

Race Official Roles, Qualifications and Competences

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Race Officials

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Introduction

This document defines the process applied by World Sailing (WS) when appointing international race officials. It also describes the role of race officials in the different disciplines as well as the qualifications and competences required for appointment.

WS appoints international race officials in the following disciplines:

- International Classifier (IC)
- International Expression Judge (IEJ) – will be included later
- International Judge (IJ)
- International Measurer (IM)
- International Race Officer (IRO)
- International Technical Delegate (ITD)
- International Umpire (IU)

The application and appointment processes are specified in WS regulation 31.

This document first provides the process and requirements to qualifications and competences that are common for all disciplines. Then there is for each discipline listed above a section with the specific requirements for that discipline.

The requirements of the individual disciplines refer to “principal events”. Appendix A includes tables of principal events for each discipline.

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1 All World Sailing Race Officials

This section provides the process and requirements to qualifications and competences that are common for all World Sailing Race Official (WS-RO) disciplines.

1.1 Processing of Applications

The process for the appointment of all WS-ROs will be as follows:

- a** an application on the official form must be sent to the Chief Executive Officer by the date stated in regulation 31;
- b** any ancillary documents must be sent to the Chief Executive Officer by the date stated in regulation 31;
- c** for a candidate for first appointment, the applicant's name will be sent to the candidates' MNAs for endorsement (any comments will be sent to the candidate and they may make representations to WS if they wish);
- d** the application file and all comments will be sent to the sub-committee or working party that is administering the discipline, and that body will make a formal recommendation to the Race Officials Committee concerning appointment; and
- e** the Race Officials Committee will decide on recommendations for appointment at its meeting in November (on the year of application) or later if required.

1.2 General Qualifications Required

A candidate for first appointment or re-appointment as a WS-RO shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements:

- a** satisfy the general competences for WS Race Officials set out in item 1.3 below; and
- b** satisfy the specific qualifications and competences for the relevant discipline set out in the relevant section below.

1.3 General Competences Required

A candidate for first appointment or re-appointment for any discipline shall:

- a** be an experienced racing sailor;
- b** have a sufficient knowledge of the RRS and a detailed knowledge of the rules, manuals and other requirements and publications relating to his discipline;
- c** be proficient in the English language and have the skills to communicate both with other race officials and with competitors on matters relating to his discipline;
- d** display the temperament and behaviour expected of a WS Race Official at an event;
- e** have the health and physical capacity to fulfil the requirements of his discipline;
- f** have the observation skills necessary to perform the duties of his discipline;
- g** agree to support the policies of WS and further its objectives, rules and regulations;
- h** have sufficient eyesight and hearing, natural or corrected, at a level to enable him to carry out the duties of his discipline; and
- i** be able to contribute to the development of the programme relating to his discipline.

2 International Classifier (IC)

This section provides the qualifications and competences required for appointment as International Classifier (IC).

Role of International Classifiers

- 2.1** An International Classifier is conducting the following activities at an event:
- a** classifies sailors according to the current PWS Functional Classification Manual. This includes medical, anatomical, and physiological analysis of the sailor's capabilities, performance assessment through standardized tests and observation on the water during competition;
 - b** advises on, inspects and approves assistive devices used by sailors during competition;
 - c** manages Classification protest hearings to resolve disputes about a sailor's classification; and
 - d** informs the Race Committee if a sailor or team is ineligible to compete.

