

**PART VI - ADMINISTRATION OF RACING RULES, EQUIPMENT
RULES AND RACE OFFICIALS**

31. RACING RULES ADMINISTRATION

Adoption and Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

- 31.1 The Racing Rules Committee is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Council regarding *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ('the racing rules') and the various related subjects with which the racing rules are concerned, which include but are not limited to, the right-of-way rules, management of races, protests and appeals, and rule observance.
- 31.1.1 The racing rules shall be adopted or changed only by the Council after considering recommendations from the Racing Rules Committee. Changes in the racing rules shall be put into effect only every four years, except when Regulation 31.1.2 applies.
- 31.1.2 In exception to Regulation 31.1.1, any change of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective for any designated date by three-quarters of the full voting memberships of both the Racing Rules Committee and the Council.
- 31.1.3 In exception to Regulation 31.1.1, the ISAF Executive Committee, after consulting with the chairman of the Racing Rules Committee may approve exceptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing for a specific international event, provided such changes be of clear necessity or pressing importance. The ISAF Secretariat shall report any action taken under this regulation at the time to the ISAF Council and Member National Authorities.

Procedure for Changing the Racing Rules of Sailing

- 31.2 No changes to the racing rules shall become effective until 2009 under any circumstances, except in the Codes or as provided in Regulation 32.1.2

31.2.1 Submissions and proposals for changes to the racing rules shall be made in accordance with Regulation 1. Submissions shall be accepted up until the closing date for the submissions to the Annual ISAF Conference in November 2007.

In addition to submissions, the Racing Rules Committee shall also consider proposals and recommendations from:

- (a) The Racing Rules Committee Working Party appointed by the Chairman,
- (b) The Race Officials Committee and its Sub-Committees; and
- (c) The Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party, appointed by the Chairman, on issues affecting the Match Racing and Team Racing Rules.

31.2.2 No further submissions, proposals or recommendations will be accepted after the Annual ISAF Conference in November 2007.

31.2.3 The Racing Rules Committee Working Party shall finalize any rule adjustments by 1 May 2008.

31.2.4 The final edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing, in a format that is easily translatable, shall be made available by ISAF Secretariat to all Member National Authorities and ISAF Class Associations by 30 June 2008.

31.2.5 The new edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall come into effect worldwide on 1 January 2009.

31.2.6 The above procedure for changing the racing rules shall be repeated on the equivalent dates on a four-year basis.

Interpretations of the Racing Rules of Sailing

31.3 Interpretations of the racing rules by the ISAF shall be made only through publication of cases in the *ISAF Racing Rules Cases*, *The Call book for Match Racing*, or *The Call Book for Team Racing*. The cases are authoritative interpretations and explanations of the rules for all racing and the calls are authoritative interpretations and explanations of the rules only for umpired match or team racing.

31.3.1 The Racing Rules Committee shall study cases and calls submitted in accordance with Regulation 1 or proposed by the Working Party appointed under Regulation 31.2.1 and calls proposed by the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party, and shall recommend to the Council those that it approves for publication in the *Racing Rules Cases*, *The Call book for Match Racing*, or *The Call Book for Team Racing*.

31.3.2 Submissions or proposals for cases and calls, in English and including any necessary diagrams, shall be received at the ISAF Secretariat before the deadline in Regulation 1.6. The submission or proposal shall state whether a proposed case or call duplicates a published case or call and, if so, why the proposed case is preferable. See also Regulation. 31.3.3

31.3.3 In exception to Regulations 31.3.1 and 31.3.2, match racing calls and team racing calls for trial use may be proposed at any time by the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party to the Racing Rules Committee for quarterly publication. The committee shall receive and vote on such proposals by fax or e-mail, after considering the recommendations of the Working Party appointed under Regulation 31.2.1(c). The result of the vote shall be taken on a simple majority of those voting. Trial calls so approved before the deadline in Regulation 1.6 shall apply until the end of the current calendar year. Such calls shall be placed on the agenda of the annual Racing Rules Committee meeting in that year for possible adoption or revision to become an established call. Trial calls so

approved after the deadline in Regulation 1.6 shall apply until the end of the following calendar year, and those calls shall be placed on the agenda of the annual Racing Rules Committee in that year.

