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Jury Support Program- National Regattas:

(The Royal Canadian Henley Program is outlined in a separate document)

The original intent of the program was to provide opportunities for umpires from across the country to serve on National Juries to ensure representation from across the country. It was also the intent of the program **to expose different umpires** each year to the regattas that would allow for a greater number of umpires in Canada to serve on a National Jury.

Problem Statement:

The current process is that the RCA Umpire Committee solicits nominations from each province to select Umpires from across the country for the juries. At present, the number of positions assigned by RCA to fill the Jury is insufficient for the regatta to be run safely and fairly. In addition, only those selected have been provided assistance with travel and accommodation, leaving “local” umpires, in some cases, out of pocket with their expenses.

Proposed Resolution:

The Supported Jury Program will support 15 umpires for the National Rowing Championships (NRC) and Canadian University Rowing Championships (CURC) and 13 for Canadian Masters Championships (CMC). The Chief Umpire for each event shall assign their duties for each day of the regatta. The expenses of any additional umpires that may be used, are the responsibility of the Organizing Committee.

Recommendations for Program Format:

The following recommendations, if accepted, will be implemented for the 2018 National Regattas.

1. The Supported Jury Program for National Regattas will have a maximum of 15 (13 for CMC) umpires selected each year.
2. Level 2 or Level 3 Licensed Umpires who have had their license for at least four years are eligible for consideration.
3. An Umpire may be selected for only one regatta in any given year. Once selected, an umpire may NOT be selected two years in a row for any National Regatta except in the case of the Canada Summer Games.
4. Supported Members of the Jury will be required to arrive at the regatta venue at a time that will allow them to attend the Jury meeting the day prior to the event at a time set by the Chief Umpire. Supported Jury Members will depart Sunday evening. (Those unable to secure travel home Sunday evening, will be expected to travel the Monday following the regatta). Jury members choosing to arrive earlier than the day prior to the regatta or leaving later than the Sunday evening, may do so at their own cost.
5. The Supported Jury members shall work all shifts each day. Where possible, a lunch break will be scheduled by the OC.
6. The Chief Umpire will be selected by the RCA Umpires Committee in consultation with the Organizing Committee and the Provincial Rowing Association where the National Regatta is

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- being hosted. The Chief Umpire will be the 16th Umpire supported by the RCA and will received the same level of support as is provided to the 15 supported members of the Jury.
7. A review of this program will be conducted by the RCA Umpires Committees every three years, in consultation with the Organizing Committees of the National Regattas. The review will be based on the successful implementation of the above recommendations.

The Jury will be comprised as follows:

Out of Province Umpires- A maximum on one (1) Umpire from each Province, except the province where the National Regatta is being hosted, will be eligible for the Supported Jury Program. This does not include the Chief Umpire.

The following are the maximum numbers of out of province Umpires to be selected for the respective National Regattas:

NRC – Six (6) Umpires

CURC- Three (3) Umpires. When CURC is hosted in a province including Ontario, Québec and the Atlantic Provinces, (the East), two (2) umpires will be selected from provinces east of Manitoba and one (1) umpire from provinces west of Ontario. When CURC is hosted in a province including Manitoba to the Pacific (the West), two (2) umpires will be selected from provinces west of Ontario and one (1) from provinces east of Manitoba)

CMC- Three (3) Umpires. When CMC is hosted in the East, two (2) umpires will be selected from provinces east of Manitoba and one (1) umpire from provinces west of Ontario. When CMC is hosted in the west, two (2) umpires will be selected from provinces west of Ontario and one (1) from provinces east of Manitoba)

The support program will include:

- Accommodations for 3 or 4 nights, depending on return destination (based on double occupancy)
- Flight and transportation costs to and from the closest airport to the regatta venue. (All travel shall be booked through RCA and all efforts will be made to coordinate flights to assist with travel to and from the venue.)
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Organizing Committee
- Up to \$30/day expense allowance for dinner, not including alcohol and with original receipts

The balance of the supported Jury will be selected from the Province in which the National Regatta is being hosted. The host province Umpires Committee will prioritize nominations based on

- 1) Ability and experience
- 2) Proximity to the venue.

The following are the minimum numbers of host province based umpires to be selected for the respective National Regatta (the Host Province Umpires Committee will be asked to nominate more than the number below in the case that there is insufficient out of province umpires nominated.)

NRC – Nine (9) umpires

CURC - 12 umpires

CMC - 10 umpires

The umpires will be provided with the following:

Those who reside within 50km one way from the venue,

- Lunch will be provided by the Organizing Committee
- Mileage in accordance with the RCA Travel Policy. (If the jury member must rent a vehicle, vehicle rental will NOT be covered.)

Those who reside outside of 50km one way of the venue,

- Accommodations for 3 or 4 nights, depending on return destination (based on double occupancy)
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Organizing Committee
- Up to \$30/day expense allowance for dinner, not including alcohol and with original receipts
- Mileage in accordance with the RCA Travel Policy. (If the jury member must rent a vehicle, vehicle rental will NOT be covered.)

Host Provinces may choose to use their provincial Travel Policy to support the umpires coming from the Host Province. The support offered for the umpires must be outlined when the host province Umpires Committee requests nominations to serve on a National Jury.