

International Race Officials Administration

Integration of Three Additional Disciplines

A submission from the Chairman of Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

To integrate three additional disciplines of race officials into the ISAF International Race Official program.

This submission sets out the principles for inclusion of three additional disciplines of race officials into the current ISAF International Race Official program. Should it be approved, the Race Officials Committee will produce detailed submissions on the Regulations outlined below for November 2014.

The training and administration of these disciplines is currently handled by others, and the proposal confirms that formally.

Proposal

1. In principle, from November 2014 the constitution and terms of reference for the Race Officials Committee and any of its relevant Sub-committees are to be amended to include within its jurisdiction the following three disciplines:
 - A. International Expression Judges
Officials that score competitors in windsurfing and kiteboarding expression competitions.
 - B. International Technical Delegates
Officials that undertake the responsibilities described in regulation 25.9.
 - C. International Classifiers
Officials that classify competitors for IFDS (International Federation for Disabled Sailing) events.
2. Any new terms of reference for the Race Officials Committee and its Sub-committees, related to the inclusion of these three additional disciplines, shall require them to consult and seek advice from the following bodies:
 - A. For International Expression Judges, the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee
 - B. For International Technical Delegates, the Regional Games Committee and the Executive Committee
 - C. For International Classifiers, the IFDS

For all three additional disciplines, the Race Officials Committee shall remain responsible for the appointment, training, disciplinary actions and removal of race officials to the same extent as it is for the four existing disciplines.

3. For November 2014, the Race Officials Committee shall make submissions with detailed amendments to the Regulations, in particular Regulations 6.9 and 31, to give effect to the proposals above.

Current Position

No current position.

Reasons

The ISAF Race Officials program has been developed over many years. Today, the procedures for the four current disciplines (International Judges, International Measurers, International Umpires and International Race Officers) are well defined in regulations and procedural documents. Thereby, the Race Officials Committee (ROC) and its sub-committees ensure

1. An appropriate level of consistency of process across the disciplines
2. A consistency and second-level review of applications, in particular of the applicants that are borderline qualified

A number of people act at sailing events in roles that in many ways are similar to the race officials in our four current disciplines. This includes the three new disciplines listed as A, B and C above. The procedures for these disciplines are less well defined, and lack the second level of review through the ROC.

Comments on the individual disciplines:

- A. International Expression Judges
It has not previously been discussed to integrate these judges in the ISAF International program, but the roles they undertake at events makes it relevant to consider their inclusion.
- B. International Technical Delegates
There was a submission in November 2012 (014-12) proposing that technical delegates should be administered by a new fifth ROC sub-committee. The idea was supported, but the submission was rejected because it was seen as a too complicated solution to a quite limited problem.
- C. International Classifiers
Some years ago, there were discussions about inclusion of IFDS classifiers into the ISAF International Race Official program. These discussions never turned into a submission.

This submission will resolve these previous considerations and identified problems by including all three disciplines uniformly under the ISAF International Race Official program.
