



The International Judges Sub-committee met between 09:00 – 13:30 hours at the Kempinski Hotel, Haitang Bay, Sanya, China on Sunday 8 November 2015

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Present:

Andres Perez (ESP) – Chairman

A. Lynne Beal (CAN) – Vice-Chairman

Russell Green (NZL)

Gonzalo Heredia (ARG)

Nelson Horn Ilha (BRA)

Ewa Jodlowska (POL)

Lars Nyqvist (FIN)

Andrus Poksi (EST)

Rut Subniran (THA)

Costas Tsantilis (GRE)

Stephen Wrigley (USA)

Jon Napier – ISAF Competitions Manager

Madeleine Dunn – ISAF Competitions & Race Officials Administrator

Apologies:

Riccardo Antoni (ITA)

Xinzu Gu (CHN)

Elliot Levy (VEN)

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the Sub-committee to Sanya.

(b) Attendees and Apologies

Apologies were received from Riccardo Antoni and Elliott Levy.

(c) Obituaries

The Sub-committee stood in remembrance of ISAF Race Officials who had passed away over the previous year.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda

(a) Minutes

The Sub-committee noted the minutes of the previous International Judges Sub-committee meeting held on 2 November 2014 (circulated and approved after the meeting).

(b) Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. IJ Renewal Test

The Sub-committee received a report from Stephen Wrigley. He reported on a high pass rate and the test overall continues to be successful. There are a number of instances of technical failures of the system, which have been due to changed passwords. He said that there will be an update in May 2017 of the questions. Two questions have been reviewed and found to be incorrect. The Test Group has reviewed the impact of this and no test has been affected by this error. The Group will also be reviewing questions with a low pass rate to see if they need reworded.

The Test Group wish to keep the current policy that only those due to renew in the current year can access the test as this will ensure the test remains current.

Lars Nyqvist asked people did not sit the test. Stephen Wrigley said that there was a fear of the test in some parts or a feeling that people did not need to be tested. The Chairman commented that the Sub-committee expected a 15% dropout rate last year and this year. The situation will improve as the 4-year cycle comes to an end.

The Vice-Chairman reported that she had performed a readability test of the questions. The outcome was that a high comprehension level was needed and therefore the Test Group would look at making the questions simpler. The possibility of a text-to-speech option is being investigated.

The Chairman encouraged all Sub-committee members and International Judges to contribute potential questions to the Test Group.

Gonzalo Heredia commented that World Sailing will move to a cheaper system before December and he is currently testing a cheaper system. This will allow new services and capacity to be added.

4. IJ Report System

(a) IJ Regatta Reports

The Sub-committee received a summary report from Lars Nyqvist on regatta reports received. He commented that more guidance is needed on TSS incidents. Rule 69 incidents are also increasing and there have been a number of incidents involving RIBS entering the course area of foiling boats.

(b) IJ Regatta Report System

The Sub-committee received a report from Lars Nyqvist on the development of the regatta report system.

Nelson Horn Ilha commented that the Sub-committee did not use regatta reports very often when looking at renewal applications. The internal procedures concerning reports which make comments about race management were clarified.

Gonzalo Heredia proposed that the report system be migrated over to the ISAF server and expanded for all race officials. The Sub-committee noted that this needs a stronger ISAF calendar of events and would then be able to be linked to the application process for candidates. The Sub-committee also discussed whether events should be automatically graded in the system as L1, L2 or L3 Principal Events.

The Competitions Manager replied that the move of the report system to the server was part of a larger reform of the race officials IT capacity and needed to be phased in.

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He said that the focus of the Race Officials Committee was to move to fully-online applications and then look at the integration of regatta reports to these.

5. IJ Manual

The Sub-committee received a report on the IJ Manual from the Vice-Chairman. She commented that the Manual has now been updated with respect to oceanic events, but more feedback is needed. There has also been a proposal to include a chapter on radio controlled events. Nelson Horn Ilha agreed to give feedback on the Manual from the seminar instructors.

6. IJ Retention

The Sub-committee noted a report from the Chairman on the retention of International Judges.

7. Rule 42 Working Party

The Sub-committee received a report Andrus Poksi on behalf of the Chairman of the Rule 42 Working Party.

8. Education and Development

(a) Seminars and Clinics

i) 2015 program

The Chairman informed the Sub-committee of attendance at the 2015 seminars (POL – 18 attend, 12 pass; RSA – 21 attend, 7 pass; MON – 14 attend, 6 pass and NZL – 21 attend, 11 pass). In addition, 13 people had attended a national judge clinic in CYP.

ii) 2016 program

The Chairman said that indications of interest had been received from a number of countries and continental associations for seminars. An informal request for clinic support for the 2018 Asian Games test event was also received.

Gonzalo Heredia proposed that pre-seminar educational materials be supported on the e-learning system. This would help ensure that candidates were at the same level. The Competitions Manager referred the Sub-committee to the Race Officials Committee paper on the subject which was due for discussion at the Conference.

(b) Conferences

Not discussed.

9. Use of New Technology

(a) Skype juries

The Sub-committee discussed a paper from the Chairman and also reviewed a paper used within USA for video hearings.

Decision

The Sub-committee approves in principle that an amalgamated version of the papers should be added to the IJ Manual.

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(b) Use of personal cameras on the water

The Sub-committee discussed the use of head cameras by judges. In particular, it was noted there can be issues concerning ownership of the video, who has access to it and whether competitors have given their consent to being videoed. A key question was whether competitors should have access to it.

The Sub-committee noted that the Race Officials Committee had appointed a working party to examine this issue.

