

Australian Youth Championships

Jury Chair – Volunteer Position Description

Outline

Australian Sailing (AS) is the Organising Authority for the Australian Youth Championships.

This is the premier event for youth sailing in Australia, a selection event for Australia's sailors for the World Youth Championships and an exemplar for clubs and classes hosting major sailing events.

Australian youth sailors, their coaches and parents and AS expect the very highest standards of event and race management for these championships.

Approach

Australian Sailing select a club(s) to host the championships.

To ensure consistency and to develop club volunteer skills, Australian Sailing is creating two, fixed term positions for the roles of volunteer Principal Race Officer and Jury Chair.

These appointments will be for three years, commencing from January 2018 with the championships being hosted in QLD.

The event objectives, approach and organisation structure will be the ongoing responsibility of the following three people; AS Event and Regatta manager, Principal Race Officer and Jury Chair. They report to the AS Commercial and Governess.

This appointment maybe appointed play a key role at the VIC and NSW State Youth Championships.

AS shall appoint a selection panel consisting of as a minimum AS Staff and the Chair of National Racing Rules and Officials Committee to consider and make appointments.

Responsibilities

Important Note: This is a leadership and mentoring position. The Jury Chair roles includes fulfilling both normal Jury Chair responsibilities, and, in addition, undertaking skills development of host club and host state officials.

1. Develop the event objectives, approach and organisation structure as part of three person team. Review after each event.
2. Chair a National Jury formed in consultation with AS and the host club. The Jury size should be larger than normal to allow for development opportunities for local officials wanting higher level experience while delivering quality jury services by experienced officials.
3. In conjunction with the host club, form and train the jury services team. This will include a jury secretary and race office staff.

4. Deliver on-water judging, typically with one experienced and one less experienced official, following World Sailing and AS Race Management policies.
5. Deliver on-shore judging including hearings and arbitration following World Sailing and AS Race Management policies.

Operational Arrangements

The following operational arrangements will apply for this position:

1. The appointment is for three championships commencing with the 2018 Australian Youth Championships.
2. AS will provide accommodation for the event. This may include billeting.
3. AS will provide travel to/from the event.
4. The appointee shall receive provision of meals or by either direct reimbursement or an agreed per diem or honorarium generally not exceeding \$50 per day as per the [Officials Expense Reimbursement](#) - KRA Number SPO.12.2014.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for this position are:

1. Demonstrated experience as a Jury Chair or senior jury member at successful, major, relevant sailing events within the past four years.
2. Demonstrated contribution to mentoring and development of judging officials.
3. Demonstrated ability to work co-operatively with PRO, Equipment Inspector, onshore volunteers and AS staff to deliver a quality event.
4. A detailed knowledge of the World Sailing and AS Judge policies, the RRS and AS Prescriptions.
5. A commitment to work with AS to establish this championship as a premier event on the AS calendar.

Qualifications

Certification preferably as an International Judge (IJ), but will consider National Judge (NJ).

Application Process

1. To apply please provide a written email specifically outlining how knowledge, skills and attitude meet the selection criteria.
2. Interviews maybe conducted by face to face or Skype.
3. Applications close by the 10th January 2017.
4. All application to be sent to AS Event and Regatta Manager, lesley.fasala@sailing.org.au