



Umpires Committee Term of Reference

Committee Type:	Operating Committee
Purpose:	The purpose of the Umpires Committee is to provide advice to the Row Ontario Board on umpire related policies, to promote umpiring and the umpire program throughout Ontario and through the implementation of the RCA Umpire Licensing Policy and program and other professional development opportunities, standardize and improve the quality of umpiring in Ontario.
Timeline:	As an Operating Committee, the existence of the committee will be determined by the CEO based on need.
Composition:	The Committee shall be composed of ○ A Chairperson ○ Six [6] Member at Large positions ○ The CEO (or delegate) whom is a non-voting ex-officio member. The Chairperson and the Members at Large must meet the following criteria: ○ Registered Umpire, L2 Associate Umpire, or L1 Assistant Umpire with Row Ontario; and ○ Actively participating in umpiring activities. Where practicable, the committee will include ○ An Umpire Clinician, and ○ A certified Chief Umpire. Ideally, there will be representation from each of the four regions in the province (Central, East, North and West) Ontario based members of RCA Umpire Committee may be invited to sit as ex-officio non-voting members.
Term:	All terms will be two [2] year terms and will be staggered so that not all terms of office conclude at the same time. Terms will expire on March 31.
Chairperson:	The Chairperson shall be appointed by the CEO.
Committee positions:	The committee positions are appointed by the Chairperson and the CEO, through an open Expression of Interest process.
Quorum:	Shall be a majority of the committee members present.
Decision Making Progress:	Decisions or recommendations from the committee shall be made by majority vote.
Authority Delegated:	The Committee is an advisory committee and shall make recommendations through the CEO to the Board on policies related to umpiring in Ontario. The Committee will also provide advice and support to the Row Ontario Staff as it relates to the operations of the umpire program, however staff do not report to the Committee.

Reporting:	The Committee reports to the CEO, who will report to the Board on Committee activities and bring forward items requiring Board approval.
Meetings:	The Committee will meet at least quarterly. Additional meetings may be called as required and will be called by the Chairperson & the RO Staff ex-officio member.
Staff support:	The Committee will receive the necessary resources and administrative support from Row Ontario to fulfill their mandate.
Specific Areas of Responsibility:	The Committee as a whole will perform the following key duties: • Review registrations and make recommendations on Umpire licensing and registration policies, procedures and Umpire recruitment • Develop recommendations for Umpire mentorship in collaboration with staff, Chief Umpires and Clinicians • Develop recommendations for Ontario Umpire Training and Development • Nominate umpires to RCA for national regatta juries • Recommend new candidates to the RCA Umpire Committee for FISA umpiring development • Recommend new Chief Umpires to the RCA Umpire Committee • Nominate Ontario Umpires for the RCA Umpire of the Year award • Select the recipient(s) for the annual ROWONTARIO Umpire of the Year awards • Support the staff in the operational delivery of the umpire program in Ontario Provide advice to staff when developing the annual umpire program budget

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