Specific Qualifications Required

- 2.2** A candidate for first appointment and re-appointment as an International Classifier (Level 1 - Junior) shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements:
- a** is a qualified medical practitioner, or physiotherapist or appropriate allied health professional; who is currently licensed to practice or retired from practice;
 - b** has attended an approved Para WS International Classification Seminar;
 - c** has passed the WS examination for the discipline in accordance with WS regulation 31.11;
 - d** has signed accepting the Code of Conduct;
 - e** has classified in the capacity of Trainee Classifier at:
 - (i) two WS Level 1 or 2 events; and
 - (ii) has experience in classification for each boat class used for Para WS championships
- 2.3** A candidate for first appointment as an International Classifier (Level 2 - Senior) shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements:
- a** served as a Level 1 IC with at least one classification for each boat class used for Para WS championships; and
 - b** had his work approved by the Head of Classification and confirmed by the Para WS Committee.
 - c** been a member of a Classification Protest Committee (desirable criteria only).
- 2.4** A candidate for re-appointment as an International Classifier (Level 2 - Senior) shall, in addition to the criteria for first appointment, have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements:
- a** served at a minimum of three WS Level 1 or 2 events;
 - b** obtained experience in each boat class used for Para WS championships;
 - c** instructed at one Para WS International Classification Seminar; and
 - d** been the Chief Classifier at one event.
 - e** chaired a Classification Protest Committee (desirable criteria only).

Specific Competences Required

2.5 Technical competences

- a** demonstrates knowledge and application of the current Para WS Classification Manual, the IPC Classification Code and its associated International Standards including the Code of Conduct;
- b** is familiar with the different boats used for Para WS championships; and
- c** demonstrates appropriate communication skills when evaluating sailors with disabilities

3 International Expression Judge (IEJ)

This section provides the qualifications and competences required for appointment as International Expression Judge (IEJ).

It will be published at a later point in time.

4 International Judge (IJ)

This section provides the qualifications and competences required for appointment as International Judge (IJ).

Role of International Judges

4.1 An International Judge is conducting the following activities at an event:

- a** deciding on protests and requests for redress;
- b** deciding on conflicts between NoR and SIs;
- c** enforcing RRS 42 on the water (when Appendix P applies); and
- d** deciding on RRS 69 Hearings.

Specific Competences Required

4.2 A candidate for first appointment as an International Judge shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements (System 1):

- a** attended a WS International Judges Seminar, with good participation and a positive references from the IJ Instructors;
- b** passed the WS examination for the discipline in accordance with Regulation 31.11;
- c** served as a member of a protest committee for at least three principal fleet racing events. At two of these three events the candidate shall have been a member of an International Jury. One of these three events shall have been outside the candidate's Group (Groups A-H) or Member National Authority (Groups I-Q); and
- d** obtained at least three completed and positive IJSC reference forms from the relevant jury chairmen. Only IJSC forms completed by International Judges and from events where there were hearings shall be valid for consideration. References should be from the most recent events attended.
- e** further inquiries by the IJSC or the ROC into the candidate's functioning shall indicate competencies and comportment appropriate for appointment as an International Judge.

4.3 A candidate for re-appointment as an International Judge shall either comply with the requirements of System 1 (see item 4.1 above), except item (a) if they have done so previously and item (d), or have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements (System 2):

- a** passed the WS re-examination for the discipline in accordance with Regulation 31.11; and
- b** served as a member of a protest committee for at least six principal events, the majority of which shall be fleet racing events. At no less than three of these six events the candidate shall have been a member of an International Jury. At least two of these six events shall have been outside the candidate's Group (Groups A-H) or Member National Authority (Groups I-Q).
- c** IJ reports from Chairmen of International Juries where the judge served and from any assessment shall show competencies and comportment at the level of an international judge; and
- d** further inquiries by the IJSC or the ROC into the judge's functioning shall indicate competencies and comportment as required by an International Judge.

Specific Competences Required

4.4 Technical Competences

- a Working knowledge of the RRS, the WS Regulations, or any other applicable rules or regulations of the host organisation.

4.5 Non-technical Competences

- a to uphold the confidentiality of protest committee deliberations during and after the regatta
- b to be polite, courteous, open-minded, and patient with colleagues, competitors, regatta officials, team officials, coaches, and hosts;
- c to respect cultural differences in colleagues, competitors, regatta officials, team officials, coaches, and hosts;
- d to maintain appropriate relationships with competitors and support persons at events
- e to declare any conflict of interest before accepting a protest committee invitation. (See WS regulation 34);

5 International Measurer (IM)

This section provides the qualifications and competences required for appointment as International Measurer (IM).

