

World Sailing Race Officials Administration

Regulation 31.15

A submission from the Chairman of Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

The purpose is to ensure that Race Officials Committee in the following has discretion to handle challenges with appointment of race officials due to the corona crisis.

Proposal

31.15 If a candidate ~~for re-appointment~~ does not meet all the requirements for re-appointment, **the following provisions shall apply:**

31.15.1 If a candidate for first appointment due to special circumstances (which cannot be medical in nature) does not meet the requirements for principal events, the Race Officials Committee may appoint the candidate for a full four year term.

31.15.2 If a candidate for re-appointment due to medical or other special circumstances **does not meet all the requirements**, the Race Officials Committee may:

- (a) re-appoint the candidate for a full four or two year term (as appropriate); or
- (b) extend the existing appointment for 12 months.

31.15.3 The Race Officials Committee may publish guidelines for the application of these exceptions, which may include applying them to groups of race officials.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. In 2020, many events have been cancelled due to the Corona crisis. The consequence is that a large number of race officials will be struggling to qualify for appointment under the normal procedure. Unless WS implements provisions to handle this, a significant number of existing race officials will be lost and many new and promising candidates cannot be appointed.
 2. The current Regulation 31 includes an exception for re-appointment that permits Race Officials Committee under special circumstances to re-appoint a race official even if he does not fully comply with the requirements. This has turned out to be very useful for handling the situation for existing race officials.
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3. The Regulations do not include a similar exception for first appointment. This implies that several new candidates cannot be appointed because they lost events this year that were needed for them to fulfil the requirements.
 4. This submission introduces an exception also for first appointment. In addition, it introduces the ability for Race Officials Committee to publish guidelines for the way in which they will apply the exceptions, so these are known to applicants.
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