

**The International Judges Sub-Committee will meet at
09:30 – 17:30 hours at the W Hotel, Abu Dhabi, United
Arab Emirates on Sunday 23 October 2022.**

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CM = Paper circulated to Committee Members only

SP = Supporting Paper

Presenters:

C – Chair, Andrus Poksi	ROE - Race Officials Executive	KE – Koray Ezer (WS)	
GH – Gonzalo Heredia	LB – Lynne Beal	GD – Giorgio Davanzo	SH- Sylvie Harle
NB – Neven Baran	CO- Christina Ortendahl	KH- Kevin Hawkins	

1. Opening of the Meeting

- 1.1 Welcome by the Chair C
- 1.2 Attendees and Apologies
 - (a) Seven sub-committee members present, apologies received from Kevin Hawkins (USA) Kai Masuda (JPN) and Wee Lee Teo (SGP).
- 1.3 Obituaries
 - (a) Shared obituaries for all Race Officials who have passed in 2022 with IJSC paying special tribute to current IJSC member Tor Moinichen who passed away last month.

2. Minutes and Agenda

- 2.1 Minutes C
 - (a) The minutes of the previous International Judges Sub-Committee meeting held on Friday 22 October 2021 were approved with no additional matters arising from those minutes not already covered by this agenda.

3. Application Procedures and Requirements

- 3.1 To consider any changes to the format and content of the IJ section of the RQC document, including Appendix A and examinations. C

The IJ section of the RQC document, including Appendix A and examinations, were revised for 2022. IJSC noted the changes made for the 2022 version of the RQC document, with paragraphs 4.3(a) and 4.2(d) being revised.

The sub-committee decided to add to 4.3(b) a similar sentence as is found in 4.2(d), such that “only one event within the same time period can be accepted”. A further clarification is that the panel chair, who is not the Chairman of the Jury, could not provide the reference. A reference is complete, even if the event does not include Appendix P for RRS 42, however, any other positioning assessment from the disciplines listed is still required as provided under that section of the reference form. The concept of combining two incomplete references into one complete reference and having Appendix P for RRS 42 to be mandatory was not supported; neither was supported the idea of allowing IJs other than the jury chair to give a reference when the chair already gave a reference to the applicant.

Appendix A of RQC addresses concessions for COVID-19. The IJSC proposes that these concessions remain in effect at least one more year, and up to three years. There could be a difference for first appointments and renewal appointments, and for different countries. Flexibility will be needed, where possible. The IJSC will review Appendix A and make recommendations to the ROC for the February 2023 edition of RQC.

4. IJ Test

LB

4.1 (a) Initial IJ Test.

Lynne Beal (LB) provided a report on the initial IJ test. The Test was given 25 times, with 62% passing at the seminar in the USA and 25% passing retests. The test, which was rewritten in March 2018, has been given 167 times. Overall pass rates are 32.3% overall, 41.3% on Part A, 70.1% on Part B, 64.1% on Part C1 and 61.7% on Part C2. There was no support for putting the initial IJ test on-line.

(b) Renewal Test

Lynne Beal gave a report on behalf of the IJ Renewal Test Working Party. In 2022, 68 IJs wrote the test, 20 with remote proctoring. Everyone passed. Members of the working party respond promptly to queries about taking the test. Most problems result when the test taker does not read and implement the instructions. Test scores in 2022 trended more in the 80's and 90's than in the 70's. Goals for 2023 include continued review and improvement of the questions. There was no support to reduce the number of questions on the test, or to eliminate the need for a proctor. The Chairman of the ROC encouraged the Sub-Committee to be transparent by giving test-takers as much information as possible about their results.

5. IJ Report System

5.1 Giorgio Davanzo reported on the IJ report system and the changes required for future updates.

GD

In 2022, there were 185 international juries and 32 protest committee reports, showing good recovery of events since the pandemic in 2021. There were more requests for redress and more requests for redress upheld than the previous trend of reduced numbers had shown. About 50% of events have Appendix P. The proportion of Appendix P penalties has been stable. The number of hearings remains stable, but with fewer arbitrations.