The appointment is made for a specific Class or Rating System. A Rating System, except where otherwise stated, shall be deemed to have the status of a Class.

An International Measurer can only be appointed to a maximum of five Classes.

Role of International Measurers

5.1 An International Measurer is conducting the following activities at an event:

- a** prepares the measurement/inspection facilities, setting up the required tools and equipment;
- b** trains and then leads the measurement/inspection team;
- c** oversees the measurement/inspection process; and
- d** as member of the event's Technical Committee, protests any class rules infringements.

5.2 An International Measurer can be involved with the following activities not related to events:

- a** hull prototype measurements and other class-related functions in accordance with regulation 10.5(g).

The above list is not restrictive; see also the WS Measurer's Manual.

Specific Qualifications Required

5.3 A candidate for first appointment as an International Measurer shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements:

- a** attended a WS International Measurer's seminar;
- b** have intimate knowledge of the relevant Class rules and the ERS;
- c** passed the WS examination for the discipline in accordance with regulation 31.11;
- d** acted as an Equipment Inspector in at least two principal events of the Class he is applying for;
- e** obtained one class endorsement form from the relevant WS Class or, for Rating Systems, by the relevant WS Rating Class Association, and
- f** obtained one completed and positive International Measurer reference form from an International Measurer who has served at a principal event with the candidate.

5.4 A candidate for re-appointment as International Measurer shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements:

- a** have intimate knowledge of the relevant Class or Rating System rules and the ERS;
- b** acted as an Equipment Inspector in two principal events; one of the events shall be of the Class he is applying for. As an alternative, one of the events may be substituted by one hull prototype measurement of the Class he is applying for; and
- c** obtained one class endorsement form from the relevant WS Class or, for Rating Systems, by the relevant WS Rating Class Association.

5.5 An International Measurer applying for first appointment to an additional Class shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements:

- a** have intimate knowledge of the relevant class rules and the ERS;
- b** acted as an Equipment Inspector in at least two principal events of the Class he is applying for; and
- c** obtained one class endorsement form from the relevant class association or, for Rating Systems, by the relevant WS Rating class.

Specific Competences Required

5.6 Technical competences

- a** Working knowledge of the relevant Class Rules and related documents such as additional specifications etc., the ERS, RRS, the WS Regulations, or any other applicable rules or regulations of the host organization.
- b** Team management/leadership/communication skills.
- c** Measurement tool and related equipment handling skills.

5.7 Non-technical competences

- a** uphold the confidentiality of inspected equipment details during and after the regatta;
- b** be polite, courteous, open-minded, and patient with colleagues, competitors, regatta officials, support persons, and hosts;
- c** respect cultural differences in colleagues, competitors, regatta officials, support persons, and hosts;
- d** maintain appropriate relationships with competitors and support persons at events; and
- e** declare any conflict of interest before accepting an event measurer/inspector invitation. (See WS regulation 34);

More detailed description can be found in the WS Measurer's Manual and the IM seminar presentation hand-outs.

6 International Race Officer (IRO)

This section provides the qualifications and competences required for appointment as International Race Officer (IRO).

Role of IRO

6.1 Overall

An Event International Race Officer is the person in charge of the race management of the event and his primary responsibility is to ensure that the competition is run according to the standards of WS and classes involved. The role of the Event International Race Officer will vary according to his position inside the race management team.

An Event International Race Officer is responsible for overseeing the race management of the event and reporting to his appointing organisation on progress and any issues that may arise. An Event International Race Officer will bring additional experience and expertise to an event. The tasks he should take on include, but are not limited to those listed in the three sub-sections below.

Unless responsibility is given elsewhere under the rules, the International Race Officer is the final decision-maker over any race management related questions or disputes concerning the conduct of the competition.

International Race Officers are appointed by WS, Classes and/or MNA and reports to the Race Officials Committee.