- 31.3.4 Notwithstanding Regulations 31.3.1 and 31.3.2, calls for Trial use may be submitted pursuant to the programme "ISAF Rapid Response Match and Team Racing Calls", dated November 2000.
- 31.3.5 The following are guidelines for publishing cases:
- (a) Each case shall significantly clarify an important meaning of a rule or increase the understanding of a complex rule;
 - (b) The case shall not duplicate one already published. When the case is an improvement on an existing case it shall be included and the existing case deleted.
- 31.3.6 The following are guidelines for publishing calls:
- (a) The call shall illustrate the application of the rules, including the rules in the Match Racing Rules or the Team Racing Rules appendix, in a situation regularly occurring in match or team racing;
 - (b) A rule interpretation in the call shall be consistent with any cases that interpret the same rule;
 - (c) The call shall not duplicate one already published. When the call is an improvement on an existing call it shall be included and the existing call deleted.
- 31.3.7 A Case Book Working Party shall be appointed by the Racing Rules Committee Chairman to evaluate proposed cases and to edit approved cases, including any alterations approved by the committee; to eliminate unnecessary text; and to use standard wording and format. Proposed calls shall be handled in the same way by the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party. Following publication of a new edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the working parties shall promptly review and revise the *Racing Rules Cases*, *The Call book for Match Racing*, and *The Call Book for Team Racing*.

Approval of Interpretations of the Racing Rules of Sailing

- 31.4 Except for the publication of the ISAF Case or Call books, there shall be no interpretation of, publication of, or notice about the racing rules by the ISAF unless first reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee or a member of the committee designated by the Chairman.

Appeals to the ISAF

- 31.5 Except as provided in the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.5.1, the ISAF shall not accept or decide an appeal from a decision of a Member National Authority.

Changing Racing Rules incorporated by reference by Council

- 31.6 Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulations 31.1 to 31.4 inclusive, that special rules apply to the initiation, deletion, amendment, changing or interpretation of the Racing Rules of Sailing, such special rules shall not apply to any Regulations incorporated by the Council into the Racing Rules by reference.

32 EQUIPMENT RULES ADMINISTRATION

Adoption and Changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing

- 32.1 The Equipment Control Sub-committee, after consultation with the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee, Equipment Committee and Offshore Committee are responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Council regarding The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and the various related subjects with which the ERS are concerned,

which include but are not limited to fundamental measurement and event measurement including sailing instructions concerning measurement and certification, and matters relating to clothing and equipment controls and rules observance.

- 32.1.1 The ERS shall be adopted or changed only by the Council after considering recommendations from the Equipment Control Sub-committee and the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee, Equipment Committee and Offshore Committee. Changes to the ERS shall be put into effect only every four years, except when the Council has previously authorized more frequent changes or when Regulation 32.1.2 applies.
- 32.1.2 In exception to Regulation 32.1.1, any change of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective for any designated date by three-quarters of the full voting membership of both the Equipment Control Sub-committee and the Council.

Changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing

- 32.2 Major changes to the ERS may be approved, for effect at the end of the four year period, only in the first three years following the adoption of the current edition of the ERS, except as provided in Regulations 32.1.2 and 32.2.3.
- 32.2.1 All submissions and proposals for changes to the ERS shall be made in accordance with Regulation 1, Notices and Submissions, including the deadline in Regulation 1.6, and shall be placed on the agenda for the next meetings of the Equipment Control sub-Committee and the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee, Equipment Committee and Offshore Committee.

In addition to submissions, the Equipment Control Sub-committee shall also consider:

- (a) proposals from a Working Party appointed by the Chairman of the Equipment Control Sub-committee, which shall include one representative from each of the Racing Rules Committee, Equipment Committee and Offshore Committee;
 - (b) proposals from the Racing Rules Committee, the Equipment Committee, the Offshore Committee, and any of the Sub-committees of the Race Officials Committee (which proposals shall also be submitted to the Race Officials Committee for consideration), and any recommendations made by the Race Officials Committee on the Sub-committees proposals; and
 - (c) Previous ISAF interpretations of the ERS.
- 32.2.2 The Equipment Control Sub-committee shall act on all submissions and proposals at the Annual ISAF Meeting in each of the three years following the adoption of the current edition of the ERS, and each year shall submit any proposed changes it recommends to the Council for provisional approval. Except as provided in Regulations 32.1.2 and 32.2.3, the Equipment Control Sub-Committee shall act during the fourth year only on submissions directly relevant to such provisionally approved changes and on submissions that propose minor editing changes. Unless the Equipment Control Sub-committee shall hold a mid-year meeting in the fourth year, after its third-year meeting a draft edition of the new ERS shall be sent to all Member National Authorities and ISAF Class Associations.
- 32.2.3 When at the end of its third-year meeting the Equipment Control Sub-committee decides that any matter remains substantially unresolved or when it has been directed by the Council to act during the fourth year on matters arising from meetings of other committees, the Equipment Control Sub-committee shall hold a mid-year meeting in the fourth year. In addition to such unfinished business and such matters from other committees, submissions limited to fourth-year submissions as provided in Regulation 32.2.2 and made by a date to be announced with the date of the mid-year meeting shall be accepted. The announcement of the mid-year meeting and a draft agenda shall be sent before 1 January of the fourth year to all Member National Authorities and members

of the Equipment Control Sub-committee. Promptly after the mid-year meeting, a draft edition of the new ERS shall be sent to all Member National Authorities and ISAF Class Associations.

