

# Guidance for Member National Authorities (MNA) on endorsement letters for Race Officials

A candidate's initial application to become a **World Sailing Race Official** requires an endorsement to be submitted to World Sailing from the candidate's MNA. Once the endorsement is requested, the MNA has the responsibility to determine if the applicant meets World Sailing standards as a World Sailing international official. The MNA endorsement is an important part of the quality control to appointing World Sailing officials.

As the MNA of the candidate you could be aware of the candidate's performance as a race official. It would therefore be preferable if they had been appointed to at least one of your major events and had been observed as an official during this event.

If a candidate is approved as a World Sailing official, while they become independent official in many cases they reflect the standard and behaviour of officials in your country. Under the current World Sailing Regulations, a candidate may be approved when they meet the requirements. This is why the MNA endorsement is important, as this is verifying the candidate's application with a thoughtful endorsement.

Please discuss the endorsement with the candidate before completing the request through the Race Officials Application Platform ensuring this is received by **no later than 23:59 UTC on September 1** in the year of application.

The goal of the endorsement from the MNA is not to stop officials from applying. It is to ensure the MNA endorses the applicant to be a World Sailing Official meeting the highest of standards expected in the sport.

## Advice on conducting an Assessment

- Under the current regulation it is only necessary for a candidate to have their initial appointment endorsed by their MNA. Therefore, you may desire to maintain a high level of quality in your endorsements. If you have any doubt about a candidate, you may raise your concerns with the candidate and document them on the form.
- In order to improve the quality and consistency of the endorsement you could try to select (with care) other senior race officials in your community before making the endorsement.
- As you may have observed your race official over a period of time it would be beneficial to describe their temperament, behaviour and communication skills the candidate may have. Also any outstanding attributes they may bring to our sport.

Would you require more information on how you can become a World Sailing official, please contact the World Sailing Executive Office at [raceofficials@sailing.org](mailto:raceofficials@sailing.org).