

Umpiring Seminars and Match Racing Clinics

Umpiring Seminar

ISAF is presenting umpiring seminars for educating candidates who wish to become international umpires. A candidate for appointment as international umpire is required to attend an umpiring seminar and to pass a written test and a performance assessment that may be taken at the seminar. Typical seminar participants are experienced national umpires and judges.

An umpiring seminar includes at least two days of classroom instruction, including the written test, followed by a minimum of three days of on-the-water umpiring practice in a related event. The seminar is open to attendants from other nations than the national authority that is hosting the seminar. The seminar is given in the English language.

An umpiring seminar will focus either on match racing or team racing. Most of the classroom and practical issues are shared between the two kinds of seminars. However, the focus is reflected specifically in the content of the written test and the racing event that is used for umpiring practice.

A seminar that focuses on match racing is always held in conjunction with a match racing event, usually a grade 2, 3 or 4 event. A seminar that focuses on team racing is always held in conjunction with a medium-level team racing event.

Match Racing Clinic

ISAF is presenting match racing clinics to introduce the game of match racing in areas where there is little experience with this kind of sailing. The clinic will teach umpiring to judges who have knowledge of the racing rules of sailing, but little or no experience in umpiring. In order to initiate match racing activities in the area, the clinic will also involve sailors and race officials who have fleet racing experience, but little or no match racing experience.

A match racing clinic usually lasts for two or three days with about 90% of the activities on the water. Instruction on the water is centered around sailing and umpiring in typical match racing scenarios. The clinic is open to attendants from other nations than the national authority that is hosting the clinic. The clinic is given in the English language combined with the local language.

Team Racing Clinic

ISAF is presenting team racing clinics to introduce the game of team racing in areas where there is little experience with this kind of sailing. The clinic will teach umpiring to match racing umpires and judges who have knowledge of the racing rules of sailing, but little or no experience in umpiring team races. In order to initiate team racing activities in the area, the clinic will also involve sailors and race officials who have fleet racing experience, but little or no team racing experience.

A team racing clinic usually lasts for two or three days with about 90% of the activities on the water. Instruction on the water is centered around sailing and umpiring in typical team racing scenarios. The clinic is open to attendants from other nations than the national authority that is hosting the clinic. The clinic is given in the English language combined with the local language.

Detailed Information and Application

National authorities and sailing clubs that are interested in hosting a seminar or clinic should consult the ISAF race officials' website at the following address:

<http://www.sailing.org/raceofficials/seminar-guidelines.php>

This web page contains an application form and an organiser's guideline document that provides more detailed information on seminars and clinics as well as a description of the application procedure and a specification of the division of responsibilities between the ISAF and the local organizer.

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