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## 2020 Race Official Certification Renewal Policy

US Sailing recognizes that the postponement of sailing events and training courses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult or impossible for some race officials to meet the requirements for certification renewal.

The Race Administration Committee has adopted this policy to accommodate race officials whose renewals are due in 2020 and are unable to meet the recertification requirements due to postponement or cancellation of events and training.

1. Race officials who can meet the requirements for recertification in 2020 shall follow the normal process and submit their applications in a timely manner.
2. For standard renewals in 2020 the applicant may count events and continuing education units from the five years prior to the date of application. In other words, applications for 2020 renewals may include events and CEUs from 2016-2020. However, tests and courses that were used to qualify for certification in 2016 or 2017 may not be counted again.
3. Officials who are unable to meet the events and training requirements shall:
  - a. Submit a [2020 Request for Extension of Certification](#)
  - b. Submit a [standard application for renewal](#), listing the events and training they have accumulated and noting in the comment box "I request a one-year extension."
4. On receipt of the two forms above, the certifying committee shall grant a one-year extension of certification through December 31, 2021, during which the race official will remain certified.
5. When considering an application for renewal of extended certification in 2021, the committee shall consider events, training courses, tests and continuing education units from the five years previous to the date of the application. In other words, applications for 2021 renewals may include events from 2017-2021. However, tests and courses that were used to qualify for certification in 2016 or 2017 may not be counted again.
6. A race official's US Sailing liability insurance coverage remains in effect provided the official remains certified in at least one discipline.
7. The Race Administration Committee will review and may extend this policy in the future if circumstances warrant.

*Approved by RAC July 22, 2020*

