

Grouping of World Sailing International Umpires

Grouping Criteria

Core Umpire	
A core umpire is an IU who has a proven ability to carry out the roles required of the discipline. A core umpire makes consistently good decisions, even when working alongside an umpire of a lower standard and has no major problems with any of the overall criteria on the WS umpire performance assessment form. Therefore, a core umpire would be expected to pass the WS umpire performance assessment without difficulty.	
Proven	An IU with a proven ability to perform at the level expected of a core umpire.
Development	An IU who has shown solid evidence of the ability to perform at the level of a core umpire but lacks the experience to be considered proven yet. They will have the potential to develop to a 'proven' level within the two Olympic cycles following the current one.

If the IU has also indicated a desire to be grouped as a Chief/Deputy Chief umpire, then the grouping panel also assessed the application against the criteria below.

Chief Umpire/Deputy Chief Umpire	
An IU that is deemed capable of being the chief umpire at the very highest level of umpired event. A chief umpire is able to handle all duties of the function in a competent manner even under pressure. An IU in this group will have been or would have previously been grouped as a core umpire.	
Proven	An IU with a proven ability to perform the role of Chief Umpire at a top-level event, remembering that a Deputy Chief may need to step up to Chief at any time.
Development	An IU who has demonstrated the necessary skills at lower level events, but needs further high-level experience to develop to proven level. This IU has the potential to develop to 'proven' level within the two Olympic cycles following the current one. Potential to be developed for World Sailing events.

The absence of a name from the list may indicate that the umpire is ungrouped, did not apply for grouping or did not wish to be grouped for a particular discipline or as a chief umpire.

Grouping Lists

Published 28th September 2023 including applications submitted by 1st September. Applications submitted after this time are under review and will be considered for the next updated list, to be published no later than December 2023.

Match Racing

Core Umpire		Chief Umpire	
Proven	Developmental	Proven	Developmental
Abhimanyu Patankar Adrian Bauder Anders Otto Ben Fels Craig Mitchell Cxema Pico Damien Boldyrew David Fan Flavio Naveira* Heiko Falch Ilya Baraev John Pratt John Rountree Juuso Leivonen Kevin Hawkins Lance Smotherman Luigi Bertini Manuel Huensch Marios Zisimatos Mark Townsend Martin Clasen Mats Bjorklund Michael Butterfield Michael Röllich Miguel Allen Nelson Horn Ilha Neven Baran Philippe Michel Richard Slater* Sandy Grosvenor Steve Wrigley Susan "Charlie" Arms Svenja Huensch Thibaut Gridel Thierry Poirey	Masaaki Tanaka Sungchul Jeong	Craig Mitchell Cxema Pico Damien Boldyrew Flavio Naveira* Heiko Falch Kevin Hawkins Luigi Bertini Manuel Huensch Mats Bjorklund Michael Röllich Miguel Allen Nelson Horn Ilha Neven Baran Philippe Michel Richard Slater* Sandy Grosvenor Susan "Charlie" Arms	Abhimanyu Patankar Adrian Bauder Anders Otto Ben Fels Ilya Baraev John Roundtree Juuso Leivonen Marios Zisimatos Mark Townsend Martin Clasen Michael Butterfield Thierry Poirey

*member of the grouping panel and did not take part in the discussion or decision of own application

Team Racing

Core Umpire		Chief Umpire	
Proven	Developmental	Proven	Developmental
Arnaud Mante Chris Atkins* Chris Lindsay* Cxema Pico Diego Yubero Flavio Naveira* Greg Eaton John Pratt Jon Napier* Kevin Hawkins Lance Smotherman Niall McLeod Sandy Grosvenor Steve Wrigley Steven Wolff	Michael Butterfield	Arnaud Mante Chris Atkins* Chris Lindsay* Cxema Pico Greg Eaton Jon Napier* Sandy Grosvenor Steven Wolff	Diego Yubero Kevin Hawkins Niall McLeod

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Fleet & Medal Racing

Core Umpire		Chief Umpire	
Proven	Developmental	Proven	Developmental
Adrian Bauder Arnaud Mante Chris Atkins* Chris Lindsay* Craig Mitchell Cxema Pico Damien Boldyrew Diego Yubero Flavio Naveira* Heiko Falch Heiko Thoelmann Ilya Baraev Jan Stage* John Rountree Juuso Leivonen Kevin Hawkins Lance Smotherman Luigi Bertini Manuel Arnold dos Santos e Silva Manuel Huensch María Torrijo Marios Zisimatos Martin Clasen Masaaki Tanaka Mats Bjorklund Miguel Allen Neven Baran Niall McLeod Philippe Michel Richard Slater* Steve Wrigley Steven Wolff Svenja Huensch Thibaut Gridel Thierry Poirey	Ben Fels	Arnaud Mante Chris Atkins* Chris Lindsay* Craig Mitchell Cxema Pico Damien Boldyrew Heiko Falch Jan Stage* Luigi Bertini Manuel Huensch María Torrijo Mats Bjorklund Miguel Allen Neven Baran Philippe Michel Richard Slater*	Adrian Bauder Diego Yubero Ilya Baraev John Roundtree Juuso Leivonen Kevin Hawkins Marios Zisimatos Martin Clasen Niall McLeod Thierry Poirey

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