The number of remote juries increased (16 in 2021 and 18 in 2022), and there are more digital International Technical Officials. There is more use of RRS N1.5 (emergencies/ illness), with 6 this year. Only one event reported using the Test Rule 18.

The IJSC surveyed IJs, with 75% responding. Results showed that 20% could do up to 3 events per year, 57% could do 4 to 10, 23% could do 10 or more events. Fewer judges actually did as many events as they could have done. There are 299 IJs, with an average age of 61 years, and an average of 15 years of service. 66% of IJs are in Europe, especially GER, UK and USA. In 2022, 13.7% of IJs are women, and they were appointed to 19.1% at events.

Evaluations of jury members by the chairmen showed a decrease in positive references and more judgements of “no opinion”. There are some evaluations of unacceptable, mostly for national judges.

ACTION - WS office to further investigate with the IJ who made the report. Questions arise about how the evaluations are stored and their confidentiality.

6. IJ Manual

- 6.1 Lynne Beal reported on the Judges manual and changes required for future updates. **LB**

In 2022, the Working Party completed a review of questions arising from the Judges Manual, and published a revised version dated February 2022. Revisions were identified in the Preface page and with side lines on the right side of updated material. In July 2022 the working party published a further revision to replace the links to the documents on the World Sailing website with a search strategy to find documents. This strategy will avoid the need for continuous updates when links on websites change. The working party therefore replaced the links with a search strategy to find the documents. The July 2022 version of the Manual provides the search path for each document.

The working party shall continue to monitor comments and recommendations to improve the Manual, and publish updates from time to time, as needed.

7. Rule 42 Working Party

- 7.1 To receive a report from the Rule 42 Working Party Chair. Giorgio Davanzo presented a report from the Rule 42 Working Party, noting the Race Officials Committee is the owner of the Rule 42 Working Party, with members appointed largely from the IJSC. The working party is revising the documents regarding the Optimist Class. They have under review 162 videos related to RRS 42 with intended answers. The IJSC encouraged the development of more training materials for RRS 42.

8. Additional Reports

- 8.1 To receive reports from remaining IJSC working parties.

(a) IT Solution (e-ROC) WP

GH

Gonzalo Heredia (GH) outlined the concept of the E-Roc platform in providing an automatic collection of data for renewals of race officials.

(b) Remote Proctoring WP

GH

The WP noted the use of remote proctoring is working well for the renewal test, providing an easier process with reduced limitations for IJs to sit the test.

(c) IJ Website WP

SH

The working party checked all of the judges' documents, and discovered the need for a map of the website to find all relevant documents. Each document's border was found, along with the stage related to any need for update.

Identification and version conventions are proposed. Administration access to upload files is requested to expedite this work.

- (d) IJ Statistics GD
Giorgio Davanzo shared a report on the statistics of IJs, noting the changes in the past years and the overall decline in number of international judges.
- (e) IJ Forms CO
The working party reported the update of the IJ reference form in March alongside the IJ Mentor's form published in July.
ACTION - The working party will work with the executive office to update the PDF event form for the 2023 application process.
- (f) Policies and Rules KH
The working party noted the reviews policies and procedures for IJSC is a continuous requirement, as changes are made. Confirmed all policies and rules were updated in 2022 as needed.
- (g) Standard Wording LB
The working party maintained and updated the Preferred Standard Wording, which provides rules-based wording for conclusions and decisions for hearings. The paper is not rules and its use is not mandatory. Many on-line systems for writing hearing decisions incorporate this document, with drop-down menus to paste in statements. In 2022, the working party provided standard wording for the Test Rule 18.

9. Event Appointment

- 9.1 Megan Griggs (WS) provided a verbal report based on the written report shared by the Event Appointments Working Party to the sub-committee ahead of the meeting. The report provided an overview of the work done by the WP since appointment in January 2022, noting core work on reviewing the process for appointment and developing a new system with key importance on the process being transparent, technical and not political. The report highlighted the goal to bring additional officials into appointments for a pathway for officials to develop, reinforcing the importance of sub-committees/ ROC consistently updating their lists of officials with the latest information. ROE
- Noted progress made from last year, with all 2022 event appointments placed online ahead of events taking place.

