

Hong Kong National Judges Programme

Background

The Hong Kong National Judges Programme provides a framework for individuals wishing to develop their protest committee skills. It is intended that this will not only ensure a supply of properly qualified protest committee members for Hong Kong events, but allow people interested in becoming International Judges to present a qualification which will help them in attending International Juries overseas, and qualifying as IJs.

The programme provides for two levels of qualification.

National Judges, who are qualified to chair protest committees at Hong Kong National events, or major club events. National Judges are also qualified to assess the performance of Club Judges and expected to help in the development of their judging skills

Club Judges, who are qualified to chair protest committees for ordinary Hong Kong club events, and to provide arbitration services when required.

Qualification as a National Judge

To be appointed as an NJ, a candidate should:

- a) Be a member of HKSF
- b) Have completed an ISAF National IJ clinic or IJ seminar, or attended a seminar based on the ISAF IJ seminar package, conducted by a suitably experienced person (such a seminar to be approved by the HKSF J&U committee in advance) or have attended the HKSF National Judge training seminar. Unless judging Rule 42 is included in such a seminar, have attended an HKSF approved seminar on that subject.
- c) The course instructor of the course attended would be required to confirm that the attendee had successfully completed the course.
- d) Pass an approved written test to demonstrate rules knowledge at the required level.
- e) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the course instructor or another IJ that his/her on the water Rule 42 judging is at the level expected from an NJ
- f) Have in the 24 months prior to application sat on protest committees at 8 qualifying events* in Hong Kong during which they heard a minimum of 8 valid protests,
- g) Have sat on at least one International Jury in Hong Kong or overseas which heard at least one valid protest chaired by the candidate and have had their performance in that hearing assessed by the Jury Chairman as being at the level expected of an NJ, or have achieved the passmark for part 2 of the examination following the World Sailing NJ Course.
- h) A person who has passed the written test but not yet obtained the experience required in e) or f) or g) above may be qualified as a Provisional National Judge (PNJ)

Bi-annual renewal

Initial qualification would be for a period of 24 months.

To renew their qualification an NJ would be required to sit on the protest committee for at least 8 qualifying events* during the prior 24 months, during which they heard at least 8 valid protests, including at least one International Jury which heard at least one valid protest chaired by the candidate. They should also have acted as Chairman for at least two of the protest committees they include as qualifying events.

Details of these events, together with a report from the chairman of an International Jury on which they have sat in the year that they have performed at NJ standard must be submitted with the renewal request.

It is the intention of the renewal criteria that a person seeking renewal should be able to demonstrate that they have been active in judging at an adequate level during the year. Based on experience in operating the scheme, the HKSFJ&U committee may modify these criteria in the light of maintaining adequate standards, and of practicality.

Qualification as a Club Judge (CJ)

To be appointed as a CJ, a candidate should:

- a) Be a member of HKSF
- b) Have completed the HKSF Club Judge or National Judge seminar, or an IJ seminar package, conducted by a suitably experienced person. The instructor of the course attended would be required to confirm that the attendee had successfully completed the course.
- c) Have in the 24 months prior to application sat on protest committees at 4 qualifying events* in Hong Kong during which they heard a minimum of 4 valid protests, including at least one national protest committee** in Hong Kong or overseas which heard at least one valid protest which is chaired by the candidate.
- d) Have their performance when sitting on a national protest committee assessed by the Chairman as being of the level expected of a CJ.
- e) A person who has passed the written test but not yet obtained the experience required in c) or d) above may be qualified as a Provisional Club Judge (PCJ)

Bi-annual renewal

Initial qualification would be for a period of 24 months.

To renew their qualification a CJ would be required to sit on the protest committee for at least 4 qualifying events* during the prior 24 months, during which they heard at least 4 valid protests, including at least one national protest committee** in Hong Kong or overseas which heard at least one valid protest which is chaired by the candidate.

They should also have acted as Chairman for at least one other of the protest committees they include as qualifying events.

Details of these events, together with a report from the chairman of a national protest committee on which they have sat in the year confirming that they have performed at CJ standard must be submitted with the renewal request.

It is the intention of the renewal criteria that a person seeking renewal should be able to demonstrate that they have been active in judging at an adequate level during the year. Based on experience in operating the scheme, the HKSF J&U committee may modify these criteria in the light of maintaining adequate standards, and of practicality

**For an event to qualify it must:*

Be organized by an HKSF Member Club or Association

Have issued proper NOR and SIs

Be properly organized, including formal entry and protest procedures

*** National level events include national (class) championships and other major open regattas*