

US Sailing Empire Certification Requirements

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		UIT Initial Certification	UIT Renewal	RU Initial Certification	RU Renewal	NU Initial Certification	NU Renewal
1	Be a member in good standing of US Sailing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Safesport Certified	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Pass Background Check	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Has participated in an umpire ride along.	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	Attend a Judge seminar or Protest Day or be currently certified as a US Sailing or World Sailing Judge.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Either row (5) or (6)
6	Pass any written Judge examination within the last four years.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Either row (5) or (6)
7	Attend US Sailing or World Sailing Umpire Seminar, waived for currently certified IUs.	N/A	N/A	Yes. RU Level	Yes. RU Level	Yes	Advanced Seminar Only
8	Passed a current US Sailing or World Sailing Umpire examination within the last four years.	N/A	N/A	RU Test >= 80%	RU Test >= 80%	NU Test >=75%	NU Test >=75%
9	Events in the last 4 years on the water umpiring match or team races with US Sailing Umpires and/or World Sailing International Umpires.	N/A	N/A	4	8	8	8
10	Experience in at least two disciplines.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A
11	Two events must World Sailing Grade 3 or above or the equivalent in team or fleet racing.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes
12	Assessments	N/A	N/A	Three, 2 may be from same event, one must be from NU assessor	N/A	Three, from 3 different events and from 3 different NU assessors	N/A
13	Possess and maintain the current version of the RRS, World Sailing Match Race and World Sailing Team Race Call Books, the World Sailing Umpire Manual (Match Race or Team Race), the US Sailing Appeals Book and the World Sailing Case Book.	Completed a review of the following: RRS, Including Appendix C & D, Umpires Manual, Call Book (Team or Match)	Completed a review of the following: RRS, Including Appendix C & D, Umpires Manual, Call Book (Team or Match)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
14	Be willing to serve actively at U.S. events for a four-year term	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	Possess "judicial temperament," have a reputation for mature judgment and have an outstanding reputation for integrity.	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
16	Be above reproach before, during and after an event: mature and temperate; moderate in the use of alcohol; especially careful of medications; and in full control of their faculties.	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Have served as a race official in another capacity.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A
18	Be an active sailor who has had racing experience.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
19	Be a minimum of 18 years old.	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
20	Be willing to and capable of submitting reports via email.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
21	Maintain a current, up-to-date SOARS log of his/her umpiring activity.	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes