

**WORLD SAILING RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULINGS**

**ALL DECISIONS AS OF 8 APRIL 2026**

| Date       | Race Official       | Request                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Decision of Working Party                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 22/01/2016 | Jorge Barreda (PER) | I have been asked by a Member National Authority to be an instructor of the Racing Rules of Sailing, this will be a 3-day paid contract. Will this job put me in a conflict position for all Continental and World Championships Regattas where athletes from that MNA are participants, if yes for how long??<br>What about if I don't receive any payment? | There would only be a conflict if individual teams or competitors were being coached.<br>As this is an educational contract where he is teaching the rules of sailing to a group of sailors there is no conflict that would prevent him from working at a Continental and World Championship Regatta.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2016       | Con Murphy (IRL)    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | The COI WP has taken a further look at the Con Murphy situation.<br><br>This was discussed back in November and our decision remains the same.<br>Con may accept the appointment but he and Nino should be reminded that Con is to have no connection with the Laser course.<br>In order to be completely transparent a notice to this effect should be posted on the ONB.<br><br>Con should also be reminded that he should be very careful with any confidential or sensitive information that is discussed in private race management meetings. |
| 15/02/2017 | Ana Sanchez (ESP)   | World Champs/WCS/Olympic Classes<br><br>I have been invited by the Organizing Authority of the Semana de Buenos Aires to be a member of the international Jury in the next months and I would appreciate the confirmation of the Conflict of Interest WP that I can accept the invitation.                                                                   | VP World Sailing<br><br>The COI WP has reviewed this invite of Ana's and concluded there is no conflict of interest.<br>Ana may accept the invite.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|            |                       | <p>This event is organized by the Federación Argentina and the Yacht Club Argentino and has nothing to do with World Sailing.</p> <p>The classes competing are: Optimist, Cadet, 420, 470, Laser Standard, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, 29er, 49er, 49er FX, F18, Snipe, Lightning, Star, Soling, J24, J70, Grumete, Conte 24, OD27, S33, Match 30, Waszp, Moth, Finn, Nacra 15 and 2.4 mR.</p> <p>The event includes the South American Championships for classes Cadet and F18.</p> <p>I hope you will not find any problem and that I can enjoy Buenos Aires.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 22/02/2017 | Jean Luc Michon (FRA) | Hyeres WCS- invitational letter but no Declaration of Interest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Your declaration for the SWC Hyeres was sent through to the conflict working party and they concluded that your appointment can stand provided that you have nothing to do with the Lasers and that a notice is posted at the event detailing the potential conflict and how this is being managed.</p> <p>The above information has been shared with the Technical Delegate, Antonio de la Madrid, the Principal Race Officer, Ricardo Navarro and the Jury Chairman Jan Stage</p>                                                                                                                                                     |
| 20/03/2017 | Luigi Bertini (ITA)   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Thank you for your email regarding a potential conflict of interest<br/>The COI WP has come back to me with the following ruling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. As this is a closed event and only open to Italian sailors there is no conflict as far as World Sailing is concerned. However, the Italian Sailing Federation should be consulted in case they see a problem. As it's their jurisdiction they may decide to impose restrictions. They should be guided by the WS guidelines on COI.</li> <li>b. You must wait two years before accepting invitations for International Olympic Class events.</li> </ul> |
| 15/04/2017 | Tor Moinichon (NOR)   | WSC Aarhus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Further to your email and the information you submitted they have concluded that there is an unacceptable conflict of interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|  | <p><b>QUESTION RELATED TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR MR. TOR MOINICHEN AS MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY FOR THE WORLD CHAMIONSHIP IN THE 8mR CLASS AT HANKØ, NORWAY, 10 – 20 AUGUST 2017.</b></p> <p>Following the new Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020, the question has been put forward if I (IJ NOR) is prevented from being member of the International jury for the World Championship in the 8mR class at Hankø, Norway, 10 – 20 august 2017.</p> <p>The background for the question is the following:</p> <p>There was a seminar in Norway on the changes in the Racing Rules last Saturday, and § 63.4 (d) caught our attention.</p> <p>The Nordic Sailing Federation's prescription to this rule, says that a person with a conflict of interest shall not be part of the protest committee for international championships held in Norway.</p> <p>The general manager of Gran Seil AS will be helmsman / captain on SWE 44, "Birgit", participating in the championship.</p> <p>Following heart surgery in 2013 and 2014, I have, as part of the program of the Norwegian Health Administration (NHA) to get back into a working situation, had working practice supported by the NHA for about a year with Gran Seil AS. After my retirement in August 2016 (I am now 67), I am employed by Gran Seil AS on a two-year engagement contract (almost as an external consultant) to assist on certain projects and tasks related to marketing and business development, which has been my main career in the maritime industry throughout my life.</p> | <p>Even in the instance that you were to sit out from any hearing involving "Birgit", because of the size of the fleet 'any' decision by the jury could and probably will affect the score of that boat</p> <p>Below are several excerpts from the GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSING A CONFLICT OF INTERESTS document that the COI WP considered when making this decision as well as a link to the complete document.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/20130220ROCConflictOfInterestGuidelines-[14490].pdf">http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/20130220ROCConflictOfInterestGuidelines-[14490].pdf</a></p> <p>1.3 A conflict of interest may be either actual or perceived, with the circumstances giving rise to a Col related to how our sport's administration and officials are perceived, despite their actual behaviour or relationships. It is vital that our sport is seen to be fair and without bias by all involved, regardless of whether they be competitors, coaches, parents, organisers and other ROs. Therefore, potential and actual Col's cannot and should not be ignored. An omission to declare a Col, whether actual or perceived, or the failure to request clarification from the ROC to determine if an actual or perceived Col exists, may lead to action being taken against the RO as stated in Regulation 35 "Misconduct of ISAF Race Officials and ISAF Representatives".</p> <p>34.1 A conflict of interest exists when an ISAF Race Official has, or reasonably appears to have, a personal or financial interest, which could affect the official's ability to be impartial.</p> |
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|            |                     | <p>The question is if such “consultancy” contract will create a conflict of interest governed by § 63.4 (d) so that I cannot be part of the international jury, or if it is sufficient to apply § 63.4 (b) if “Birgit” should be involved in a hearing.</p> <p>Please find attached a statement from Gran Seil AS confirming the nature of the working relationship.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                       |
| 20/04/2017 | Hans Lagemann (GER) | <p>4/20/17 Hyeres WCS<br/>I learn from the Entry List für Hyères, that in the regatta will compete</p> <p><b>Laser Radial GER 211211 Pia Kuhlmann</b></p> <p>May I inform you that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pia resp. her family and me <b>are not close friends</b>,</li> <li>2. Pia and me are <b>members of the same club</b>, Schaumburg-Lippischer Seglerverein (SLSV),</li> <li>3. about 6 to 8 years ago (so n.a.) <b>I have been Pia's sponsor</b> by contributing 50% to buy Pia a new Laser boat,</li> <li>4. at the same time (so n.a. as well) <b>I have been Pia's co-coach</b>,</li> <li>5. there are <b>no other new circumstances mentioned in the Declaration of Interests form</b>.</li> </ol> <p>May I use this opportunity to ask you, before I serve as a member of the Hyères Jury, if, related to my appointment as an IJ, there are any documents, equipment, information, etc. I should have received from WS so far?</p> | The COI WP confirmed no conflict in your declaration. |

