International Judges Sub-Committee Minutes

The International Judges Sub-Committee met virtually at 15:00 UTC on Thursday 27th March 2025

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Goals and Tasks
3. Race Official Applications

4. Education - Seminars
5. IJSC Working Teams
6. AOB

Members Present:

Chair – Andrus Poksi (EST) AP	*Vice-Chair Kevin Hawkins (USA) KH*	*Alina Straigiou (GRE) AS*
Aleksander Prusiński (POL) APr	*Anastasia Weinberger (AUT) AW*	*Gonzalo Heredia (ARG) GH*
Luke Scott (RSA) LS	*Aylin Suntay (TUR) AS*	*Giuseppe D'Amico (ITA) GD*
Masa Tanaka (JPN) MT		

Non-members Present:

WS – Megan Griggs		

1. **Opening of the Meeting**

   a. Welcome by the Chair

   AP opened the meeting by thanking all members for attending, noting the meeting had full attendance from the sub-committee.

   b. Apologies for Absence

   All members were present for the meeting.

2. **Goals and Tasks**

   a. e- ROC

   Following the 2024 Annual Conference meeting introducing Steve Smith from World Sailing, Megan Griggs confirmed the priority and focus was on deploying Monday.com, however advised to update ROC on position of development in the next 2 weeks. Andrus Poksi emphasized the implementation of a database is critical and highlighted the IJSC has the resources to develop its

own solution.

b. IJ Report

AP confirmed WS made clear at the annual conference that IJReport.org is an official WS platform, not outside of WS, so all judges should no longer be avoiding completed reports. AP recognised rules references in the user interface need to be updated. Other components (e.g. data fields for RQC requirements, etc.) additionally need amended to assist the review process. AP identified replacing system to a new version, MG cautioned that approval of changes (i.e. system replacement) would firstly require a proposal for changes by ROC.

AP shared a separate report form that includes fields from IJReport.org as well as key fields for RQC requirements, and highlighted that judges should keep their own copies of such reports for events–both for their own records and in case online systems.

c. Forms

AP identified some changes required for the application form for international status, identifying racing experience is tracked on the reference form, whilst may be better located on the MNA endorsement.

MG expressed concern about putting the verification requirement on the MNA but suggested updating the WS document that guides MNAs through the endorsement process to provide clear instruction.

d. Jury Policies

AP highlighted the updated document must be online as soon as possible.

e. IJ Manual

AP identified Lynne Beal had updated the document in the previous quadrennial, and the 2025 version was published at the start of the year. AP recognised this new committee shall be tasked with ensuring updates are ready for January 2026.

f. Preferred Standard Wording

Identified this document needs updating and this sub-committee will be tasked with updating.

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g. WS/ IJSC Recognition/ Gratitude of Service

AP highlighted a need to provide recognition to race officials for reaching length of service milestones, alongside those who additionally choose to retire, showing recognition for their contribution to the sport.

3. **Race Official Applications**

MG ran through the components of the application system and how members of the IJSC should conduct reviews, advising post meeting an instruction manual to members shall be shared to begin reviewing the applications. MG reminded members that 14 April 2025 is the deadline for submission of documents that support applications (e.g. event lists, endorsements, etc.) MG shared that 01 May 2025 is the deadline for IJSC to complete its application deadline.

AP highlighted references on the SurveyMonkey platform do not trigger an automatic review and reviewers must check each component of a reference form carefully to ensure all requirements are marked as acceptable.

AP emphasized that there are several descriptions in RQC that guide reviewers to decide whether an event is L1, L2, L3, etc. Reviewers need to look carefully at events to decide what events are principal events.

AS suggested she had a conflict of interest reviewing a particular first-time applicant. AP noted that need for people who are close to or know the candidate to be involved in reviewing their application, identifying the final decision would not be based only on their review.

4. **Education – Seminars**

AP confirmed the following seminars had been supported by IJSC, with potential demand for an additional European seminar.

a. May – Auckland, NZL
b. July – Berlin, GER
c. October – Buenos Aires ARG
d. December – Sattahip, THA

5. **IJSC Working Teams**

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AP gave a quick overview of the planned working teams, and described each

in greater detail.

Identifying these team were internal 'Areas of Responsibility' and not specific groups for new

projects, the variation was identified by calling them working teams and not groups.

3. **AOB**

No additional business discussed, before Andrus closed the meeting, Kevin Hawkins emphasised 3

years, 11 months will go quickly and encouraged all to put themselves forward for working teams

they can engage and add value to.

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