Before the event

- a** supervise any race management aspects in the agreement with the organizing authority,
- b** gain an overview of all aspects of the race management, including but not limited to race areas, classes involved, race committee equipment and event personnel,
- c** advise and assist on the specification and technical aspects of the competition,
- d** consult and assist in the appointment of local race officers, deputies, assistant race officers and other race committee members,
- e** consult the format of competition and the schedule for the event where appropriate,
- f** consult the rules and regulations for the event (including notice of race, sailing instructions and any other race documents),
- g** consult and approve event documents related to race management,
- h** advise and approve the specification of all race committee boats,
- i** advise and approve the race management equipment required to deliver the event,
- j** consult and advise of any race committee volunteer programme,
- k** consult results delivery software.

During the event

- a** arrive before the event in order to assist and approve final preparations of the race management team,
- b** ensure that the race officers act as a coordinated team,
- c** ensure good communication with competitors and coaches,
- d** chair daily meetings of the race management teams,
- e** chair the race committee,
- f** liaise with:
 - (i) the Technical Delegate, when appointed, and local race officers to ensure that WS race management policies and best practice are implemented;
 - (ii) the chief measurer or chief equipment inspector to be aware of any measurement issues;
 - (iii) the jury chairman to anticipate any difficult rule situations linked to race management;

- g** consider necessity and consequences of any changes to race documents before approving and publishing,
- h** ensure that results are published in a timely and adequate manner,
- i** in general, remain aware of any issues affecting the smooth and fair running of the races and to take action accordingly.

After the event

- a** Send the Race Officer Regatta Report for WS office, including recommendations for the event in future.
- b** Give other written feedback which may be useful to WS, event organisers and other parties involved.

Specific Qualifications Required

- 6.2** A candidate for first appointment as International Race Officer shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October of the year of application with the following requirements:
- a** attended a WS Race Management Seminar;
 - b** have knowledge of matters affecting the safety of competitors in respect of race management;
 - c** passed the WS examination for the discipline in accordance with Regulation 31.11;
 - d** served as Race Officer responsible for the management of the races on the water at the following events:
 - (i) four principal events. Notwithstanding this requirement, a candidate may count no more than two events in a 4 year period at which he/she served as an International Technical Official (ITO) on the race management team at the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games or Youth Olympic Games, or as Principal Race Officer (PRO), Deputy Race Officer (DRO), Course Representative (CR) in events listed in Regulation 25.8.10; and
 - (ii) four other events.
 - e** included with the application a letter of recommendation from a class association or organizing authority of a principal event at which the candidate was a race officer responsible for running the races;
 - f** obtained three completed International Race Officer Reference Forms (on the water assessment) from three different WS Race Officials at least two of which shall be completed by an International Race Officer who observed the candidate's performance on the water as Race Officer;
 - g** experience in race management training; and
 - h** be prepared to work with the Race Management Sub-committee on race management matters.
- 6.3** A candidate for re-appointment as an International Race Officer shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October of the year of application with the following requirements:
- a** fulfill the requirements in item 6.2 except item (a) and (f).
 - b** completed eight on-line International Race Officer Regatta Report Forms in the role as described in item 6.2 (d) and sent them digitally to the WS office.

Specific Competences Required

6.4 International Race Officer shall present following competences:

- a** maintaining a high level of understanding and application of the rules, procedures and WS policies.
- b** ensuring that each decision or action taken is based upon the rules and principles of fairness and objectivity, and is made with care and without prejudice.
- c** responsible for their actions concerning the safety and welfare of competitors, race officials, support personnel and volunteers.
- d** upholding the confidentiality of race committee deliberations during and after the regatta.
- e** politeness, open-minded and patience with colleagues, competitors, race officials, team officials, support personnel, volunteers and hosts.
- f** maintaining high standards of behaviour and good manners.
- g** team-work and team management.

7 International Technical Delegate (ITD)

This section provides the qualifications and competences required for appointment as International Technical Delegate (ITD).