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| 02/05/2017 | Tim Went (AUS)   | <p>Can a world Sailing Measurer who is Qualified for a certain Class also be a competitor in that class at an event for which he is the Measurer?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>The question from Tim is a bit vague.<br/>He doesn't mention what level of event he is referring to.<br/>There would be a major conflict if an International Measurer wanted to compete at an International or even National event for an International class where he is the measurer.<br/>However, this may not apply to a club event or other low-level event.<br/>If it is a lower level event he should apply the principals in the COI Guidance document and refer back to us if he is still in doubt.</p> |
| 02/08/2017 | Jon Napier (GBR) | <p>As discussed in the jury meeting just now, I have to submit to the Jury a conflict of interest that has arisen at the event under Regulation 34.4.</p> <p>Yann Rocherieux is the Chairman of the World Sailing Athletes' Commission and therefore a director of World Sailing Limited.</p> <p>I am an employee of World Sailing (UK) Limited, which is owned and controlled by World Sailing Limited. As a lawyer, I represent both companies.</p> <p>I asked Yann in December 2016 if he was attending and he told me it was very unlikely he would continue competing. I checked the entry lists last week before the event and he was not on the list.</p> <p>When I arrived last night, I learned that he had entered late as crew for the OMA boat in the 49er Men's fleet.</p> <p>I am not aware of any other issues with the 49erFX or Nacra 17 fleets.</p> <p>My opinion is that this is a conflict of interest and I cannot participate in judging (on and off the water) the 49er Men's fleet. However I will of course respect any decision the Jury makes.</p> | <p>The Jury has met without me to discuss the case. It has decided that in addition to my decision not to participate in the 49er's Men Event, I should step down as Jury Chairman of the 49er/49erFX Europeans but remain as Jury Chairman of the Nacra 17 Europeans. I have agreed with this and a notice to this effect is being posted on the official notice board.</p>                                                                                                                                        |

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| 17/01/2018 | Torben Jensen<br>(DEN)    | <p>Torben received an invitation to the World Sailing Championships in Aarhus as a member of the International Jury.</p> <p>He noted the following conflict:</p> <p>I expect that my son will participate in 49ér, so I will not take part in 49ér courses and hearings. We will be 35 judges for this event, so I expect this will not be a problem for the event.</p> | <p>The WP has considered that while it might be possible to avoid any particular judge being on a specific course or on specific panels it would still impose avoidable constraints on the organisation.</p> <p>For instance, the race committee may move a class from one course to another with little notice. It is also quite possible for a jury boat to be monitoring classes passing through other courses and at times there may be very limited judges ashore to proceed with hearings making it difficult to avoid conflicts.</p> <p>The WP understands that this is not an ideal situation and will try and address this and come up with a more workable solution for the future.</p> |
| 23/03/2018 | Ali Ambosaidi             | <p>I have been appointed to the Jury at the World Sailing Championships in Aarhus.</p> <p>I am a full-time employee for my MNA Oman Sail as the 49er Oman Team WSC Aarhus</p>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>The current guidelines relating to ROs who have positions within MNA are under review.</p> <p>Until this review is complete we are applying these current guidelines.</p> <p>Hence we conclude that Ali Ambosaidi does have an unacceptable level of conflict. Therefore he cannot accept this invite.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10/04/2018 | Rosemary Collins<br>(AUS) | <p>Invited to WCS Enoshima</p> <p>I have had no involvement in training or selection of competitors since October 2016.</p> <p>As a director of Australian Sailing from October 2013 to October 2016, I was involved in approving the membership of the Australian Team. I have no involvement with training any competitors beyond normal governance oversight.</p>    | OK to accept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 17/04/2018 | Giuseppe D'Amico<br>(ITA) | <p>I am the president of the regional committee of the MNA (no paid position)</p> <p>I have been invited as jury member for the 470 Junior World Championship and the host club -</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   | The Working Party have advised that you have no conflict and can therefore accept full appointment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|            |                             | <p>Planet Sail Bracciano - is located in the same region.</p> <p>I am not member of the club, I have not connection with the class and competitors.</p> <p>There will be 6 members on the full jury, so I could easily not be involved in redress hearing if it were thought best thing.</p> <p>Please let me know if there is a conflict of interest.</p>                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/05/2018 | Rafael 'Luky' Serrano (ESP) | <p>At this moment I am member of the Race Officials Committee and technical committee of the Spanish Sailing Federation in charge of technical issues, as regulations, appointment of race officials, approval of notice of race and sailing instructions at the nationals and internationals events, race official instructor</p> <p>I am going to receive a salary from the Spanish Federation for the tasks which have been recommended to me</p> | <p>The current guidelines relating to ROs who have positions within MNA are under review.</p> <p>Until this review is complete we are applying these current guidelines.</p> <p>We conclude that there is an unacceptable level of conflict, therefore it is advised that he cannot accept this invite.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 07/08/2018 | Bas Edmonds (GBR)           | <p>Updated declaration form - as of 14th September when my employment with the RYA will be terminated.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>The COI WP has come back with a ruling on the update to your declaration of interest.</p> <p>They have concluded that you no longer hold a conflict of interest further to the pending changes you have outlined commencing as of 14 September 2018.</p> <p>In some cases the WP will consider whether a period of time or 'cooling off' period should be applied. This is usually dependent on the nature of the conflict, especially for those with affiliation to an MNA alongside the level of event the official has been invited to. This is also a question which the WP is reviewing, and I know you appreciate the considerations around this subject.</p> <p>In your case the WP has further concluded that no waiting period is necessary.</p> |

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| 10/10/2018 | Sylvie Harle IJ (FRA)  | <p>I believe there is a conflict between judge position and my position as General Secretary of the French Sailing Federation.</p> <p>As I told Peter, General Secretary, in a French association (which a Federation is) is in charge of administrative issues : meetings, organization, link with clubs, etc, I was elected and this is a non-paid position.</p> <p>I am not in charge of sport issues, nor of the French team and sailors, except when I sail myself or see them briefly on some regattas.</p> <p>I kindly ask for an official ruling from the COI Working Party about this situation.</p>                            | <p>The current guidelines relating to ROs who have positions within MNA are under review. Until this review is complete we are applying these current guidelines and conclude as a member of the MNA board there is an unacceptable level of conflict, therefore the official cannot accept this invite.</p> |
| 08/11/2018 | Elspeth Weisberg (BER) | <p>There is the potential that my boss (upon whom I depend for health insurance) may qualify for and will be racing in the regatta? In the 8 years that I have worked for him, I cannot recall him ever being in a protest hearing, but I definitely wanted to flag this with you in advance. I have been on juries in the past when he has been racing and it's not been a problem (because he's never ended up in the room); but in fairness, those regattas were local race weeks, not a Worlds. However, under the (b) of the definition, I would not want to put you in a position where there was an appearance of a conflict.</p> | <p>I can confirm the Conflict of Interest working party has determined that there is a major conflict here and the appointment should not be accepted.</p>                                                                                                                                                   |
| 29/11/2018 | Jeff Johnson (USA)     | <p>My recent nomination in October to the Board of Directors for our MNA US Sailing, I was nominated to serve as a volunteer for an interim 2-year term (3 year is standard) on the MNA US Sailing Board of Directors to fill a vacant seat. My task is to serve as a liaison to the Race Administration Committees. I took the position to help facilitate organization continued development of those associated committees. I</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>The WP have ruled that there is a real/perceived conflict of interest and advise that you do not accept appointment to a Principal Event.</p>                                                                                                                                                             |

