



**The Event Appointments Working Party met at 11:00 – 16:00 hours on Monday 10 August 2015 at the ISAF Secretariat, Southampton, Great Britain**

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**Present:**

Margriet Pannevis (NED) – Chairman  
Chris Atkins (GBR) – ISAF Vice President  
Peter Shrubbs (BER)  
Bjørn Anker-Møller (DEN)  
Jon Napier (GBR) – Competitions Manager (non-voting)

**Also Present:**

Madeleine Dunn – ISAF Competitions & Race Officials Administrator  
Alastair Fox – Head of Competitions (Item 7(c))

## **1. Opening of the Meeting**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the Working Party to the ISAF Secretariat. She invited any declarations of conflict of interest before the meeting began.

Peter Shrubbs declared an interest in Items 7(f) and 9(a)(i). The Competitions Manager declared an interest in Item 7(c).

## **2. General**

### **(a) Reports**

- i) The Working Party received a report from the Competitions Manager on event appointments in 2015.

The Competitions Manager listed the events appointed to by ISAF were the Olympic Test Event, ISAF SWC events, ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships, Olympic Class World Championship, the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championships, World Match Racing Tour events, ISAF Youth and Women's Match Racing World Championships, the ISAF Nations Cup and the ISAF Team Racing World Championship.

The Competitions Manager also confirmed the total number of ISAF Race Officials qualified as of the date of the meeting (798 total – IJ: 363, IRO: 211, IM: 110 and IU: 114).

In judging, ISAF had appointed to 15 events. This comprised of 141 IJ appointments and 22 NJ appointments. In race management, 13 events had received appointments. This comprised of 44 PRO or Course Representative appointments, 13 International Technical Officials and 22 Course Race Officers. In

equipment inspection, 28 measurers and equipment inspections had been appointed to 13 events.

Looking at continental representation, the Competitions Manager reported the following breakdown of appointments compared to the total continental representation across the discipline:

	<b>IJ Total</b>	<b>IJ Appointed</b>	<b>IRO Total</b>	<b>IRO Appointed</b>
<b>Europe</b>	67%	52%	64%	49%
<b>Asia</b>	6%	10%	6%	7%
<b>Africa</b>	1%	1%	1%	2%
<b>Oceania</b>	8%	7%	11%	4%
<b>N. America</b>	11%	13%	11%	9%
<b>S. America</b>	6%	16%	6%	30%
<b>Male</b>	88%	78%	88%	85%
<b>Female</b>	12%	22%	12%	15%

The Competitions Manager went on to report that across international juries 5 events had 2 continents represented on the jury, 5 events had 3 continents represented, 2 events had 4 continents and 3 events had 5 continents. No event appointed to had only 1 continent represented. In race management (excluding Olympic Class Worlds), all events had either 2 or 3 continents represented in the race management teams.

Moving to difficulties that arisen during the year, the Competitions Manager reported that the Department had encountered great difficulty in finding enough umpires for the Nations Cup Qualifiers and Final and two Women's Grade 1 events. Also he reported to the Working Party difficulties with event organisers who do not accept the decision of ISAF on event appointments and a couple of complaints from ISAF Race Officials who felt they were not receiving enough appointments.

Following a request from the Working Party, the Competitions Manager confirmed that in total ISAF had made 270 appointments in 2015 and of these 4 (1%) had been requests from an organizing authority to appoint a member of the Working Party itself (which had been approved by the Chairman in accordance with the EAWP Conflict of Interest Procedures).

- ii) Vice President Chris Atkins reported to the Working Party the Executive Committee's focus on delivering a successful ISAF Sailing World Cup with the need for strong officiating. He reported also on the Executive Committee's focus on merit-based event appointments and thanked the Working Party for its continued focus on this area.
- iii) The Working Party discussed its intended report to the Race Officials Committee for this year. It agreed that the report should specifically mention the need to implement a grouping system, ensuring there are enough opportunities for promising and up-and-coming race officials and focusing on the quality of

recommendations that come from the Race Officials Committee and its Sub-committees.

**Decision**

**The Competitions Manager is to prepare the report in accordance with the Working Party's discussions at this meeting.**

(b) International Technical Delegates

- i) The Working Party discussed the procedures for the appointment of ISAF Technical Delegates following the implementation of the International Technical Delegate qualification.

**Decision**

**Recommendations are to come from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and the Chairman of the International Technical Delegate Working Party.**

- ii) The Working Party received a paper from the Competitions Manager concerning appointment of ISAF Technical Delegates to ISAF Events.

**Decision**

**The paper was approved for draft implementation in 2015.**

(c) International Classifiers

The Working Party discussed the procedures for the appointment of Classifiers following the implementation of the International Classifiers qualification.

