



Criteria for the appointment of CYA Umpires

Levels of CYA Umpires

There are two levels of CYA Umpires. These are "Canadian Umpire" and "Senior Canadian Umpire". The minimum requirements to qualify to these two levels are as follows:

Canadian Umpires

(a) Initial appointment

For their initial appointment as a Canadian Umpire, prospective candidates must within the 4 years up to September 1st of the year of their application have:

- (i) attended a CYA Umpires' Seminar;
- (ii) passed a CYA written umpiring test by attaining the pass mark level for a Canadian Umpire;
- (iii) umpired at a recognised Canadian or US event under the supervision of a Senior Canadian Umpire or International Umpire;
- (iv) been evaluated and recommended by the Senior Canadian Umpire or International Umpire noted in paragraph (iii); and
- (v) been appointed by the CYA Umpires' Committee.

(b) Re-appointment

In the four years prior to re-appointment, Canadian Umpires must:

- (i) have umpired at a minimum of two recognised Canadian and/or International match racing events, of which one must have been in the year prior to the end of their previous term;
- (ii) been recommended by two Senior Canadian Umpires (or by one Senior Canadian Umpire and one International Umpire); and



- (iii) been appointed by the CYA Umpires' Committee.

Senior Canadian Umpires

(a) Initial Appointment

Any Canadian Umpire who has been appointed an ISAF International Umpire will automatically be appointed a Senior Canadian Umpire. Otherwise prospective Senior Canadian Umpires must:

- (a) have acted as an umpire in at least four principal events in the past four years up to September 1st of the year of their application;
- (b) have attended either an ISAF IU Seminar or a CYA Umpiring Seminar in the past four years;
- (c) have passed, by December 31st of the year of their application, either an ISAF IU Seminar written test or a CYA written umpiring test by attaining the pass mark level for a Senior Canadian Umpire. [Completing the test at this pass mark level whilst taking the test for Canadian Umpire meets this requirement.] and, in addition have passed a performance assessment designed to establish that candidates:
 - (i) have an intimate knowledge of the racing rules;
 - (ii) have an ability to apply the relevant rules and make correct decisions within a few seconds under pressure;
 - (iii) have anticipation skills based on an understanding of how boats manoeuvre in match and team racing;
 - (iv) have an ability to drive and position small power boats;
- (d) have the necessary observation skills;
- (e) have language skills required to communicate in English;
 - (i) with other umpires quickly and clearly on the water,



- (ii) with competitors after a match and at debriefings;
- (f) display the temperament and behaviour expected from a umpire;
- (g) be fit and able to withstand several consecutive days on the water in small power boats;
- (h) have unimpaired eyesight and hearing, natural or corrected;

(b) *Re-appointment*

The CYA Umpires' committee must assure itself that Senior Canadian Umpires seeking re-appointment continue to meet the requirements for initial appointment. In particular, on applying for re-appointment, such Senior Canadian Umpires must meet criteria (a) and (b) of the requirements for initial appointment.

(c) *Considerations for appointment or re-appointment*

In addition, before recommending any candidate for nomination or re-appointment as a Senior Canadian Umpire, the CYA Umpires' committee shall consider:

- (a) any comments received through the Umpire Event Report Forms;
- (b) the candidates protest committee experience at match race events;
- (c) such other information as it may consider relevant.

Terms of Office

(a) *Canadian Umpires*

Umpires will initially be appointed for a term of four years and no fees are applicable.

The term will run from the calendar year in which they are appointed to the end of the third calendar year following the year of appointment. For example, the term of a Canadian Umpire, appointed in January 1998, would run until December 31, 2001.



A Canadian Umpire may apply in writing to the CYA to have the appointment extended. This application for re-appointment must be received by the CYA during the period from October to December in the last year of the Canadian Umpire's previous term of appointment.

Subject to meeting the requirements for re-appointment and if approved by the Umpires' Committee, a Canadian Umpire's term may be extended for a subsequent term.

With their letter of application, Canadian Umpires seeking to extend their terms are asked to submit photocopies of the completed pages from their CYA Judge/Umpire log-books (or similar records) detailing the events at which they have umpired in the preceding four years, together with the names of Senior Canadian Umpires who will be able to provide an evaluation of their work and competence.

Canadian Umpires who do not apply in the required October to December period, or who are not approved for re-appointment by the Umpires' Committee, will no longer be classified as Canadian Umpires and their names will be removed from the listing of Umpires in the CYA annual directory.

(b) Senior Canadian Umpires

Senior Canadian Umpires will be appointed for a term of four years and no fees are applicable.

The term will run from the calendar year in which they are appointed to the end of the third calendar year following the year of appointment. For example, the term of a Senior Canadian Umpire, appointed in February 1998, would run until December 31, 2001.

A Senior Canadian Umpire may apply in writing to the CYA to have the appointment extended. This application for re-appointment must be received by the CYA during the period from October to December in the last year of the umpire's term of appointment.

Subject to meeting the requirements for re-appointment and if approved by the Umpires' Committee, a Senior Canadian Umpire's term may be extended for a subsequent term.



With their letter of application, Senior Canadian Umpires seeking to extend their terms are asked to submit photocopies of the completed pages from their CYA Judge/Umpire log-books (or similar records), detailing the events at which they have umpired in the preceding four years.

Senior Canadian Umpires who do not apply in the required October to December period, or who are not approved for re-appointment by the Umpires' Committee, will no longer be classified as Senior Canadian Umpires and their names will be removed from the listing of Umpires in the CYA annual directory.

Evaluation System

The Chief Canadian Umpire at any Canadian event is asked to download the ISAF Umpire Event reporting form from the ISAF site and fill in a form covering each Canadian Umpire at the event using the ISAF evaluation system described on the form to evaluate their performance. The Chief Umpire is asked to return copies of this form to the CYA Umpires' Committee who will consider these forms in evaluating candidates for re-appointment.

Submission of applications for appointment or re-appointment

Candidates for appointment or re-appointment are required to apply in writing, using forms available from the CYA, listing their experience conforming to the requirements set out above.

An Umpires' Committee will review the qualifications of each applicant and will make appointments to the appropriate CYA Umpire level.

The Umpires' Committee presently consists of

Graeme Hayward, Chairman
Andrew Alberti
Alex McAuley
Andy Wardle