

Sail Canada

Committee: Training & Certification Committee	Attendees: W. Nethercote (Chair), A.L. Beal, K. Coleman Nicoll, M. Turner, E.V. Turner, J. Jospe Regrets: Observers: S. Crothers	Date: 2018/09/06 Time: 11AM EDT Location: Conference Call / Webinar
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No.	Agenda Item	Discussion / Action description	Motion / Action
1.0	Call to Order	Meeting opened at 1104 EDT. (Secretarial Note: The scheduled August meeting had been cancelled.)	
2.0	Approval of Minutes	Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 9 July was moved by J. Jospe and seconded by K. Coleman Nicoll. Motion carried without amendment.	
3.0	Matters Arising	<p>3.1 Respect for Sport (S. Crothers): A response to the proposal for sponsorship from a family foundation had not yet been received; the Sail Canada D&O insurer was at maximum exposure at present; S. Case was investigating another potential source.</p> <p>3.2 Rule 69 Advisory Panel (W. Nethercote): The Rule 69 Advisory Panel had been announced in the Judges Newsletter and its role and membership had been added to the Judges web page of the Sail Canada site.</p>	
4.0	Work Plan	<p>4.1 Communications: There was no need seen for a near-term Judges Newsletter.</p> <p>It was proposed and accepted by consensus that future newsletters include acknowledgements of recent certifications or re-certifications.</p> <p>4.2 Certification Standards (W. Nethercote): <u>(a) Definition of PD Activities:</u> US Sailing had provided proprietary materials to the JSC with restrictions on distribution. Evolution of the US Continuing Education system was noted, and especially clarification of standards and procedures for round tables to ensure that judges' experiences were consistent from one event to the next, and met the needs of the Continuing Education program.</p> <p>RYA certification procedures relied on seminars and tests, but preferred developmental conferences for recertification, seeing</p>	

seminars and tests only as a fall-back for recertification. The RYA also had a all-officials professional development program where interaction between disciplines was encouraged.

Australia Sailing also has a professional development program including, among other things, round tables.

The JSC agreed that we should proceed to develop a Canadian PD model employing best practices regardless of origin, but where practical we would align our structure with US Sailing so that Canadian and US judges would have the greatest possible opportunity to take advantage of PD opportunities through 'cross-border shopping.'

(b) Request for Relief from Judging Standard:

TCC had responded quickly to the JSC briefing note with a policy-based response, in part:

Sub-Committees may make variations to certification standards in extenuating circumstances when the candidate has been unable to meet all requirements. The Sub-Committee shall ensure that it:

- *Has examined the candidate's application;*
- *Has obtained references and reviewed the candidate's performance with those references; and*
- *Is comfortable that the candidate is performing at the requested level.*

The variance shall be valid for the calendar year.

The variance shall be recorded in the minutes of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee shall report the variance to the TCC, outlining the reasons for the variance and what actions the Sub-Committee is taking to enable the candidate to complete the requirements.

Candidates should not be required to seek training outside of Canada at their own expense in order to meet Sail Canada's certification requirements.

From TCC Motion

Two Regional Judge certifications were made on this basis, due to the unavailability of a RJ/NJ seminar since 2015.

4.3 Testing (K. Coleman Nicoll and J. Jospe):

a. Continuing Club Judge Test Experience: Three CJ candidates (two new, one renewal) were tested at a seminar during Chester Race Week by K. Colleman Nicoll. All passed, one with a perfect score.

b. Interim RJ/NJ testing via US Sailing: There were no reports of

		<p>further candidates having taken the test.</p> <p>c. <u>RJ/NJ Test Development for October 2018 RJ/NJ Seminar</u>: The Testing Working Group now had a full draft of the RJ/NJ test and were in the process of validating the answers. The test will be ready for the autumn RJ/NJ seminar offerings.</p> <p>Several members noted that the US Advanced Judging Seminar did not now include testing; instead, participants had a one-month window after the seminar to write an on-line test. The JSC members viewed on-line testing as a future goal, although both M. Turner and W. Nethercote noted disappointing take-up when on-line club judge testing was offered. It appeared to them that ‘capture at the seminar’ was a more effective route.</p> <p>4.4 Training Materials:</p> <p>a. <u>Ongoing Experience with Club Judge Seminar Presentation (K. Coleman-Nicoll)</u>: The seminar had been presented to three candidates (one was a renewal) at Chester race Week, with no required amendments arising.</p> <p>b. <u>RJ/NJ Seminar Presentations</u>: (Version 7 of Draft formed basis for discussion)</p> <p>W. Nethercote noted that the PPT presentation was flawed, but suffered from being developed without an adequate ‘policy basis’. Members noted the need for rebalancing content, as well a risk of ‘death-by-PowerPoint’. Inclusion of a section on on-water activities was encouraged. A work plan was established, for on-line development.</p> <p>Action: W. Nethercote and A.L. Beal to collaborate to develop updated, time-budgeted outline based on a two-day seminar agenda, including testing. This would support more rational revision of the seminar.</p> <p>Action: J. Jospe, K. Colman Nicoll and E.V. Turner to further develop the materials relating to Chief judge duties</p> <p>Action: K. Colman Nicoll to develop a module on facts and conclusions</p> <p>Action: W. Nethercote to assemble examples to support Rule2/Rule 69 differentiation</p> <p>4.5 Potential RJ/NJ Seminars: West (Vancouver, November) to follow APC; 6 known candidates Toronto, November Halifax scheduled by Sail Nova Scotia, 3/4 November 2018</p>	<p>Nethercote Beal</p> <p>Jospe Colman Nicoll E.V. Turner</p> <p>Colman Nicoll</p> <p>Nethercote</p>
5.0	Certifications	None Received	.

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6.0	AOB:	None	
7.0	Future Meetings	Tuesday 2 nd October, 2018. 7PM EDT	
8.0	Adjourn	Following a motion by K. Colman Nicoll the JSC meeting adjourned at 12:22 EDT.	