

International Umpires Sub Committee Agenda



The International Umpires Sub-Committee met from 10:30 – 17:00 hours at the Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre on Tuesday 5th November 2024.

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| 1. Closed Session (closed to observers) | 8. Event Appointment |
| 2. Opening of the Meeting | 9. Grouping |
| 3. Minutes of the previous meeting and Agenda | 10. IU Manuals |
| 4. Race Officials Roles, Qualifications and Competencies | 11. Calls and Rules |
| 5. Education and Development | 12. IU Tests |
| 7. Policies | 13. Race Officials Committee |
| | 14. Submissions |

Presenters:

C = Chair (Chris Lindsay IRL)

ROE = Race Officials Manager

DP = David Pyron CAN

RS = Richard Slater AUS

Attendees:

C = Chair (Chris Lindsay IRL)

RS = Richard Slater AUS

DP = David Pyron CAN

AM = Arnaud Mante FRA

JL = Jusso Leivonen FIN

KI = Kohei Imazu - JPN

1. Closed Meeting (closed to observers)

Welcome by the Chair

Chair, Chris Lindsay welcomed all sub-committee members to the meeting

Performance Investigations

The committee received a report on performance investigations.

Seminar/ Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors

- (a) The committee noted the current list and considered required changes.
- (b) The committee appointed new performance assessors and instructors.
- (c) The committee reviewed the IUSC criteria for appointing instructors and recommended to Race Officials Committee that the same be approved.

Race Official Appointments

The committee considered applications for International Umpire status and made recommendations to the Race Officials Committee.

2. Open Session - Opening of the Meeting

Welcome by the Chairman

Chair, Chris Lindsay welcomed all sub-committee members to the meeting, sharing thanks for the work they had put in during the past year. CL shared thanks for the support received from the executive office.

Tomasz Chamera (VP) welcomed all to Singapore and thanked for contribution to IUSC. Tomasz thanked all for the work in this term especially in education. TC reflected on many successful events including the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, highlighting many successes

and lessons to be learnt to take forward into preparation for LA 2028. Tomasz Chamera outlined the ongoing priorities with education towards gender equity and geographical representation, highlighting this remains the overarching goal for the executive board.

Attendees and Apologies

Apologies received from Manuel Huensch GER. Noted Natalia Chubenko (RUS) remains suspended.

Obituaries

Shared an obituary to remember Race Official Jean-Pierre Cordonnier (IJ/IU) who shared many contributions to race officiating and sadly passed in 2024.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Agenda

Minutes

The minutes of the previous International Umpires Sub-Committee meeting held on 14th November 2023 were approved with no further matters arising.

4. Race Official Roles, Qualifications and Competencies

IUSC discussed the proposed changes to the format and content of the IU section of the RQC and noted the following recommendations to Race Officials Committee:

Remove 8.3 (c) and (d) as by actively participating in events these requirements are being completed without a need to additionally identify within the application.

Amend 8.3 (b) to require attendance at at least two L2 national events or below.

For 8.2 amend the term 'reference' to 'feedback' to prevent confusion of needing a completed form. Update 8.2 (b) to note 1 reference must be completed from a Chief Umpire from outside your MNA/Group or at a level 1 event outside of your MNA/group.

IUSC confirmed their recommendation to take to ROC to remove Appendix A in it's current form, opening conversation to keep the content for further special circumstances.

IUSC discussed the consequences of umpires leaving the renewal test to the last minute and noted the office shall contact all IUs when sharing the new RQC to encourage to take the test as early as possible to allow for re-sit's if required.

IUSC discussed the assessment process as a key requirement to become an International Umpire, highlighting how critical the assessment is to ensure the standard of umpiring when awarded international status. The committee discussed the need for consistency when assessing, and noted there is an assessment criteria but no policy document with a clear set of instructions for assessors. IUSC confirmed to collect feedback from the assessors and add to the agenda of the assessors conference in Q1 2025. In the meantime no assessments are to be carried out, noting that none are currently scheduled.

5. Education and Development

Seminars and Clinics

- (a) CL reported on the education held in 2024, with seminars in Japan and Sweden and clinics in Barcelona, Xiaman China. DP reported on the Steering the Course clinic in Athens.

Following experience in China, IUSC discussed the importance of the level of event the seminar is attached to, to ensure opportunity to provide performance assessments. IUSC discussed coaching v assessment and David Pyron highlighted

more candidates would benefit from focusing on coaching at seminars but acknowledge the seminar offer opportunity to give an assessment without limitations.

(b) To discuss the 2025 - 2028 program

IUSC highlighted the focus of the next quad should be on developing the national umpire package to assist MNAs who do not have their own education.

Continuous Development

Richard Slater reported on the mentorship program offered at the America's Cup, offering 6 weeks of mentorship to learn the digital processes with continuous learning. WS/ CL to explore if there is opportunity to replicate a similar program with Sail GP.