Role of International Technical Delegates

7.1 An International Technical Delegate is conducting the following activities at an event:

Before the event

- a** Supervise any event agreement with the organizing authority.
- b** Gain an overview of all aspects of the organisation, including but not limited to event promotion, boat transportation or chartering, logistics both on and off the water, results, competitor registration and media.
- c** Advise on and approve the specification and technical aspects of the competition venue on and off shore.
- d** Consult and assist in the appointment of event directors, competition manager, and other key professional staff.
- e** Approve the format of competition and the schedule for the event where appropriate.
- f** Supervise the administration and qualification system for the event.
- g** Approve the rules and regulations for the event (including the notice of race, sailing instructions and any other race documents).
- h** Approve the race officials according to the World Sailing Regulations and the event agreement (or if appointed by World Sailing, to make the formal nomination of the officials to the Organising Authority).
- i** Advise and approve the specification of all official boats.
- j** Consult and advise on the race management equipment required to deliver the event.
- k** Consult and advise on of any event volunteer programme.
- l** Advise and oversee the preparation and organization of test events.
- m** Approve any sports presentation plans and spectator facilities.
- n** Approve the venue branding plan, marketing and “look and feel” plans.
- o** Advise and approve the communications plan and any media facilities.
- p** Approve any arrangements for World Sailing and VIPs.
- q** Approve the opening, closing and medal ceremonies.

During the event

- a** Arrive before the event in order to assist and approve final preparations.
- b** Ensure that the event team and race officials act as a coordinated team.
- c** Ensure good communication with competitors, coaches and team leaders and to facilitate feedback from them on the event.
- d** Chairing daily co-ordination and planning meetings of the senior event officials and the chief race officials.
- e** If appointed, to chair the race committee.
- f** Liaise with:
 - (i) the principal race officer to ensure that World Sailing race management policies and best practice are implemented;
 - (ii) the chief measurer or chief equipment inspector to be aware of any measurement issues and communicate them to parties involved;
 - (iii) the jury chairman to anticipate any difficult rule situations or areas where interpretation of the rules may be required.

- g** Consider necessity and consequences of any changes to race documents before approving and publishing,
- h** Ensure that results are published in a timely and adequate manner.
- i** Supervise that prize-giving and other protocol functions are carried out properly.
- j** In general, remain aware of any issues affecting the smooth and fair running of the event and to take action accordingly.

After the event

- a** Produce event report for World Sailing.
- b** If requested, to provide feedback on the performance of the chief race officials.
- c** Give feedback which may be useful to World Sailing, event organisers and other parties involved.

Specific Qualifications Required

- 7.2** A candidate for first appointment as an International Technical Delegate (“ITD”) shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements:
- a** if the candidate is not currently a World Sailing International Judge or International Race Officer, passed the World Sailing examination for the discipline in accordance with Regulation 31.11;
 - b** served as a World Sailing Technical Delegate, Technical Delegate or event director (or a similar role) at three principal events, of which either:
 - (i) two of which shall be outside the candidate’s MNA; or
 - (ii) one of which shall be outside the candidate’s Group.
 - c** have a letter of recommendation from the ISAF Executive Committee or the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee (the organizing authority of a principal event may submit a nomination for recommendation to the Chairman); and
 - d** have two completed reference forms from two different events completed by the principal race officer or jury chairman of the event.
- 7.3** A candidate’s MNA will be invited to comment on any application but its consent is not required for appointment.

Specific Competences Required

7.4 Technical competences

- a** Practical experience with organisation of major sailing events
Candidates shall have hands-on experience with co-ordinating all aspects of organizing a major event (aside from on-the-water technical issues). This should include issues such as event promotion, boat transportation & chartering, logistics, registration, liaising with external authorities, managing event team and relating with the media.
- b** Familiarity with elite level sailing competition
Candidates shall have had exposure to the environment of top-level competitive sailing. They shall be conversant with the various aspects that come together to define this environment, both concrete (ISAF regulations and policies, best practices for race officials and event organisers) and intangible (expectations of competitors and coaches, attitude of media, volunteer participation, etc.)
- c** General understanding of race management at a high level
Candidates shall have deep awareness of how high-level race management decisions affect the outcome of races and the way they are perceived by competitors, coaches and public. An ITD shall be able to chair the race committee if required.
- d** Working knowledge of the RRS, Parts 3, 5, 6 and 7, the ISAF Regulations, or any other applicable rules or regulations of the host organization
Candidates shall be familiar with the rules and procedures that affect race management, protests, competitor entry and race organisation, and the way they all work together to create a formal backdrop for an event. Candidates shall also be familiar with ISAF Regulations concerning events and race officials.

