

Yachting Australia Race Officials' Courses and Qualifications

Information Sheet No 3

NATIONAL UMPIRES (MATCH/TEAMS) CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

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ELIGIBILITY

A candidate for appointment as a National Umpire must:

- Be a financial member of a yacht or sailing club recognised by a Member Yachting Authority (MYA), possess Silver membership of Yachting Australia; and
- Possess the required qualifications as set out later in this Information Sheet; and
- Be nominated and recommended by their MYA.

APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

Applications must be in writing with a completed Application Form plus a Nomination Form endorsed by the candidate's MYA.

The YA Race Officials Committee (through its appointed National Umpires' Sub-Committee) is responsible for recommending the appointment of National Umpires. Applications are considered at the time of the ROC's annual meeting in October, and the closing date each year for applications is 1st September.

Appointments are made by the YA Board upon the recommendation of the ROC.

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate for appointment as a National Umpire for either match or teams racing is required to have:

- Attended a YA National Match or Teams Racing Umpires Seminar (or an ISAF International Umpires Seminar) within the last four years; and
- Passed YA's written examination (or ISAF's written examination); and
- Passed the on-water assessment; and
- An intimate knowledge of the racing rules; and
- The judicial temperament and physical ability to fulfill the duties of a National Umpire; and
- Recently raced; and

- The ability to drive and position small power boats; and
- Acceptable observation and communication skills and temperament; and
- An understanding of how boats manoeuvre in match or teams racing; and
- The ability to make correct rules decisions within a few seconds under pressure; and
- The fitness to withstand several consecutive days on the water in small power boats, plus unimpaired hearing and unimpaired eyesight (natural or corrected); and
- Within the past four years have umpired in at least eight principal events, one of which shall have been outside the candidate's State.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

YA Race Officials Committee must also consider:

- The candidates protest committee experience; and
- Whether the candidate is expected to further contribute to YA's umpiring programme; and
- Any other information considered relevant, including any evaluations contained in Regatta Reports.

POWER BOAT DRIVING

Except in the case of re-appointments it is expected that the ability to drive small power boats should be demonstrated by the candidate possessing the Australian National Powerboat Handling Certificate TL3 or equivalent. The rescue boat endorsement is strongly recommended.

(TL3 does not fulfill the need for ability to position small power boats in an umpiring environment, as this is a further developed skill.)

APPOINTMENT TERM

The term for a National Umpire is four years. The commencement date is 1st January following the formal appointment by the YA Board.

RE-APPOINTMENTS

An application for re-appointment as a National Umpire must follow the same procedure as that required for a new nomination, except that the written examination is not a requirement.

TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

Regulations provide that YA may terminate an appointment based on a NUSC investigation and recommendation following a report from a MYA, a class association, a YA race official or from any other person or body.

INTERNATIONAL UMPIRES

A person appointed as an International Umpire is ex-officio a National Umpire. A four-year National Umpire term commences from the date of ISAF appointment, which is also 1st January.

When a person ceases to be an International Umpire, an ex-officio National Umpire term is granted for a further period of four years.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS

The suitability of an event to be classified as a “principal event” will be determined by the ROC. As a guideline, the eight principal events necessary for qualification as a National Match Racing Umpire should include:

Two “National” events, which may be

- World Match Racing Championships
- Interdominion Match Racing Championships
- YA recognised Australian Match Racing Championships Grade 3 or higher, and

Six “State” events, which may be

- MYA Match Racing Championships with not less than five competitors
- Major Match Racing Events with not less than five competitors
- A selection series for a National or higher event with not less than five competitors.

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NATIONAL UMPIRES (MATCH & TEAMS) - APPLICATION FORM

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Note: Applicants please print or type all answers and complete all questions prior to submission to your nominating authority.

SURNAME:..... FIRST NAME:

ADDRESS:

State: Postcode:

CONTACT NUMBERS:

Telephone: Home: () Business: ()

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Fax: () Mobile:

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E-mail

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MEMBERSHIP, PRINCIPAL YACHT / SAILING CLUB/s: (indicate dates and positions held)

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1. **DATE OF BIRTH:**

2. **YACHTING EXPERIENCE**

Number of years:

Racing

Participating as

Skipper

Navigator/ Tactician

Crew

3. **List your racing experience over the past two years. (separately identify any match racing):**

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9. List any referees that you believe could be asked to give an independent assessment of your performance at any of your events nominated above:

EVENT	REFEREE
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11. Other experience and qualifications

Have you attended an ISAF or Yachting Australia Match Racing Umpires Seminar?
YES / NO

If "yes" where and when: /
I.S.A.F. / Yachting Australia

Have you passed a written test? YES / NO

If "yes" where and when: /

Have you had any previous terms as a Yachting Australia National Umpire? YES / NO

If "yes" in what years to

13. Are you a National Judge? YES / NO

14. Are you a National Umpire? YES / NO

15. Give any additional information you feel may support your application

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Declaration and Nomination

I

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(full name of applicant)

Hereby certify that the information supplied by me in this application is correct.

Signed Date

I being the
(name) (position)

of the
(Yachting Australia MYA)

Am satisfied that the above applicant meets the Yachting Australia assessment and experience guidelines for appointment as a National Umpire and hereby nominate the applicant for appointment.

Signed Date

Note 1:

A practical assessment report from the MYA must accompany this application.

Note 2:

If the application is not complete or if any item that needs to be enclosed is missing the application will be returned to the applicant.