Training and Development

David Pyron gave an extended report on the Steering the Course clinic and the success for all participants. IUSC support trying to run further courses in the future, noting the previous discussions with UAE exploring how to break down barriers to make education more accessible to females and remote regions.

6. Policies

Umpiring medal races

The committee received a report from the Olympic TDs regarding medal racing at Paris 2024.

7. Event Appointment

Megan Griggs shared a report on behalf of the Event Appointment Working Party.

Figures from the report show progression has been made in the past quadrennial to work towards World Sailing gender objectives, but further work is required to explore suitable development pathways to increase geographical representation, noting varying factors impact event appointment figures, including event calendars and event locations. The report reinforced the lack of knowledge of official's capabilities, due to limited feedback from events and little or no performance review procedure for appointed officials. The report highlighted the critical importance of an evaluation process moving into the next quad to utilise learning opportunities and help officials develop and reach their full potential.

8. Grouping

CL updated on the 2024 grouping procedure for IUSC. The committee discussed whether grouping ought to continue and what the benefits were. Richard Slater felt the benefit of grouping if the EAWP utilise the lists. The IUSC agreed to continue with grouping but to review the criteria and process following feedback from the assessors.

CL confirmed IUSC Assessors shall review the grouping competencies and current grouping list at the January 2025 assessor meeting ahead of opening up for any 2025 applications.

9. IU Manuals

Match Racing Manual

Confirmed Match Racing manual shall be updated with new rules ready for review at the January assessor meeting.

Team Racing Manual

Confirmed the team racing manual had been updated with the new rules, awaiting submissions from this conference to finalise.

The IUSC discussed the wording within the Team Racing IU manual regarding incorrect umpire signals. IUSC confirmed the wording was not correct and would take discussion back to Chris Atkins to review (and for IUSC final approval). CL confirmed the re-word would be ready for approval at the January assessor meeting.

Umpired Fleet Racing/ Medal Racing Manual

Confirmed umpired fleet racing had not been updated and shall be prioritised for completion in Q1.

The IUSC also discussed radio sailing and the appropriate location for materials relating to its training as between judges and umpires. IUSC open to collaborate with IJSC on review if radio sailing in IJ manual and discuss where it should be placed.

10. Calls and Rules

Rapid Response Calls

Richard Slater confirmed website had been cleared up of previous calls and the 2025 call book to be released after submissions from this annual conference.

Rules Development

The committee received a report from the Chairmen of the Match & Team Racing Rules Working Parties.

11. IU Tests

JL reported on the status of the umpire tests. Confirmed MR 10 should cover most umpires in 2025 noting MR 8 likely to have been used by most. MR 10+ created for re-sits shall be used as the base for future MR 11, to be worked on in 2025.

IUSC received an update on the use of the online portal for IU tests from Juuso Leivonen and Arnaud Mante

Priority for the Team Racing test to be moved to the online platform by end of Q1 2025.

FR Test 4 to be updated with the new rules and live on platform shortly.

IUSC recognise the work by Arnaud Mante for what has been achieved with the platform this year.

IUSC discussed potential changes to the IU test to ensure it is testing what umpire skills are required for umpiring. Exploring test question limit time to simulate umpiring on the water. AM to explore possibilities of the test platform.

12. Race Officials Committee

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

13. Submissions

Please refer to the 2024 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available at: <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/organisation/governance/conferences/2024-world-sailing-annual-conference/>

- (a) To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the reporting committee:
 - (i) 032-24 – Constitution – Technical Delegates Sub-Committee
- (b) To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 001-24 through to 024-24

- (i) 005-24 - Rules 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4 – no opinion
- (ii) 007-24 - Rule 60.3 (b) – no opinion
- (iii) 008-24 - Rule 60.5(C)(4) – no opinion
- (iv) 009-24 - Rule B5, 60.3, 63.4, 63.6 – no opinion
- (v) 013-24 - Rule F2 18 Urgent Changes - Approve
- (vi) 018-24 - New Case Definition Mark Room - Reject

To consider any additional submissions IUSC would like to share opinion on.

- (i) 010-24 – Term Official Vessel – Approve as amended
- (ii) 011-24 – Appendix D Last Point of Certainty – Approve – Option 2
- (iii) 019-24 – New Case for 2025 - Reject
- (iv) 020-24 – Case 145 – no opinion
- (v) 021-24 – New MR Call C3 - Approve
- (vi) 022-24 – Change MR Call G2 - Approve
- (vii) 023-24 – Change MR Call G6 - Approve
- (viii) 024-24 – TR Call L6 Get Well Clear - Reject
- (ix) 025-25 – TR Call E8 Tacking at Mark 1 - Approve
- (x) 026-26 – TR Call C6 Room at the Start - Reject
- (xi) 027-27 – TR Call E9 Room to Tack at Mark 1 - Approve

Any other business

The Chairman thanked the committee members for their hard work and excellent collaboration through this quadrennial. Particular thanks must be given to Megan Griggs, the Race Officials Manager, for her outstanding support to the subcommittee and to whom the subcommittee are extremely grateful.