

The International Judges Sub-Committee met at 09:30 – 17:00 hours at the Hotel NH Malaga, Spain on Monday 13th November 2023.

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CM = Paper circulated to Committee Members only

SP = Supporting Paper

Presenters:

C – Chair, Andrus Poksi **ROE - Race Officials Manager** **LB – Lynne Beal**
GD – Giorgio Davanzo **NB – Neven Baran** **CO- Christina Ortendahl**
KH- Kevin Hawkins

Attendees:

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1. Opening of the Meeting

- 1.1 Andrus Poksi Chairman welcomed the members of the committee and the observers. **C**
- Thomas Chamera WS Vice-President welcomed all. He noted the two successful significant World Sailing events this year, for which he thanked all involved for their service to sailors. He noted the challenge to reinstate Para sailing to the Paralympic Games, and the commitment of World Sailing to continue this pursuit. He noted the successful Asian Games and Pan Am Games, showing the continuing development of areas like the far east. He noted the successes when we work together. The appointments of judges for Paris 2024 are to be approved by the Board. The IOC's focus on gender equity and geographical spread continues for developing officials. The Board's cash flow has improved over the past 12 months, and the work of governance reform continues. He noted the work done on Grouping for Judges which requires some updates. Digital solutions e-ROC for race officiating is an priority for the development of officials. He thanked all for their contributions made to events and the sailors all over the world.
- Ricardo Navarro Chairman of the Race Officials Committee thanked the members for their work this year and for their ongoing contributions.
- 1.2 Attendees and Apologies **ROE**
- (a) Attendees: Andrus Poksi Chair, Neven Baran, Lynne Beal, Giorgio Davanzo, Kevin Hawkins, Kai Masuda, Christina Ortendahl.

(b) Apologies: Gonzalo Heredia, Sylvia Harle, Wee Lee Teo.

1.3 Obituaries

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Obituaries were shared for Race Officials who have passed away in 2023: Ron Yaffe IRS IRO IJ, Ewa Andersson SWE IJ IU, and Ralph Roberts IJ IU.

2. Minutes and Agenda

2.1 Minutes

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(a) The subcommittee approved the minutes of the previous International Judges Sub-Committee meeting held on Sunday 23 October 2022. The omission of the IJ Grouping discussion from the minutes will be discussed in the closed session.

3. Application Procedures and Requirements

3.1 The IJSC provided recommendations for revisions to the content of the IJ section of the Race Official Roles, Qualifications and Competences, including Appendix A and examinations to the ROC for February 1 2024. The Chairman thanked Jim Capron for his leadership on the working party. The IJSC's proposals include: to separate the first appointment criteria from the renewal criteria. In Regulation 31.7, by changing 12 months to 8 months to end all appointments by December 31. This will eliminate extensions to take the renewal test to May 1 and consequential extensions to appointments and re-application times. Renewal tests would be taken only in the year of re-application, and not in the prior 3 years of the designated period. Candidates that do not pass the renewal test may rewrite in 3 months, instead of 6 months. After a second failure of renewal test, rewrites could be in 1 year, instead of 2 years (notwithstanding that there have been no such occurrences to date).

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The subcommittee noted that the endorsement of the MNA for an initial appointment might be withheld, with consideration by the Race Officials Committee subject to conditions in Regulation 31.8. MNAs are hence encouraged to report why an endorsement is not given, in order to inform the candidates of improvements that would get the endorsement.

Thomas Chamera reported that the Board is in favour of Submission 115-23 which incorporates these changes, with any friendly amendments.

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4. IJ Tests

4.1 Lynne Beal reported for the Test Working Party on the Initial IJ Test, The Renewal Test, and an investigation on whether to move the initial test to an electronic test.

(a) The Initial IJ Test

Pat Healy reported that 122 people took the IJ test from 22 November 2022 to 10 November 2023: 114 at IJ seminars in ITA, CHI, SUI, CHN and KOR, and 8 as retests. The pass rate for all 122 tests was 39% (At seminars 38%; on retests 63%). Comments on questions by students and instructors and proctors are reviewed after each test resulting in small edits to improve comprehension of the question. No answers were changed.

(b) The Renewal Test

Gonzalo Heredia reported that 58 IJs took the renewal test, with 56 passing. 8 IJs remain to take the test for their 2023 renewal. The working party keeps statistics on the use of questions for item analysis.

