

Proposal Template: Regulations, Constitution and Policies

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Proposal Number: GA-2025-002



Position:	World Sailing Board
Title of Proposal:	Amendment to Article 51.9 Oceanic & Offshore Committee
Subtitle:	.
Related proposals:	If your Proposal is similar to another, please provide brief details. Optional - helps with cross-checking.

Proposal:

51.9 Oceanic & Offshore Committee: (a) The Chairs of the International Regulations Commission, and Sailor Categorization Commission and Special Regulations Sub-committee are members of the Oceanic & Offshore Committee <i>ex officio</i>

Current position:

as above.

Reasons:

This was an omission the Special Regulations Sub-Committee reports into the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and the Chair should therefore be an ex officio member of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.
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Name of Authorised Person:	Captain Abdur Rehman Arshad
Position:	Chair of the Regional Games Committee
Contact email:	
Title of Proposal:	<i>Para Sailing Committee Member appointment to Regional Games Committee</i>
Subtitle:	<i>Amend Article 51 - Special Appointment to Regional Games Committee</i>
Related proposals:	

Proposal:

To amend Article 51 - Special Appointments of the Constitution to allow the Para Sailing Committee to appoint a member to the Regional Games Committee.

51.XX Regional Games Committee

(a) The Chair of the Para Sailing Committee may, after consultation with their Committee, appoint a member of their Committee, to be a member of the Regional Games Committee and may change that member from time to time.

Current position:

None.

Reasons:

The remit of the Regional Games Committee is to advise and report to Council on Regional Games activity that include both sailing and Para sailing. The Terms of Reference makes specific reference to Para sailing in the following areas:

- (a) the **promotion of the inclusion of para sailing in regional games and regional para games.**
- (b) the **inclusion of sailing and para sailing in regional games and regional para games** to promote the sport of sailing generally throughout the various regions;
- (c) technical and instructional resources of World Sailing to maintain and improve the standard of competitive sailing and the **standards of technical supervision at regional games** to a level that these events could serve as **qualifying events** for the Olympics and **Paralympics**;

For the Regional Games Committee to advise Council on areas of Para sailing in Regional Games, they require to have a member of the Committee with Para sailing expertise to assist the Committee in their work to make recommendations to Council on specific Para Regional Games related issues.

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Proposal Number: GA-2025-004A

Name of Authorised Person:	Chair Kay Rawbone BEM
Position:	Chair of Para Sailing Committee
Contact email:	
Title of Proposal:	Amendment to Para Sailing Committee – Terms of Reference – Classification Sub-Committee
Subtitle:	Addition of the Classifiers Sub-Committee oversight as part of the Remit of the Para Sailing Committee.
Related proposals:	This is linked to the proposals to establish the Classifiers Sub-Committee, as well as the proposal to change the Race Committee Terms of Reference to add the Chair of the Classifiers SubCommittee as an Ex-Officio member.

Proposal:

Terms of Reference – Para Sailing Committee:	
1. Remit	
1.1	The remit of the Committee is to advise and report to Council on: (a) policy for the Para World Sailing Championships and other Para World Sailing events; (b) the development and monitoring of the Para World Sailing Ranking System; (c) liaison, through the Chief Executive Officer, with the International Paralympic Committee; (d) the activities of Paralympic sailors and the administration of the Para World Sailing classification programme; (e) the promotion, assessment and support for programmes for Paralympic sailing run by Member National Authorities; and (f) the criteria and the development of equipment, aids, and adaptations for Para Sailing and Paralympic Sailing formats. (g) <u>The activities of the Classification Sub-Committee and liaison with other committees responsible for any World Sailing Race Official disciplines.</u>

Current position:

Terms of Reference – Race officials Committee:	
Remit	
2.	

- 2.1 The remit of the Committee is to advise and report to Council on:
- (a) policy for the Para World Sailing Championships and other Para World Sailing events;
 - (b) the development and monitoring of the Para World Sailing Ranking System;
 - (c) liaison, through the Chief Executive Officer, with the International Paralympic Committee;
 - (d) the activities of Paralympic sailors and the administration of the Para World Sailing classification programme;
 - (e) the promotion, assessment and support for programmes for Paralympic sailing run by Member National Authorities; and

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- (f) the criteria and the development of equipment, aids, and adaptations for Para Sailing and Paralympic Sailing formats.

Reasons:

The establishment of the Classification Sub-Committee brings World Sailing in line with the International Paralympic Committee's guidelines on good governance, alongside highlighting the key role classifiers play within the sport. The Amendment of these terms of reference aligns the Classification Sub-Committee with its most principal partner, the Para Sailing Committee, whilst allowing for the Race Officials Committee to maintain oversight over appointments and accreditation.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Classification Sub-Committee

NB: Sections in italics are from the Constitution

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Classification Sub-Committee is to ensure the delivery of fair, transparent, and consistent classification for Para Sailing athletes in accordance with the World Sailing Para Classification Rules and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classification Code. The International Classifiers are appointed by World Sailing to support the integrity of classification systems through the development, implementation, and review of classification practices globally.