7.5 Non-technical Competences

- a** Good communication
Candidates shall display a thorough ability to communicate effectively to different audiences (including verbal and non-verbal spoken communication and written communications).
- b** Responsibility
Candidates shall be comfortable with accepting responsibility for ensuring that their event meets the highest ISAF standards. He shall have an appropriate attitude towards the event and their team and be proactive in identifying and addressing problems. Candidates shall be able to exert his authority whilst remaining approachable and engaging with the event team.
- c** Team building and leadership
Candidates shall possess good people skills and be able to work well with competitors, team leaders, the media and the public. He shall effectively lead the event team whilst being open to the opinions and advice of others. Candidates will defer to the technical expertise of race officials and others, but will maintain responsibility for final decisions.
- d** Problem solving
Candidates shall display a basic, results-oriented, common sense and be able to prioritise tasks, make compromises when needed and always maintain sight of the big picture.
- e** Cultural flexibility
Candidates shall be sensitive to and recognise the regional and national cultural issues and the traditions and practices of ISAF classes and other groups of sailors.

8 International Umpire (IU)

This section provides the qualifications and competences required for appointment as International Umpire (IU).

Role of International Umpires

- 8.1** An International Umpire is conducting the following activities at an event:
- a** making field of play decisions while umpiring match, team, medal and fleet racing including radio controlled boats;
 - b** deciding on protests and requests for redress when N1.10 applies; and
 - c** applying Addendum Q.

Specific Qualifications Required

- 8.2** A candidate for first appointment and re-appointment as an International Umpire shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October in the year of application with the following requirements:
- a** in the case of applications for first appointment only, have attended a World Sailing Umpiring Seminar within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application; with good participation and a positive references from the IU Instructors;
 - b** have passed the World Sailing examination for the discipline in accordance with Regulation 31.11;
 - c** in the case of applications for first appointment only, have passed the World Sailing performance assessment at least one time in the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application. The World Sailing performance assessment is designed to establish that the candidate has the qualifications listed in Regulation 31.12(b);
 - d** have served as an umpire in at least eight principal events, of which:
 - (i) one of these events shall be outside the candidate's Group for candidates from Groups A-H; or
 - (ii) the candidate's Member National Authority for candidates from Groups I-Q; and
 - (iii) the events shall include a range of grades, may include a mix of umpired fleet, match and team racing, and should, if possible, cover a mix of boat types.
 - e** in the case of applications for first appointment only, have obtained a completed, positive, IUSC Reference Form from the Chief Umpire of at least three of the principal events submitted in accordance with Regulation 31.12(f). References should be from the most recent events attended;
 - f** have contributed to development of the Umpiring Programme, and furthered the objectives, rules and regulations of World Sailing; and
 - g** have demonstrated contributions to umpiring on national level, such as umpiring at national level events, and training and development of umpires on national level.
 - h** any further inquiries by the IUSC or the ROC into the candidate's functioning shall indicate competencies and comportment appropriate for appointment as an International Umpire.

Specific Competences Required

8.3 Technical Competences

- a** in the case of applications for first appointment only, have raced recently, preferably umpired fleet, match or team racing;
- b** have consistently demonstrated the following:
 - (i) be able to apply the relevant rules and make correct decisions within a few seconds under pressure;
 - (ii) anticipation skills based both on an understanding of how boats manoeuvre in match, team and /or fleet racing and the tactics applied by racing boats to win;
 - (iii) be able to drive and position small powerboats in a range of wind and wave conditions.