(c) How to administer the IJ Test

Lynne Beal reported a study by the Working Party on whether to administer the IJ test given at seminars electronically. They considered the values of test security, integrity of test-taking and reliability of test scores on facilities at seminars, technology, IT support and cost. Published studies on on-line testing found that tests without proctors had increased incidents of google searches on the test content at the time of the test. Professors believe that students are more likely to use prohibited resources when proctors are not present. To implement electronic testing would require expenditures by World Sailing for software and hardware, and for IT support from World Sailing and from staff associated with the venue. Expansion of the item pool for the test would also be needed. The Working Party concluded that there is no business case to administer the first IJ test electronically at this time. Our recommendation is to continue to administer the test with paper and pencil. Access to re-tests with an in-person proctor has been facilitated by expanding the pool of proctors beyond IJ instructors, in unusual circumstances.

5. IJ Report System

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

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The number of events is increasing after COVID cancellations, back to levels of 2019. The number of redress requests increased by about 30%, with more claims against OCS, but few approved (6%). The number of appendix P penalties increased by about 20%. The number of hearings increased by about 20%. Arbitrations increased by 15%.

Judge evaluations are largely “no opinion”. Good evaluations decreased, while evaluations of satisfactory and needs improvement increased (but are still below 5%). Each year, at least one IJ is evaluated as unacceptable. The IJSC decided that that an evaluation of unacceptable will result in a request to the chairman of the international jury to provide reasons for the rating, and confirmation that the rating has been shared with the judge. The working party will refer other problems that are reported or found back to the international jury chairman for further information and follow-up.

Issues arising include jury panels at youth events with 422 boats, 10 hearings and two hearing panels having at least one member participating online on each panel; a rule 69 hearing questioning its relevance for safeguarding; the status of transgender competitors at events; and sailors with hearing impairment and RRS 42 hails.

Of the reports submitted, 43% required edits due to errors or incomplete reports found in the first review. 36% of reports needed correction from the platform manager.

6. IJ Manual

- 6.1 Lynne Beal reported on the IJ Manual. The April 2023 revision of the manual included a new chapter, “Slalom Windsurf Jury Guidelines”. The working party monitors comments and recommendations to improve the Manual, and publishes updates from time to time as needed. We thank the subject matter experts and editors who contribute to this work.

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7. Rule 42 Working Party

Giorgio Davanzo reported on the Rule 42 Working Party. The WP is reviewing the common breaches of classes. Some revisions have been published. Any review or discussion of the RRS 42 interpretations has not resulted in published changes.

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8. Additional Reports

8.1 These IJSC working parties provided reports:

(a) IT Solution (e-ROC) WP

World Sailing is taking the lead. A working party is in progress.

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(b) Remote Proctoring WP

Remote proctoring for the renewal test is working well.

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(c) IJ Website WP

Sylvie Harle and her working party have worked with World Sailing staff to locate documents of the IJSC on the website. There is a backlog of issues to be fixed on the website requiring attention from World Sailing staff. Andrus Poksi will follow up with the World Sailing Office.

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(d) IJ Statistics were reported under IJ report System.

(e) IJ Forms

The reference form will be changed to clearly specify whether judging RRS 42 is required, and how to deal with on-the-water assessments without on-the-water juries.

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(f) Policies and Rules

Jury Policies were updated in May 2023. A judge has developed a suite of forms for use by protest committees. The Working Party will request permission to post this package on-line for use by all judges.

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(g) Preferred Standard Wording

The most recent version of this document from July 28 2023 is posted on-line for use by all judges. The working party responds to questions and makes revisions from time to time, as needed. A mark-up version showing revisions will assist those who translate it to other languages. The IJSC recommends that the paper remind judges that it is not mandatory to use.

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9. Event Appointment

9.1 Report from the Event Appointment Working Party

The 2023 priorities have been on gender equity, geographical representation and opportunity for development of race officials. This year, there were 290 appointments, with appointments based on World Championships and the Paris Test Event (in contrast with 130 appointments in most years). The EAWP are responsible for appointment to high level events, with no structure for bringing officials into other events. A travel grant will be re-instated to support additional appointments for officials to attend events. The IJSC notes that officials who have not been appointed to such events need to have opportunities.

10. IJ Grouping

10.1 Andrus Poksi reported on Grouping of IJs. In the past, many judges applied for grouping, but few were selected as Chiefs and Leads. This year, the same process was used, resulting in more Chiefs and Leads. But this led to criticism of the system, and the recall of the Grouping results.

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The IJSC has worked, and will continue to work on revisions to the existing criteria. There is also a submission to eliminate the grouping system. The Chairman asked members of the IJSC to submit criteria to be considered for IJ grouping.

