURRENT POSITION:

There is no current position other than the requirements on the Olympic jury in Regulation 16.3 and on juries at Major and Recognized Events in Regulation 18.12.2.

REASON:

ISAF Graded Events should meet certain standards across all aspects of the event. If rule 42 is to be effectively policed is it essential that a sufficient number of judges with the appropriate expertise are appointed and that they have the right equipment (particularly jury boats) to do the job properly. It is accepted that this will increase some of the costs of events, but compared with the money invested by all the competitors to attend the event the difference is minuscule and is the price that must be paid for consistent judging from event to event.