

Reviews of World Sailing Class Association Status

Purpose or Objective

World Sailing Class Associations must be regularly reviewed by the Equipment Committee. In the review, the Equipment Committee must establish whether the class association has fulfilled its agreement with World Sailing, properly administering its affairs and maintained the agreed objectives, and whether the original reasons for granting World Sailing Class Association Status still apply.

Proposal

The following classes are reviewed by the Board and recommended to the General Assembly that their status as a World Sailing Class Association be withdrawn.

1. International Windsurfer Class Association
2. International Melges 20 Class Association
3. International Fireball Class Association
4. X-35 International Class Association
5. International Tasar Association
6. International One Design Association
7. International 505 Class Yacht Racing Association
8. International Micro Cupper Class Association
9. International B14 Class Association
10. International Dart 18 Class Association
11. International Kiteboarding Association - Open Class
12. International Melges 32 Class Association
13. International RS500 Class Association

Current Position

The class associations are designated as World Sailing Class Associations.

Reasons

The review of World Sailing Class Associations was conducted under Policy D6, which provides a structured evaluation framework.

Guidance was taken from Policy D1 which, whilst not a document controlling the review, provided clarity around what was expected of a class wishing to be recognised by World Sailing.

Under Policy D6, each class was reviewed based on global distribution, financial obligations, technical compliance, and their governance and administration. Each class

was assessed using a points-based compliance system, where points were assigned based on non-compliance issues. Any class scoring 7 or more points was flagged for review.

A score of 7 points indicated that:

- They have not been fulfilling their agreements with World Sailing, or
- Were not properly administering their affairs or maintaining the agreed objectives, and
- The original conditions in Policy D1 for granting World Sailing Class Association Status are not being met.

Many of the issues stem from improper submission of the annual report and it is expected that once marked for review, many classes will resolve the question of meeting expectations easily. All have already been asked for the information or to finalise agreements.

1.	International Windsurfer Class Association. First placed under review in 2023. The original deadline was end of 2024. Subscriptions unpaid. Plaque fees remain unpaid. Constitution is not approved. Incomplete Manufacturing Specifications. Finalisation and signing of the updated agreement.
2.	International Melges 20 Class Association Annual report not submitted to WS. No evidence of meeting global distribution active racing requirements. Annual subscriptions unpaid. Class agreement requires updating.
3.	International Fireball Class Association Annual report not submitted to WS. No evidence of meeting global distribution active racing requirements. Class agreement requires updating.
4.	X-35 International Class Association Annual report not submitted to WS. No evidence of meeting global distribution active racing requirements. Annual subscriptions unpaid. No World Championships reported.
5.	International Tasar Association Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. World Championship not properly registered. No International Measurer. Class agreement requires updating.
6.	International One Design Association

	Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. World Championship not properly registered. No International Measurer.
7.	International 505 Class Yacht Racing Association Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. World Championship reports not submitted. Annual reports submitted late. Class agreement requires updating.
8.	International Micro Cupper Class Association Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. World Championship reports submitted late. World Championship do not meet participation level requirements.
9.	International B14 Class Association Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. No World Championships reported. No International Measurer. Class agreement requires updating.
10.	International Dart 18 Class Association Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. No International Measurer. Class agreement requires updating.
11.	International Kiteboarding Association - Open Class This class does not actually exist and is not running any events. Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. World Championship not properly registered.
12.	International Melges 32 Class Association Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. No International Measurer. Class agreement requires updating.
13.	International RS500 Class Association Does not comply with global distribution active racing requirements. No International Measurer. Class agreement requires updating.

Policy D6 does not require that a class not meeting the Policy's provisions must be placed under review. Clause 1.3 states that if a Class fails to meet the criteria for review, the Equipment Committee *may* recommend that the Class be reviewed.

Classes that met the points threshold for review but are not included in this recommendation are:

- The Nacra 17, 49er, 49erFX which are not included because of their status of Olympic equipment.

- International Kiteboarding Association- Twin Tip Freestyle which is not included because it operates as a World Sailing Special Event under an agreement between them and Global Kitesports Association.

Using Policy D1 as guidance, it was determined that these classes serve a unique aspect of sailing.

The Sunfish and SB20 Class Associations are already under review with both making progress against requirements.