

Regulation 25.8

Event Appointments Working Party

A submission from the International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Purpose or Objective

Clarifications about the composition of the Event Appointments Working Party to avoid perceived or real Conflict of Interest, and to align appointment procedures with the provisions of the Olympic Classes Contract.

Proposal 1

Amend Regulation 25.8.2 as follows:

The Board shall appoint an Event Appointments Working Party to make all World Sailing's race official and technical delegate appointments and approvals, with the exception of Olympic Juries and Technical Delegates when Regulations 23.3 and 25.9.1 apply. This working party shall consist of the following persons:

- (a) an experienced current or former World Sailing Race Official (as Chairman)
- (b) two additional current or former experienced World Sailing Race Officials
- (c) a World Sailing Vice President
- (d) the World Sailing staff manager responsible for World Sailing Race Officials (non-voting)

The working party shall be appointed at the same time as the World Sailing committees for a four-year period in line with the World Sailing committee's term **and procedures of nominations and** appointment. The World Sailing Race Officials stated in (a) and (b) above should cover a range of race official disciplines, if possible and may be retired. Casual vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the above principles.

No member of the Events Appointments Working Party shall be appointed to events listed in Regulation 25.8.10 and 25.8.12

Current Position 1

As above

Proposal 2

A new World Sailing Policy as per Regulation 68(a) to be published in a conspicuous place:

When making appointments that affect Olympic Classes, the Event Appointments Working Party shall respect the terms of the Olympic Classes Contract, particularly:

- a. **For the 2022 Sailing World Championship or the Sailing World Cup, to not appoint or approve any race official unless it has given due consideration to any list submitted by the Class Association of its preferred Race Officials;**
- b. **For other events, consult with the Class Association if it proposes to appoint different officials from the Class' Association's nominated list before any appointment is made;**
- c. **If replacement appointments are made, the costs shall be equal or less than those of the original nominee.**

Current Position 2

Current Event Appointments Working Party Procedures

Reasons

1. When members of the Event Appointments Working Party are appointed to events they make appointments for, this can easily be perceived as a Conflict of Interest.
 2. In the current quad, a number of appointments have been made that did not respect or follow the terms of the Olympic Classes Contract. In extreme cases this has led to event cancellations due to increased costs of Race Officials.
 3. The goal of the Olympic Classes is to deliver the best possible racing for the sailors, utilizing Race Officials the classes have invested in. For example, Olympic Class World Championships are not the right playground to develop new Race Officials.
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