World Sailing Race Officials

Olympic Jury – Regulation 23.3

A submission from the Board

Purpose or Objective

To update the appointment process for the Olympic Jury taking into account EAWP and conflict of interest procedures.

Proposal 1

Insert new Regulation 23.3.1 as follows and re-number accordingly:

23.3.1 The Board shall appoint the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Olympic Jury after having considered the recommendations of the Event Appointment Working Party, the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, and the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee. No recommendation from a person with a conflict of interest shall be considered.

Proposal 2

Amend Regulation 23.3 as follows:

23.3.2 The President, Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee, Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, in conjunction with the Event Appointment Working Party, shall appoint the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and The Board shall appoint the other members of the Olympic Jury in consultation with the Chairmen of the Event Appointment Working Party, the Race Officials Committee, and the Racing Rules Committee members of the Olympic Jury, subject to the following guidelines requirements

(a) Procedure for Appointment

(1) If any of the persons listed in this Regulation have a conflict of interest, the remaining persons shall make a recommendation on that appointment. Once decided, the conflicted person can participate in the remainder of the appointments.

(2) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Olympic Jury shall be consulted for their proposals

(b) Criteria for Appointment

(a1) all members of the Jury shall be International Judges;

(b2) there shall not be more than two members from any one National
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 cú 3) at least one member shall be from the nation organizing the Olympic Sailing Competition and at least one member shall be from the nation organizing the subsequent Olympic Sailing Competition.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. This is an old Regulation that comes back from the times when the Olympic Jury was basically formed by the members of the Racing Rules Committee.

2. Nowadays, the Chairman of the RRC and ROC are candidates to be appointed as Chairman of the Olympic Jury, which immediately makes them have a conflict of interest which will not permit them to take part in the decision. The current Regulation does not anticipate how this situation may be solved.

3. The members of the Board are never going to be considered for the position of the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Olympic Jury so they will not have a conflict of interest in the decision.

4. Proposal 2 will give the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Olympic Jury the opportunity to be part of the process to select the rest of the team they have to work with. It will also modernise the appointment procedure and include the Event Appointments Working Party (as the specialist body for event appointments).