10. IJ Grouping

- 10.1 To receive a report on the grouping process for International Judges. C

11. Education and Development

- 11.1 Seminars and Clinics NB
- (a) In 2022, there was on seminar in USA In February and one clinic in Chile in June ahead of the PanAm Games. Possibility for a seminar to be held in Venice in December 2022.
- (b) Requests for seminars in 2023 have come for Switzerland, Chile in February, Korea in October and China, with another possible in Europe.
- 11.2 Continuous Development C
- In 2011 the IJSC developed a list of study materials for judges: links to appeals books, rules seminars and quizzes and other materials from around the world. The

resource was published on the World Sailing website as “Compiled Resources”. In 2019, the resource was updated for current versions of the materials. A working party could provide current links to educational materials for judges and publish the list.

The IJSC will consider how to provide continuing education programmes to IJ. One concept is to open the IJ seminar to IJs who would audit on-line. Break-out rooms would allow more instructors to participate when discussing the problem-solving exercises. or running continuing education programmes. IJSC discussed developing regular online seminars for IJs and to a wider group of judges. It would be prepared by the IJ instructors.

11.3 International Development

- (a) WS Head of International Development reported on his role and responsibility of International Development to increase participation and global development of sailing. The focus areas are athletes, coaches, managers and para sailing, and development of regions and MNAs. In 2022 tasks were increasing the team, and training delivery potential, and the development of high- level female coaches. Plans are in regional development and continental development in preparation for Youth Olympics. Development of officials is important for sustainability of programs in developing regions. He imagines on-line clinics for developing officials and highlights the requirement to connect with ROC and sub-committees to assist in collecting the material possibly obtained from many MNAs who have programs to train their race officials, and then translate to other languages.

KE

12. Race Officials Travel

GD

- 12.1 Giorgio Davanzo reported on the development of a document advocating standards for travel and accommodation of race officials at events. This includes insurance coverage for boats used by officials.

13. Race Officials Committee

- 13.1 No additional recommendations made by IJSC to the Race Officials Committee on areas of it's agenda not already considered by the Sub-Committee.

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14. Submissions

Please refer to the 2022 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at <https://www.sailing.org/document/2022-annual-conference-submissions-zip/>

- (a) To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the Other Committee except Racing Rules submissions:
 - i) Submission 043-22 – World Sailing Regulations - Support
 - ii) Submission 044-22 – Development Rules – Support
 - iii) Submission 048-22 - No Escalation in Events Without Systematic Rule 42 Problem - Reject - more appropriate for class rule
 - iv) Submission 053-22 Reject
 - v) Submission 058-22 Support Proposal 1, Proposal 2 Reject
 - vi) Submission 059-20 – Administering World Sailing Classes - Not Considered

To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 001-22 through to 042-22

Submission 006-22 - Reject
 Submission 009-22 Reject
 Submission 010-22 Reject
 Submission 012-22 Proposal 1 Support, Proposal 2 Reject
 Submission 015-22 Support
 Submission 016-22 No support for wording.
 Submission 018-22 Support
 Submission 019-22 Support with edits for grammar, comma needed after "time".
 Submission 020-22 Support if separate the warning from a penalty
 Submission 024-22 Reject
 Submission 025-22 Support
 Submission 033-22 Support, but without extending the appeal period
 Submission 034-22 Support
 Submission 038-22 Reject
 Submission 041-22 Reject
 Submission 042-22 Support

15. Closed Meeting

15.1 Performance Investigations

- (a) MG provided a report on performance investigations received in 2022, highlighting the requirement for a clearer process moving forward for publishing investigation decisions.

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15.2 To consider any commendations.

- (a) No recommendations for commendation were made by IJSC.

15.3 Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors

- (a) IJSC reviewed the current list of instructors and confirmed no immediate changes.
- (b) IJSC highlighted should there be changes moving forward there needs to be a transparent process to ensure visible understanding of the process taken for any new requirements.

15.4 Race Official Appointments

- (a) The sub-committee considered the applications for International Judges to take forward recommendations to the Race Officials Committee meeting.