

Race Officials for National/International Regattas in Canada

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An updated list of certified ISAF and Senior Canadian race officials is kept and compiled at the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) office. Any individual striving to attain higher Canadian and/or International Race Management, Jury, or Umpire certification levels is strongly encouraged to contact CYA.

When possible, opportunities for Canadian race officials to gain experience at national and international events held in Canada, will be posted on the CYA website and/or circulated via email. Regatta organizers for national and/or international events are encouraged to send along requests for race officials to CYA. CYA hopes that this procedure will not only ensure good officiating at events, but will increase the number and quality of race officials in Canada.

Selection of Officials at CYA Events (Title and National Qualifying Regattas)

The "CYA Regatta Guidelines" should be followed. These guidelines are available from the CYA office. A key consideration of these guidelines is that the CYA shall be given prior notice of the proposed chairman and members of the juries so that it may give prior approval. To facilitate 'prior approval' a Host Authority is required to submit a list of suggested names of the proposed chairman and jury members BEFORE asking them to serve. Further, the CYA assist by suggesting names that meet its approval after which the Host Authority will invite the approved chairman and members.

By March 31, of each year, CYA regatta hosts should forward the names of proposed jury and race officers to the CYA. These names will then be forwarded to the relevant committees (Jury or Race Management) for prior approval. If a regatta host is having difficulty finding officials, they are to contact CYA prior to the end January.

For all events, it is recommended that there should be female as well as bilingual representation.

ISAF EVENTS

- In the case of the events designated as "ISAF Special Events and ISAF Recognised Events", ISAF exercises the right to appoint the Race Officials.
- For any ISAF Special or Recognised Event hosted in Canada, the ISAF will expect that CYA and the Organizing Authority will meet specific criteria. The ISAF may require that the CYA and Organizing Authority appoint or recommend qualified officials. To effect this, the ISAF's officials criteria must be understood by the CYA and the Organizing committee. An application form will be sent out to relevant officials to gauge interest/availability. CYA staff and the relevant CYA committees will keep in mind that when recommending officials to ISAF and/or the Organizing Authority, that they will put forth names of individuals who a) show the desire for individuals to gain experience, and b) own the skills and experience necessary to do a good job.

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ISAF GRADED EVENTS

Please not that ISAF Guidelines must be followed for ISAF Graded Events.

<http://www.sailing.org/rankings/CRITERIASR.asp>

For ISAF Grade 3 events CYA Guidelines are as follows...

- If possible, an international jury (IJ) should be present.
- At minimum, there should be an IJ as the jury chair.
- If there are multiple courses, the PRO should be a level 4. Course Race Officers should be Canadian Race Officers (Level 3).

International Events Hosted in Canada

- Adherence to the International Class Association's and ISAF's regulations for a given event should be followed. Reference to the RRS is essential. Note that the provisions of RRS 88.2(b) are to be met.
- CYA recommends there be an International Jury at the event, and the PRO be a Senior Canadian Race Officer (Level 4). A Canadian Race Officer (Level 3) PRO may be feasible based on the number of boats.
- The club host will, via the CYA, send out applications to potential officials for the event. The names of interested officials will be forwarded along to the regatta organizers.

National Championships

- A Jury should have at least 3 members, including one Senior Canadian Judge (Level 4)
- PRO should be a Canadian Race Officer (Level 3)

Canada Games

- A Non-Appeal Jury, established in accordance with the CYA Prescription to RRS 70.4 and approved by CYA*, consisting of 5 members, with a minimum of 3 IJ. See note below.
- PRO should be a Senior Canadian Race Officer (Level 4), with each RC chair being at least a Canadian Race Officer (Level 3).

National Qualifying Regattas (held in Canada)

- A 3 person jury is required, with at least one Canadian IJ and 1 Senior Canadian judge (Level 4).
- The RC should be at least a Canadian Race Officer (Level 3).

Youth Nationals

- A 5 person jury is required. A majority of the jury should be CYA certified judges, with a minimum of 1 IJ and 2 Senior Canadian Judges (Level 4). There should also be at least one female, and one bilingual member of the jury.
- The RC chair on each course should be at least a Canadian Race Officer (Level 3).

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Sail East, Sail West

- A 3 person jury is required. The jury should include at least 2 Senior Canadian Judges (Level 4).
- The PRO should be a Canadian Race Officer (Level 3). It is preferable that all the RC chairs are at least a Canadian Race Officer (Level 3).

23 and Under Championships, 16 and Under Championships

- A jury of at least 3 is required. The jury should include at least 1 Senior Canadian Judge (Level 4).
- The PRO should be a Canadian Race Officer (Level 3). It is preferable that all the RC chairs are at least a Canadian Race Officer (Level 3).

Provincial, Club and Local Level Judges

- These events should be managed by a Provincial Race Officer (Level 2) PRO
- CYA recommends that a protest committee including at least one Provincial (Level 2) judge be in place prior to the event.

On Water Judging (RRS 42)

Where on water judging is to be implemented, organizers should consider the experience of judges who will be asked to perform these duties. Having additional IJ or Senior Canadian judges will facilitate these processes.

****Special Non-Appeal Juries***

The criteria for a special non-appeal jury, for purely Canadian events - such as, for example, the Canada Summer Games - is that it shall meet the requirements specified in Appendix M for international juries - i.e. 3 International Judges for a 5 member panel - but without the requirement of representation from 3 countries. Depending on the circumstances, a minimum of two IJ's may be considered for other events requiring a non-appeal jury.

The chairman of the CYA Appeals Committee is responsible for reviewing requests for non-appeal juries and for giving the CYA's approval for their appointment. See CYA prescription to RRS 70.4.

Happy Sailing!