**Decision**

**Recommendations are to come from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and the Chairman of the International Classifier Working Party.**

(d) Grouping System

The Working Party received the intended Grouping System for ISAF Race Officials and recommended its adoption as soon as possible. The Working Party asked that the Race Officials Committee ensures opportunities remain for upcoming race officials in recommendations or appointment.

(e) Submissions affecting Event Appointments

The Working Party considered following submissions concerning event appointments policy and made the following recommendations to the Executive Committee:

- i) Submission 013-15 – Event Appointment Working Party – Appointment of Race Officials – Regulation 25.8.2(d)

**Recommendation to Executive Committee:**

*Reject. The Working Party has had conflict of interest guidelines in place since 2013 and these have worked well. In 1% of appointments this year was a member of the EAWP nominated for appointment by an organizing authority. Appointments of this type are made in response to an external request by a class or organizing authority only.*

*The Working Party does not recognise the statement in Reasons 1 and this is factually incorrect.*

*The Working Party does not consider that having an ad hoc member from the relevant Affiliate Continental Member will improve the appointment process.*

- ii) Submission 016-15 – Race Officials for Olympic Games – Conflict of interest for ITOs – New Regulation 34.5

*Recommendation to Executive Committee:*

*Reject. The principles covered in the submission are already covered by the Race Officials Committee Conflict of Interest Guidelines.*

- (f) EAWP Procedures

The Working Party reviewed the EAWP's procedures.

**Decision**

**The Working Party's Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest were updated to require approval from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee as well as the Chairman. Section 8.4 of the EAWP Procedures to be updated as well.**

### **3. Correspondence**

The Working Party reviewed correspondence from an ISAF Race Official concerning a perceived lack of appointments and asked the Secretariat to co-ordinate a draft reply with the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee for the Working Party's review.

### **4. 2016 Olympic Games**

The Working Party considered recommendations for the appointment of race officials for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition (excluding International Jury) and, where appropriate, agreed appointments. The Working Party agreed the process for confirming the appointments post-Test Event.

### **5. 2016 Paralympic Games**

The Working Party considered recommendations for the appointment of race officials for the 2016 Paralympic Sailing Competition and, where appropriate, agreed appointments.

### **6. 2016 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships**

The Working Party considered recommendations for the appointment of race officials for the 2016 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships and, where appropriate, agreed appointments.

### **7. 2015 – 2016 ISAF Sailing World Cup**

The Working Party considered recommendations for the appointment of race officials for the following events and, where appropriate, agreed appointments:

- (a) 2015 SWC Melbourne (AUS)
- (b) 2016 SWC Miami (USA)
- (c) 2016 SWC Hyeres (FRA)
- (d) 2016 SWC Weymouth & Portland (GBR)
- (e) 2016 SWC Qingdao (CHN)
- (f) 2016 SWC Final (UAE)

Jon Napier was absent for item 7(c) and Alastair Fox (Head of Competitions) attended the meeting in his place. Peter Shrubbs was absent for item 7(f).

**8. ASAF Cup**

The Working Party considered recommendations for the appointment of race officials for 2016 ASAF Cup (Olympic Qualifier) and, where appropriate, agreed appointments

**9. 2016 ISAF Match Racing Appointments**

(a) The Working Party considered recommendations for the race officials for the following events and, where appropriate, agreed appointments:

- i) 2016 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships (USA)
- ii) 2016 ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championships (New Caledonia, FRA)

Peter Shrubbs was absent for item 9(a)(i).

(b) The Working Party received an update from the Competitions Manager on appointments to the World Match Racing Tour.

**10. 2016 RS:X World Championships**

The Working Party considered recommendations for the appointment of the race officials for 2016 RS:X M & W World Championships and, where appropriate, agreed appointments.

**11. 2016 Finn Gold Cup**

The Working Party considered recommendations for the appointment of the race officials for 2016 Finn Gold Cup and, where appropriate, agreed appointments.

**12. 2016 49er, 49erFX and Nacra17 World Championships**

The Working Party considered recommendations for the appointment of the race officials for combined 2016 49er/49erFX/Nacra 17 World Championships and, where appropriate, agreed appointments.

**13. 2016 470 World Championships**

The Working Party considered recommendations for the appointment of the 2016 470 M & W World Championships and, where appropriate, agreed appointments.

**14. 35<sup>th</sup> America's Cup**

The Working Party considered recommendations for the appointment of the race officials for the 35<sup>th</sup> America's Cup and, where appropriate, agreed appointments.

**15. Any other business**

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.