Yachting New Zealand

Criteria for endorsement of International Race Officials

A candidate's initial application to become a World Sailing ("WS") Race Official requires an endorsement from the candidate's Member National Authority (MNA).

Once the endorsement is requested, the MNA has the responsibility to determine if the applicant meets the applicable standards. The MNA endorsement is an important part of the quality control for the appointment of WS officials.

The following are criteria Yachting New Zealand ("YNZ") will consider when deciding whether to endorse an application. The criteria should not be treated as a checklist and it is not exhaustive. If a candidate is marginal in one criteria, they may be expected to be strong in others. Overall, it is a matter of judgment whether the candidate has the qualities required.

A candidate should:

1. Comply with YNZ Regulation 4.4, giving YNZ advanced notice of their intention to apply to become a WS official, so that YNZ has the ability to assess them.
2. Demonstrate the personal characteristics that WS and YNZ expects of a WS race official (including those identified in the WS seminars and publications). All officials should demonstrate judicial temperament in their general behavior.
3. Have agreed to comply with the YNZ Official's Code of Conduct.
4. Demonstrate a level of competence that WS expects of a WS race official.
5. Be sufficiently active in their discipline in New Zealand, unless they reside in another country, in which case they ought to be actively involved there.
6. Demonstrate they can organize and manage other race officials of their discipline at a major regatta – as principal race officer, chairman of a protest committee, chief umpire, chief measurer as the case may be.
7. Demonstrate a sufficient interest and commitment to contribute, on an ongoing basis, to the programs in New Zealand for the development of their discipline and to the responsibilities that WS officials are required from time to time to undertake.