10.2 To finalise the criteria for ROC approval for the new process.

The IJSC notes the need for grouping to be based on an on-line database to track officials' events. The e-ROC database will include personal information: Sailor ID, Events from ijreport.org, the World Sailing calendar to determine principal events, test marks and seminar participation. The end users will be the Event Appointment Working Party. Race Officials will use the database to fulfil their applications for renewal.

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Thomas Chamera reported that stakeholders suggested a new implementation, rather than modifying the current grouping system, while using interim measures before the new system is ready. World Sailing will implement the e-ROC IT solution.

11. Education, Training and Development

11.1 Seminars and Clinics

- (a) In 2023, there were 5 IJ seminars: CHI, SUI, KOR, CHN and POR.
- (b) In 2024, there are applications from NED and IND. Consideration is for seminars in GBR, Indonesia and Oceania, South America, and North America.

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11.2 Continuous Development

The IJ Instructors are developing training materials as webinar to help judges be consistent. The first topics are RRS 42, fleet judging, and RRS 69 planned for internet presentations in January or February 2024. Presentations could be recorded and available for reviewing.

ACTION – To complete an online continuous learning webinar in Q1 of 2024

11.3 International Development

- (a) To identify new talent, and approach gender equity and geographical representation of officials, the IJSC plans to follow up with those who take the seminar and pass the test, but delay in applying to be an international judge.

12. Race Officials Committee

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- 12.1 The IJSC had no forthcoming recommendations to the Race Officials Committee on areas of its agenda not already considered by the Sub-Committee.

13. Submissions

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- 13.1 Please refer to the 2023 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/organisation/governance/conferences/2023-world-sailing-annual-conference/2023-world-sailing-annual-conference-submission-papers/>

- (a) The IJSC considered submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the reporting committee:
 - (i) 108-23 - Appointment of Olympic Race Officials SUPPORT
 - (ii) 110-23 - Regulation 25.8.13 – RRS J1.1(7) – RRS N 1.10 SEE 088-23
 - (iii) 115-23 - Regulation 31.15 SUPPORT
 - (iv) 116-23 – Regulation 31.17 & 6.10.7.2(I) SUPPORT
- (b) The IJSC considered submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 001-23 through to 097-23 and 201-23 to 206-23.

- (i) 022-23 – Part 5, Introduction, Definition Party, Definition Protest
SUPPORT
- (ii) 023-23 – Rule 60.4(A) SUPPORT
- (iii) 025-22 – Rule A2 SUPPORT
- (iv) 026-23 – Rule 61.2 and 63.5 – Start of Hearing SUPPORT OPTION 2
- (v) 030-23 – Rule 66.1 SUPPORT
- (vi) 031-23 – Rule 66.2 REJECT
- (vii) 042-22 – RSS Gender Neutral Terminology SUPPORT
- (viii) 083-23 – Rule N1.4(B) SUPPORT
- (ix) 088-23 – Regulation 25.8.13, RRS J1.1(7) and RRS N1.10
SUPPORT
- (x) 089-23 – RSS Gender Neutral Language SUPPORT
- (xi) 025-23 – RRS 61.1(a) SUPPORT

14. Closed Meeting

14.1 Performance Investigations

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- (a) There were three investigations of race officials this year.
- (b) The IJSC asks that the members of the independent panels who conduct the investigations be informed of the final outcomes of their cases.

14.2 Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors

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- (a) The current instructors are re-appointed for one more year.
The IJSC agreed that IJ instructors will collect and provide to IJSC anonymous feedback from the attendees about the seminar, the venue, and the instructors themselves. The IJSC will provide a form to record this information, to be given to attendees at seminars before administering the test.

- (b) No new instructors/ administrators and assessors are recommended for the coming year.

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The IJSC reviewed and updated the existing IJSC criteria for appointing instructors, adding an attachment of discipline-specific criteria and requirements for IJ Instructors.

14.3 Race Official Appointments

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- (a) The IJSC considered application for International Judges status and made recommendations to the Race Officials Committee.
- (b) The IJSC decided the IJ Instructors will evaluate candidates at seminars and submit their evaluations to the World Sailing Race Officials Manager, to be recorded in the candidate's application file.
- (c) The IJSC will recommend to the ROC to provide commendations to International Judges who have made significant contributions to World Sailing during their careers. These include Bernard Bonneau, Jim Capron and Pat Healy.
- (d) The IJSC will recommend to the ROC to acknowledge and recognize the International Judges who have served for more than 20 years, and then again after every 5 additional years of service.

14.4 Adjournment

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1830 hours.

