

2020 Race Officials Appointment Process

In 2020, many events have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. The consequence is that many race officials will be struggling to qualify for appointment under the normal procedure. This document describes how Race Officials Committee (ROC) will handle these challenges.

1. First Appointment

Some applicants for first appointment will experience that they will not be able to qualify this year because they lack events that were cancelled. When they consequently defer their application to 2021, some of their qualifying activities (seminars, tests and events) may be too old.

The WS Regulations do not allow ROC to deviate from the required activities. So, candidates who are missing a required activity cannot be appointed this year.

Decision 1:

ROC will make a submission for 2020 that permits it under special circumstances to extend the qualification period from 4 to 5 years. This means that applicants should be able to finalise their qualifying activities in 2021 and apply by September 1, 2021.

Such a submission has been made and will be decided by WS Council in the annual meeting.

2. Re-Appointment

There are the following two qualifying activities that cause challenges for some race officials that are up for re-appointment:

- A) [Passing a required written examination](#)
- B) [Officiating at a number of events](#)

[2A\) Passing a Required Written Examination](#)

In November 2019, ROC re-appointed a number of race officials subject to taking a required test before May 1. This is permitted by regulation 31.12.2.

For those who do not pass the test by May 1, regulation 31.12.2, last paragraph says: "If the examination is not passed by 1 May in the following year, the candidate will, unless there are special circumstances, have his appointment terminated by the Race Officials Committee but may re-apply in accordance with Regulation 31.15."

Normally this is applied to terminate the appointment. However, the regulation specifically says that ROC is permitted not to finalise the appointment in case of special circumstances.

Decision 2:

ROC will not terminate the appointment for race officials who were re-appointed in 2019 subject to passing a required written examination by May 1, 2020, provided they have made reasonable efforts to take the examination by May 1, 2020. Instead, they will be required to pass the examination by May 1, 2021.

Some race officials who are up for renewal in November 2020 did make arrangements for a taking a required test during 2020, but it has been impossible to implement these arrangements due to the Corona crisis. They can still apply for renewal and may be appointed subject to taking the test by May 1, 2021. Therefore, it is only necessary at this point in time to ensure that their appointments are not terminated if they are unable to sit the test before that date.

Decision 3:

ROC will not terminate the appointment for race officials who are re-appointed in 2020 subject to passing a required written examination by May 1, 2021, provided they make reasonable efforts to take the examination by May 1, 2021. Instead, they will be required to pass the examination by October 14, 2021.

2B) Officiating at a number of events

A number of race officials will fulfil the requirements despite event cancellations in 2020. They will be processed in the standard manner and be appointed if they fulfil all requirements.

For those who do not fulfil the requirement to have officiated in a number of principal events, regulation 31.15 can be applied:

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

- (a) re-appoint the candidate for a full 4 or 2 year term (as appropriate); or
- (b) extend the existing appointment for 12 months.

This gives ROC the options that are necessary to handle the re-appointments and re-appoint for a full 4 or 2 year term. However, in order to ensure consistent application of these options across disciplines, ROC has decided how this regulation will be applied in case a candidate for re-appointment is missing one or more principal events.

Decision 4:

An applicant for re-appointment who does not fulfil the requirement for principal events will be considered to have fulfilled this requirement, provided he has officiated in at least 75% of the required number of principal events during the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application. If the applicant does not fulfil the requirement for principal events, but meets all other requirements, he will be given a 1 year extension and can then re-apply in 2021.

If an applicant for re-appointment does not fulfil other requirements than events, ROC may still apply regulation 31.15 as it has been done in previous years. In that case, the applicant will need to describe what the “medical or other special circumstances” are.

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Some classes do not run principal events on annual basis; some run only a principal event every 2 or 4 years.

For IMs who are appointed for such classes, Decision 4 above will work. Instead, the decision to re-appointment them will be based on a case-by-case analysis.

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