

World Sailing Regulations

Regulation 31 – World Sailing Race Officials

A submission from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

To achieve consistent administration across World Sailing race official disciplines and simplify the Regulation.

Proposal

Delete Regulation 31 and replace with the following:

31. WORLD SAILING RACE OFFICIALS ADMINISTRATION

31.1 The provisions of this Regulation affect all World Sailing Race Officials, who consist of:

- (a) International Classifiers**
- (b) International Expression Judges**
- (c) International Judges**
- (d) International Measurers**
- (e) International Race Officers**
- (f) International Technical Delegates**
- (g) International Umpires**

31.2 For the purposes of this Regulation, including any supporting documentation, references to “principal events” shall mean those events described generally or designated as principal events by the Race Officials Committee and published on the World Sailing website. This Regulation shall not require World Sailing to list each individual event.

31.3 A candidate who

- (a) attends a World Sailing race official seminar,**
- (b) takes a World Sailing examination, or**
- (c) participates in any other World Sailing activity required for appointment**
agrees to be bound by the provisions of the World Sailing Regulations. Notice of this fact shall be given to the candidate in advance.

Term of Appointment

31.4 The term of appointment for a World Sailing Race Official shall begin on the date of appointment by the Race Officials Committee. The duration shall be:

(a) four years if the applicant is less than seventy years old on the date of appointment by the Race Officials Committee; or

(b) two years if the applicant is seventy years old or older on the date of appointment by the Race Officials Committee.

The actual date that an appointment ends on shall be 31 December in the relevant year.

31.5 World Sailing shall publish lists of World Sailing Race Officials and their designated Member National Authority in the World Sailing Yearbook.

31.6 If the Race Officials Committee defers consideration of an application, the four or two year term (as appropriate) shall be calculated with reference to the date of the Race Officials Committee meeting at which the application was first considered.

Applications for Appointment and Re-appointment

31.7 A candidate for appointment shall:

(a) meet the general qualifications for appointment as a World Sailing Race Official and the discipline-specific qualifications as published by World Sailing by 1 February each year; and

(b) send an application on the official form so that it is received by the Executive Office by 1 September.

31.8 A candidate for first appointment shall be endorsed by his Member National Authority.

31.9 World Sailing shall inform a Member National Authority of all applications for re-appointment received from its World Sailing Race Officials.

31.10 By applying for appointment or participating in a World Sailing activity required for appointment, a candidate or World Sailing Race Official agrees that, if aggrieved, he will resort only to the remedies referred to in these Regulations, and whether those remedies are exhausted or not, shall not resort to any court or other tribunal.

31.11 Where a candidate is required to have served at an event outside of his Group or Member National Authority the following provisions shall apply:

(a) if the event is the Olympic Sailing Competition or an event listed in Regulation 25.8.10, it will qualify as such an event even if it has taken place inside his Group or Member National Authority; and

(b) if the candidate is from Groups A - H, the event shall be outside his Group, and if the candidate is from Groups I - Q, the event shall be outside his Member National Authority.

Examinations

31.12 If a candidate for appointment must pass a World Sailing examination in order to be appointed, the following provisions shall apply:

31.12.1 A candidate shall have passed the examination in the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application.

31.12.2 If a candidate for re-appointment has not passed the examination prior to 14 October of the year of application, he may be re-appointed if all other conditions for re-appointment are met and:

- (a) the examination has been passed by 1 January in the following year; or
- (b) the examination has been passed by 1 May but after 1 January in the following year. In this case, the Executive Office may omit or mark the candidate's name accordingly in the World Sailing Yearbook.

If the examination is not passed by 1 May in the following year, the candidate will, unless there are special circumstances, have his appointment terminated by the Race Officials Committee but may re-apply in accordance with Regulation 31.15.

31.12.3 An examination pass may only be used once to qualify, except that it may be used to qualify for two consecutive two-year terms.

31.12.4 A candidate who does not pass an examination may retake it on the following conditions:

- (a) a candidate who fails an examination on the first attempt shall not retake the examination within six months of the first attempt, unless the Chairman of the relevant Sub-Committee (or the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee if there is no Sub-committee) is satisfied that there are special circumstances to permit the candidate to retake the examination earlier;
- (b) a candidate who fails an examination on the second attempt shall not retake the examination within a period of two years, unless the Chairman of the relevant Sub-Committee (or the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee if there is no Sub-committee) has considered the candidate's individual case and is satisfied that the candidate should be permitted an additional opportunity to retake the examination; and
- (c) a candidate who fails an examination on the third attempt shall wait a period of two years before retaking the examination, is not entitled to submit an application during that period, and shall then apply as a candidate for first appointment.

Appointments

31.13 The Race Officials Committee shall decide whether to appoint a World Sailing Race Official after considering the recommendations of the following committee, sub-committee or working party that is responsible for the discipline concerned:

- (a) the Para Sailing Committee for International Classifiers;
- (b) the Board or Regional Games Sub-Committee (as appropriate) for International Technical Delegates; and
- (c) the International Judges Sub-committee for International Expression Judges;
- (d) the International Judges Sub-committee for International Judges;
- (e) the International Measurers Sub-committee for International Measurers;
- (f) the International Umpires Sub-committee for International Umpires.
- (g) the Race Management Sub-committee for International Race Officers;

31.14 When a committee, sub-committee or working party makes a recommendation on an application, and the Race Officials Committee makes a decision on it, each shall consider the following:

- (a) whether the candidate has complied with the general and additional requirements for the discipline;
 - (b) any comments received by means of regatta report forms;
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(c) any other reports on the candidate's performance held by the Executive Office;

(d) the candidate's relevant experience in other disciplines; and

(e) any other information as it may consider relevant.

31.15 If a candidate for re-appointment does not meet all the requirements for re-appointment due to medical or other special circumstances, the Race Officials Committee may:

(a) re-appoint the candidate for a full four or two year term (as appropriate); or

(b) extend the existing appointment for 12 months.

31.16 A World Sailing Race Official whose appointment has ended within the last 12 months may re-apply and be considered as a candidate for re-appointment (that is having to meet the requirements for re-appointment and not first appointment). After 12 months, the Race Official must apply as a candidate for first appointment.

31.17 While appointed, an International Measurer shall not be employed by, nor act as a consultant to or regular official measurer at, a builder for his associated classes or Rating Systems.

Grouping

31.18 The Race Officials Committee may develop and implement processes for the grouping of World Sailing Race Officials. The procedure for such processes shall be approved by the Board and shall be published on the World Sailing website.

Termination of Appointment and Appeals

31.19 A candidate for appointment or a World Sailing Race Official may appeal against the decision of the Race Officials Committee regarding his application or termination of an appointment.

31.20 Appeals shall be decided by the Judicial Board under its rules of procedure.

Current Position

See Regulation 31.

Reasons

1. The current Regulation 31 is nearly 7 pages long and has multiple differences in wording across the various race official disciplines. In order to achieve consistency, the proposed new regulation is expressed generally to cover all seven disciplines.
 2. The current Regulation 31 was worded for the four original disciplines (IJ, IM, IRO and IU), while the three new disciplines (IC, IEJ and TD) appear as add-ons. The proposed new regulation makes the seven disciplines appear in exactly the same form.
 3. The current Regulation 31 includes detailed descriptions of the administration process and requirements to applicants. This implies that a submission is required to make even simple revisions to the requirements and administrative procedures. With the proposed new regulation, these matters will be moved to documents that are maintained by ROC and published by WS.
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