2. Membership and Appointment.

2.1 *The Sub-committee will consist of the following members appointed under Article 50:*

- (a) *a Chair;*
- (b) *a Vice-Chair; and*
- (c) *up to 8 other members.*

2.2 Classifiers are appointed for a four-year term, in line with other World Sailing Race Officials.

2.3 All appointments must be approved by the Race Officials Committee following recommendations from the PWSC and Executive Office.

2.4 Classifiers must meet all World Sailing requirements for training, experience, and conduct as set out in the Classifier Roles, Qualifications and Competencies document.

3. Remit

3.1 The remit of the Sub-committee is to advise and report to the Para Sailing Committee on:

- (a) The maintenance, revision, and changes to World Sailing's Para Sailing Classification rules, ensuring compliance and consistency with the IPC Classification Code.
- (b) Organising Classification at all World Sailing Para Sailing-sanctioned events, ensuring all classification is carried out in line with World Sailing's Para Sailing Classification Policies.
- (c) Leading on the development and refinement of classification training materials.
- (d) Fostering the development of and mentoring International, National and Regional classifiers to ensure a continuous high standard for the sport of Para Sailing.
- (e) Providing technical input to the Para World Sailing Committee (PWSC) and Executive Office on classification-related matters.

- (f) Maintaining accurate classification documentation and ensuring updates to the Classification Master List.
 - (g) Ensuring athlete classification data is handled confidentially and securely through the outlined processes and procedures managed by the Executive Office.
 - (h) In all matters, to uphold IPC and World Sailing standards of impartiality, integrity, and athlete-centred delivery, raising any areas of concern relating to compliance, ethics or athlete welfare to the Executive Office.
- 3.2 The additional remit of the Sub-committee is to advise and report to the Race Officials Committee on:
- (a) recommendations for appointment of new Classifiers.
 - (b) addressing questions from international race officials in its discipline.

4. Authority

- 4.1 *The role of the Sub-committee is to advise and report to the Para Sailing Committee on matters within its remit. It does not make decisions on behalf of World Sailing except:*
- (a) *as set out in this section 4; or*
 - (b) *or as permitted by the Constitution, Regulations or any minuted decision of the Para Sailing Committee.*

5. Procedures

- 5.1 The Sub-committee must meet at least once per year. *At least one meeting must be in person* but remote attendance by members who cannot attend in person is permitted. *The date and location of any in-person meeting must be approved by the Council* on proposal by the Chair and the Chair must consult with the Sub-committee before making a proposal.
- 5.2 *The Sub-committee may meet around the date of the ordinary annual meeting of the General Assembly, but must not make a recommendation to be considered by another body which is meeting around the date of the same General Assembly (except in exceptional circumstances approved by the Council).*
- 5.3 *Meetings of the Sub-committee are formally convened by the Chief Executive Officer on instruction from the Chair. The Chief Executive Officer must also convene a meeting when instructed by at least one-third of the Sub-committee's members to do so.*
- 5.4 The agenda of meetings of the Sub-committee is set by the Chair in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer. The agenda must include:
- (a) apologies for absence;
 - (b) declarations of conflicts of interest;
 - (c) amendments to the minutes of the last meeting (if any are proposed under section 5.14);
 - (d) any outstanding Proposals assigned to the Sub-committee;

- (e) any items of business supported by at least one-third of the Sub-committee's members; and
 - (f) a review of the Sub-committee's annual work plan and progress made against it.
- 5.5 The agenda and supporting papers of each meeting must be published at least fourteen days before the meeting (unless the Chair decides there is good reason to circulate a paper in a shorter time). The agenda must be published on the World Sailing website.
- 5.6 Sub-committee members must inform the Chair of any potential conflict of interests as required by the World Sailing Conflict of Interests Policy.
- 5.7 *The quorum for a meeting of the Sub-committee is one-third of the total number of members.*
- 5.8 *If the Chair is unavailable, or unable to chair, the Vice-Chair will act as chair. If the Vice-Chair is unavailable, or unable to chair, the members present at the meeting must appoint one of their number to chair.*
- 5.9 *The Sub-committee must allow any representative of a World Sailing Member to attend and observe its meetings, unless the Sub-committee decides to hold a part or all of a meeting in private to discuss matters which are:*
- (a) *confidential;*
 - (b) *legally privileged;*
 - (c) *commercially sensitive; or*
 - (d) *involve matters of personal privacy.*
- The decision to hold a meeting in private should only be taken following consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.
- 5.10 The Sub-committee may decide its own procedure (but must always comply with the Constitution, the Regulations and these terms of reference).
- 5.11 The Chair is responsible for conducting the meeting in a fair and neutral manner and must respect all different points of view. Members must respect the Chair's decisions. As a guide:
- (a) Each member of the Sub-committee should be allowed to speak at least once on any item of business (unless they have a conflict of interest).
 - (b) Debate and discussion should be open and constructive. Remarks must be respectful and not negatively directed to any Sub-committee member or other person present.
 - (c) Remarks must be kept short and relevant to the item of business.
 - (d) Members must not interrupt other members whilst they are speaking.
 - (e) Members should not expect to speak more than once on any item of business.
- 5.12 *Article 62 applies to voting and resolutions of the Sub-committee.* There is no requirement for items of business to be proposed or seconded unless required by the Constitution or Regulations.
- 5.13 Secret ballots should only be held in exceptional circumstances *and then only as permitted by Article 62.1(e).*

