

# **YACHTING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**

## **ADMINISTRATION OF RACING RULES, RACE OFFICERS, JUDGES AND UMPIRES**

### **1.0.0 Preamble**

The availability of competent personnel is essential to the success of Yacht Racing. Yachting Association of India appoints suitably experienced and qualified sailors as National Race Officials so that organising authorities can have confidence in selecting personnel in making appointments to important events.

The Yachting Association of India actively seeks to improve and maintain the quality of Judging, Umpiring and Race Management by promoting seminars and symposiums and by circulating information to keep active Race Officials educated and informed and improve their ability to serve the sport. Each of the Race Officials will be issued with a Race Officials Logbook, which will assist them in maintaining an accurate record of officiating at various events.

Yachting Association of India will appoint nationally certified officials for certain National Events and selection trials itself.

From time to time Yachting Association of India will support the nominations of very experienced and qualified personnel to the International Sailing Federation for appointment as International Officials.

### **1.1 APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL JUDGES**

1.1.1 National Judges are experienced sailors who have met the required levels of experience and qualification and who have the ability to serve as competent Judges. They serve on protest committees and at regattas to hear protests and Judge.

1.1.2 Candidates for initial appointment will:

- (a) Have wide yachting experience and be active in yacht racing;
- (b) Have a sound knowledge of the Racing Rules, the ISAF Case Book and the ISAF Judges Manual (all available from the ISAF website).
- (c) Have race organisation and race management experience;

(d) Have acted as a chairman of at least 3 protest hearings in the last 2 years, one of these hearings to be assessed by Yachting Association of India and will have -:

(i) Served on 2 or more protest committees at events of a Regional or higher standard and,

(ii) Attended an approved Yachting Association of India Judging seminar within the previous 2 years,

(iii) Have passed the written examination (80% pass)

(iv) Will be prepared to submit a logbook detailing their experience

(e) Have a judicial temperament, mature judgement and a record of integrity.

(f) Meet acceptable behavioural standards and be able to play a team role.

(g) Have a demonstrable sound understanding of the requirements for successfully chairing a protest committee.

### **1.1.3 Appointment**

Initial appointment will be for a nominal 4 years, with the termination date being the nearest June 30th to the fourth anniversary of the appointment date.

### **1.1.4 Renewal**

Renewal will be on a four yearly basis. Candidates will need to either meet the criteria set out in 1.1.2 above or;

(a) Have attended a Yachting Association of India approved Judges Seminar within 2 years prior to application.

(b) Have acted as Chairman of a protest panel of at least 3 hearings within the past 2 years and will have either:

(i) Served on 2 or more protest committees at events of a regional or higher standard and,

(ii) Have passed the written examination (80% pass) or,

(c) Served on 4 or more protest committees of events of a regional or higher standard with a total number of hearings of 30 or more during the 4 years immediately prior to application. (This option does not apply for new appointments).

(d) Submit a log book detailing recent experience.

### **1.1.5 Yachting Association of India Club Judges**

Applications will be considered for appointment as Yachting Association of India Club Judges. Criteria for appointment are:

- (a) Experience at club protest level (to be evidenced by producing Yachting Association of India Race Officials Log Book).
  - (b) Attendance at Yachting Association of India Approved Judges Seminar and a pass (65%) in the Examination (for National Judge but with more time allowed).
  - (c) Revalidation – as per initial application, in each case for 4years.
- A Club Judge appointment is seen as a natural stepping stone to National Judge Status.

## **1.2 APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UMPIRES**

1.2.1 Umpires are experienced sailors who are appointed to the umpiring team in match and team racing events where on-the-water umpiring is used.

National Umpires are umpires who are experienced yachtsmen who have met required levels of experience and qualification, and who have the ability to serve as competent umpires.

1.2.2 Candidates for appointment as National Umpires will:

- (a) Have wide yachting experience and be active in yacht racing;
- (b) Have a sound knowledge of the Racing Rules, the ISAF Call Book and the ISAF Umpires manual (all available from the ISAF website).
- (c) Have a judicial temperament, mature judgement and a record of integrity;
- (d) Have attended a Yachting Association of India umpires' seminar in the previous two years, sat and achieved a mark of 80% in a written examination, and passed a practical test;
- (e) Have submitted a log of events participated in or a detailed list of experience.

1.2.3 Appointment

Initial appointment will be for a nominal 4 years, with the termination date being the nearest June 30<sup>th</sup> to the fourth anniversary of the appointment date.