- 32.2.4 After approval by the Council at its meeting in the fourth year, the new edition of the ERS shall be published.

Interpretations of the Equipment Rules of Sailing

- 32.3 Interpretations of the ERS shall be made only by the Council after considering recommendations from the Equipment Control Sub-committee and the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee, Equipment Committee and Offshore Committee.
- 32.3.1 The Equipment Control Sub-committee shall study cases for interpretation as submitted by Member National Authorities or proposed by the Working Party appointed under Regulation 32.2.1(a) and shall recommend to the Council those that it approves for publication.
- 32.3.2 Cases for interpretation, in English and including any necessary diagrams, shall be received at the ISAF Secretariat before the deadline in Regulation 1.6 or Regulation 32.2.3.
- 32.3.3 Cases for interpretation shall significantly clarify an important meaning of a rule or increase the understanding of a complex rule.
- 32.3.4 Where practical all interpretations shall be considered as possible changes to the ERS in accordance with Regulation 32.2.3.
- 32.3.5 All official interpretations and authoritative publications on the ERS must be reviewed by the Equipment Control Sub-committee, the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee, Equipment Committee and the Offshore Committee and approved by the Council.

33. INTERNATIONAL JUDGES ADMINISTRATION

- 33.1 The International Judges Sub-committee shall be responsible for administering the International Judges Programme.

These responsibilities include:

- (a) the recommendation of appointments of International Judges to the Race Officials Committee;
- (b) Communicating with International Judges and MNA's;
- (c) the development and conducting of seminars to train and qualify International Judges and candidates to become an International Judge;
- (d) formulating the written examinations and establishing the criteria for the performance assessment which applicants must pass to qualify as an International Judge (Regulations 33.5(d), System 1 only);
- (e) The instruction and evaluation of International Judges and candidates to become an International Judge;
- (f) Developing a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Judges as provided in Regulation 33.7
- (g) administering programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules of Sailing and other ISAF documents by International Judges;

- (h) establishing and recommending to the Race Officials Committee policies regarding the conduct of International Judges and International Juries;
- (i) proposing changes to the Racing Rules Committee and the Race Officials Committee as provided in Regulation 31.2.1(b);
- (j) addressing questions from International Judges;
- (k) Updating International Judges Sub-committee documents;
- (l) assisting National Authorities in training and developing programmes for a National Judges programme;
- (m) dealing with such matters as the Race Officials Committee may request.

Term of appointment

33.2 The Terms of appointment shall be as follows:

- (a) the appointment begins on the date the ROC's approval is granted;
- (b) if the applicant is less than seventy years old on the date of ROC approval, the duration of appointment shall be four years from the date approval is granted;
- (c) if the applicant is seventy years old or older on the date of ROC approval, the duration of appointment shall be two years from the date approval is granted.

Requirements for Initial Appointment as an International Judge

33.3 A candidate for initial appointment shall:

- (a) be nominated by the candidate's MNA*, an ISAF Class Association or the Race Officials Committee;
- (b) be recommended by the candidate's MNA*;
- (c) send the application on the official form, to be received by the ISAF Secretariat by 1 September.
- (d) Meet the qualifications listed below in this Regulation.

The applications shall be considered at the time of the Annual ISAF Meeting.

Requirements for Re-appointment

33.4.1 A candidate for re-appointment shall:

- (a) apply directly to the ISAF. The candidate's MNA* shall be informed of the renewal application;
- (b) send the application on the official form, to be received by the ISAF Secretariat by 1 September.
- (c) Meet the qualifications listed below in this Regulation. The applications shall be considered at the time of the Annual ISAF Meeting.

33.4.2 Candidates for re-appointment that do not meet all the criteria for re-appointment, especially with regards to events, may, in special circumstances or on medical grounds, be assessed on an individual basis. The Race Officials Committee may re-appoint candidates for a full 4 year term or may extend the existing appointment for 12 months, or may consider an application for re-appointment under regulation 33.4 up to 12 months after the expiry of the term of appointment.