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|            |                       | have attended one US Sailing outreach meeting in San Francisco in November to introduce new MNA Board members and develop better relationships across the US for our MNA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                         |
| 09/12/2018 | Niall McLeod (GBR)    | <p>I have recently taken up the role of the RYA Racing Services Manager. This is a full time salaried position.</p> <p>The remit of this role covers aspects of sail racing that fall outside of the Olympic and Youth &amp; Junior Programmes. My responsibilities include management of the staff &amp; volunteers responsible for racing rules; race officials; yachting, keelboats, offshore &amp; universities; technical and event delivery (OA responsibilities).</p> <p>I'd be grateful if you could give me some guidance on to what extent this gives me a Col for potential events I may be invited to.</p>                                                                | PENDING                 |
| 20/12/2018 | Johan Sjöstrand (SWE) | <p>You shall see in my declaration I have listed Project Manager of the Swedish Sailing Federation and provide the below further details in question to the position.</p> <p>It is not a voluntary position. The Swedish Sailing Federation's event section is hiring my own company Sjöstrand Sailing as consult to work as project manager of the event on part time in my spare time beside my full time work. I am not an employee of the Swedish Sailing Federation. The event Jr Cup is a junior event in Add Q sailing with competitors between 10-20 years old. I do not work with the SWE Sailing Team or any of the sailors that are competing in the World Cup Series.</p> | No conflict of interest |

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| 20/12/2018 | Flavio Naveria (ARG)             | <p>I am doing advise work on the logistics of an international class continental event. My work is specifically related to the logistics needed to bring the race officials team to the event (Race Officers, Judges, on availability, follow ups, budget,etc).</p> <p>The Chairman of this event would like to invite me to join the International Jury.</p> <p>Would that mean that I would be in a "direct conflict of interest" or not?</p> | The COI WP has ruled that Flavio can accept the invitation but cannot sit on any Requests for Redress that concern the OA or the RC.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11/01/2019 | Bernard Knuppel (URU)            | <p>I have been invited to attend the Pan-Am Games as a Course Representative.</p> <p>My Daughter is probaly going to paticipate in Nacra 17</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | If Bernd's daughter sails in the event he cannot accept the invite as this creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15/01/2019 | Elena Papazoglou (CYP)           | I work at the Cyprus Sailing Federation, however I have nothing to do with the training, program, budget etc of the athletes as for all these (related to the athletes) the Federal Coach and Olympic Coach are responsible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | The WP have advised that Elena may accept appointment as Course Rep for the Youth Worlds and ITO for the 2019 Test Event provided there are no CYP entries on the majority of course areas. This review of entries will continue to be a factor for Elena going forward regarding her ability to accept appointments. |
| 15/01/2019 | Nathalie Peberel (FRA)           | I am elected to the French Sailing Federation Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | The ruling of No Conflict has been given by the COI Working Party and Nathalie can maintain the appointment to both the Tokyo2020 Test Event and the Hempel World Cup Series Enoshima.                                                                                                                                |
| 15/01/2019 | Christophe Gaumont (IRO) FRA     | I have a role directly paid by the French Government which is with my MNA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Ruling by COI WP "although the payment is from the government the level of perceived conflict is high as attached to the MNA therefore Christophe cannot accept the appointments.                                                                                                                                     |
| 15/01/2019 | Athanasios Papantoniou (IRO) GRE | I have a role directly paid by the Greek Government which is with my MNA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Ruling by COI WP "although the payment is from the government the level of perceived conflict is high as attached to the MNA therefore Sulis cannot accept the appointments. The COI WP have ruled if Sulis circumstances are to change there would be no cooling off period.                                         |

