
From The Jury Desk – The CYA Judges Newsletter

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Season's Greetings

The Judges Sub-Committee wishes all a joyous season.

A new year is about to begin and with it comes change.

ISAF Rule Changes for 2010

Rule Changes

The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) announced that, as a result of actions taken by the ISAF Racing Rules Committee and the ISAF Council during the ISAF Annual Conference, several changes in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 will take effect on 1 January 2010.

Rule 18.2(c) will be changed to prohibit a newly discovered and potentially dangerous tactic that was an unintended consequence of the current wording of this rule. The revised rule will no longer permit a boat to tack just before she reaches a mark and, as a result of her tack, become entitled to mark-room from boats that had been clear ahead of her when they reached the zone. A parallel change in rule B3.1(c) outlaws a similar tactic in a sailboard race.

The definition Obstruction will be changed so that a boat racing will no longer be an obstruction to other boats that are required to give her room or mark-room. This change will simplify the analysis of some situations near a mark in which both rules 18 and 19 apply, and it will not otherwise change the 'game'.

Additions will be made to the definition Party to correct unintended omissions. The revised definition will mean that, whenever redress is requested for a boat by the race committee or considered for a boat by the protest committee, that boat will be a party to the resulting hearing. Also, a race committee that requests redress for a boat will also become a party when its request is heard.

A new rule, C2.12, will be added to the Match Racing Rules. It will prohibit a tactic at the windward mark that the match racing community does not wish to allow.

After the 2009 rulebook was printed, ISAF revised its Advertising Code and, in so doing, eliminated all references to Category A Advertising. References to the Advertising Code in Appendices J, K and L will be changed to make them consistent with the revised Code.

The Judges Program – Revised - Effective January 1, 2010

The CYA Judges Program was first devised and written in the very early 1980's. When first written, very few countries had a program to develop judges. First one of the first is not without its problems. Through the years, there have been some minor changes here and there, mainly in the nomenclature of the four levels and the odd requirement changed. However, in reality, the program has remained unchanged for just over 25 years.

Just over a year ago, the Judges Sub-Committee (our name has changed as well) asked the question: "If we were to develop the judges program today, what would it look like?" We also now had the advantage that other countries had programs and published them on their MNAs website. The programs of GRB, USA, AUS, and NZL were detailed and were compared to our own. The results were interesting. Each program was different in some aspects, but each program had similarities. These were often explained by the political structure, the size of the country and location and relative proximity of the sailing centres within the countries. The end result however was a rewrite of our program using ideas from the established programs

that would work in Canada. Some of the requirements of our original program were kept - some requirements were changed – others were dropped or added.

The result in summary is a more streamlined program. The number of levels has been reduced to three. The name of each level itself gives an idea of the qualifications, experience and capabilities of the judge – Club – Regional – National.

The PSAs (Provincial Sailing Associations) are responsible for certifying the Club Judge. There are two entry methods. One is the normal application process currently in use. The other is one which would allow a person in areas with limited opportunity to gain PC experience to be certified if supported by their club.

There is a requirement to attend a seminar. Normally this would be a rules seminar. However, the Race Management Program requires a race officer to be a certified judge we have allowed a race management seminar to be used as part of the qualifications. A test component has been added.

Certification will not be complete until a copy of the application and confirmation has reached the Judges Sub-Committee.

Certification of a Regional or National Judge is the responsibility of the Judges Sub-Committee. The changes in the requirements are the requirements of seminars, tests in a four-year cycle and a requirement to work some events outside their home region. Some leeway has been granted for CYA title events, World, NAs and national championships if they meet certain conditions.

Better educated with wider experience, the end result should be officials that are better equipped to meet the rising expectations placed on our judges.

Judges, who were certified as a Provincial Judge or a National Judges and the certification is current, will be immediately changed to a Regional Judge for the remainder of their certification.

Judges whose were certified as a Senior National Judge and the certification is current will be immediately changed to a National Judge for the remainder of their certification.

A comparison is provided at the end of the newsletter. The complete program can be found on the CYA website.

Certification Renewals

All CYA Judge Certifications expire on Dec 31 of the four year cycle. The data base of judges held by the office is set to automatically drop anyone whose certification has expired. **Have you checked yours lately?**

Before the next issue I will match the Newsletter to the list of currently certified judges. If you have forgotten to recertify, this will give you about three months to do so.