33.4.3 Candidates whose appointments have expired for more than 12 months will be considered as candidates for initial appointment and they shall meet the requirements of Regulation 33.3.

** In these Regulations, the "Country" of an International Judge shall be the Member National Authority of his or her principal residence. This MNA shall be named in the application and in the ISAF Year Book. If the International Judge has other appointments as an ISAF Race Official, the MNA of the Race Official shall be the same for all appointments.*

Qualifications for an International Judge

33.5 A candidate for International Judge shall:

- (a) be an experienced racing sailor;
- (b) have knowledge of the rules, racing experience, judicial temperament, the physical capability to fulfil the requirements needed by a member of an International Jury, and agree to support the policies of the ISAF;
- (c) be proficient in the English language;
- (d) within the last four years prior to 1 September of the year of application:

SYSTEM 1 (initial appointment and re-appointment)

- (i) have attended an ISAF Judging Seminar;
- (ii) have passed a written examination designed to show an intimate knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Applicants who fail the written examination may take a new examination, but not normally within six months after the first one, unless there are special circumstances. Applicants who fail the examination more than once shall be assessed on an individual basis;
- (iii) have served as a member of a protest committee for at least three principal fleet racing events and obtained a completed IJSC reference form from each jury chairman. At two of these three events the candidate shall have been a member of an International Jury. One of these three events shall have been outside the candidate's Group, for candidates from Groups A-H, or the candidate's MNA, for candidates from Groups I-Q;

or

SYSTEM 2 (re-appointment only)

- (i) have served as a member of a protest committee for at least six principal events, the majority of which shall be fleet racing events. At three of these six events, the candidate shall have been a member of an International Jury. Two of these six events shall have been outside the candidate's Group, for candidates from Groups A-H, or the candidate's MNA, for candidates from Groups I-Q.

The Group/MNA requirement does not apply for ISAF World Championship Events (ISAF Events) designated by Regulations 18.12.15 (a) or 20.6.1(d) and the Olympic Regatta.

Considerations for Appointment

33.6 The IJSC shall consider the following when considering an application;

- (a) whether the candidate has demonstrated the required knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing, their interpretation and the necessary judicial temperament while a member of an International Jury;
- (b) the importance of the principal events required by Regulation 33.5(d). These shall be judged by whether they are national or international events, the number of boats, the number of classes, their venue and whether there was an International Jury;
- (c) whether the candidate was chair of the jury or protest committee;

- (d) the number of hearings;
- (e) whether the candidate has attended an ISAF Judging Seminar, if the application is made under System 1;
- (f) whether the candidate has passed the ISAF Judge Test, if the application is made under System 1;
- (g) the candidate's racing and race management experience;
- (h) whether the candidate is proficient in the English language;
- (i) such other information that the International Judges Sub-committee may consider relevant.
- (j) In addition, before recommending any candidate for nomination as an International Judge, the International Judges Sub-committee shall consider:
 - (i) Any comments received by means of the Judges' Regatta Report Forms;
 - (ii) The candidate's relevant International committee experience;
 - (iii) Such other information as it may consider relevant.

Recognition and Designation

- 33.7 To develop and subsequently act in accordance with written procedures for the grouping and classification of International Judges and to submit the procedures and any changes to the Executive Committee before they are implemented. The procedures submitted shall specify the nature of the groups to be selected. After approval they shall be published by ISAF.
- 33.8 The list of International Judges shall be printed in the ISAF Yearbook. When appointed or re-appointed, an International Judge shall receive a Certificate of Appointment.

Termination of Appointment

- 33.9 The International Judges Sub-committee may recommend to the Race Officials, at any time, to terminate an appointment based on an investigation of a report from any source.
- 33.10 (a) An ISAF Race Official can appeal against the decision of the Race Officials Committee, against any decision of any other ISAF body or person that effects the:
 - (i) initial appointment as an ISAF Race Official,
 - (ii) reappointment as an ISAF Race Official,
 - (iii) termination or restriction of the ISAF Race Official status.
- (b) This appeal shall be decided by the ISAF Review Board or by a to be constituted ISAF arbitration court.

34. INTERNATIONAL UMPIRES ADMINISTRATION

- 34.1 The International Umpires Sub-committee (IUSC) shall be responsible for administering the International Umpires programme.

