

The Race Officials Committee met virtually at 09:00 UTC on Thursday 6th March 2025

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Workload and Principles
3. Sub- Committee Updates
4. AOB

Members Present:

<i>Chair - Ricardo Navarro (BRA)</i>	<i>Vice-Chair Elena Papazoglou (CYP)</i>	<i>Captain Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)</i>
<i>Aileen Loo (SGP) – IMSC Chair</i>	<i>Andrus Poksi (EST) – IJSC Chair</i>	<i>Anne Malledant (FRA) – RMSC Chair</i>
<i>Chris Lindsay (IRL) – IUSC Chair</i>	<i>David Brookes (AUS)</i>	<i>Ewa Jodlowska (POL)</i>
<i>Francisco Jaurgeui (MEX)</i>	<i>Giorgio Davanzo (ITA)</i>	<i>Liang Zhou (CHN)</i>
<i>Lynne Beal (CAN)</i>	<i>Miguel Amaral (POR)</i>	<i>Nino Shmueli (ISR)</i>
<i>Sandy Grosvenor (USA)</i>	<i>Timo Hass (GER)</i>	
<i>VP – Tomasz Chamera</i>	<i>VP – Cory Sertl</i>	

1. Opening of the Meeting
a. Welcome by the Chair

Ricardo welcomed members to the first Race Officials Committee meeting of the quad, highlighting the informal nature of the meeting as an introductory for all members and in insight into the roles and responsibilities of the committee.

b. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Christophe Gaumont, Alan Baser, Bence Böröcz

c. Welcomes

Vice-Chair Elena Papazoglou welcomed all to the meeting highlighting she is proud and honoured to sit next to Ricardo on this committee and is confident with good will and co-operating this committee can achieve some important goals this quadrennial.

Vice presidents Cory Sertl and Tomasz Chamera thanked all members for accepting the role on the committee. Both Tomasz and Cory introduced themselves, sharing their experiences and commitment to supporting the committee. Tomasz and Cory highlighted the opportunity available at the start of a new quadrennial to develop new ideas particularly to growing and

developing the race officials community. Tomasz identified three key areas of focus for the committee digitalization, event appointment processes, and continuous education.

Tomasz confirmed the Event Appointment Working Group has not yet been finalised and remains under review. Confirmation is expected in the coming weeks or possibly months. During this time, efforts will be made to outline an effective process and policies to address current needs and highlighted the importance of Race Officials Committee's input and cooperation in this process to ensure a suitable, effective, and sustainable process is created. For this year, Tomasz confirmed event appointments will be finalised by the Executive Office. While this is not the ideal solution, it is a necessary measure to prevent further delays.

Members of the committee not on Race Officials Committee in the past quadrennial introduced themselves sharing their experiences within officiating and prior World Sailing committees.

2. Workload and Principles of the Race Officials Committee

a. Welcome by the Chair

Ricardo shared principles Transparency and Fairness held by the committee in the last quad which shall continue in this quadrennial, confirming any decision taken in the committee shall be based on clear criteria, set prior to any decisions being made and if possible all decisions made will be published and circulated to the community. Ricardo prompted Sub-committee chairs to take the same principles in all decisions within their committees highlighting the importance of some decisions which affect the community and sport.

b. Regulations and Policies

Ricardo updated the committee on recent changes to governance highlighting some previous regulations that affected race officials are now policies and encouraged all members to familiarise themselves with the documents.

Megan Griggs (WS) updated the committee on changes to the application process with two deadlines for applications to be received. The first deadline is the 1st March which shall require sub-committees workload to review any submitted applications in April, for Race Officials committee to review in their meeting in May. The second deadline reflects the previous process, 1st September deadline for a review and decision by Race Officials

Committee at the annual conference.

c. Workplan

Ricardo Navarro confirmed the working plan is being discussed between Chair and Vice-Chair to identify the appropriate working groups to propose to the Board, noting ITD working party and International Classifier Working party must remain.

Ricardo Navarro identified previous working groups included Rule 42, Conflict of Interest and EROC, the working group for digital database development and all shall be reviewed for purpose towards the new work plan.

Ricardo Navarro confirmed names are not currently being discussed but proposal shall be for previous members of committee/working group to remain for consistency in each group with new members added to bring fresh ideas.

3. Sub-Committee Updates

Each sub-committee chair gave an introduction and update of any discussions on workloads.

a. Race Management

Anne Malledant highlighted the benefit of having the vice-chair of RMSC David Brookes also as a member of Race Officials Committee. Anne confirmed the first RMSC meeting shall be arranged now they have guidelines from Race Officials Committee to take forward. Anne confirmed requests have been shared to all members to ask for their interests to be involved in working groups.

Ricardo highlighted to Anne the need for strong co-operation with the Olympic Classes with priority on updating formats and policies.

b. International Measurers

Aileen thanked World Sailing for the opportunity to serve for one more quad. Aileen confirmed IMSC meeting shall be organised now the Race Officials Committee has taken place. Aileen confirmed discussions on working groups has taken place and they have identified members to continue and replacements to be made and are ready to share to Race Officials Committee

c. International Umpires

Chris Lindsay confirmed IUSC had held it's first introductory meeting to meet new committee

members, recognising the sub-committee includes parts of the world not previously represented.

Chris confirmed the sub-committee has started work on it's strategy based on the headings previously mentioned by Tomasz, education, diversity and inclusion, and digital umpiring.

d. International Judges

Andrus Poksi identified the main goal of IJSC this quadrennial is on digital technology and a database for officials as an essential tool to properly serve the community and make the administration of officiating much easier for both the community and the office.

Ricardo closed the meeting confirming more detailed information shall follow shortly on the intention of working groups and the workload the committee shall begin with.

4. AOB

- a. No additional business discussed