(c) Use of drones

The Sub-committee discussed the increasing use and its 2014 decision to monitor their use. It was noted that some events ban their use unless OA or event-sanctioned. It was agreed that drones are an invaluable source of footage and are becoming more and more popular.

The Sub-committee agreed to continue to monitor the issue.

10. Medal Racing

The Sub-committee considered the development of best practice in medal racing. It discussed the ideal coverage of the course area required. The numerous different versions of Addendum Q were also discussed and it was noted that the Special Rules Panel was reviewing whether to issue a version which allowed for multiple options.

Decision

The Sub-committee recommends to Race Officials Committee that for umpiring in medal races there must be at least two umpires in each boat and three boats on 'slow' course and four boats on 'fast' courses.

11. Event Appointments

The Sub-committee noted the report from the Event Appointments Working Party to the Race Officials Committee.

12. Strategy and development

(a) Recruitment and training of race officials, particularly in under-served areas.

The Chairman noted the Sub-committee was working with the IJ seminar instructors to identify future International Judges from seminar and clinics. He encouraged members of the Sub-committee to report potential candidates to him and the Secretariat.

(b) Identification and development of new ISAF Race Officials.

The Chairman that Sailing World Cup events that a number of spaces available for national judges, depending on the overall size of the jury.

(c) Talent identification and development of ISAF Race Officials for major events.

Not discussed.

(d) Development of relationships with ISAF Classes.

Andrus Poksi commented that more co-operation is needed with Olympic Classes to allow them to develop a bigger group of preferred class race officials. The Chairman noted the 2014 Finn class clinic in ESP and encouraged proposals from the Olympic Classes for support.

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- (e) Proposals for continuous training programs for existing ISAF Race Officials.

The Chairman reported on discussion with Test Group over work in this area. The Sub-committee will look at development of webinars and other modularized online learning. It was noted that these may complement pre-seminar or pre-clinic learning, especially in term of knowledge of the rules.

Decision

A working group of Gonzalo Heredia, Nelson Horn Ilha and Rut Subniran is appointed to develop this area.

- (f) Language issues for ISAF Race Officials.

Not discussed.

13. Race Officials Committee

The Sub-committee noted the Race Officials Committee paper concerning Olympic Class Race Official Appointments.

The Sub-committee had no recommendations to the Race Officials Committee on areas of its agenda not already considered by the Sub-committee.

14. Submissions

Please refer to the 2015 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at www.sailing.org/meetings

- (a) Submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the Reporting Committee:

- i) Submission 141-15 – International Equipment Inspector – Regulations and Racing Rules

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No opinion

- ii) Submission 142-15 – ISAF Match Race Rankings – International Jury Requirement – Regulation 27.2.3

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Reject

There are better means to reduce the costs.

- iii) Submission 143-15 – ISAF Race Officials – Candidates for Seminars and Exams – Regulation 31.9

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve

- iv) Submission 144-15 – ISAF Race Officials – Regulation 31.15.1

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No opinion

- v) Submission 145-15 – ISAF Race Officials – Regulation 31.20 and 31.21

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve

- vi) Submission 146-15 – ISAF Race Officials – Regulation 32

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve

- vii) Submission 147-15 – ISAF Race Officials – Equipment Inspectors

Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Not discussed

- (b) Submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee except Racing Rules submissions:

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- i) Submission 013-15 – Event Appointments Working Party – Appointment of Race Officials – Regulation 25.8.2(d)
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Reject
- ii) Submission 016-15 – Race Officials for Olympic Games – Conflict of Interest for ITOs for Olympic Games – New Regulation 34.5
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve
- iii) Submission 019-15 – ISAF Committees – Changes to Committee Structure for 2017-2020
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No opinion
- iv) Submission 020-15 – ISAF Committees – Sub-committee Recommendations to Council
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve
- v) Submission 034-15 – Continental Associations – OSAF Executive Board
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No opinion
- vi) Submission 051-15 – ISAF Regulations, Definitions – Delete the definition of Event Measurer
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No opinion
- vii) Submission 062-15 – Equipment Rules of Sailing - C.4 Equipment Control, C4.2 Certification Measurement, C.4.3 Event measurement, C.4.4 Certification Measurer, C.4.6 Event Measurer, H.1 Certification Measurement, H.2 Event Measurement
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No opinion
- viii) Submission 063-15 – Equipment Rules of Sailing - C.4 Equipment Control, C4.2 Certification Measurement, C.4.3 Event measurement, C.4.4 Certification Measurer, C.4.6 Event Measurer, H.1 Certification Measurement, H.2 Event Measurement
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: No opinion
- (c) To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 153-15 through to 283-15.
 - i) Submissions 201-15, 202-15, 204-15, 205-15, 207-15, 260-15, 261-15, 262-15, 273-15 and 274-15
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve
 - ii) Submission 203-15 - Racing Rules of Sailing - Definition of Interested Party and Conflict of Interest, Rule 63.4, Consequential Changes to Other Rules, Appendix M and Appendix N
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve with amendment
Approve Option 2 of Proposal 1.
 - iii) Submission 206-15 - Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 60
Recommendation to Race Officials Committee: Approve with amendment
Alternative 3 preferred.

15. Closed Session (closed to observers)

(a) Performance Investigations

The Sub-committee received a report from the Competitions Manager on performance investigations.

(b) Commendations

The Sub-committee made a recommendation for commendation to the Race Officials Committee.

(c) Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors:

The Sub-committee noted the current list of instructors. It was noted that Rub Subniran should be added to the list.

(d) Race Official Appointments

The Sub-committee consider applications for International Judge status and made recommendations to the Race Officials Committee.

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