8.4 Non-technical Competences

- a** be fit and able to withstand several consecutive days on the water in small powerboats;
- b** to uphold the confidentiality of all umpire and protest committee deliberations during and after the regatta;
- c** to be polite, courteous, open-minded, and patient with colleagues, competitors, regatta officials, team officials, coaches, and hosts;
- d** to respect cultural differences in colleagues, competitors, regatta officials, team officials, coaches, and hosts;
- e** to maintain appropriate relationships with competitors and support persons at events; and
- f** to declare any conflict of interest before accepting an umpiring event invitation (see WS regulation 34).

Appendix A. Principal Events

Although there is no specific definition of a principal event, this document will assist first time applicants and applicants for re-appointment with a better understanding as to which of their events will be considered as principal events. Officials from the more isolated areas around the globe struggle to receive invitations to events outside their Group or MNA, especially prior to becoming certified World Sailing International Race Officials. With this in mind WS's ROC looks at a broad scope of events to define the experience needed for first time appointment or re-appointment of our officials. Each committee will always consider exceptions when evaluating an application.

There are other reasons: A principal event for the purposes of appointment of race officials is an event that gives the official a level of experience they can be expected to encounter when appointed as an International Race Official and at the same time there will be events which can allow the official to bring their high level of experience to all levels of racing.

Wind can play havoc with the ability of the Race Committee to complete all races planned although generally a principal event should have a minimum of 5 races. Each situation is evaluated on its own. Two events of lesser duration or two events which have a very large number of boats, but only 1 or 2 races could represent one principal event if the standard of racing was high enough.

Shown below are events that are considered as L2 and L3 that may be combined to be a principal event. Also those listed in the World Sailing regulations as 'WS Events', 'Major Events' and 'Recognized Events', would be principal events.

Some events are experimenting with different forums for making protest decisions such as email, video conferencing and telephone conferencing. Whilst the stature of these events are recognized, only one event where the jury members are not physically present may be included in an application as a principal event and that event shall have an international jury as well as video conferencing. All the other criteria must be met.

With regard to Umpires, match racing has a grading system that covers most events; it has been the practice to include a Grade 3 event but only within a portfolio including higher graded events.

Although all national championships are Grade 3, not all are not necessarily of a high competition level.

An Umpired Fleet Racing event may be included in an application for re-appointment in judge or umpire disciplines but only one (1) event that is either a principal event or one composed of two L2s can be included for an IJ re-appointment.

With regard to International Race Officers, a role other than overall PRO or RO responsible for the management of the races on the water may be considered to be a principal event. For example an IRO appointed by WS to act in that capacity at the Olympic Games or to a major event, but not necessarily as the PRO. However, the number of events in the portfolio where the applicant was not the PRO responsible for the management of the races on the water will be limited to two. It is clearly impossible to fully describe a 'principal event' but the tables below may be helpful.

An applicant for re-appointment (judges, measurers, race officers, umpires) may include as a principal event, one composed of two L2 events, one L2 and two L3 events or three L3 events. Only one such substitution is permitted per application.

World Sailing race officials are encouraged not only to seek high level events, but to also to provide their skills and knowledge at other, non-principal events, in the hope that their expertise will be of benefit to national race officials and other less experienced officials. The inclusion of L2 and L3 events in an application should facilitate this.

Table 1: Principal Events for International Judges and International Race Officers

Fleet Racing Dinghies	Fleet Racing Keelboats	Match Racing	Team Racing
Principal event Olympic Games International Class Worlds and Continentals Grade 200 and 100 Olympic Classes events National Championship with 50+ entrants (min. 3 days) Paralympic Games Youth Olympic Games Umpired Fleet Racing (all races umpired min. 3 days)	Principal event Volvo Ocean Race International Class Worlds and Continentals International Race Weeks (min. 4 days) National Championships with 30+ entrants (some flexibility depending on class) A high level event which has an IRO and international jury on site Umpired Fleet Racing (all races umpired min. 3 days)	Principal event World Championships America's Cup Grade 1 & 2 National Championships (with high level of competition)	Principal event World Championships US National Team Race Championship US University Championships British University National Championships British Open Team Racing Championship
L2	L2	L2	L2
2 day National Championship National Championship of less than 50 boats Umpired Fleet Racing (Medal Races a full day)	Events which have a large number of boats but only 1 or 2 races 2 day National Championship International Race week of less than 4 days Umpired Fleet Racing (Medal Races a full day)	National Championship (with a lower degree of competition) Grade 3 (with a high level of competition)	Feeder to a principal event Other National Championships
L3	L3	L3	L3
Regional event with large number of boats (more than 100)	Regional event with a large number of boats (more than 100)	Grade 3 (with a lower level of competition)	Regional University Events Regional events with more than 8 teams

