

US SAILING Requirements for ISAF International Race Officer Appointment

Candidates for initial appointment by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as International Race Officers (IROs) with the United States as their country designation must be nominated by US SAILING [see ISAF Regulation 33.5(b)]. The Race Management Committee (RMC) has established procedures for reviewing such applications and making its recommendations to the US SAILING Board of Directors.

Applications for reappointment as IROs may be reviewed by the RMC at ISAF's request.

In order to request nomination by US SAILING for initial appointment as an IRO, an applicant shall:

1. be a US SAILING National Race Officer;
2. send a copy of his completed International Race Officer application to US SAILING;
3. meet all of the requirements for an IRO as described in the ISAF Regulations;
4. submit the names and contact information of three US SAILING certified race officials (judges, umpires or race officers) who have observed his work as a principal race officer within the last four years (see the Note below);
5. have his principal place of residence in the United States;
6. have done a substantial portion of his race management in the United States;
7. accept ISAF's "country" listing as the United States.

Note regarding references/evaluations: US SAILING requires three references/evaluations from US SAILING certified officials who have observed the candidate's work as a principal race officer within the last four years. Two of the three officials must be US SAILING Regional or National Race Officers; the third can be either a US SAILING certified race officer, judge or umpire. ISAF race officials who are providing references to ISAF can be included among the three, as long as they are also US SAILING race officials. Another highly qualified person may be substituted for one of these references, with the prior approval of the RMC Chairman.

Process for requesting US SAILING's nomination for initial certification as an IRO:

- Applications to be considered at the ISAF Annual Meeting (usually in November) and the list of references (see number 4 and the note above) must be sent to the US SAILING Race Administration Director by June 1 (preferably earlier);
- US SAILING will contact each reference and request a detailed, confidential evaluation of the applicant, including a completed US SAILING National Race Officer evaluation;
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the evaluations are provided to US SAILING by July 1;
- Application packages that are completed by July 1 (including all of the required references/evaluations) will be reviewed by the RMC in a closed session, which may be conducted electronically;
- The RMC will consider all of the material it has regarding the applicant, including additional observations and references, either solicited by the RMC or unsolicited;
- The RMC will promptly forward its recommendations to the US SAILING Board of Directors;
- US SAILING will either nominate the applicant, or decline to nominate him, and will forward that information to ISAF in accordance with the deadline established by ISAF.

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