

WORLD SAILING POLICY REGISTER

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMINISTERING WORLD SAILING CLASS ASSOCIATIONS

1. General

- 1.1 World Class Associations must be administered in accordance with this policy.

2. Governance Requirements

- 2.1 The Class Association must properly administer its affairs and maintain its objectives in accordance with its constitution, Class Rules, its agreement with World Sailing and these Regulations;
- 2.2 Changes to the Class constitution and measurement forms must be submitted for review and comment by World Sailing.
- 2.3 World Sailing approval must be obtained for changes to the Class Rules, one-design specifications and registration schemes (if applicable), unless otherwise stated in the class agreement and ensure that these changes are published and distributed to the members of the class before the amendments come into effect.
- 2.4 The Class Association must use the approved World Sailing Class Association logo in all Class Rules (it may also use the World Sailing Class Association logo in other class publications, advertising or promotions).
- 2.5 The Class Association must use its best efforts to ensure that the national association is affiliated to the relevant Member National Authority.
- 2.6 The Class Association must send an annual report including information required by World Sailing, by 1 February each year. Failure to file a complete annual report shall automatically result in a review of the World Sailing recognition of that class. The information required by World Sailing shall include:
- (a) class representatives, including the technical representative and the members of the technical and/or equipment committee;
 - (b) list of licensed builders (if applicable) and number of boats built;
 - (c) awarded World, and Continental, Champion titles; and
 - (d) a declaration that the class representative is not aware of any incident reportable under the World Sailing Regulations concerning safety reporting (that has not already been reported to World Sailing through the website incident reporting portal).

3. Event Requirements

- 3.1 The Class Association must not permit the organizers to amend, suspend or override the Class Rules in the notice of race or sailing instructions for Class events without the prior approval of World Sailing, a Class event being an event initiated and controlled by the Class/Owners Association without any alteration to the Class Rules.
- 3.2 The Class Association must:

- (a) require that the boat owner(s) and/or the sailor(s), as prescribed by the relevant Class Rules, shall be members of their relevant national class association, if any, before racing, and
 - (b) annually charge, or cause their relevant national class associations to charge, as appropriate, the boat owner(s) and/or the sailor(s) only in accordance with the relevant Class Rules or regulation(s) of that World Sailing Class.
- 3.3 The Class Association must register the dates for next year's major championships (world and continental) by 1 October each year with World Sailing. No alteration in the championship dates are to be allowed after the annual World Sailing meeting without the approval of World Sailing, the host Member National Authority and the class/owners association.
- 3.4 The approval of the Member National Authority governing the proposed venue of its ensuing world championships must be obtained.
- 3.5 The Class Association must appoint an international jury for the world championships (unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing);
- 3.6 The Class Association must appoint an International Measurer to the technical committee for the world championships (unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing);
- 3.7 For Olympic Classes, the Class Association must comply with the following requirements for world or continental championships:
- (a) publish the qualifying rules for the championship not less than one year before the start of the championship (or as stated in the notice of race, event manual or championships rules);
 - (b) agree with the respective MNA on the list of national sailors before completion of the entry process (the international class association shall liaise with the national class association);
 - (c) if the MNA and international class association cannot resolve any dispute through negotiations, either body may refer the matter to the Board which shall make a final decision binding on both bodies;
 - (d) the above procedure applies only to a championship in which entries are restricted and which is not age restricted and has the same gender restrictions as the corresponding Olympic Games event (e.g. not youth, masters or open gender events); and
 - (e) the above procedure is subject to any national laws or regulations.

4. Technical Requirements

- 4.1 The Class Association must ensure that its equipment control procedures properly maintain the objectives of the class rules and must:
- (a) appoint a technical and/or equipment control committee;
 - (b) appoint a technical representative who is a member of the class technical/equipment control committee and authorized to discuss class technical matters with World Sailing; and
 - (c) have at least one World Sailing recognized class International Measurer.
- 4.2 Section 4.1 only applies as follows:

- (a) for new World Sailing Classes, 24 months after designation as a World Sailing Class Association;
- (b) for existing Offshore Classes recognised as such by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and with the approval of the Committee, not before 31 December 2024 (this section ceases on 1 January 2025);
- (c) for all remaining World Sailing Classes, not before 31 December 2023 (this section ceases on 1 January 2024);

4.3 The Class Association must:

- (a) keep all International Measurers approved for the class informed with respect to class rule changes and interpretations;
- (b) organise regular class equipment inspection seminars to train class equipment inspectors with the class International Measurers as instructors; and
- (c) require class International Measurers to measure prototypes of moulded production boats before approval of new moulds.

4.4 When a licensed builder system is adopted, the approval of World Sailing and the relevant Member National Authority must be obtained before appointing licensed builders.

4.5 The Class Association must require that:

- (a) all new boats have paid a class fee to World Sailing in accordance with requirements agreed with World Sailing, such payment to be evidenced by affixing a World Sailing plaque to the boats or such other methods of evidencing the payment as shall be agreed by World Sailing; and
- (b) require that the organizing authority agrees to reject or cancel any entry if such evidence is not provided.

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