These responsibilities include:

- (a) the recommendation of appointments of International Umpires (IU's) to the Race Officials Committee;
- (b) communicating with IU's and MNA's;
- (c) the development and conduct of seminars to train and qualify International Umpires and candidates to become International Umpires;

- (d) formulating the examinations and establishing the criteria for the performance assessment, which applicants must pass to qualify as an IU;
- (e) The instruction and evaluation of International Umpires and candidates to become an International Umpire;
- (f) developing a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Umpires as provided in Regulation 34.7;
- (g) Administering programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules of Sailing and other ISAF documents by International Umpires;
- (h) Establishing and recommending to the Race Officials Committee policies regarding the conduct of IU's
- (i) proposing changes to the Racing Rules Committee and the Race Officials Committee as provided in Regulation 31.2.1(b);
- (j) Addressing questions from IUs
- (k) updating IUSC documents, such as the Umpiring and Match Racing Manual, Performance Assessment forms and the IU application form;
- (l) Assisting National Authorities in training and developing programmes for a National Umpire's programme, dealing with such matters as any ISAF Committee may request.

Term of Appointment

34.2 The terms of appointment shall be as follows:

- (a) the appointment begins on the date the ROC's approval is granted;
- (b) if the applicant is less than seventy years old on the date of ROC approval, the duration of appointment shall be four years from the date approval is granted;
- (c) if the applicant is seventy years old or older on the date of ROC approval, the duration of appointment shall be two years from the date approval is granted.

Requirements for Initial Appointment as an International Umpire

34.3 A candidate for Initial Appointment shall:

- (a) be nominated by the candidate's MNA*, an ISAF Class Association or the Race Officials Committee;
- (b) be recommended by the candidate's MNA*;
- (c) send the application on the official form, to be received by the ISAF Secretariat by 1 September;
- (d) Meet the qualifications listed below in this Regulation.

The applications shall be considered at the time of the Annual ISAF Meeting.

Requirements for Re-appointment

34.4.1 A candidate for re-appointment shall:

- (a) apply directly to the ISAF. The candidate's MNA* shall be informed of the renewal application;
- (b) send the application on the official form, to be received by the ISAF Secretariat by 1 September.

For re-appointment the following requirements do not apply:

- (i) To attend an ISAF Umpiring Seminar within the four year period prior to re-appointment (Regulation 34.5(b));
- (ii) To pass the performance assessment (Regulation 34.5(d)).
- (c) Pass the current examination within the three (3) year period prior to 1 September of the year of re-application in order to be approved by the ROC for the next four-year term. However:
 - (i) Candidates for re-appointment who have fulfilled all other requirements, but who have not passed the examination by 1 September, may be approved by the ROC subject to passing the examination by no later than 1 May of the following year.
 - (ii) Candidates for re-appointment who pass the examination after 31 December of the year of their re-application will not be listed as and IU in the ISAF Year Book for the following year.
 - (iii) Candidates for re-appointment who do not pass the examination by 1 May the following year will, unless there are special circumstances, only be considered for appointment at the following Annual ISAF Meeting, and then, only as an applicant for initial appointment.

**In these Regulations, the "country" of an International Umpire shall be the Member National Authority of his or her principal residence. This MNA shall be named in the application and in the ISAF Year Book. If the International Umpire has other appointments as an ISAF Official, the MNA of the Race Official shall be the same for all appointments.*

- 34.4.2 Except for candidates who are seventy years of age or more at the time of appointment or re-appointment, an examination may only be used once to qualify.

The applications shall be considered at the time of the Annual ISAF Meeting.

Candidates who fail the examination may take a new examination, but not within six months after the first one, except in special circumstances.

Candidates who fail the examination more than once shall be assessed on an individual basis.

- 34.4.3 Candidates for re-appointment that do not meet all the criteria for re-appointment, especially concerning events, in special circumstances or on medical grounds, may be assessed on an individual basis. In those cases, the Race Officials Committee may recommend re-appointment of a candidate for a full 4 year term, may recommend extension of the existing appointment for 12 months or may consider an application for re-appointment under regulation 34.4 up to 12 months after the expiry of the term of appointment.

