ISAF Race Officials

Race Official Examinations - Regulation 31

A submission from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

To harmonise the rules for race official examinations across all the disciplines.

Proposal 1

1. Delete the text of Regulations 31.11.1(b), 31.11.2(a), 31.12.1(d) and 31.14.1(g) and replace with:

   (c) have passed the ISAF examination for the discipline in accordance with Regulation 31.xx

2. Amend Regulation 31.13.3 as follows:

   31.13.3 A candidate for first appointment as International Measurer shall:

   (a) have acted as an Equipment Inspector in at least two principal events (as defined by the International Measurers Sub-committee) of the Class he is applying for, within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;

   (b) have attended an ISAF International Measurer’s seminar and have passed the International Measurers written test within the last four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;

   (c) have passed the ISAF examination for the discipline in accordance with Regulation 31.xx;

   (ed) have an intimate knowledge of the relevant Class rules and the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing;

   (de) be recommended by the relevant class association or, for Rating Systems, by an ISAF Rating class; and

   (ef) have obtained one completed IMSC reference form from an International Measurer who has served at a principal event with the candidate.

Candidates who fail the examination may take a new examination, but not within six months after the first one, except in special circumstances. Candidates who fail the examination more than once shall be assessed on an individual basis. The decision whether to allow this or not shall be made by the International Measurers Sub-committee.

3. Amend Regulation 31.21 as follows:
31.21 Separate lists of International Race Officials shall be printed in the ISAF Yearbook with a designation indicating the designation of the Member National Authority of the official. However if an International Judge or International Umpire is approved for re-appointment subject to passing the ISAF examination of the discipline before 1 May and the examination is not passed before the 31 December, his name will not be included.

4. Delete Regulations 31.11.1(c), 31.11.1(d), 31.11.2(b) and re-number.

Proposal 2

1. Insert new Regulation 31.xx as follows:

Examinations

31.xx If a candidate for first appointment or re-appointment must pass an ISAF examination in order to be appointed, the following provisions shall apply:

31.xx.1 A candidate for first appointment must have passed the examination in the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;

31.xx.2 A candidate for re-appointment must have passed the examination in the three years prior to 14 October of the year of application. However, they may pass the examination after 14 October on the following conditions:

(a) if the examination has not been passed by 1 January in the following year, the Chief Executive Officer may omit or mark the candidate’s name accordingly in the ISAF Yearbook;

(b) if all other conditions for appointment are met, the candidate may be re-appointed provided that he passes the examination before 1 May in the following year; and

(c) if the examination is not passed by 1 May in the following year, the candidate will, unless there are special circumstances, not be re-appointed but may re-apply in accordance with Regulation 31.17.

31.xx.3 An examination pass may only be used once to qualify, except that candidates who are aged seventy years or over at the time of appointment may use it twice;

31.xx.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 for the discipline (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 an examination earlier;

(b) a candidate who fails an examination on the second attempt shall not resit the examination, unless the Chairman of the relevant Sub-Committee for the discipline (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 an 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.

2. Renumber Regulations 31 accordingly

Current Position

See current Regulation 31 throughout. At present, the above rules are repeated in different ways in each Regulation that deals with International Judges, International Umpires, International measurers and International race Officers.

Reason

The rules should be the same for all race official disciplines and contained in one place in the Regulations.