



RYA RACING COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PREAMBLE

The RYA Racing Committee (the “Committee”) is a policy-forming committee of the RYA Council.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The general purpose of the Committee is to promote sail racing in the United Kingdom.
- 1.2 The specific purposes of the Committee include to:-
 - 1.2.1 Develop the RYA’s policies and strategies to ensure the RYA meets, and is seen to meet, the needs of the racer, the clubs, and classes;
 - 1.2.2 Increase the number of people racing;
 - 1.2.3 Raise the quality of racing;
 - 1.2.4 Assist member clubs and regions in achieving the Committee’s purposes locally;
 - 1.2.5 Ensure RYA Racing’s communication with racers, clubs and classes, is effective, and meets the needs of RYA Racing and RYA Racing Specialist Groups;
 - 1.2.6 Advise on, and approve, proposals from the High Performance Strategy Groups;
 - 1.2.7 Determine strategy, and co-ordinate UK participation and influence, on international racing bodies, in particular ISAF and EUROSAF.

2. AUTHORITY

- 2.1 The Committee is authorised to act on the RYA Council’s behalf in pursuit of the above purposes.
- 2.2 The Committee has specific authority to:-
 - 2.2.1 Define, to submit to Council for approval, and to monitor the implementation of policy and strategy for development and strategy of racing in the UK;
 - 2.2.2 Develop, in conjunction with the RYA Participation and Membership Committee, the marketing strategy to achieve RYA Racing’s objective of promotion of the sport; to liaise with the RYA Participation and Membership Committee over the implementation of that strategy;

- 2.2.3 Ensure that the policies and the actions of Specialist Committees and Groups are consistent with the RYA's overall policy for the development of the sport;
 - 2.2.3.1 Individual members of the Committee will liaise with Specialist Groups as and when necessary;
 - 2.2.3.2 Individual members of the Committee will normally be associated with Specialist Groups with a common interest;
- 2.2.4 Review work of Specialist Groups in order to recommend to Council when appropriate the creation of new Groups and the disbandment of Groups no longer needed;
- 2.2.5 Create and dissolve informal working groups for specific purposes;;
- 2.2.6 Review, and approve, Olympic Steering Group, Paralympic Steering Group and Youth Steering Group recommendations on their structures and strategies for their high performance programmes;
- 2.2.7 Determine policy and strategy, in liaison with other RYA groups and committees as necessary, on proposals relating to RYA Racing's international relations, particularly with ISAF and EUROSAF. To decide UK nominations and submissions to those bodies;
- 2.2.8 Approve proposals on RYA Racing's High Performance Strategy;
- 2.2.9 Invite specialists as required to attend meetings of the Committee.

3. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 The Committee shall meet at least three times each year at such times and venues as the Chairman may decide. Normally two of these meetings will be for a full day with a shorter third meeting. Conference calls may be used to ensure the business of the Committee is carried out to the satisfaction of the Chairman.
- 3.2 The Quorum for Committee meetings shall be 50% of the voting members of the Committee.

4. COMPOSITION

- 4.1 Chairman

Appointed annually by the RYA Council after appropriate consultation.

Term: Not more than four years in any period of five.

The Chairman shall be *ex-officio* the Committee's representative on the RYA Council in accordance with Article 16 of the RYA's Articles of Association.

4.2 Deputy Chairman

Appointed by the Committee, at its discretion, from amongst the Standing Members and Ex-Officio Members.

Term: Not more than one year in any period of two.

4.3 Standing Members

Up to four members appointed by the RYA Council on the nomination of the Chairman, to ensure that the Committee has the competencies identified in Section 5 below.

Term: Three years, subject to a maximum of two three year terms. Maximum six years in any period of seven.

4.4 Ex-Officio Members

The chairmen of the following sub-committees shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Committee:-

- 4.4.1 Racing Rules Committee;
- 4.4.2 Race Management Committee;
- 4.4.3 Judges and Umpires Committee;
- 4.4.4 Offshore Racing Group;
- 4.4.5 Youth Steering Group;
- 4.4.6 Team Racing Working Group;
- 4.4.7 Match Racing Working Group;
- 4.4.8 International Group.

4.5 Non-voting Corresponding Members

The Chairman may additionally co-opt as non-voting Corresponding Members any other person who appears to the Chairman to have expertise relevant to the Committee.

The chairman of the RYA Technical Committee shall be a Non-voting Corresponding Member of the Committee.

5. **COMPETENCIES**

5.1 Standing Members should, wherever possible, be appointed for their knowledge, skills and ability appropriate to the purposes of the Committee in the following areas

- 5.1.1 The needs of clubs, classes and sailors;
- 5.1.2 International issues, policies and politics;
- 5.1.3 Dinghy and windsurfing through to offshore racing;
- 5.1.4 Relevant sailing organisations – eg NSSA, UKTRA, UKCRA.

5.2 The Chairman should seek to achieve a fair and representative balance of age, gender, ethnicity and disability amongst the membership of the Committee.

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