Table 2: Principal Events for International Measurers ⁽¹⁾

WS Classes	IRC (as agreed with Class)	ORC (as agreed with Class)
L1 (Principal events)		
Single-class ⁽²⁾ Class Worlds <i>(includes junior etc. events if inspection level is as at senior Worlds)</i> Class Continentals <i>(if inspection level is as at Worlds)</i> Multi-class ⁽³⁾ Olympic Games & Test Event Paralympic Games Youth Olympic Games Regional Games (Pan Am, Asian, Mediterranean) <i>(if inspection level is higher than event limitation marking)</i>	Commodores' Cup Swan Cup Phuket King's Cup	ORC Worlds ORC Europeans Copa Del Rey
L2 Events (only for re-appointments) ⁽⁵⁾		
Multi-class ⁽⁴⁾ Olympic Games & Test Event Chief Measurer/Inspector Sailing World Championships Chief Measurer/Inspector Regional Games (Pan Am, Asian & Mediterranean) Chief Measurer/Inspector <i>(if inspection level is higher than event limitation marking)</i>		
L3 Events (only for re-appointments) ⁽⁵⁾		
SWC Chief or Deputy Measurer/Inspector SEA Games or similar Chief Measurer/inspector <i>(if inspection level is higher than event limitation marking)</i>		

Notes

- ⁽¹⁾ If a candidate is unsure about the level of an event he wants to include in his application, he should consult with the IMSC first. If a particular Class wishes to add another L1 event, it may be done with the agreement of the IMSC but always depending on the inspection level and type of event.
- ⁽²⁾ The candidate shall have been a member of the measurement/inspection team.
- ⁽³⁾ The candidate shall have been a member of a class-specific measurement/inspection team.
- ⁽⁴⁾ The candidate was not involved with a specific class measurement/inspection (i.e. overall chief inspector).
- ⁽⁵⁾ An event substituted by a number of L2 and L3 events cannot count as the candidate's own Class event as per item 5.4(b).

Table 3: Principal Events for International Umpires

*Medal Racing	Fleet Racing Keelboats/ Dinghies	Match Racing	Match Racing
Principal event	Principal event Volvo Ocean Race (a stopover with inshore racing and a leg start) Umpired Fleet Racing with a high level of competitors (all races umpired min. 3 days) National Sailing League with a high level of competition min. 3 days Star Sailing League min. 3 days	Principal event World Championships America's Cup Grade 1 & 2 National Championships (with high level of competition) International Grade 3 (with a high level of completion)	Principal event World Championships US National Team Race Championship US University Championships British University National Championships Wilson Trophy British National Championships
L2	L2	L2	L2
Umpired a minimum of 4 medal races at an international event, applicant to have driven at least 4 races	National Sailing League with a low level of competition min. 2 days	National Championship (with a lower degree of competition) International Grade 3 (with a lower level of competition)	Feeder to a principal event Other National Championships Other Continental Championships or major international events
L3	L3	L3	L3
Umpired a minimum of 4 medal races at an international event, applicant to have driven 50% of all races	National Sailing League 1 day event International events that use 'advisory umpiring'		Regional University Events Regional events with more than 8 teams

- *Medal Racing – Only 2 medal racing events may be used for an IU application, first appointment or renewal.
- If an applicant is unsure about the level of an event he wants to include in his application, he should consult with the IUSC first.
- If unable to attend the required number of Principal Events, list all substantial events you have umpired at. IUSC has some flexibility to consider amalgamation of lesser events to count as one Principal Event providing your event portfolio overall is strong.

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