



WSA RACE JUDGE POLICY

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The intention of this policy is to assure a continuous and high level Race Judge education which largely coincides with the ESDRA procedures, in order to facilitate the appointment of the National and International Race Judges and Race Marshals of each organization at their respective events.¹

1) WSA considers 4 level of Race Judges:

- National Race Judges
- WSA certified National Race Judges
- International Race Judges
- International Race Marshals

2) National Race Judges are educated on a National level by any given National Federation. They may officiate at National Race events and may become National Race Marshals according to the federation's regulations. Certification and identification of the national officials will be done according to national procedures.

3) WSA certified National Race Judges will be educated in and according to WSA regulations. Training sessions may be organized by either the WSA or the National Federations. The National Federations may ask WSA for assistance with trainers if they do not have a WSA national or international judge who can do this job. If organized by a National Federation, WSA will be copied on all pertinent paperwork including test results of said training session. WSA will issue Certificates and judge ID cards accordingly.

The training session will be held as a two day seminar. At the end of the seminar the candidates take a written test in the national language and if they pass with a minimum 60% average score they become WSA certified National Race Judges.

4) WSA International Race judges (must have good working knowledge in ENGLISH)

Two possibilities:

a) Participate in a WSA International race judge seminar + two trainee judgments at WSA sanctioned events (Championships or Cup races) under a WSA International Judge or Race Marshal. If proficient, they will become WSA International Race Judges upon reception of the training reports of the officiating judges/Race Marshals.

This training session will be held as a two day seminar. At the end of the seminar the candidates take a written test in English and if they pass with a minimum 60% average score they become WSA certified National Race Judges.

b) National judges with experience and the necessary language skills may be recommended by the national federations or the WSA sports Committee as candidate



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international judges. If the candidature is accepted they shall do the two training races as above and if proficient will become WSA International Race Judges upon reception of the training reports of the officiating judges/Race Marshals. (WSA might also ask that the candidate does a third training race if it is thought this will be needed for experience or further evaluation)

- 5) **WSA International Race Marshals** may be appointed from the WSA pool of experienced International Race Judges by the WSA upon recommendation within the Board, or by the Race Judge Committee, or by any National Federation. Spontaneous applications from interested International Race Judges may also be considered.

WSA International Race Marshals shall have at least three years of experience as official at a number of International WSA sanctioned Championship or Cup races.

6) Re-certification

All WSA officials as per § 3, 4 and 5 above will be automatically maintained in their status each year provided they officiate at minimum one WSA sanctioned event (Cup or Championship) every two years. Should they fail to respect this disposition, they will be asked to confirm their intention to remain a WSA official in that capacity, and if so will be required to take a written recertification examination in order to prove they have maintained their proficiency in their knowledge of the WSA Race Regulations and their application.

¹ Footnote: Points 1-5 where ever it reads WSA it should be assumed to also read: "or ESDRA"
This way harmonization between WSA and ESDRA is assured.