Pre-Requisites for attending a Judges Seminar

A candidate for an International Judges Seminar will:

Experience
• Be an experienced racing sailor
• Be a certified national judge or have successfully completed a WS International Judges Clinic.
• Have extensive protest committee experience at local and national levels.
• Have been the chairperson of protest committees.

Knowledge
• Have studied the Racing Rules of Sailing.
• Have studied the Judges Manual, WS Cases and the Rule 42 Interpretations with a thorough understanding of protest committee procedures.
• Understand race committee procedures and scoring.
• Have answered the study questions and understood the rules that apply.

Abilities
• Be able to converse, read and write in English.
• Given a description and diagram of a situation, be able to write a protest decision, using the language of the racing rules.
• Given the facts found in a protest hearing, be able to prepare a diagram of the incident.
• Be able to conduct a protest hearing, collect evidence, find facts, apply rules to facts and reach a reasoned decision.
• Be able to review and comment constructively on a notice of race and the sailing instructions.

Additional qualifications (optional, but preferable)
• Have on-the-water experience judging rule 42.
• Have served on an international jury.