



**33. INTERNATIONAL RACE OFFICIALS ADMINISTRATION –
INTERNATIONAL JUDGES, UMPIRES, MEASURERS AND RACE
OFFICERS**

- 33.1 The provisions of this regulation affect all International Race Officials, namely International Judges, International Umpires, International Measurers and International Race Officers, referred to collectively in this Regulation as 'International Race Officials.'
- 33.2 The Race Officials Committee shall appoint International Race Officials after considering the recommendations of the sub-committee that is responsible for the discipline concerned.
- 33.3 For the purposes of this regulation references to 'Principal Events' shall mean those events described generally or designated as Principal Events by the Race Officials Committee and published on the ISAF Website. This regulation shall not require the Secretary General to list each individual event.

Term of Appointment

- 33.4 The term of appointment for an International Race Official shall begin on the date it is made by the Race Officials Committee and,
- (a) if the applicant is less than seventy years old on the date of approval by the ROC, the duration of the appointment shall be four years.
 - (b) if the applicant is seventy years old or older on the date of approval by the ROC, the duration of the appointment shall be two years.

Applications for Appointment and Re-appointment

- 33.5 A candidate for initial appointment shall:
- (a) be nominated by the candidate's Member National Authority, a Class/Owners Association or the Race Officials Committee;
 - (b) be recommended by the candidate's Member National Authority;
 - (c) send the application on the official form so that it is received by the Secretary General by 1 September; and
 - (d) meet the general qualifications and the additional qualifications for the discipline concerned.
- 33.6 A candidate for re-appointment shall:
- (a) apply directly to ISAF;
 - (b) send the application on the official form so that it is received by the Secretary General by 1 September; and
 - (c) meet the general qualifications and the additional qualifications for the discipline concerned.
- 33.7 ISAF shall inform the candidate's Member National Authority of the application.
- 33.8 On applying for appointment or re-appointment, all International Race Officials shall agree that, if aggrieved, they will resort only to the remedies referred to in this regulation, and whether those remedies are exhausted or not, will not resort to any court or other tribunal

General Qualifications required of all International Race Officials

- 33.9 A candidate for appointment or re-appointment for any discipline shall
- (a) except in the case of International Measurers, be an experienced racing sailor;
 - (b) have a sufficient knowledge of the Racing Rules and a detailed knowledge of the rules, manuals and other requirements and publications relating to his discipline;
 - (c) be proficient in the English language and have the skills to communicate both with other race officials and with competitors on matters relating to his discipline;
 - (d) display the temperament and behaviour expected of an International Race Official at an event;
 - (e) have the health and physical capacity to fulfil the requirements of his discipline;
 - (f) have the observation skills necessary to perform the duties of his discipline;
 - (g) agree to support the policies of ISAF and further its objectives, rules and regulations;
 - (h) have unimpaired eyesight and hearing, natural or corrected, at a level to enable him to carry out the duties of his discipline; and
 - (i) be able to contribute to the development of the programme relating to his discipline.
- 33.10 Where a candidate is required to have served at an event outside of his Group or Member National Authority the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) If the event is the Olympic Sailing Competition or a major event as designated by Regulations 18.12.15 (a) or 20.6.1(d), it will qualify as such an event even if it has taken place inside his Group or Member National Authority;
 - (b) if the candidate is from Groups A-H, the event shall be outside his Group;
 - (c) if the candidate is from Groups I-Q, the event shall be outside his Member National Authority.

Additional Qualifications for Individual Disciplines

International Umpire

- 33.12 A candidate for first appointment and re-appointment as an International Umpire shall:
- (d) have raced recently, preferably match or team racing;
 - (e) have the following qualifications:
 - (i) be able to apply the relevant rules and make correct decisions within a few seconds under pressure;

- (ii) anticipation skills based on an understanding of how boats manoeuvre in match and /or team racing;
 - (iii) be able to drive and position small powerboats; and
 - (iv) be fit and able to withstand several consecutive days on the water in small powerboats;
- (f) in the case of applications for first appointment only, have attended an ISAF Umpiring Seminar within the last four years prior to 1 September of the year of application but not later than 14 October in that year;
- (g) have passed the ISAF examination within the time scale and in accordance with the provisions of this regulation:
- (i) candidates for first appointment must have taken the examination in the last four years up to 1 September of the year of application but not later than 14 October in that year;
 - (ii) candidates for re-appointment must have passed the examination in the last three years up to 1 September of the year of application. However, they may take the examination after 1 September on the following conditions:
 1. candidates for re-appointment who have fulfilled all other requirements, but who have not passed the examination by 1 September, may be approved subject to passing the examination no later than 1 May of the following year;
 2. 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 first appointment;
 - (iii) an examination may only be used once to qualify, except for candidates who are seventy years of age or more at the time of first appointment or re-appointment;
 - (iv) candidates who fail the examination may take a new examination, but not within six months after the first one, except in special circumstances; and
 - (v) candidates who fail the examination more than once shall be assessed on an individual basis;
- (h) In the case of applications for first appointment only, have passed the ISAF performance assessment at least one time in the previous four years up to 1 September of the year of application. The ISAF performance assessment is designed to establish that the candidate has the qualifications listed in Regulation 33.12(b);
- (i) 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 Member National Authority for candidates from Groups I-Q;

- (j) have obtained a completed IUSC Reference Form from the Chief Umpire of at least three of the principal events submitted in accordance with regulation 33.12(f). This regulation will not apply to events held before 7 November 2007; and
- (k) have contributed to development of the Umpiring Programme, and furthered the objectives, rules and regulations of ISAF.

Considerations for Appointment

- 33.15 Each sub-committee shall consider the following when deciding on an application:
- (l) whether the candidate has complied with the requirements listed above;
 - (m) any comments received by means of Regatta Report Forms;
 - (n) the candidate's relevant experience in other disciplines; and
 - (o) such other information as it may consider relevant.
- 33.16 Candidates for re-appointment who do not meet all the requirements for re-appointment, especially in respect of events attended, may, in special circumstances or on medical grounds, be recommended for re-appointment. In those cases, the Race Officials Committee may approve either:
- (p) re-appointment of a candidate for a full 4 year term;
 - (q) extension of the existing appointment for 12 months;
- 33.17 Race Officials whose appointments have expired less than 12 months will be considered as candidates for re-appointment and shall meet the general and additional requirements for re-appointment for each discipline.
- 33.18 Race Officials whose appointments have expired for more than 12 months will be considered as candidates for initial appointment and they shall meet the general and additional requirements for initial appointment for each discipline.