

WORLD SAILING CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

The Committee welcomed the opportunity to meet in person for the first time at the 2022 annual conference in Abu Dhabi. Over the past year committee members have provided input on an ongoing basis via electronic means.

The Committee has considered and assisted World Sailing in respect of a number of matters, including the following:

1. Advising stakeholders in respect of the Constitution and Regulations generally, including the Board, Committees, CEO and the Office on matters that arise that require the Committee's advice or opinions.
2. Reviewing Constitutions and other documentation in respect of new applications for membership from both Member National Authorities and Class Associations. The urgent membership application from Tonga was considered and a recommendation made to Council at the May 2023 midyear meeting.
3. Conducting the quadrennial review of Council Groups as required under Regulations 2.4 and 2.5 including the distribution and analysis of an MNA questionnaire. A report and recommendations for the consideration of Council are presented for the 2023 Annual Meeting.
4. The Committee is empowered under Regulation 16 to be the sole body responsible for interpreting the World Sailing Constitution and Regulations, including any ancillary documents. No formal requests for interpretation have been received in the past 12 months.
5. Advising submitters in respect of proposed submissions to Council, and reviewing all relevant submissions prior to the 2023 Midyear and Annual meetings.
6. Assisting the Board and the Governance Sub-Committee in respect of proposed regulatory changes by reviewing draft documentation.
7. Providing input to the Board and Office on the correct procedural and constitutional treatment in respect of submission 148-23.

We are grateful for the tireless support of Urvasi Naidoo and Alice Hug of the World Sailing legal team.

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Chairman WS Constitution Committee
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