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| 30/01/2019 | Bruce Martinson (USA) | <p>Could you please pass this question on to the committee that looks at Conflict of Interest: I have been a very active Laser sailor for the past 40 years. I try to continue improving my sailing skills by attending Laser training clinics. I have accepted an invitation to be a judge at the WC and the 2020 Olympic Test Event in Japan in August. This coming April I was planning on attending a week long training at the International Sailing Academy in Puerto Vallarta Mexico. The guest instructor for this down-wind clinic is Brett Beyer. He and several of the others coaches at ISA may also be coaching World Cup events and the 2020 Olympic Test Event in Japan. There is usually about 8-12 sailors at these clinics. I will be a full fee paying student. Would this be considered a conflict of interest for me judging any future events? I don't see it as a Conflict of Interest. IF you should have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.</p> | <p>"Bruce may attend the clinic at the International Sailing Academy in Puerto Vallarta and also accept the invitations to the two events (the Test Event and the WC event).<br/>However, before attending the clinic he shall advise the organisers that any and all information, guidance or techniques gathered at the clinic may be shared with WS race officials – e.g. International Judges and Umpires."</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 30/01/2019 | Qu Chun (CHN)         | <p>I was elected as the Vice President of Chinese Yachting Association in 2018, not paid but a volunteer position. In according to the first CYA board meeting in November 2018, My responsibilities as the VP will be responsible for the Event Management Committee of CYA. The task of this committee will be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the Chinese race officials education, grouping and appointment for the regatta sanctioned by CYA.</li> <li>2. the set up and management of CYA appeal committee.</li> <li>3. the liaison, technical supervision and coordination of CYA major event.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Qu Chun may not accept an invitation to work at a 'Principal Event'. This is consistent with similar rulings and is in the WS Conflict of Interest Rulings document.</p> <p>"MNA Presidents and Vice Presidents may have a Conflict of Interest and the level of that COI would depend on the importance of the event and whether the results of the event could affect that MNA's funding etc. MNA Presidents and Vice Presidents may not accept jury invitations to ISAF "Principal Events" or events where there are competitors from his or her MNA where the results would affect future selection to other events or where there is a funding effect for the MNA based on results in the event or if the event is used to qualify for events that may have a funding effect for that MNA. If in doubt, please seek further guidance from ISAF. (See WS document on Guidelines to Principal Events)."</p> |
| 18/04/2019 | Raema von Reiche      | Invited as a Jury Member to the Pacific Games.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>"MNA Presidents and Vice Presidents may have a Conflict of Interest and the level of that COI would depend on the importance of the event and whether the results of the event could affect that MNA's funding etc. MNA Presidents and Vice</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|            |                             | <p>I am involved in the MNA - SSA as the President and OSAF ( Oceania Sailing Association Federation ) as a Vice President . Both positions are unpaid, on a voluntary basis.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>Presidents may not accept jury invitations to ISAF "Principal Events" or events where there are competitors from his or her MNA where the results would affect future selection to other events or where there is a funding effect for the MNA based on results in the event or if the event is used to qualify for events that may have a funding effect for that MNA. If in doubt, please seek further guidance from ISAF. (See ISAF document on Guidelines to Principal Events)."</p> |
| 12/05/2019 | Susan 'Charlie' Arms        | <p>Charlie Arms who has been appointed as an international umpire for the Women's Match Racing World Championships<br/>To clarify my declaration, I am a volunteer member of the Board of Directors. I was elected in October to a three year term.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>The current guidelines relating to ROs who have positions within MNA are under review. Until this review is complete we are applying these current guidelines and conclude as a member of the MNA board there is an unacceptable level of conflict, therefore the official cannot accept this invite.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 28/07/2019 | Ana Sanchez del Camp Ferrer | <p>I would like to know if you see any COI with my position as Board member of World Sailing. The events are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Star Sailors League Final (2nd to 8<sup>th</sup> December)</li> <li>• 2020 RS:X Worlds. The IJSC has put my name forward as chairman of the jury however, I am not sure if this event will be used as qualifying event for the 2020 Games. Could you please make a decision considering both options? (being or not being an Olympic qualifying event)</li> </ul> | <p>The COI WP has no objection to you accepting these invites.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 02/09/2019 | Miguel Allen (IJ)           | <p>Miguel has been appointed to the T2020 Test Event as a member of the International Jury.</p> <p>Miguel has a direct financial relationship with Richard Slater. Richard is the Chief Umpire for the SailGP series 2019 and rules advisor for AUS at this event. Miguel Allen has been appointed, on the recommendation of Richard Slater, by World Sailing as an umpire for the five SailGP events 2019 with the final event to come</p>                                                                                  | <p>The WP ruled that the COI was minor or insignificant and would not prevent Mr. Allen from accepting the invite.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|            |                     | September. SailGP pay the remuneration due directly to Miguel Allen. Approximately 15% of Miguel's annual income is derived from and 10% of his time is devoted to the SailGP series.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 02/12/2019 | Benedek Fluck (HUN) | <p>The company I work with 12,500 employees in over 40 companies mainly in electricity business, I am acting as a group HR leader.</p> <p>I personally know Ms. Erdi since I am IRO and frequently manage events in Hungary and abroad but we were in different sailing club members until the end of the last year</p> <p>I become the Chairman of the club at the end of the last year she reached the quota in the last summer before I join the company and the club. After she got quote to Tokyo CEO of the company I am working for decided to provide sponsorship for her Olympic campaign without my personal influence or activity.</p> <p>I assume based on these facts I should not be on the laser radial (woman) course this why I indicate the conflict in advance.</p> <p>If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Br Benedek</p> | The WP has concluded that Benedek can accept the appointment but is definitely not allowed to be on the Laser Radial course and cannot be involved in any actions concerning that class.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 21/04/2021 | An IRO              | My daughter is planning to compete in the Women's Single Handed Class                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | In 15/01/2019, 2017-2020 COI WP has ruled on a similar case for another IRO to accept a position as ITO in a Regional Game where his daughter was racing. In application of a new interpretation/guideline decision was cannot accept as the relationship "creates an unacceptable conflict of interest". In summary, COI WP has reviewed position with respect to father/daughter/ITO to conclude that relationship was not be acceptable even if mitigation actions applied as for example does not involve the RO in that particular class. In addition, we would point to current situation that race management policies and SIs for major events allow dynamic allocation of classes that may end with last moment on the water area/RC changes. Not talking |

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|            |                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | that fact could end with the RO running races for his daughter, the dynamic allocation brings another consequence, all RM team members must be updated on all info for all classes, private ones inclusive, even for those ones they are not running. This principle was already in place in 2016 as noted by COI WP reminder to Con. Taking in account these reasons, also the last interpretation applied to rule on the 2019 case by the WP on duty and also for consistency with similar cases, decision is Con cannot accept the reserve ITO for Tokyo.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 21/04/2021 | Ana Schez Del Campo (ESP) | I am an elected member of the General Assembly of the Real Federación Española de Vela. The Assembly is a body of more than 100 members and I am in it as a race official.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Conflict of Interest rulings document has decisions regarding MNA president and VP without any for elected member of General Assembly. A similar situation, elected Council member was ruled in 15/01/2019, decision no conflict. Therefore, for consistency we see no conflict for Ana.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 21/04/2021 | Christophe Gaumont (FRA)  | Is a sports teacher directly paid by the French Government, it is forbidden by law to be paid by his MNA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Since the previous ruling on his case, 15/01/2019, no review in the guidelines for ROs relationship with MNA, therefore he cannot accept the appointment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 21/04/2021 | Peter Lubeck (SUI)        | I am father to one of the participating sailors in the Nacra 17 class. I also have a relation to Jaime Ryan, participating in 49erFX, Australia. She is girlfriend to my son Christian Peter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | In 11/01/2019, ROC WP COI has ruled in a very similar case, Regional Game, father/ITO-daughter, by coincidence, same class, Nacra 17. Decision was that relationship "creates an unacceptable conflict of interest". Taking in account no review on the guidelines since that and OG level, for consistency decision is he cannot accept the position.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 29/04/2021 | Karl Petter Haugen        | <p>I have been asked to act as an Rule advisor for the National Sailing Team of my MNA at the Olympic game in 2021. This also include some training sessions and rule lessons during spring 2021. The appointment is not paid.</p> <p>Will this appointment constitute an possible Conflict of Interest for me regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• events where the specific sailors from the national team participate before or after the Olympic event in 2021?</li> <li>• if yes, is the level of the event crucial to this decision? World Championship, Regional Championship, Regional cups, other international events, national events...</li> </ul> | The COI WP has ruled there is a significant COI during the time you are active as a rules advisor (even if unpaid). This will prevent you from being a member of an International Jury at World and Continental Championships, Olympic Qualifiers and World Sailing events where sailors of the team sailing in an Olympic class compete. The COI is lower on national and regional events and you should declare the COI but are not prevented from being a member of the jury for these events. As long as sailors are not trained by you or receive advice there is no COI as far as these sailors form your MNA are concerned. We have a 2 year "cool-off" period from finishing the position to the conflict being removed. |

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|            |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if yes, will my Conflict of Interest also apply regarding other sailors from my MNA(not part of the national team and not training audience) or part of the team (and trained) but not attending the Olympic games 2021?</li> <li>• if yes, for how long will the Conflict of Interest last?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 15/04/2021 | IU (AUS)           | <p>I have been appointed as an umpire for the Governor's Cup and the Chief Umpire for the Youth Match Racing Worlds and an umpire at the Detroit Cup and the two WMRT events in New York. As an International Judge I am likely to be appointed to the International Jury for those events.</p> <p>Covid travel is difficult and complicated out of and back to Australia, we probably have to hotel quarantine for 2 weeks on the way back at our expense and it keeps changing for us.</p> <p>The OA for the Worlds and Gov Cup have reached out to me to speak to expected entrants from Australia to understand their position on travel and attending the event and how it would be possible a and to work through the logistics of Quarantine and Vaccination</p> <p>In these circumstances does sharing information and knowledge and discussing options to attend the event with a support person for a potential team create any COI issues, such that I should refrain from engaging in it if I am an umpire or potential judge.</p> | Does not have a Conflict of Interest if the contact to a support person for a potential team is intended solely to exchange information on logistics and statutory requirements of travel.                             |
| 24/05/2021 | Niall McLeod (GBR) | I just wanted to advise you that I have recently taken up the role of the RYA Racing Services Manager. This is a full-time salaried position.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Niall cannot accept an invite to World Sailing events in Olympic classes, World or Continental Championships in Olympic classes, and qualification events for these events other than a national selection event only. |

