

Race Officials Committee

Regulation 31.14.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

The purpose is to ensure that Race Officials Committee has full discretion to handle challenges with first-time appointment of race officials due to special circumstances.

Proposal

31.14 If a candidate does not meet all the requirements for appointment, the following provisions shall apply:

31.14.1 If a candidate for first appointment due to special circumstances (which cannot be medical in nature) does not meet the requirements ~~for principal events~~, the Race Officials Committee may appoint the candidate for a full four-year term.

31.14.2 If a candidate for re-appointment due to medical or other special circumstances does not meet all the requirements, the Race Officials Committee may:

- (a) re-appoint the candidate for a full four year term ; or
- (b) extend the existing appointment for 12 months.

31.14.3 The Race Officials Committee may publish guidelines for the application of these exceptions, which may include applying them to groups of race officials.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. With requirements for applications needing to be met within a 4-year designated period, the impact of cancelled events due to the covid pandemic has resulted in requirements of seminar attendance, tests and event references falling outside the 4 year period for first time applications.
2. The current regulation prevents the Race Officials Committee applying special circumstances to approve an application if the missing requirement is not lack of principal events.

3. Removal of the 'principal event' requirement provides the Race Officials Committee with full discretion to consider special circumstances for all requirements for a first-time applicant.
4. The current Regulation 31 permits Race Officials Committee under special circumstances to re-appoint a race official even if he does not fully comply with the requirements. There is no limitation to a specific requirement. The change being recommended would provide an equal level of discrepancy for both first time and renewing applications.