

World Sailing Regulations

Regulation 25.9 – Technical Delegates

A submission from the Board

Purpose or Objective

To change the appointment requirements for the Olympic and Paralympic Technical Delegates.

Proposal

1. Amend Regulation 25.9.1 as follows:
25.9.1 The Board shall appoint World Sailing Technical Delegates to the Olympic Sailing Competition **and Paralympic Sailing Competition**.
2. Amend Regulation 25.9.2 as follows:
25.9.2 The appointment of technical delegates to events organized outside the World Sailing Events, Regional Games and Olympic Sailing Competition **and Paralympic Sailing Competition** will be left to the Member National Authority of the country in which the event is being held.
3. Amend Regulation 25.9.4 as follows:
25.9.4 World Sailing Technical Delegates appointed to Regional Games shall only be those certified by World Sailing as an World Sailing International Race Officer, ~~or~~ International Judge **or World Sailing International Technical Delegate**.
4. Amend Regulations 25.9.8 and 25.9.9 as follows:
25.9.8 At least two World Sailing Technical Delegates will be appointed for **each of** the Olympic Sailing Competition **and Paralympic Sailing Competition**, subject to the following guidelines:
 - (a) one World Sailing Technical Delegate will be ~~a member of the Board~~ **an International Technical Delegate**;
 - (b) one World Sailing Technical Delegate will be an World Sailing staff appointee;
 - (c) the World Sailing Technical Delegates will be appointed no later than three years before the start of the Olympic **or Paralympic** Sailing Competition **(as appropriate)**.
25.9.9 The Board ~~shall approve the Technical Delegate for the Paralympic Sailing Competition (including Paralympic Qualification events)~~ **may require that World Sailing appoints Technical Delegates to the Olympic and Paralympic qualification events if in the Board's opinion it is necessary to do so.**

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. These amendments bring the Regulation up to date with the merger between IFDS and World Sailing in 2014 and the appointment of International Technical Delegates.
 2. In relation to the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Board believes that the workload of the Technical Delegates has developed beyond the current system. One Technical Delegate should be a staff member dedicated to the operational delivery of the Games and the other should be a qualified International Technical Delegate leading and managing the race officials at the event.
 3. There is no reason why a member of the Board must act as an Olympic Technical Delegate - the Technical Delegates already report regularly to the Board and it is appropriate that the Board members at the Games are free to undertake other duties and responsibilities.
 4. With the growth in the number of qualification events, it is necessary to ensure that World Sailing has the ability to appoint technical delegates to the Olympic and Paralympic qualification events if it is necessary to do so in order to ensure the fairness and proper administration of the qualification systems. Not all qualification events will require this role and it may be that the event already has suitable officials attending who can be designated as a technical delegate.
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