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| 19/04/2022 | Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR)       | <p>I have been approached by Vestel, which is a household company in Turkey who sponsors many teams and projects about sports in Turkey aiming to empower women. Their plan regarding me is to show to Turkish women they have no limits if they work hard enough. It will be the first time ever a race official of any sort in any discipline in Turkey has been chosen as a role model by a company. All images will be about women equality and integration in sports and in the community in general and will have no messages regarding the national team. Amongst the team and sports persons they sponsor is also a member of the Turkish Sailing Federation national team, Okyanus Arıkan, who is racing with ILCA, but does not hold a high prospect for the Games as TSF has two more stronger candidates.</p> <p>Pls inform whether my presence as an image of Vestel based on a professional agreement would be a conflict of interest in any way.</p> | <p>The COI-WP does not see a conflict of interest as long as there is no direct connection created to the Turkish Sailing team or individual team members. Depending on the contents of the contract the majority of the WP would like to see the cooperation ending with a sufficient time gap before the beginning of the Games.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|            | Julian Bright Vargas - COL (NJ) | Appointed as a member of the Jury to the Bolivarian Games, with his cousin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Having a cousin sailing in one class is definitely a major COI.</p> <p>As this is only related to the Optimist class Julian Bright can be a member of the international jury provided that the conflict is declared and the OA/jury chair will be able to make sure that Julian is not assigned to the Optimist course and does not take part in any hearings for the Optimist class.</p>                                                                                                                                          |

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|            | Claudio Salvatore CHI (IJ) | Appointed as a member of the Jury to the Bolivarian Games, with late entry of his daughter as a competitor for the Sunfish class.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Following the above, ruling the same principal applies, Claudio can remain appointed to the event, if the OA/Jury Chair will be able to ensure that Claudio is not assigned to the Sunfish class and does not take part in any hearings. Understanding Claudio is one of three IJs appointed to the 5 person jury, this is for the OA/ Jury Chair to decide the suitability and guarantee of the above ruling. If this cannot be met, a replacement shall be required.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10/06/2022 | Tor Møinichen              | <p>I am the chairman of Gran Seil AS, a local sailmaker, and have been in that position since 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.</p> <p>On the phone a couple of weeks ago with Terje Wang, general manager and main shareholder in Gran Seil, about various issues regarding the company's operations, I was told that he will sail on board one of the participating boats as helmsman. The boat in question is a XP-44, which is owned by a third person who will sail onboard as Person in Charge (ref. RRS 46). The boat is likely to sail in the middle class with an estimated number of participants of 30. If it is put in the largest class, the estimated number of boats is 12. This according to the OA.</p> <p>I have not been aware of Terje Wang's participation as a competitor, but as soon as I was, I contacted the OA and the jury chair, as I needed to consider whether this meant that I have a Conflict of Interest (COI) and consequently cannot participate in the jury.</p> | <p>The WP concluded that Tor Møinichen has a minor conflict of interest.</p> <p>Tor can attend the event provided that the circumstances of the conflict are posted on the notice board and declared by Tor at any other appropriate time.</p> <p>As no national prescriptions apply to the event, the prescriptions of the Norwegian Sailing Federation are not relevant here.</p> <p>If possible Tor should not be part of any hearings involving the boat that Mr. Terje Wang is connected to (helming/crewing).</p> <p>In case Tor resigns from his position he will not have a COI (which does not seem necessary according to the ruling of the WP).</p> |
| 30/08/2022 | S.V. Balachander           | <p>One of the companies in which I am a director has decided to build Optimist boats. They have requested IODA to certify their molds in order to start the manufacturing process.</p> <p>Even though I have not been appointed as an IM for any other class, it is unclear whether I can</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>There is a clear COI for Mr. Balachander as far as his position as IM for the Optimist class is concerned.</p> <p>There is no COI for other classes as long as the company in which he is director does not built boats of these classes or he is otherwise related to the classes on a level that causes a COI.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|               |                    | <p>qualify for another class of boat in the future given my position as a director of a company that builds Optimist boats.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>WS regulation 31.16 states: "While appointed, an International Measurer shall not be employed by, nor act as a consultant to or regular official measurer at, a builder for his associated classes or Rating Systems."</p> <p>As Mr. Balachander is a member of the Technical Committee of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) we advise him to check with the class about this position as well.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 27/01/2023    | Lori Lowe (BAH)    | <p>I understand that World Sailing considers it to be a conflict of interest for a President of an MNA to act as an Official at an event in which sailors from their MNA are participating. I appreciate that this makes sense in countries where there are thousands of sailors or where being the President of an MNA is a coveted position or a paid position or where the results of competitors at an event generate income for the MNA. None of these apply in The Bahamas. We have no more than a handful of persons with the knowledge of sailing to oversee an MNA and a total sailing community of under 200, including youth and adult sailors, officials, coaches, parents and volunteers. The President of the Bahamas Sailing Association is not a paid position. I am rarely reimbursed for my expenses as President of the MNA nor do I seek reimbursement as my focus, and that of the Bahamas Sailing Association, is not International Events but rather improving lives, particularly those of at-risk youth, through the sport of sailing. I know all our top level sailors personally, have sailed against or together in a boat with many of them and would do so whether or not I was President of the MNA.</p> | <p>Lori already pointed out by herself the policy stands that a president or board member of an MNA has a COI when sailors of his/her MNA compete at an event. Therefore Lori would have a COI if sailors from the Bahamas enter the event she is appointed to.</p> <p>This is independent of the size of the jury and the possible options to prevent Lori from being on the course area/in hearings of a class where sailors from the Bahamas compete in. The reason for the different approach compared to race officers has always been justified by the fact that race officers will usually not have a major influence on what is happening on other course areas whereas jury members might be seen (perception) as being able to have a certain influence on their fellow judges.</p> <p>To summarise as long as no sailors from the Bahamas compete, there is no COI. If there are sailors from the Bahamas competing, Lori has to withdraw.</p> |
| November 2022 | Diego Yubero (ESP) | <p>I am currently acting as a Rules Advisor for the ESP Olympic Team. I have been appointed as a member of the International Jury for an international event in Spain.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Diego does not have a COI as long as no sailors from the ESP Olympic Team (or to say it in a more general way: as long as no sailors that receive advice from him due to his position in the Federation) compete in an event. As soon as sailors compete (regardless whether in their actual [Olympic] class or in another class) there is an unacceptable level of conflict.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|           |                       | <p>This event is neither a World or Continental Championship nor an Olympic Qualifier or a World Sailing event.</p> <p>The sailors of the team are not competing at this event.</p> <p>The classes gathered in this event are ILCA 7, ILCA 6 M &amp; W, ILCA 4 W &amp; M, 420 W, 420 Men/Mixed, Europe W &amp; M.</p>                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| June 2023 | CHI NJ                | My daughter is competing in the event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | The WP concluded that the official has a major conflict of interest and cannot accept the appointment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| June 2023 | ITA NJ                | I have known one of the women Italian competitor for over 10 years. We do not see each other often, however when I come back home for Christmas we try to have a catch up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Being (close) friends does by itself not constitute a COI and the appointment can be accepted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| June 2023 | Rafael 'Luky' Serrano | <p>I am the coordinator of the race officials committee, responsible of the race officials appointments, calendar of races, and technical issues of the national events, notice of race, sailing instructions, etc.</p> <p>I have not relationship with sailors in any way. Not training or rules Advisor and my job is un the technical administration of the RFEV.</p>                                                                                                     | He is not involved with the selection of competitors from ESP to the Olympic Games or any qualifying events and there are no ESP sailors competing at the Pan-Am Games. The only point that could create a (significant) COI would be perception. It is highly unlikely that Luky could be able to influence a selection for non-European MNAs in a way that it could benefit the sailors from ESP at the Olympic Games.                                                                               |
| July 2023 | Chris Lindsay (IRL)   | <p>I am obligated to declare that I am a member of the umpire team for the professional sailing series SailGP. The Chief Umpire of SailGP is Craig Mitchell, who is also the rules advisor for the German Olympic Sailing Team.</p> <p>For umpiring at a SailGP event, I receive a day rate, limited travel/meal costs and accommodation as necessary. My contract is directly with SailGP, not the Chief Umpire, and I receive my payment directly from the series. The</p> | <p>The policies and opinion of the WP have not changed as far as cases like this one are concerned.</p> <p>Chris does not have a direct financial relationship with the CU Craig Mitchell as the appointment, payment, etc. are manage by SailGP and not by Mr. Mitchell himself.</p> <p>Therefore in general there is no COI and when in direct contact the conflict is minor or insignificant.</p> <p>The advise would still be to - if possible - avoid hearings where Mr. Mitchell is a party.</p> |

