

## **WORLD SAILING POLICY REGISTER**

### **APPOINTMENT OF RACE OFFICIALS TO EVENTS**

#### **1. Appointments to Major Events and Recognised Events**

- 1.1 World Sailing must exercise its right to appoint the race officials for the following events:
  - (a) America's Cup Series, America's Cup Challenger Series, America's Cup Defender Series, America's Cup Match (but excluding measurers);
  - (b) All World Sailing Events;
  - (c) World Championships of the Olympic Classes;
  - (d) Olympic and Paralympic Qualifying events;
  - (e) The Olympic Sailing Competition;
  - (f) The Paralympic Sailing Competition;
  - (g) The Youth Olympic Games; and
  - (h) Regional Games.
- 1.2 World Sailing must exercise its right to approve and/or appoint the race officials if the Board deems it necessary to do so for the following events if not otherwise covered by the section above:
  - (a) Global and Trans-Oceanic Ocean Races;
  - (b) World Sailing Rankings graded Events;
  - (c) Professional Windsurfers Association Events (PWA)
  - (d) The Ocean Race
  - (e) World Championships of non-Olympic World Sailing Classes, when agreed with World Sailing
- 1.3 World Sailing must only appoint or approve the appointment of race officials to Major Events and Recognised Events after it has consulted:
  - (a) the Race Officials Committee;
  - (b) any relevant World Sailing Class Association;
  - (c) for the Paralympic Sailing Competition and Para World Sailing Championships, the Para World Sailing Committee;
  - (d) for regional games, the relevant World Sailing Continental Association and the organizing authority for the event; and
  - (e) the Member National Authority of the venue.
- 1.4 World Sailing must publish a list of all appointments or approvals made by it no later than 30 June of each year and shall update the list no later than the end of each calendar year.

## **2. Specific Requirements**

- 2.1 World Sailing must not appoint or approve a jury chair, World Sailing principal race officer, chief measurer/equipment inspector or chief umpire who is from the country of the organizing authority of the event.
- 2.2 If World Sailing exercises its right to appoint a chief umpire, jury chair, chief measurer, course representative or principal race officer (race officer when one course area will be used) the appointee shall respectively be an International Umpire, International Judge, International Measurer or International Race Officer.
- 2.3 International Juries or International Umpire teams
  - (a) If World Sailing appoints or approves an international jury it may, to the extent permitted by the Racing Rules of Sailing, and in conjunction with the relevant class association and organizing authority, appoint or approve national judges as part of the international jury.
  - (b) If World Sailing appoints or approves an umpire team, it may, in conjunction with the relevant organizing authority, appoint or approve national umpires to the extent consistent with guidelines approved by the International Umpires Sub-committee.

## **3. Approval of International Juries under RRS N1.7**

- 3.1 Under RRS N1.7, World Sailing may in limited circumstances authorise an international jury consisting of a total of only three members. An event organizing authority may apply to World Sailing for such an authorization. World Sailing shall consider the following factors:
  - (a) whether the relevant Member National Authority has given its written approval;
  - (b) the number of hearings there have been at previous events;
  - (c) the type of boat and the event requirements for on-the-water activity;
  - (d) the qualifications, experience and nationality of the proposed members of the international jury;
  - (e) whether World Sailing has given authorization previously; and
  - (f) any other information World Sailing considers relevant.
- 3.2 The decision in respect of authorization shall be determined jointly by the Chair of the Race Officials Committee, the Chair of the International Judge Sub-committee and the Chief Executive Officer. World Sailing may impose conditions on any authorization.

## **4. Technical Delegate Appointments**

- 4.1 The appointment of technical delegates to events organized outside the World Sailing Events, Regional Games and Olympic Sailing Competition and Paralympic Sailing Competition may be exercised by the Member National Authority of the country in which the event is being held.
- 4.2 World Sailing must not appoint or approve a World Sailing Technical Delegate, other than a member of World Sailing staff, who is from the country of the organizing authority of the event.
- 4.3 All World Sailing Technical Delegates report to the Board.

*Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Competitions*

- 4.4 The Board must appoint World Sailing Technical Delegates to the Olympic Sailing Competition and Paralympic Sailing Competition.
- 4.5 At least two World Sailing Technical Delegates will be appointed for each of the Olympic Sailing Competition and Paralympic Sailing Competition, subject to the following:
  - (a) one World Sailing Technical Delegate must be an International Technical Delegate;
  - (b) one World Sailing Technical Delegate must be a World Sailing staff member; and
  - (c) the World Sailing Technical Delegates will be appointed no later than three years before the start of the Olympic or Paralympic Sailing Competition.
- 4.6 The Board may require that World Sailing appoints Technical Delegates to the Olympic and Paralympic qualification events if in the Board's opinion it is necessary to do so.

*Appointments to Regional Games*

- 4.7 World Sailing must appoint World Sailing Technical Delegates for all World Sailing Events and Regional Games events. The Chair of the Regional Games Committee must be consulted on the appointment of World Sailing Technical Delegates to Regional Games events.
- 4.8 A World Sailing Technical Delegate should be appointed as soon as possible after the confirmation of sailing's inclusion in the specific regional games.
- 4.9 World Sailing Technical Delegates appointed to regional games shall only be those certified by World Sailing as an World Sailing International Race Officer, International Judge or International Technical Delegate
- 4.10 The World Sailing Technical Delegate will be appointed subject to the following guideline as to their qualifications:
  - (a) an intimate knowledge of the World Sailing Rules and Regulations;
  - (b) experience of event organization;
  - (c) skills in diplomacy;
  - (d) the ability to work with all people connected with the event (competitors, officials, media etc.); and
  - (e) the geographic location of the appointed delegate in respect of funding available from World Sailing and other sources to enable he/she to undertake the role.
- 4.11 The responsibilities of the World Sailing Technical Delegate must include:
  - (a) assisting event organisers in the development and planning of the event;
  - (b) giving advice regarding the notice of race and sailing instructions before the event;
  - (c) approving any alterations to the sailing instructions and other rules relating to the event;

- (d) co-ordinating the World Sailing Course Representatives and the Race Officers (appointed by the event organising committee) where such officials have been appointed;
- (e) carrying out such other functions as the Board may decide; and
- (f) submitting a report to the World Sailing if visits are made.

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