

Proposal Template: Regulations, Constitution and Policies

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Position:	Race Officials Committee Chair
Title of Proposal:	Appointments as World Sailing Race Officials
Subtitle:	WS Policy L3
Related proposals:	

Proposal:

Purpose or Objective

To update and clarify the deadlines for applying for reappointment as a World Sailing Race Official

Proposal

Change WS policy L3 as follows:

1.1 The term of appointment for a World Sailing Race Official shall begin on the date of appointment by World Sailing and shall last ~~for a four year term~~ **until the end of 31 December in the fourth year following the year of appointment.**

1.2 World Sailing shall publish lists of World Sailing Race Officials and their designated Member National Authority in the World Sailing Yearbook.

~~1.3 If the Race Officials Committee defers consideration of an application, the four year term shall be calculated with reference to the date of the Race Officials Committee meeting at which the application was first considered.~~

1.3 An application for reappointment as a World Sailing Race Official may only be made in the last year of appointment.

This proposal, if approved, shall have retroactive effect on all applications already approved by Race Officials Committee in 2025.

Current position:

As above

Reasons:

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In 2024, submission 029-24 was approved by Council which allowed for Race Officials Committee to accept and decide upon applications for appointment as a Race Official twice a year. That is, there is now annually a March deadline and a September deadline.

After 029-24 was approved, the World Sailing legal department advised that a 'four year term' (as in 1.1. above) should be interpreted, in their view, as meaning precisely four years from the date of appointment. However, this would create a system where every Race Official would have a different end date for their term depending upon the date of the Race Official's Committee meeting four years earlier. This is undesirable and would cause a large and unnecessary administrative burden for the office. It was also not the intention when this submission was made.

Therefore, this proposal is made to clarify that all appointments, whether made following the March deadline or September deadline shall expire the end of 31 December in the fourth year following the year of appointment.

The proposal also provides that Race Officials may only apply for reappointment in the last year of their current appointment. This means each official has two opportunities to apply for reappointment, in March of the last year of their appointment and September. Therefore, an applicant who is unsuccessful in March may reapply in September without losing their status in the interim. This encourages early applications and will prevent the need for burdensome extensions.

This proposal, if approved, must have retroactive effect on the applications already decided by Race Officials Committee in 2025, to ensure that all officials have the same deadline for reappointment. Those applicants therefore all receive an extension of their term until the end of the fourth year of their appointment (i.e. from May 2029 to December 2029). Therefore no one is disadvantaged by this change.