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|              |                      | <p>time commitment is around 12-15 days per year plus occasional remote hearings/meetings.</p> <p>Appointed to P2024 Test Event in July 2023 and Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Regatta in July 2024.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| July 2023    | Ricardo Lobato (BRA) | <p>I have received an invitation to support the Brazilian team as a rule advisor in the upcoming Test Event next week and also in the 2023 World Sailing Championship scheduled for August.</p> <p>I wanted to bring to your attention that accepting these roles may have an impact on my Conflict of Interest (Col) document for the Youth Sailing Worlds later this year.</p> <p>I wanted to reach out to you to discuss this matter further and provide any necessary details you may require. I want to assure you that despite these potential conflicts, I remain fully committed to serving in the Youth Worlds. I would greatly appreciate your confirmation on this matter as soon as possible.</p> | <p>The working party concludes that Mr Lobato does not have a COI. Reasons are that he is not active as a rules advisor for a longer period of time which shortens the cool-off period and he did not work with the youth team(s)/sailors that will be competing at the Youth Sailing Worlds.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| October 2023 | Heiko Falch (GER)    | <p>I've received a request for availability to an event and I'd like to ask for advice regarding a potential conflict of Interest:</p> <p>Craig Mitchell GBR asked me about umpiring the World Match Racing Tour Final in China in December this year. It will be a grade WC event which means there is a daily World Sailing umpire fee at the event.</p> <p>Craig is the national rules advisor for Germany and I want to stay clear of anything that gets me</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Being invited by a rules advisor of a national team to an event unrelated to the work of the rules advisor (non-Olympic class, Match or Team Race, ...) does not cause a conflict of interest for a race official from the MNA that the rules advisor is working for in itself even when receiving a (reasonable) daily fee. However participation in the event may lead to the perception of a conflict of interest for the race official at international events where sailors that are part of the national team and were or are supported by the rules advisor are competing. The level of the conflict depends on various factors such as level of the event(s), time passed etc.</p> |

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|              |                       | <p>into a potential conflict of interest for future events. Although there is no Col for this event itself, it might possibly be perceived as such on appointments after that, like the ILCA 7 Worlds next year.</p> <p>Hence, my question is, whether I should better decline it or it is unlikely to cause a conflict of interest.</p> | <p>When the invitation is issued by an entity independent from and not related to the rules advisor, no conflict of interest can be assumed, even if the invitation was made following a recommendation by the rules advisor. This applies regardless of whether the rules advisor is a race official at the event or not.</p> <p>The decision to accept the invitation has to be made by Heiko, but taking into account the circumstances the working party concludes that by being part of the event in question there is no potential for a conflict of interest at the upcoming qualification events for the Olympic Games or the Olympic Games itself.</p> |
| October 2023 | Ben Sheppard (HKG)    | <p>I am a council member for the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. It comprises 25 members.</p> <p>Selections of participants for all International events under the name of HK is the responsibility of a selection committee chaired by a council member (not me). Their recommendations are subject to approval by the full council.</p>  | <p>Being one of 25 persons who are approving the decisions about the selection of competitors for the Olympic Games means that the potential influence on any decisions is marginal.</p> <p>No COI for Tom Sheppard, he is able to accept the appointment to an Olympic Games qualifying event.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| October 2023 | Luis Ferrandiz Ruiz   | <p>Following Appointment to Paris 2024 Olympic Games.</p> <p>Luis Ferrandiz Ruiz has been appointed to the International Jury for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Luis is married to Ana Sanchez Del Campo, the Chair of the International Jury.</p>                                                                                       | <p>Being related or otherwise in a relationship to each other does not create a Col by itself when being appointed together within an Olympic Jury.</p> <p>To prevent a potential or perceived Col the Working Party strongly recommends that guidelines are established to handle potentially critical situations before and during the Olympic Games.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| October 2023 | Dina Kowalyshyn (USA) | <p>Following Appointment to Paris 2024 Olympic Games.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>In this case, the donated amount does not reach a sum that could be considered a significant support for a specific class or team nor has the donation been made specifically for the purpose of supporting the US Olympic Sailing Team. The</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|               |          | I made a donation to US Sailing that could have been used for the Olympic Sailing Team. This \$1000.00 donation is to the general Olympic fund so it is not large and is not targeted to any team members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | working party therefore does not see that a conflict of interest would rise from this form of donation/support.                                                                                                                                                        |
| February 2024 | An IRO   | <p>The chairman of the organizing committee of would be appointed as the PRO of the event.</p> <p>The person in question has knowledge of the venue and sport and class. He is experienced at this role, especially at this location. Competencies are not questioned.</p> <p>It has been questioned if combining these roles is possible considering the conflict of interest and how to assess the level of conflict of interest.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Being the chairman of the OA does not prevent this person from being the PRO at the same event.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| February 2024 | An IJ/IU | <p>A race official is an elected member of the board of the coaches association within his MNA. The association is independent from the federation. He is holding the position of the general secretary. The position is not paid, but he is elected by the coaches who are members of the association.</p> <p>Can such race official accept an appointment, either as member of the International Jury or PRO or RO, on one of the following events, knowing that coaches-members of the association will be present:</p> <p>National Championship of a class<br/>Continental Championship of a class. Would there be any difference between a senior event</p> | In all situations mentioned a member of the board of a coaches association and/or employee of such an association has a major conflict of interest and cannot accept an invitation to these events. The conflict of interest exists irrespective of the type of event. |