Qualifications for an International Umpire (IU)

- 34.5 A candidate for appointment as an IU shall:

- (a) have acted as an umpire in at least eight principal events in the past four years up to 1 September of the year of application. One of these events shall be outside the candidate's Group for candidates from Groups A-H, or the candidate's MNA for candidates from Groups I-Q;
- (b) have attended an ISAF Umpiring Seminar in the last four years (not required for re-appointment);
- (c) have passed, by 1 May of the year following the application, the ISAF examination

- (d) Have passed, in the previous four years up to 1 September of the year of application, a performance assessment (not required for re-appointment) designed to establish that the candidate has:
 - (i) intimate knowledge of the rules;
 - (ii) ability to apply the relevant rules and make correct decisions within a few seconds under pressure;
 - (iii) anticipation skills based on an understanding of how boats manoeuvre in match and team racing;
 - (iv) ability to drive and position small powerboats;
- (e) have the necessary observation skills;
- (f) Be proficient in the English language and have the skills required to communicate in English:
 - (i) with other umpires quickly and clearly on the water, and
 - (ii) with competitors after a match and at debriefings;
- (g) display the temperament and behaviour expected from an IU at a principal event;
- (h) be fit and able to withstand several consecutive days on the water in small powerboats;
- (i) have unimpaired eyesight, natural or corrected, and hearing;
- (j) have recently raced, preferably match/team racing;
- (k) contribute to development of the Umpiring Programme, and further the objectives, rules and regulations of the ISAF.

Considerations for Appointment or Re-Appointment

- 34.6 In addition, before recommending any candidate for nomination as an IU, the IUSC shall consider:
- (a) any comments received through the Umpire Event Report Forms;
 - (b) the candidate's protest committee experience;
 - (c) such other information as it may consider relevant.

Recognition and Designation

- 34.7 To develop and subsequently act in accordance with written procedures for the grouping and classification of International Umpires and to submit the procedures and any changes to the Executive Committee before they are implemented. The procedures submitted shall specify the nature of the groups to be selected. After approval they shall be published by ISAF.
- 34.8 The list of International Umpires shall be printed in the ISAF Yearbook. When appointed or re-appointed, an International Umpire shall receive a Certificate of Appointment.

Termination of Appointment

- 34.9 The International Umpires Sub-committee may recommend, at any time, to the Race Officials Committee to terminate an appointment based on an investigation of a report from any source.
- 34.10 (a) An ISAF Race Official can appeal against the decision of the Race Officials Committee, against any decision of any other ISAF body or person that effects the:
- (i) initial appointment as an ISAF Race Official,
 - (ii) reappointment as an ISAF Race Official,

- (iii) termination or restriction of the ISAF Race Official status.
- (b) This appeal shall be decided by the ISAF Review Board or by a to be constituted ISAF arbitration court.

35. INTERNATIONAL MEASURERS ADMINISTRATION

35.1 The International Measurers Sub-committee (IMSC) shall be responsible for administering the International Measurer's programme.

These responsibilities include:

- (a) the recommendation of appointments of International Measurers (IM's) to the Race Officials Committee;
- (b) communicating with IM's and MNA's;
- (c) The development and conduct of seminars to train and qualify International Measurers and candidates to become International Measurers;
- (d) Formulating the examinations and establishing the criteria for the performance assessment which applications must pass to qualify as an IM;
- (e) The instruction and evaluation of International Measurers and candidates to become an International Measurer;
- (f) Developing a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Measurers as provided in Regulation 35.7;
- (g) Administering programmes to promote high standards of equipment inspection and uniform application of ISAF documents by International Measurers at events;
- (h) Establishing and recommending to the Race Officials Committee policies regarding the conduct of IM's;
- (i) proposing changes to the Racing Rules Committee, the Equipment Control Sub-committee and the Race Officials Committee as provided in Regulation 31.2.1(b);
- (j) Addressing questions from IM's;
- (k) updating IMSC documents, such as the Championship Equipment Inspection Report and the IM Application form and commenting to the relevant committee on any other ISAF document, as applicable;
- (l) dealing with such matters as any ISAF Committee may request.

Term of Appointment

35.2 The terms of appointment shall be as follows:

- (a) The appointment begins on the date the ROC's approval is granted;
- (b) If the applicant is less than seventy years old on the date of the ROC approval, the duration of appointment shall be four years from the date approval is granted;
- (c) If the applicant is seventy years old or older on the date of the ROC approval, the duration of appointment shall be two years from the date approval is granted.

Requirements for Initial Appointment as an International Measurer

35.3 A candidate for Initial Appointment shall:

- (a) be nominated by the candidate's MNA*, an ISAF Class Association or the Race Officials Committee;
- (b) be recommended by the candidate's MNA*;
- (c) be recommended by the relevant Class Association(s);

- (d) send the application on the official form, to be received by the ISAF Secretariat by 1 September.

