

WORLD SAILING POLICY REGISTER

PROCEDURES FOR CHANGING CLASS RULES

1. Procedures

- 1.1 Class Rules must only be changed in accordance with these procedures (unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing)
- 1.2 Before applying to World Sailing for approval, the World Sailing Class Association must first:
 - (a) have approved the changes in accordance with its constitution and its class rules;
 - (b) consult with the Chief Executive Officer who will respond in a timely manner; and
 - (c) in relation to changes to Class Rules addressing changes to manufacturing or building specifications, the Class Association must provide to the Chief Executive Officer a written report including:
 - (i) reasons for the change;
 - (ii) an assessment conducted by a suitably qualified person to justify that the new equipment is robust, fit for purpose and has adequate longevity, disclosing how the equipment has been assessed, number of prototypes tested and by whom;
 - (iii) an assessment of the effect in performance disclosing how the new equipment has been assessed and by whom;
 - (iv) an assessment of the cost and sustainability implications of the change;
 - (v) the intended initial distribution plan, including the minimum number of new equipment items and the date by which they shall become available for purchase ahead of the first event in which the new equipment would be eligible; and
 - (vi) technical details of the new building specifications, measurement plans and agreed production tolerances.
- 1.3 For equipment with a confidential building specification, approval to changes shall be handled by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee (or if he is conflicted, another Sub-committee member appointed by the Chair of the Equipment Committee). The relevant copyright holder or manufacturer applying for approval must provide the report required by section 1.2(c).
- 1.4 For Olympic Classes, further information may be required from the Class Association, copyright holders or manufacturers. Before applying for approval, the relevant party shall consult with the Chief Executive Officer who, in consultation with the Chair of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee (or if he is conflicted, another committee member appointed by the Chair of the Equipment Committee), may set out requirements for the evaluation of the change. Approval may be subject to conditions or for prototypes only.

- 1.5 The Class Association must apply for approval of the changes in writing to the Chief Executive Officer and the application shall include:
 - (a) the changes required;
 - (b) a statement of the reasons for requiring the change;
 - (c) a certificate that the changes have been duly approved by the Class Association; and
 - (d) the date when the changes are to take effect.
- 1.6 If an application is received which does not relate to a modification of the Advertising Code, the Chief Executive Officer must consider it as soon as practicable.
- 1.7 The Chief Executive Officer may, in consultation with the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee, approve or reject the changes using processes determined by the Equipment Rules Sub-committee or return them to the Class Association with comments for revision. However, before rejecting them the Chief Executive Officer shall report back to the Class Association, which is entitled to comment on such views within thirty days of such report. Any such comments shall be considered before a final decision is made.
- 1.8 If an application is rejected, the Class Association may request that the application is referred to the Equipment Rules Sub-committee for further review. If the Equipment Rules Sub-committee rejects the application, the Class Association may require that the application is referred to the Board for review and the Equipment Committee must first make a recommendation to the Board. The Board's decision is final.
- 1.9 Once a change has been approved, World Sailing must notify the Class Association, all Member National Authorities, all International Measurers and all licensed builders. The Class Association must inform its members.
- 1.10 The Chief Executive Officer must present a report of the changes approved each month to the Equipment Rules Sub-committee, and a report to the Equipment Committee on the changes approved since the previous Equipment Committee meeting.
- 1.11 Class Rules must not modify the Advertising Code. In the case of an application for prohibited or limiting advertising in accordance with the Code, the procedure required above shall apply but instead the Board shall take the place of the Chief Executive Officer and the Equipment Rules Sub-committee.

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