



Becoming a National Umpire

Based on the **RowSA Rules of Racing (2020)**, here is the formal process for an individual to become a **National Umpire (National Official)** in South Africa:

1) Initial Accreditation – Intermediate Official

To begin, an individual must meet the following criteria as per **Rule F.1.2**:

- a. Have normal sight and hearing (assistance permitted if required).
- b. Attend a **SAROC-approved officials' training seminar**.
- c. Assist in officiating duties at **several regattas for at least one season**.
- d. Pass the **prescribed written examination**.

Once these steps are completed, the individual is classified as an **Intermediate Official**.

2) Practical Experience and Nomination

After becoming an Intermediate Official, the candidate must:

- a. Complete **at least one additional season** of practical training.
- b. Participate in **not less than 20 hours** of officiating duties during a regatta season.
- c. Be supervised by **National Officials** during this period.

Then, the **provincial officials association or constituent member** may **nominate** the candidate to **SAROC** for **National Official status (Rule F.2.2)**.

3) Accreditation and Maintenance

Once accredited as a **National Official**, the following conditions apply:

- a. Accreditation is **valid for four years (Rule F.2.3)**.
- b. Must perform **at least 20 hours** of officiating duties annually at **RowSA-approved regattas**.
- c. Must attend **at least one SAROC-approved seminar** within the four-year period (Rule F.2.4).
- d. If **major rule changes** occur, attendance at an **update seminar** is mandatory.

4) Renewal and Lapse

If accreditation lapses, the official must:

- a. Attend a **SAROC-approved seminar**.
- b. Demonstrate **current rule knowledge** before renewal (Rule F.2.5).

SAROC may **withdraw accreditation** if the official fails to maintain the required standard (Rule F.2.6).