Race Officials

Have you checked you Member Profile? Are you listed? In order for you to be listed as an available judge on the CYA website, you must respond YES to “**List CYA Certifications (in member's area)**” within your member profile.

Please take a moment to update your Member Profile on our website at www.sailing.ca.

If you require assistance or are not sure of your username and password, please contact admin@sailing.ca.

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You have received this message because you are recognized as a certified judge by the CYA, your MNA, or ISAF.

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From the Jury Desk is also distributed to Provincial Sailing Associations that may want to distribute it to their provincial team members or to their provincial team coach. Coaches, by request, may receive the newsletter directly.

If you have received this message from a colleague or other organization, your e-mail information contained in our database is not current. To receive it directly please reply and provide your address details.

If you have received this message in error or if you prefer not to continue receiving e-mails containing information for the judging community, please reply to this message and request your address be removed from the group list.

Keeping your e-mail address current will allow us to continue to provide updates. Please notify us of any change.

This newsletter may be copied, in whole or in part, or re-distributed providing the source is acknowledged.

If you have a question regarding the Judges Program, RRS, or have information you think should be shared, reply to this e-mail.

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	Certified by PSA Certification Committee		Certified by Judges Sub-Committee			Certified by PSA Certification Committee	Certified by Judges Sub-Committee	
Program / Level	Club	Provincial	National	Senior National		Club	Regional	National
X.1	Member of Member Club	Member of Member Club + Club Judge or Equivalent	Member of Member Club + Provincial Judge or Equivalent	Member of Member Club + National Judge or Equivalent		Member of a Member Club or Organization of an MNA	Member of a Member Club or Organization of an MNA + Club Judge or Equivalent	Member of a Member Club or Organization of an MNA + Regional Judge or Equivalent
X.2.1	Application - Two references required	Application - Three references required	Application - Three references required	Application - Five references required Including Foreign Judges		Application - Two references required OR	Application - Three references required	Application - Five references required
X.2.2	Did not exist	Did not exist	Did not exist	Did not exist		Application Plus Formal letter from Club requesting certification	N/A	N/A
X.3.1	Club Protest Committee Experience	Chair Club Protest Committee + Regional committee experience	Chair Provincial and Regional event Call Kinetics	Chair protest committees for provincial, regional and national event or member of an International Jury Call Kinetics		Club Protest Committee Experience	Chair Protest Committee for Provincial or Regional events Appendix P Experience six events in four years two outside home region Mandatory	Chair Protest Committee for Provincial, Regional, or National events or a member of an International Jury Appendix P Experience Eight events in four years two outside home region Mandatory
X.3.2	Racing experience at club level	Racing experience beyond club level	Encouraged to continue racing - at least at club level	Encouraged to continue racing - at least at club level		Racing experience	Encouraged to continue to participate racing	Encouraged to continue to participate racing
X.3.3	Race Committee experience at club level	Race Committee experience at club level - perhaps chair	Encouraged to continue to participate in race management - at least at club level	Encouraged to continue to participate in race management - at least at club level		Race Committee experience	Encouraged to continue to participate in race management	Encouraged to continue to participate in race management

X.6.1	Certification for four years	Certification for four years	Certification for four years	Certification for four years	Original Certification four years	Original Certification four years	Original Certification four years
X.6.2	Recertification for four years	Recertification for four years	Recertification for four years	Recertification for four years	Deleted	Deleted	Deleted
X.7.1	Four events in four years	Four events in four years	Six events in four years	Eight events in four years	Recertification Events in each year of the previous four years	Recertification - Six events in four years - two outside home region.	Recertification - Eight events in four years - two outside home region.
X.7.2	Reserved	Reserved	Reactivation - special case	Reactivation - special case	If the application is received prior to expiry of current level, current level remains intact until a decision is made.	If the application is received prior to expiry of current level, current level remains intact until a decision is made.	If the application is received prior to expiry of current level, current level remains intact until a decision is made.
X7.3	Did not exist	Did not exist	Did not exist	Did not exist	Reserved	Reactivation - special case	Reactivation - special case
X.8	Appeal to National Judges Committee	Appeal to National Judges Committee	Race Officials Committee	Race Officials Committee	Appeal to National Judges Committee	Appeal to Training and Certification Committee	Appeal to Training and Certification Committee

This summary is for comparison purposes and highlights the main points only. The administration section and some minor points of the program have been omitted. Refer to the CYA Judges Program published on the CYA website for complete details.