

ROWING CANADA AVIRON
CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT AS
CHIEF UMPIRE and ASSISTANT CHIEF UMPIRE for
NATIONAL REGATTAS and CANADA GAMES – JEUX DU CANADA

POSITION OF CHIEF UMPIRE

To be considered for appointment as a Chief Umpire for a Canadian National Regatta, a nominee must meet the following criteria:

- a. Hold a valid Level 3 Chief Umpire Certification
- b. Have at least 2 experiences in the position of Chief Umpire of a provincial, interprovincial, national and/or regional championship regatta with positive recommendation from the respective Provincial Umpires Committee; one of the experiences to have been within the 2 years previous to the year of the application for the position of Chief Umpire.
- c. Have a strong set of skills in the areas of leadership, communication, decision-making and problem solving.
- d. Be able to participate with the Organizing Committee in the planning and preparation phases of the regatta.
- e. Be available to arrive early the day before the Regatta for a technical visit of the site (traffic rules for training and racing, medical services, marshalling, safety, weigh-ins, doping, control commission...), supervise a test of the equipment and make sure that everything is working according to RCA criteria, review the racing program, meet the members of the OC and solve any outstanding problems or questions.
- f. Be recommended by his/her provincial rowing association
- g. When the regatta is in Quebec, having a minimum knowledge or understanding of French language would be an asset.
- h. Be appointed by the RCA Umpires Committee after consultation with the Organizing Committee of each respective National Regatta.

POSITION OF CHIEF UMPIRE

1) ROYAL CANADIAN HENLEY REGATTA

The Candidate shall:

- Have strong knowledge of the infrastructure of the regatta venue in St. Catharines, Ontario, the site of the RCHR.
- Reside within 100 km 1way of St Catharines and be able to regularly attend meetings of the Canadian Henley Joint Commission.
- Be appointed by the Henley Joint Commission no later than January 1st, and approved by the RCA Umpires Committee no later than January 31st of the regatta year.

2) CANADA GAMES – JEUX DU CANADA

The Candidate shall:

- Have extensive experience in the position of Chief Umpire at a provincial, inter-
 provincial, national and/or regional championship regatta with positive appreciation from each of the Provincial Umpires Committee, and one experience being within 2 years of the year of the application for the position of Chief Umpire for the Canada Games –Jeux du Canada.
- Be recommended by the RCA Umpires Committee no later than May 1st of the year prior to the Canada Games - Jeux du Canada competition year.

POSITION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF UMPIRE

AT ALL CANADIAN NATIONAL REGATTAS

The position of Assistant Chief Umpire is intended to provide an opportunity for umpires who may not be prepared to assume the role of Chief Umpire at a National Regatta and/or needs some additional experience prior to assuming the role of a Chief Umpire.

The Candidate shall:

- Hold a valid Level 3 Chief Umpire Certification.
- Be nominated by his/her Provincial Rowing Association
- Have at least two experiences in the position of Chief Umpire with one experience being within the 2 years before the year of being named to the position of Assistant Chief Umpire of a Canadian National Regatta.
- Be appointed by the RCA Umpires Committee by January 31st of the regatta year.

Serving in the position of Assistant Chief Umpire does not automatically determine that the individual will be named to the position of Chief Umpire of a Canadian National Regatta.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR CHIEF UMPIRE/ASSISTANT CHIEF UMPIRES FOR NRC, CURC, CMC¹:

1. No later than November 15th of each year, the RCA Umpires Committee shall request nominations for Chief Umpires for the National Regattas from the Provincial Rowing Associations where the National Regattas are being hosted in the ensuing regatta year and Assistant Chief Umpires from all provinces, based on the criteria for each event as listed above. Nominations shall close on or before December 15th.
2. Following the close of nominations, the *RCA Subcommittee on Umpire Selection and FISA Matters* shall review the nominations using the following consideration:
 - a. Nominees should have considerable knowledge of and experience at the location of the National Regatta the nominee is being considered for.
 - b. The experience level of the nominee is sufficient to capably undertake the responsibility of the level of the national regatta they are being selected for i.e., a more experienced CU is required for the NRC than for the CMC. This experience level will be demonstrated through the experiences as Chief Umpire that are listed as part of their application to be considered as part of the Chief Umpire/Assistant Chief Umpire pool.
 - c. For the CURC, familiarity with the CURC Playing Regulations and format of the regatta is an asset.
3. No later than January 15 of the regatta year the Umpires Committee shall consult with the Organizing Committee for each of the National Regattas concerning the nominated Chief Umpire and Assistant Chief Umpire. The Organizing Committee has until January 31st to respond and if there are any concerns with the nominee, they shall outline specifically their concerns in writing.
4. Following consultation, the nominations of the Chief Umpires and Assistant Chief Umpires for the national regattas shall be submitted to the RCA Chief Executive Officer for approval.
5. No later than February 28nd, the Umpires Committee shall inform the successful nominees, the OC, and the nominees' provincial association of the appointment.

Approved by the RCA Umpires Committee October 1, 2011

Approved by the RCA Board of Directors November 26, 2011

Various dates for the 2013 selection year amended by Umpires Committee (Oct. 2012)

Various dates for the 2014 selection year amended by Umpires Committee (Oct. 2013)

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¹ **Note:** The Assistant Chief Umpire at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta is to be selected by the Canadian Henley Joint Commission.