

**Racing Rules of Sailing – Appendix C (Match Racing)**

New MR Rule C2.14

A submission from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee

Purpose or Objective

To provide match racing events with the ability to form an International Jury using International Umpires.

Proposal

Add new rule C2.14:

**In Appendix N, N1.2, N1.4, N1.5, and N3.2 where ‘International Judge’ is referenced, one International Judge may be replaced by one International Umpire.**

Current Position

Existing Appendix N.

Reasons

1. Currently, 3 International Judges are required to comprise an International Jury at World Championship and Grade 1 Match Racing events. It is also recommended for Grade 2 Match Racing events.
2. An increasing number of International Umpires who could be selected to attend these events are **not** also International Judges. Of approximately 103 International Umpires, at least 38 are not International Judges.
3. As a result, event organizers are sometimes required to bring in International Judges who are not also umpires of any status, thereby adding to the expense of the regatta.
4. There are many qualified International Umpires who would otherwise be eligible and available to events who cannot get invited to them because they are not International Judges.
5. International Umpires are extremely well versed in issues and procedures that arise in hearings held by International Juries at match racing events, often more so than International Judges who may have little or no match racing experience.

By reducing the requirement for International Judges and allowing one International Umpire to fill one of the required International Judge places on the International Jury, the Events Appointment

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Working Party will be able to make appointments more easily with potentially less expense for event organizers.