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|            |                      | <p>or a youth event? (eg. ILCA European championship or ILCA youth European championship)</p> <p>World Championship of a class. Would there be any difference between a senior event or a youth event?</p>                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| April 2024 | Ferran Muniesa (ESP) | <p>I work for Club Nautic Arenal, some of our sailors are competing at the event.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>There is a difference between just being a member of the same club as a competitor or being an employee of the club when competitors are at an event with the RO.</p> <p>Depending on the type of employment and the tasks the RO has in the club and in the event these might rise to a COI.</p> <p>In the case of Ferran there is no COI.</p>                                                                                                                                                |
| April 2024 | Bojan Gale (SLO)     | <p>I am working for Sailing Point d.o.o., where I am responsible for technical part and wholesale market in Slovenia. A company is distributor for Harken, Spinlock, Gottifredi Maffioli, Tylaska, Gill, Zhik, Sail Racing and Pelle Peterson for Slovenia and Croatia.</p> <p>Sailing Point is a main sponsor of Sailing Club Pirat Portoroz, from where 420 teams are coming from</p> | <p>As Bojan is an employee of one of the main sponsors of the club where the 420 teams competing at the Youth Worlds are members of, there is a COI.</p> <p>Bojan may proceed to accept the event appointment as long as he is not involved in hearings of the 420 event and not assigned to the 420 course area.</p>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| May 2024   | International Umpire | <p>An IU shall be a Rules Advisor at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Understanding there is a cooling off period from being a rules advisor at the Games to being able to accept a WS appointment. Is there any variation on the rule for Match Racing events?</p>                                                                                                                        | <p>There are two different approaches on the item.</p> <p>One says that a Rules Advisor cannot accept any appointments while working as a Rules Advisor plus adding a cooling off period of at least 12 months.</p> <p>The other approach that is favoured by the WP members differentiates between the work for Olympic Disciplines and the nationals squad in these disciplines and other events, especially other types of racing.</p> <p>We can conclude that in general there is no COI.</p> |

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|               |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>This would change in the event that a (former) member of the 'Olympic Team' is a skipper at one of the MR Worlds or the majority of the crew are (former) members of the 'Olympic Team'.</p> <p>In this case a cooling off period of roughly six months would apply from the last date the official acted in the position of a rules advisor.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| November 2025 | International Judge     | <p>I worked as a rules advisor for a national team competing in Paris 2024 and my relationship with them ended last Aug 09, 2024 and I have no plans to collaborate in the near future. Our overall collaboration last 8 months.</p> <p>In 2025, can I accept invitations for International Events with Olympic Classes?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>If the involvement has ended completely (and it is not likely that the person will start to work as a rules advisor for the same client again soon after) the official shall accept a cooling-off period of six months before accepting invitations to events of Olympic classes and/or events where any person that was entitled to receive or received advice by this IJ is competing.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| June 2025     | Stuart Childerley (GBR) | <p>I am preparing to serve as the Race Officer for the 2025 Admiral's Cup, hosted by the Royal Ocean Racing Club in Cowes, UK. The event includes a short offshore race, an inshore series, and the Rolex Fastnet Race. An International Jury has been appointed for both the Admiral's Cup and the Rolex Fastnet Race. The Admiral's Cup fleet consists of 15 two-boat teams, which will compete both as a separate class within the short offshore race and the Rolex Fastnet Race, and as part of the broader fleet in those events. The short offshore race is also part of the wider RORC 2025 season.</p> <p>It is becoming increasingly likely that my son, may be crewing on one of the Admiral's Cup boats as the required under-27 crew member. His role on board will not involve tactical or</p> | <p>There is a conflict of interest in both scenarios as being a family member (direct relation) always creates a COI. Assessing the overall situation the scale of the conflict does not reach the level of a major conflict. Stuart can accept the invitations to/act as a race officer at both events.</p> <p>The conflict is minor, which means it should be posted on the ONB including the measures taken which may include that Stuart is not sighting the line himself (or does so with a second person) and does not make the decision to abandon a race on his own (only after discussing e.g. with the course race officer, if any, or the jury chair).</p> <p>The question of the level of conflict is not directly linked to the number of crew on board a competing boat, but this question is part of the overall assessment of the level of conflict.</p> |

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|               |                         | <p>navigational decision-making, and the boat will race with a crew of 11 people.</p> <p>Additionally, later this summer, my son is due to crew aboard a 100-foot maxi yacht with a 29-person crew in a separate event. Would the category of conflict in that scenario be considered different? Does the scale and nature of the crew influence how conflicts are assessed, particularly in comparison to smaller crews, such as double-handed or single-handed boats.</p> <p>I would be grateful for your advice on both scenarios so I can proceed in full compliance with World Sailing regulations and policies.</p>                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| December 2025 | Ricardo Lobato (BRA) IJ | <p>I have received an appointment to the 2027 Fortaleza Sailing World Championships Test Event being held in January 2026.</p> <p>I served as a Rule Advisor supporting the Brazilian Team during the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, held in Marseille, France, from July 26 to August 11, 2024. I attended the event on-site as part of the support staff. My responsibilities included explaining competition rules, drafting Q&amp;A questions for the Organizing Authority (OA), monitoring the official notice board, and assisting or in hearings involving Brazilian sailors. Most of my travel expenses were covered by the Brazilian Olympic Committee (COB); however, no salary or per diem was provided. There was no</p> | <p>There is no COI as his work as a rules advisor ended in August 2024. Therefore he meets the requirements of a cool-off period which includes the rest of the season when a person has been working as a rules advisor plus the following season (in his case 2024 and 2025). A potential work as a rules advisor in the future (Fortaleza 2027 Worlds and/or 2028 Olympic Games) cannot be considered/taken into account when assessing a potential COI.</p> |

