

Regulations

Regulations 31.7 and 6.10.7.3(i), 6.10.8.3(i), 6.10.9.3(i) and 6.10.10.3(i)

A submission from the Croatian Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To eliminate grouping system to a better one.

Proposal 1

~~Grouping~~

~~31.17 The Race Officials Committee may develop and implement processes for the grouping of World Sailing Race Officials. The procedure for such processes shall be approved by the Board and shall be published on the World Sailing website.~~

Proposal 2

Terms of reference

6.10.7.3 The International Judges Sub-committee shall:

- (a) administer the International Judges' programme;
 - (b) recommend to the Race Officials Committee the appointment of International Judges in accordance with these Regulations;
 - (c) disseminate information to and communicate with International Judges and Member National Authorities;
 - (d) be responsible for the instruction and evaluation of International Judges and candidates to become International Judges, which shall include:
 - (i) the development and conduct of seminars to train and qualify International Judges and candidates to become International Judges; and
 - (ii) the formulation of the examinations which applicants must pass to qualify as International Judges and, if required, the establishment of the criteria for a performance assessment and its administration;
 - (e) assist Member National Authorities in training and in developing national judges programmes;
 - (f) recommend policies regarding the conduct of International Judges and International Juries;
 - (g) administer programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules and other World Sailing documents by International Judges;
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(h) propose rule changes and submit interpretations of the Racing Rules to the Racing Rules Committee, the Race Officials Committee and other appropriate bodies;

~~(i) develop and administer a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Judges according to their abilities and to place them in groups based on agreed criteria;~~

~~(j)~~ **(i)** update International Judges Sub-committee documents, such as the Judging Manual, the International Judge application form and International Judges' Reference Form;

~~(k)~~ **(i)** address questions from International Judges;

~~(l)~~ **(k)** deal with such matters as any World Sailing committee may request.

Delete also 6.10.8.3(i), 6.10.9.3(i), 6.10.10.3(i) that are identical.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Grouping of Race Officials are dealt with in Regulations 6.10.7.3(i), 6.10.8.3(i), 6.10.9.3(i), 6.10.10.3(i) and 31.17. related to four out of seven possible disciplines and only three have grouping done. Expression Judges, Technical Delegates and Classifiers are not under same umbrella.
 2. Grouping appears by unsatisfied judging community as arbitrary and inadequate and comments are that is "a corrupt system" on one extreme and on the other that is "at least not transparent". Many do not even apply for to be grouped. Not encourage and system is not respected.
 3. When umpire grouping in the past was abolished it was received as a relief. Now it is back in. On the groupings in all disciplines affected, list of grouped judges are very short.
 4. Existing process of educating, testing, getting experience at events is well established in Regulations but there is one missing link – activity and experience data. This proposal wishes to eliminate system people do not like and focus on creating one that will objectively collect data of every judge experience and activity plus existing knowledge given through appointing system respecting differences among disciplines too. This could be achieved easy, quick and cheap. We may name it e-ROC. Idea should be that all officials are included and that all their activity is taken into account helping EAWP in the process as well. With more objective system judging community would engage better with increased enthusiasm.
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