



International Sailing Federation

International Measurer Grouping System

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The International Measurer Grouping is an optional extension to an existing qualification as International Measurer. All existing International Measurers will be offered the opportunity to apply for grouping in accordance with the described procedure.
- 1.2 The purposes of the International Measurer Grouping System are:
 - (a) to assist the Events Appointment Working Party in their work of appointing equipment inspectors to events;
 - (b) to develop the equipment inspectors needed to provide fair equipment control for multi-class events;
 - (c) to identify the International Measurers that have received the latest ISAF training in equipment inspection; and
 - (d) to encourage International Measurers to get this training if they want to be grouped at a higher level.
- 1.3 ISAF will appoint a Grouping Panel comprised of a number of experienced International Measurers who are tasked with grouping International Measurers. Each year, the Grouping Panel will be appointed by the Chairman of the International Measurers Sub-committee (after consultation with the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and the Vice President who is responsible for the International Measurers Sub-Committee). The chairman of the panel may be the Chairman of the International Measurers Sub-committee or some other International Measurer. The grouping process will be conducted by the end of August each year. Individual cases may be reviewed at any later point in time should it be deemed necessary. The final groupings will be used for appointments in the following year.
- 1.4 In the Appendix, there is background information about the development of the International Measurer discipline.
- 1.5 This system has been approved by the ISAF Executive Committee under ISAF Regulation 31.19.

2. GROUPS & CRITERIA

2.1 Group 1 – Multi-Class Chief Equipment Inspector

- (a) An International Measurer Instructor or an International Measurer who has attended an International Measurer Seminar and passed the International Measurer Test, and has been appointed as Chief Measurer or Deputy Chief Measurer in at least five principal events (as defined by the International Measurers Sub-committee).
- (b) This grouping can at the earliest be achieved two years after first appointment as an International Measurer.
- (c) Group 1 International Measurers can be appointed as Chief Equipment Inspectors for ISAF Events (see ISAF Regulation 25.8.15).

2.2 Group 2 – Multi-Class Equipment Inspector

- (a) An International Measurer who was first appointed in 2009 or later or has attended an International Measurer seminar in 2009 or later, or an International Measurer who fulfills all Group 1 criteria except from the required number of events.
- (b) Group 2 International Measurers can assist at inspections in principal events of any class other than their own class.

2.3 Ungrouped

All International Measurers are capable of organizing and managing equipment inspection at the major international events of their class(es). International Measurers are automatically qualified for this once appointed. Any International Measurer who is not qualified for Group 1 or 2, and any International Measurer who does not wish to be grouped, will be classified as “ungrouped”. Ungrouped International Measurers will be considered as qualified to manage their own class(es) equipment inspection.

3. PRINCIPLES

- 3.1 All information regarding individual International Measurers will remain strictly confidential within the Panel and the administration of the system.
- 3.2 The Panel will base its decisions mainly on information from the seminar/test administration archives, the International Measurer application/re-application forms and the IM Event Report forms, as provided by the ISAF Secretariat.
- 3.3 If an International Measurer has not applied for grouping or asked to be ungrouped by the deadline, he/she will be assigned to the “Ungrouped” category.
- 3.4 An International Measurer can request to be grouped at a lower level. International Measurers first appointed in November will be listed by default as “Ungrouped” for the following year.

4. PROCESS

- 4.1 All International Measurers will be informed that they may apply before a specified deadline should they want to be considered for Group 1 or 2.

4.2 Stage 1

- (a) The ISAF Competitions & Race Officials Administrator will send each panel member a spreadsheet with the names of all IMs who have applied to be grouped, along with relevant data from the IM event reports and individual IM appointment application forms. Members of the panel will allocate applicants to Group 1 or 2.
- (b) Panel members will email their completed spreadsheet to the ISAF Competitions Manager and Competitions & Race Officials Administrator.
- (c) The ISAF Competitions Manager will collate the information and liaise with the Chairman of the International Measurers Sub-committee. When the Panel are in agreement regarding the grouping of an individual, he/she will be assigned to that Group or be Ungrouped.

4.3 Stage 2

The final Group allocation spreadsheet will be circulated to the panel. They may email any concerns over final Group allocation to the ISAF Competitions Manager and the Chairman of the International Measurers Sub-committee.

4.4 Late Applications

Steps 4.2 and 4.3 may be carried out at a later point in time for individual IMs who apply late for a grouping.

4.5 Feedback

An International Measurer may request information on the reasons for his/her grouping. In these cases, the panel will be asked for reasons why they have assigned an International Measurer to a specific group.

4.6 The members of the Grouping panel will be dismissed around the end of the year.

5. APPEALS

- 5.1 An International Measurer that is dissatisfied with the decision of the Grouping Panel may appeal it to the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee (or the Vice-Chairman if the Chairman is a member of the Grouping Panel).
- 5.2 After consultation with the Chairman of the Grouping Panel, the ROC Chairman (or Vice-Chairman if applicable) will make a final decision.

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APPENDIX

BACKGROUND

This section provides overall information about the development of International Measurers up to now. It is included as an explanation for this principles document.

As our sport develops by becoming more professional and commercial, equipment inspection at major ISAF multi-class events has to be performed on an adequate level by specially trained race officials, selected from the pool of existing International Measurers.

The role of equipment inspector requires competences beyond basic measurement skills, e.g. setting up efficient inspection processes and managing large inspection teams. Thus there is a need to identify the group of officials that can set up and carry out equipment inspection at ISAF multi-class events. This is achieved with Group 1 and Group 2 of this proposed grouping system. In addition, the International Measurer Grouping System will require and encourage training and testing in equipment inspection competences.

Since 2006 the International Measurers Sub-committee has been working on providing International Measurers and candidates with training based on non-class specific principles of measurement and inspection, ensuring that they have the necessary knowledge and skills to operate as ISAF Race Officials and with a view to ISAF multi-class events, like the series that has evolved into the ISAF Sailing World Cup.

In 2009, after a long development period, the International Measurers Sub-committee launched the current set of International Measurer training seminars, which provide attendants with the skills that are necessary to organize and manage inspection teams both at the top level, as required when officiating at the principal events of their class, and also at lower level multi-class events. In addition, the training is focused on the conduct of International Measurers and their interaction with race committees and protest committees, while also getting training in general measurement and the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).

In 2010, the written International Measurer Test was introduced, bringing the International Measurers in line with the other Race Officials, to give an objective assessment of an International Measurer's level of knowledge about the ERS and the IM conduct in practice.

As of January 2013, about half of the 113 appointed International Measurers had attended one IM seminar of the current type, and more than a quarter of them had passed the IM test.