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|               |                      | <p>formal contract between me and COB or CBVELA.</p> <p>After the conclusion of the Games, I ceased my involvement with the sailing team. Nevertheless, in 2025, I was elected Chair of the Ethics Committee of CBVELA.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| December 2025 | Craig Mitchell (GBR) | <p>I have received an appointment to the 2027 Fortaleza Sailing World Championships Test Event being held in January 2026.</p> <p>I am currently the rules adviser to the German team although there are no Germany athletes competing at the event as of now and no intention for the German Sailing Team to support any of their squad members at the event.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| December 2025 | Luigi Bertini        | <p>Luigi Bertini received an invitation to join the International Jury for the iQFOiL European Championship 2025 in Sferracavallo, Italy (November 2025).</p> <p>In his request for a ruling about a potential Col Luigi stated that his “one and only involvement” with athletes from Switzerland was during Princessa Sofia 2025 on a daily base agreement. In addition, Luigi stated that after the event he “did not meet or train” any athlete or coach from Switzerland.</p> <p>Based on additional information received it was established that the webpage of the Swiss Olympic Sailing Team did at the time of the</p> | <p>Having been a rules advisor qualifies for a Col.</p> <p>As the work ended in the beginning of April 2025 this led to a cool-off period for the rest of the 2025 season plus the 2026 season; therefore, a Col existed for the event in question.</p> <p>Being named as rules advisor on the webpage of an MNAs Olympic Team, even when not active or contracted anymore, creates the perception of being involved with that MNA and qualifies for a Col.</p> <p>The cool-off period starts when the work <b>fully</b> ends; if there is a reference to it being still active, then the work shall not be considered as ended yet, i.e., the cool-off period will start when the references to his rule advising will have been removed from the webpage.</p> |

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|              |               | <p>invitation and the event list and still lists Luigi Bertini as “rules advisor”.</p> <p>Furthermore, Luigi Bertini was acting as rules advisor for the Chinese Team at the National Games in China in October 2025.</p>                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>The event in question fell within the cool-off period which includes the rest of the season when a person has been working as rules advisor plus the following season.</p> <p>Luigi’s inclusion as a Rules Advisor for the National Games in China qualifies for a new respectively ongoing Col.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| January 2026 | Anonymous/ IJ | <p>Before and at the event a coach raised concerns about a potential Col of the race official due to involvement in a civil and criminal case between the coach, their company and the race official. The legal proceedings were concluded a year prior to this event.</p>                                                                                                                       | <p>Having been involved in a major court case or severe legal proceedings with a competitor or support person constitutes a Col.</p> <p>Furthermore, there is a perceived Col as the sailors supported by persons that were involved in the legal proceedings might feel disadvantaged.</p> <p>Based on the cool-off periods applied by the International Olympic Committee and the Court of Arbitration for Sport for similar situations as well as taking into account the factors of the legal proceedings (settlement of the case) the RO does have a Col which will expire after a cool-off period of two years from the end of the year in which all pending proceedings/legal cases have been concluded. Provided that there are no pending proceedings/legal cases the Col will expire at 31 December 2026.</p> |
| March 2026   | An IJ         | <p>Requesting an interpretation whether a Col would arise in the potential case that his wife is elected or appointed as a member of the board of directors of the an MNA federation with the responsibility for media and PR matters.</p> <p>Based on the articles of the constitution and the by-laws of the Sailing Association the members of the board are deciding all motions brought</p> | <p>Being directly related to a member of the board of directors of an MNA always qualifies for a Col and the conflict will arise as soon as sailors of the MNA are competing at an event.</p> <p>If sailors from the MNA federation are competing the conflict is major for all World Sailing major events including the Sailing Grand Slam events and all events where the results of these sailors would affect future selection to other events or where there is a funding effect for the MNA based on results in the event or if the event is used to qualify for events that may have a funding effect for that MNA. Václav Brabec shall not accept invitations to these events and shall not be appointed.</p>                                                                                                   |

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|            |       | forward to them except for matters assigned to the General Assembly.                       | <p>At events with multiple classes including the Sailing Grand Slam where sailors from the MNA federation are only competing in some, but not all classes/disciplines, the official may - after consulting with the jury chair - accept an invitation provided that the official will not be assigned to these classes/disciplines on the water or as a member of a panel.</p> <p>If sailors from the MNA federation are competing in other international events the conflict is minor for all World or Continental Championships events in youth and junior classes and insignificant for all other events.</p> <p>If no sailors from the MNA federation are competing at an event there is no Col.</p> <p>This decision is only applicable if the situation described were to occur.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| March 2026 | An IJ | An IJ has submitted a Declaration of Interest noting her role as a Board member of an MNA. | <p>Being a member of the board of directors of an MNA always qualifies for a Col. However, the level of the conflict will vary depending on the type of event. as soon as sailors of the Federation are competing at an event.</p> <p>If sailors from the federation in question are competing the conflict is major for all World Sailing major events including the Sailing Grand Slam events and all events where the results of these sailors would affect future selection to other events or where there is a funding effect for the MNA based on results in the event or if the event is used to qualify for events that may have a funding effect for that MNA. Furthermore, the conflict also applies to events that could influence the qualification, and/or selection of Korean sailors for other events. The official shall not accept invitations to the events mentioned and shall not be appointed.</p> <p>At events with multiple classes including the Sailing Grand Slam where sailors from the federation are only competing in some, but not all classes/disciplines, the officials may - after consulting with the jury chair - accept an invitation provided they will not be assigned to these classes/disciplines on the water or as a member of a panel.</p> <p>If sailors from the MNA are competing in other international events the conflict is minor for all World or Continental Championship events in youth and junior classes and insignificant for all other events.</p> |

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|            |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>If no sailors from Korea are competing at an event there is no Col, except for events that could influence the qualification, and/or selection of sailors for other events as stated above.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| March 2026 | IRO | <p>An Olympic class asked me to join the executive committee of the class, but before I give my answer, I wanted to know if there could be a conflict of interest with WS, given that my priority is to be able to still be a RO in WS events.</p> | <p>PENDING</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| May 2026   | NJ  | <p>An NJ has been appointed as a member of the international jury for the 2026 World Sailing Inclusion Championships. Her partner, has been appointed as a Course Representative to the same event.</p>                                            | <p>Being in a relationship with another race official might qualify for a Col.</p> <p>However, the level of the conflict will vary depending on the roles of the officials and the measures taken.</p> <p>The level of conflict can be considered minor, provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The judge will not be a member of a panel hearing a case involving the race committee of the course area that her partner is assigned to; and</li> <li>2) The jury at the event consists of at least six members and would still be properly constituted under RRS Appendix N with five members in the panel when the judge is not included in a panel.</li> </ol> <p>The conflict shall be posted on the official notice board including the measures taken.</p> |

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| June 2026 | Stuart Childerley | <p>I will be the Principal Race Officer for the IMA Maxi European Championship and the IMA Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup. The European Championship includes a long offshore race and an inshore series; the Rolex Cup is an inshore series. The fleet consists of approximately 30 maxi yachts (European Championship) respectively 35 to 40 boats (Rolex Cup). It is likely my son, Ben Childerley, will be crewing a 100- foot maxi yacht with a 29-person crew.</p> | <p>There is a conflict of interest as being a family member (direct relation) always creates a COI. Assessing the overall situation the scale of the conflict may reach the level of a major conflict. Stuart Childerley therefore can only accept the invitation to act as a principal race officer at both events when certain measures are taken.</p> <p><b>The conflict becomes minor</b>, which means it shall be posted on the official notice board including the measures taken, when it is ensured that Stuart Childerley is not “directing” the race which amongst other means that Stuart Childerley is not sighting the line, and after consultation leaves the final decision which course to be sailed, whether to shorten the course or abandon a race to the course race officer(s) and/or jury chair.</p> <p>The question of the level of conflict is not directly linked to the number of crew on board a competing boat, but this question is part of the overall assessment of the level of conflict when certain measures are taken.</p> |
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