

The International Judges Sub-Committee met virtually at 15:00 UTC on Thursday 13th February 2025

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Early Goals for 2025-2028 Term
3. Workplan
4. AOB

Members Present:

<i>Chair – Andrus Poksi (EST)</i>	<i>Vice-Chair Kevin Hawkins (USA)</i>	<i>Alina Straigiou (GRE)</i>
<i>Aleksander Prusiński (POL)</i>	<i>Anastasia Weinberger (AUT)</i>	<i>Gonzalo Heredia (ARG)</i>
<i>Luke Scott (RSA)</i>	<i>Aylin Suntay (TUR)</i>	<i>Giuseppe D'Amico (ITA)</i>
<i>Masa Tanaka (JPN)</i>		
<i>VP – Tomasz Chamera</i>	<i>VP – Cory Sertl</i>	<i>ROC – Ricardo Navarro</i>

Non-members Present:

<i>VP – Tomasz Chamera</i>	<i>VP – Cory Sertl</i>	<i>ROC – Ricardo Navarro</i>
<i>WS – Megan Griggs</i>		

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Welcome by the Chair

Andrus Poksi opened the meeting by welcoming both returning and new members of the International Judges Sub-Committee.

b. Apologies for Absence

All members were present for the meeting.

c. Welcomes

Vice Presidents Tomasz and Cory and ROC Chair Ricardo congratulated all on their appointment to the sub-committee and all volunteered to support the subcommittee's efforts as needed.

Ricardo emphasized that primary goals of the Race Officials Committee this term are to focus on education and increasing the numbers of new race officials. Tomasz Chamera emphasized the importance of ensuring that the subcommittee's work aligns with the strategic goals set by the Board. Cory shared that she approached her work on the Board and with subcommittee from a sailor's perspective.

2. Early Goals for the 2025-2028 Term

Andrus highlighted the sub-committee will continue to develop and push for implementation of systems to track and evaluate judges (and other race officials), highlighting a need for support from the Office and Board to make these changes effective, confirming there was now a dedicated staff IT manager who confirmed at 2024 Annual Conference a database shall be ready for 2026.

Andrus emphasised the sub-committee would focus on the technical work during this term and encouraged all members to familiarise themselves with the foundational documents including the constitution, regulations, policy register and the Race Officials Roles, Qualifications and Competencies document when it comes to making race official appointments.

3. Working Teams

Andrus identified the need for work teams within the sub-committee to lead on the follow projects:

- IJ Instructors
- Judges' Manual
- Rule 42
- Standard Wording
- Tests (Initial and Renewal) identifying a priority to provide online access to the IJ test for first time candidates, whilst identifying it is important to maintain the standards of rigor for the test.

Cory Sertl reinforced the need for objective systems to evaluate officials, identifying the Event Appointment Working Group has no way to objectively evaluate candidates for appointment and no way to evaluate their performance at events. Cory echoes strong support for continuing education for race officials.

3. AOB

- a. No additional business discussed, before Andrus closed the meeting, Kevin Hawkins emphasised 3 years, 11 months will go quickly and encouraged all to put themselves forward for working teams they can engage and add value to.

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