



International Measurers Grouping System 2023

General

The purpose of this grouping is to assist the Event Appointment Working Party (EAWP) in their work of appointing IMs to events as part of the race official team. This will be used by the EAWP to appoint measurers to events where it exercises the right of appointment. The grouping list shall be published on the World Sailing website and shall be available for Organising Authorities, MNAs and Classes to assist with event appointment.

The grouping system will be administrated by the World Sailing International Measurers Sub Committee (IMSC).

Principles

1. All IMs are automatically assigned to Group 3. Only IMs who indicate that they wish to be considered for a higher grouping need to make an application.
2. While the grouping of each IM will be public, all other information regarding individual IMs will remain strictly confidential within the IMSC and the administration of the system.
3. The decision on a grouping will be based upon the IM's grouping application, the information that WS already holds (e.g. test passes, seminar attendance etc.), previous IM application forms and event reports submitted by the applicant.

All members of the IMSC shall immediately declare any conflict of interest to the Chair of IMSC and will not take part in the consideration of any grouping application for which they have a conflict of interest.

Groups

Group 1

This Group includes 3 sub-Groups, 1a, 1b and 1c

IMs in Group 1 may be appointed as:

- Olympic Chief Equipment Inspector - 1a only
- Combined Olympic Class Worlds Chief Equipment Inspector – 1a and 1b only
- Olympic ITO – 1a and 1b only
- Multi-class Chief Equipment Inspector – all Sub-Groups
- Chief Equipment Inspectors for various WS events – all sub-Groups

Group 2

IMs in Group 2 may be appointed as

- (a) Multi-class event Equipment Inspectors.
- (b) Deputy Equipment Inspectors in:
 - Principal events of any class other than their own class
 - WS multi-class events,

IMs in Group 1 may be appointed to the Group 2 events as above.

Group 3

All other IMs are Group 3 and are qualified to organize and manage equipment inspection at the major international events of their class(es). This includes Group 1 and 2 IMs

Criteria

To be considered for grouping in a discipline, an IM shall be a current active International Measurer.

The IMs qualifying to be grouped will be assessed against the criteria below to determine how each IM shall be grouped.

	Criteria	Group 3	Group 2	Group 1	
A.	IM Seminar attendance	No requirements for grouping purposes (IMs appointed since 2009 have that requirement in their appointment criteria)	2009 or later	2009 or later Current and former seminar instructors are exempted from this requirement	
B.	Passing IM test	No requirements for grouping purposes	No requirements for grouping purposes	2010 or later Current and former seminar instructors are exempted from this requirement	
C.	Years of experience as IM	No limit	No limit	1a	Minimum of 8 years (after first appointment)
				1b	Minimum of 4 years (after first appointment)
				1c	Minimum of 2 years (after first appointment)
D.	Number of principal events where the candidate has served as - Chief (measurer/inspector) - TC Chair or - Deputy Chief (measurer/inspector) - TC Vice-Chair	No requirement	Minimum of 2 events in the last 4 years before August 15 th of the year the grouping is to be considered.	1a	Minimum of 5 Olympic Class events and one Olympic Games as ITO in the last 8 years before August 15 th of the year the grouping is to be considered
				1b	Minimum of 5 Olympic Class events in the last 8 years before August 15 th of the year the grouping is to be considered.
				1c	Minimum of 5 events in the last 8 years before August 15 th of

				the year the grouping is to be considered.
E.	Other Criteria	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicates information well to athletes, team leaders and coaches, and receives their feedback • Manages good relationships with athletes, team leaders and coaches • Handles confidential information correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicates information well to athletes, team leaders and coaches, and receives their feedback • Has the ability to communicate well with a large audience • Communicates effectively with media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages good relationships with athletes, team leaders and coaches • Manages good relationships with media • Manages good relationships with organizers • Manages good relationships with the EI team and the other race official teams • Handles confidential information correctly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has significant experience over a range of events / classes • Has significant experience as Chief Measurer / EI at major events where WS appoints the officials • Has proven organizational skills at high level events • Has the ability to make fair decisions when under strong pressure from athletes, team leaders, etc. • Olympic ITOs must have significant experience in the class they are appointed to manage

Process

1. Initially, all IMs will be contacted by the World Sailing Executive Office and asked to indicate whether they wish to apply to be grouped higher than Group 3.
2. Applications shall include:
 - a. a list of the applicants principal events from the previous 8 years to August 15th.
 - b. if they consider they have a conflict of interest with any member of the IMSC.

3. The applications shall be forwarded to the IMSC. Where there is any doubt as to whether an application meets the basic criteria, or whether an event is a principal event, this shall be decided by IMSC.
4. The IMSC will then proceed to consider the applications.
5. The IMSC will allocate each IM to a group based on the information provided.
6. The Executive Office will collate the information and liaise with the IMSC Chair. In the event of an unclear decision, the IMSC Chair will make the final decision.
7. The list of grouping decisions will be published on the WS website.
8. Any IM that requested to be grouped may request information on the reasons for their assigned grouping. In these cases, the IMSC may be asked to provide feedback to the IM.
9. Any IM that is dissatisfied with their grouping decision may request that the decision be reconsidered by contacting the Executive Office. In such cases, World Sailing will use its reasonable endeavours to arrange for the IM to be reassessed.
10. The grouping process will be conducted annually.
11. An IM may contact the IMSC at any time if they consider that they have completed enough requirements to be moved up a group. It is solely the responsibility of the IM to ensure that they ask for this review and that they are in accordance with the current criteria.
12. The grouping system is only one of the guides used by the EAWP to assist them in making World Sailing appointments.