



International Rafting Federation

Committee Report (2014-2015)

Judges Committee (sub-com of S&C Com)

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Overview of the committee work in 2014-2015

Presentation

Much of the work is to stay in continuous contact with the IRF BOD and Secretary for all the follow ups concerning judging in international events, comments on new rules proposals, concerns with some rules or federation problems concerning the IRF rules. Constant discussions are also being held with chief officers of the IRF to see how we can upgrade the level of judging in all categories of events. Also when procedures/ protest need to be analyzed the judge committee will do the necessary to help in this matter.

The committee always tries to keep in mind the main goals of judging: helping federations to host rafting events that will classify the level of each team participating in these events. To obtain this we need well prepared judges, all working in the same way and leaving the athletes to run the show!

Work achieved in 2014-2015

Over the regular follow ups with the BOD the judge committee worked on these tasks:

- Proposal of new rules

Many notes were taken during the 2014 WRC concerning the rules. From this a list of rule upgrades, additions and reformatting were proposed to the IRF.

- New Judge workshop book

After the presentation of a first draft in 2013, a final version was done that was used at the 2014 WRC. This document is to be used by the assessors during the new judge workshop. The goal of this document is to help assessors prepare new judges in their future responsibilities. It is also to help so that we have a more uniform way of judging, pushing the ethics side of judging and having judges working the same way even if they have been assessed by different assessors. This is available on the IRF web site and is updated annually.

- Judge's event workbook

This document was first presented in 2012. An updated version was done and used just before the 2014 WRC. Some updates have also been made after the 2014 WRC and the latest version is being use at the 2015 WRC. This workbook is a guideline for the jury, judges and also the organizers. Using the experience of some of the members of the judge committee at different events, this helps everyone implicated in an event to work the same way. From who does what to when meetings should be held with who, this is a great tool for all level of rafting events, available on the IRF web site with annual updates.

- New judge evaluation sheet

A new version of the judge evaluation sheet has been done and is being finalized that will be use at the 2015 WRC.

Future goal (s)

- Most of the future goals of the committee are related to having more/better judges available for international events, better relationships with national federations, frequently updated lists of active judges. All these goals have one big obstacle in common, the fact that judges need to pay most of their expenses to attend a WRC. The invitation to judge at a WRC should be achievement based on a judge's career, a goal in the mind of every judge. Having judges pay personally their travelling makes the reality completely different from what it should be. For years it has been a question of who has the money instead of asking each federation to provide us a list of their top judges that we could invite.

Regards,

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