**In these Regulations, the "country" of an International Measurer shall be the Member National Authority of his or her principal residence. This MNA shall be named in the application and in the ISAF Year Book. If the International Measurer has other appointments as an ISAF Race Official, the MNA of the Race Official shall be the same for all appointments.*

The applications shall be considered at the time of the Annual ISAF Meeting.

Requirements for Re-appointment

- 35.4.1 The application for re-appointment of an International Measurer shall follow the same procedures as that required for an initial appointment.
- 35.4.2 Candidates for re-appointment that do not meet all the criteria for re-appointment, especially concerning events, may, in special circumstances or on medical grounds, be assessed on an individual basis. The Race Officials Committee may re-appoint candidates for a full 4 year term, may extend the existing appointment for 12 months or may consider an application for re-appointment under regulation 35.4 up to 12 months after the expiry of the term of appointment.

Qualifications for an International Measurer (IM)

- 35.5 A candidate for initial appointment as an IM shall:
- (a) have acted as an Equipment Inspector in at least two major events (World or Continental Championships);
 - (b) have attended an ISAF International Measurer's Seminar in the last four years;
 - (c) have an intimate knowledge of the relevant Class Rules and the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing;
 - (d) have an ability to apply the relevant rules and make correct decisions;
 - (e) have the necessary technical skills;
 - (f) be proficient in the English language and have the skills required to communicate in English with other measurers, competitors or jury members;
 - (g) display the temperament and behaviour expected from an IM at a principal event;
 - (h) contribute to development of the International Measurer's Programme, and further the objectives, rules and regulations of the ISAF;
 - (i) Not, once appointed, be employed by, consultant to or regular official measurer at a builder for that class.

Considerations for Appointment or Re-Appointment

- 35.6 In addition, the IMSC shall consider the following when considering an application:
- (a) any comments received through the Championship Equipment Inspection Report Forms;
 - (b) the candidate's equipment inspection and certification control experience;
 - (c) such other information as it may consider relevant.

Recognition and Designation

- 35.7 To develop and subsequently act in accordance with written procedures for the grouping and classification of International Measurers and to submit the procedures and any changes to the Executive Committee before they are implemented. The procedures submitted shall specify the nature of the groups to be selected. After approval they shall be published by ISAF.

- 35.8 The list of International Measurers shall be printed in the ISAF Yearbook.
- (a) When appointed or re-appointed, an International Measurer shall receive a Certificate of Appointment.
 - (b) The appointment is made for a specific Class. An IM can only be appointed to a maximum of three Classes.

Termination of Appointment

- 35.9 The IMSC may at any time, recommend to the Race Officials Committee to terminate immediately an appointment based on an investigation of a report from any source.
- 35.10 (a) An ISAF Race Official can appeal against the decision of the Race Officials Committee, against any decision of any other ISAF body or person that effects the:
- (i) initial appointment as an ISAF Race Official,
 - (ii) reappointment as an ISAF Race Official,
 - (iii) termination or restriction of the ISAF Race Official status.
- (b) This appeal shall be decided by the ISAF Review Board or by a to be constituted ISAF arbitration court.

36. INTERNATIONAL RACE OFFICERS ADMINISTRATION

- 36.1 The Race Management Sub-committee (RMSC) shall be responsible for administering the International Race Officers Programme.

These responsibilities include:

- (a) the recommendation of appointments of International Race Officers to the Race Officials Committee;
- (b) Communicating with IRO's and MNA's;
- (c) The development and conduct of seminars to train and qualify International Race Officers and candidates to become International Race Officers;
- (d) Formulating the examinations and establishing the criteria for the performance assessment which applicants must pass to qualify as an IRO;
- (e) The instruction and evaluation of International Race Officers and candidates to become an International Race Officer;
- (f) Developing a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Race Officers as provided in Regulation 36.7;
- (g) Administering programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules of Sailing and ISAF documents by International Race Officers;
- (h) Establishing and recommending to the Race Officials Committee policies regarding the conduct of IRO's;
- (i) proposing changes to the Racing Rules Committee and the Race Officials Committee as provided in Regulation 31.2.1(b);
- (j) Addressing questions from IRO's
- (k) Updating RMSC documents, such as the manual on race management and the IRO application form;
- (l) Assisting National Authorities in training and developing programmes for a National Race Officers programme;
- (m) dealing with such matters as any ISAF Committee may request.

Term of Appointment

36.2 The terms of appointment shall be as follows:

- (a) the appointment begins on the date the ROC's approval is granted;
- (b) if the applicant is less than seventy years old on the date of ROC approval, the duration of appointment shall be four years from the date approval is granted;
- (c) if the applicant is seventy years old or older on the date of ROC approval, the duration of appointment shall be two years from the date approval is granted.

