Race Officials Administration

New ISAF Technical Delegates Sub-committee

A submission from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee

Purpose or Objective

To create an entity (i.e. Sub-committee of the Race Officials Committee) to administer a Technical Delegates program.

Proposal

Establish a New Technical Delegates Sub-committee

Current Position

Under the current regulations, ISAF appoints Technical Delegates to "all "ISAF Events" and Regional Games events including the Olympic Sailing Competition" (Regulation 25.9). The criteria for appointment are based on Regulation 25.9.3, which requires that TD's appointed to Regional Games be certified as an ISAF Officer or International Judge, and on Regulation 25.9.5, which lists the general qualifications expected. However, not every ISAF Race Officer or International Judge has the background and experience to fulfill the role of ISAF Technical Delegate and in practice, the Technical Delegates appointed to Regional Games are invariably drawn from a very limited pool of individuals.

Reasons

1. The ISAF Technical Delegate’s role is critical to the success of all sailing event, but particularly non "ISAF Events" where the local organizing committee may not have the level or depth of expertise required to ensure a successful sailing event. At present there is a limited pool of individuals from whom to select Technical Delegates.

2. The Sailing events at Regional Games are in every case an opportunity to showcase our sport. Major Regional Games such as the Pan American Games, the All African Games, the Asian Games and the Mediterranean Games attract large audiences in their respective areas. ISAF should ensure that the sailing events at these games and all other Regional Games enjoy high quality and consistent support from the Technical Delegates.

3. The creation of a "Technical Delegates Sub-committee" to administer and monitor the selection, preparation, training and performance of Technical Delegates is intended to enable ISAF to both expand the pool of resource persons and improve the services provided to organizers of all types of sailing events, including Regional Games and "non "ISAF Events".