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### **CYA Race Officials policy**

The overall goal of this policy is to form a structure that best suits the needs of our sailors and officials. Through this policy, attempt has been made to make race official certification understandable, compatible with the rest of the world (especially the United States) and consistent to help retain, recruit and educate officials.

In the future, there will be provisions for assessment and certification of people with appropriate practical experience as race officers. There will also be energy put towards educating course conductors and/or certified officials who have the experience and desire to teach courses. (Work will be done to develop and bring together templates for courses).

Provincial Sailing Associations (PSAs) certify and re-certify level 1 and 2 race official levels, and report those certified to CYA. Information on certified race officials given to CYA from the PSAs will be updated in the CYA database, and posted on the CYA website.

CYA is responsible for the certification and re-certification of level 3 and 4 race official levels. CYA also plays the role of approving and processing applications from Canadian race officials keen on becoming international race officers. CYA will ensure all senior race official certification levels are kept up to date in the database and on the website.

A race officer must be certified for a minimum of 2 years before being certified at the next senior race official level, although the Certification Committee may waive this minimum time served at its discretion in special circumstances. There will be a 4-year certification period for race officials, expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>. (First term will then be certification year plus 3 years).

Measurers and race officials not listed in chart below (for instance, classifiers for sailors with a disability) are areas which will be developed when CYA has the capability to do so.

Course conductors are not included on the current chart, but will be added when criteria and details are clarified.

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Level	Race Officer	Judge	Umpire	Measurer	Area of Responsibility	Prerequisite*	Administered by
1	Assistant RO	Club Judge	---	---	Assist in arranging / judging local events	Practical experience as sailor	PSA
2	Provincial RO	Provincial Judge	---	Class Measurer	Be RO/Chief Judge in local and regional events	Level 1 certification and course. (Race Officers must also show evidence of mark laying ability)	PSA
3	National RO	National Judge	Canadian Umpire	Canadian Measurer	Be RO/Chief Judge at provincial events, CYA events and smaller international events	Level 2 certification, experience as RO/Chief Judge, and assessment in the field. For Race Officers, Umpires and Judges: theory course. (Race Officers must also show evidence of mark laying ability)	CYA
4	Senior National RO	Senior National Judge	Senior Canadian Umpire	Senior Canadian Umpire	RO/Chief Judge at international and multi class events	Level 3 certification and assessment in the field	CYA
Int.	International RO	International Judge	International Umpire	International Measurer	RO/Chief Judge at main international events	As per ISAF (int. seminar, assessment in the field and MNA recommendation)	ISAF
Course Conductor (CC)	Race Management Course Conductor				Run Assistant RO and Provincial RO Race Management Courses	For Race Management: National Race Officer, minimum 2 years; successful completion of a CYA level 1 and 2 RM Course	CYA