Responsibilities of International Race Officers

36.3 International Race Officers shall:

- (a) be responsible for maintaining and improving the standards set by the ISAF for the organization and conduct of sail racing events;
- (b) when requested by an organizing authority:
 - (i) assume responsibility for the organization and conduct of major events;
 - (ii) be responsible for drafting and issuing the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for major events;
 - (iii) Assume responsibility of Principal Race Officer or Race Officer at major events.
- (c) liaise and communicate with the ISAF and its appointed sail racing officials on race management matters;
- (d) Give advice to the organizing authority and its race committee on race management matters;
- (e) Encourage the implementation of the ISAF policies on race management.

Requirements for Initial Appointment as an International Race Officer

36.4 A candidate for initial appointment shall:

- (a) be nominated by the candidate's MNA*, an ISAF Class Association or the Race Officials Committee;
- (b) be recommended by the candidate's MNA*;
- (c) include with the application, a letter of recommendation from a class association or organizing authority of a principal event at which the applicant was a race officer responsible for running the races;
- (d) send the application on the official form, to be received by the ISAF Secretariat by 1 September.
- (e) Meet the qualifications listed below in this Regulation.

The applications shall be considered at the time of the Annual ISAF Meeting.

Requirements for Re-appointment

36.5.1 A candidate for re-appointment shall:

- (a) apply directly to the ISAF. The candidate's MNA* shall be informed of the renewal application;
- (b) send the application on the official form, to be received by the ISAF Secretariat by 1 September;
- (c) include with the application a letter of recommendation from a class association or organizing authority of a principal event at which the applicant was a race officer responsible for running the races.

- (d) Meet the qualifications listed below in this Regulation, except the requirements to attend an ISAF Race Management Seminar and pass the ISAF written test do not apply for re-appointment.

The applications for re-appointments shall be considered at the time of the Annual ISAF Meeting.

**In these Regulations, the "country" of an International Race Officer shall be the Member National Authority of his or her principal residence. This MNA shall be named in the application and in the ISAF Year Book. If the International Race Officer has other appointments as an ISAF Race Official, the MNA of the Race Official shall be the same for all appointments.*

- 36.5.2 Candidates for re-appointment that do not meet all the criteria for re-appointment, especially with regards to events, may, in special circumstances or on medical grounds, be assessed on an individual basis. The Race Officials Committee may re-appoint candidates for a full 4 year term, may extend the existing appointment for 12 months or may consider an application for re-appointment under regulation 36.5 up to 12 months after the expiry of the term of appointment.

Qualifications

- 36.6 A candidate for initial appointment as an International Race Officer shall:
- (a) be an experienced racing sailor;
 - (b) have served as Race Officer responsible for the management of the races on the water in four principal events during the last four years;
 - (c) have served as Race Officer, responsible for the management of the races on the water, in at least four other events in the last four years;
 - (d) have knowledge of the rules;
 - (e) have knowledge of matters affecting the safety of competitors in respect of race management;
 - (f) be proficient in the English language and to have the skill to communicate verbally and in writing with the ISAF and IRO's and to draft Notices of Race, Sailing Instructions and such other documents as may be required at international events;
 - (g) have experience in race management training;
 - (h) have attended an ISAF Race Management Seminar and have passed the International Race Officers written test in the last four years (not applicable to re-appointments);
 - (i) be prepared to work with the Race Management Sub-committee on race management matters;
 - (j) be under seventy years of age at the time of first application.

Considerations for Appointment or Re-Appointment

- 36.7 To develop and subsequently act in accordance with written procedures for the grouping and classification of International Race Officers and to submit the procedures and any changes to the Executive Committee before they are implemented. The procedures submitted shall specify the nature of the groups to be selected. After approval they shall be published by ISAF.
- 36.8 In addition, the RMSC shall consider the following when considering an application:
- (a) any comments received through the Race Officer's Event Report Forms;
 - (b) the candidate's race management experience;
 - (c) such other information as it may consider relevant.

Recognition and Designation

36.9 The list of International Race Officers shall be printed in the ISAF Yearbook. When appointed or re-appointed, an International Race Officer shall receive a Certificate of Appointment.

Termination of Appointment

36.10 The Race Management Sub-committee may recommend, at any time, to the Race Officials Committee to terminate immediately an appointment based on an investigation of a report by any source.

36.11 (a) An ISAF Race Official can appeal against the decision of the Race Officials Committee, against any decision of any other ISAF body or person that effects the:

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