



Congress 2021

JUDGES' COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair of Judges' Committee Jozef Kytka

In the period from last congress, the committee has worked in the stable line-up of: Jozef Kytka (Slovakia), Amalia Yunita (Indonesia), Eric Boudreau (Canada), Pieter Bekkers (Netherlands), Stan Hajek (Czech Republic), and Goran Lolic (Bosnia-Herzegovina).

The committee focused on the main goal of raising the quality of judging and race organisation.

The actions supporting these main goals:

- Revising and updating the Judge`s Handbook, workbooks and materials for judges' workshops
- Proposing new rules and rules adjustments based on evaluation of the events
- Organise and carry out Judge workshops at events
- Carry out new judge training and exams and issuing IRF judge certificates
- Updating the judge evaluation sheet and using it after each major event
- Collecting judge Log Sheets, proposing a judge list, and selecting judges for major events
- Updating Timing Scoring System Requirements
- Cooperating with race organisers and helping them to prepare the event and improve the technical level of judging
- Handling and responding to the claims of National Rafting Federation concerning their national selection races
- Analysing and preparing the official response to post event protests of national federations and teams

The activities of the Judges Committee were quite different in the last two years. Very small opportunities for real judging did not bring any items for handling, or the need for responding to claims on national and international level or updating the rules.

The Committee focused on preparing materials for judge workshop in the new online form of webinars. A new format of slides for Judge training supported with many video records from real races.

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There were also other actions:

- To extend the validity of Judges certificates until 31.12.2022
- Correction of the rules concerning H2H race Order Round 1-S2
- Explaining the rules concerning one racer in two teams
- Two judges supporting the virtual World Virtual Youth Festival, Bert Kanora and Jasmina Marcok.

Positives:

Judge Committee recorded positive feedbacks after events and the perception of judges in rafting community has improved. Recruiting of new judges is also very positive in sense of quantity and new territory (China, Nepal, and Argentina) and also it is gratifying that many new judges came from racers.

New Webinars materials will support the main goal, raise the quality of judging and race organisation.

Negatives:

The technical level of judging only made small progress..

Small amount of races on national level and not one on level A or B caused lack of practice of judging and also acquisition of new judges.

Improvements that the IRF can make for the future:

IRF has to cooperate with event organisers on technical development of judging. We need to focus our effort to meet the target to have video judges on the level A and B.

Report by Jozek Kytka (Judges' Committee Chair), October 2021