1.2.4 Renewal will be on a four yearly basis. Renewal may be based on experience during the previous four years. Yachting Association of India may require attendance at a YAI approved seminar and a pass in a written examination within the past two years.

## **1.3 APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RACE OFFICERS**

1.3.1 National Race Officers are experienced sailors who have met required levels of experience and qualification and have the ability to serve as Race Officers for important events.

1.3.2 Candidates for appointment as National Race Officers will:

- (a) Have wide yachting experience and be active in yacht racing
- (b) Have in-depth racing race management experience and be an active Race Officer
- (c) Have in-depth knowledge of the racing rules pertaining to the ISAF Race Management Manual.
- (d) Have satisfactorily conducted a major event under the supervision of a National Race Officer
- (e) Have attended a Yachting Association of India Race Management Seminar in the past 2 years and achieved a mark of 80%
- (f) Have demonstrated ability and experience in race management
- (g) Have submitted a logbook of events detailing their experience

In general National Race Officers will be experienced in running both major single and multi-class regattas. They may have either dinghy or keelboat bias but preferably some experience in both.

- (a) Setting on-the-water start lines
- (b) Laying courses determined by wind direction
- (c) Undertaking changes to courses on-the-water due to changes in wind direction
- (d) Running races at various venues for various Organising Authorities

### **1.3.3 Appointment**

Initial appointment will be for a nominal 4 years, with the termination date being the nearest June 30th to the fourth anniversary of the appointment date.

### **1.3.4 Renewal**

4.3.4 Renewal will be on a four yearly basis. Renewal may be based on experience during the previous four years. Yachting Association of India may require attendance at a YAI approved seminar and a pass in a written examination within the past two years.

### **1.3.5 Yachting Association of India Club Race Officer**

Applications will be considered for appointment as Yachting Association of India Club Officers. Criteria for appointment are:

- (a) Experience in competently running club and/or regional events
- (b) Knowledge of the rules pertaining to Race Management
- (c) Have successfully conducted an appropriate event under the supervision of a National Race Officer;
- (d) Have attended a Race Management Seminar organised by Yachting Association of India within the previous four years.

## **1.4 APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEASURERS**

1.4.1 National Measurers are experienced sailors who have met required levels of experience and qualification and have the ability to serve as Measurer / Equipment Inspector for important events.

1.4.2 Candidates for appointment as National Measurer will:

- (a) Have wide yachting experience and be active in yacht racing
- (b) Have in-depth experience and be an active Measurer
- (c) Have in-depth knowledge of the Equipment Rules of Sailing pertaining to the ISAF Measurers Manual.
- (d) Have satisfactorily conducted a major event under the supervision of a National Measurer
- (e) Have attended a Yachting Association of India Measurement Seminar in the past 2 years and achieved a mark of 80%
- (f) Have demonstrated ability and experience in measurement / event inspection
- (g) Have submitted a logbook of events detailing their experience

In general National Measurers will be experienced in event inspections both at major single and multi-class regattas.

- (a) Be proficient in English
- (b) Have good knowledge of the Equipment Rules of Sailing
- (c) Be technically skilled in measuring even when under pressure
- (d) Be able to manage a team

### **1.4.3 Appointment**

Initial appointment will be for a nominal 4 years, with the termination date being the nearest June 30th to the fourth anniversary of the appointment date.

#### **1.4.4 Renewal**

4.3.4 Renewal will be on a four yearly basis. Renewal may be based on experience during the previous four years. Yachting Association of India may require attendance at a YAI approved seminar and a pass in a written examination within the past two years.

#### **1.5 INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

The International Sailing Federation requires the endorsement of the National Authority for all new International Race Official Appointments. ISAF considers applications once a year and the application has to be in the hands of ISAF by 31 August for consideration at its November Conference. Yachting Association of India will normally conclude its approval process at its first Council meeting of the year (usually Mar/April).

Persons considering applying for International status should contact Yachting Association of India Secretariat well in advance of that time as the Council will almost invariably want to do some in-depth investigation before it makes a positive recommendation. Notification of intention to Yachting Association of India 12 months in advance of ISAF's application closing date is suggested.

Applicants should be aware that Yachting Association of India generally requires a higher standard than the minimum set by ISAF before it will endorse applications. Yachting Association of India will also review applications for renewal of international appointments.

Indian officials holding ISAF International qualifications will be deemed to hold corresponding Indian National status. Their term as an Indian National Official will terminate on June 30th four years following the end of their ISAF appointment by which time they will be required to apply to Yachting Association of India for reappointment under the process as enumerated above.

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