- 5.14 Following the meeting, the Chief Executive Officer will prepare the draft minutes for the approval of the chair of the meeting. Once approved, the Chief Executive Officer must circulate them promptly to the Sub-committee. Unless any amendments are proposed within seven days, the minutes are deemed approved. If any amendment is proposed, the chair of the meeting must decide whether to accept or reject the amendment. If the amendment is rejected, its proposer may require the next meeting to consider whether or not to make the amendment. This request must be made within seven days of the rejection being notified.
- 5.15 *The minutes must be published within 14 days of their approval on the World Sailing website unless the Sub-committee decides that, for reasons of confidentiality, legal privilege, commercial sensitivity or personal privacy, a specific part of the minutes is to be redacted. The reason for any redaction must be stated.*
- 5.16 Sub-committee members must not disclose any confidential information they receive without permission of the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer.

6. Reporting

- 6.1 International Classifiers are appointed and overseen by World Sailing, with the following governance structure:
- (a) **Operational Oversight:** World Sailing Executive Office
 - (b) **Strategic Oversight:** Para World Sailing Committee (PWSC)
 - (c) **Race Officials Oversight:** Race Officials Committee
 - (d) **Final Authority:** World Sailing Council
- 6.2 The Chair of Classification shall act as the principal contact between the classifiers and the governance bodies listed above.
- 6.3 The Chair of the Sub-committee shall provide a written report to the Para Sailing Committee after each meeting and attach to it the approved minutes of the meeting.
- 6.4 *The Sub-committee must prepare an annual work plan which is aligned to the World Sailing Strategy. The annual work plan must be approved by Council and be published with the Sub-committee's minutes.*

7. Terms of Reference

- 7.1 Council may amend these terms of reference from time to time and the Sub-committee may propose amendments for Council's consideration.
- 7.2 *The Sub-committee must review these terms of reference at least once every four years with any amendments decided no later than 31 December in the year before nominations open for committee appointments.*
- 7.3 *These terms of reference must be published on the World Sailing website.*

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Name of Authorised Person:	Chair Kay Rawbone BEM
Position:	Chair of Para Sailing Committee
Contact email:	
Title of Proposal:	Amendment to Race Officials Committee – Terms of Reference
Subtitle:	Addition of The Chair of the Classifiers Sub-Committee as an ex officio member of the Committee
Related proposals:	This is linked to the proposal to establish the Classifiers SubCommittee, bringing into line and given the same level of significance as the International Judges, International Measurers, International Umpires and Race Management Sub-Committees

Proposal:

Terms of Reference – Race officials Committee:

2.2 In addition, the following ex officio members of the Committee:

- (a) The Chair of the International Judges Sub-committee
- (b) The Chair of the International Measurers Sub-committee
- (c) The Chair of the International Umpires Sub-committee
- (d) The Chair of the Race Management Sub-committee
- (e) **The Chair of the Classification Sub-committee**

Current position:

Terms of Reference – Race officials Committee:

2.2 In addition, the following ex officio members of the Committee:

- (a) The Chair of the International Judges Sub-committee
- (b) The Chair of the International Measurers Sub-committee
- (c) The Chair of the International Umpires Sub-committee
- (d) The Chair of the Race Management Sub-committee

Reasons:

Following the omission of Classifier representation in the governance restructuring, the establishment of the Chair of the new Classification Sub-committee as an ex officio member of the Race Officials Committee highlights the significant role the classifiers embody within the sport. In particular, this is demonstrative of the International Paralympic Committee guidelines on suggested governance, and cognizant of the central responsibility classifiers have in Para Sailing.

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Name of Authorised Person:	Chair Kay Rawbone BEM
Position:	Chair of Para Sailing Committee
Contact email:	
Title of Proposal:	Amendment to Article 36. Sub Committees
Subtitle:	.Establishment of Classification Sub-Committee
Related proposals:	In conjunction with this proposal is a proposed change to the Race Officials Committee Terms of Reference to add the Chair of the Classifiers Sub-Committee as an ex officio member of the Committee.

Proposal:

36 (e) Classifications Sub-committee, which reports to the Para Sailing Committee, and which is the main body which classifies Para Sailing athletes in accordance with the World Sailing Para Classification Rules and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classification Code.

Current position:

Under the new governance restructuring, the classification group was overlooked. As a result, there is no representation of the International Classifiers in our structure. Currently, the International Classifiers are sitting as a Working Group under the World Sailing Para Committee.

Reasons:

For the purposes of returning to the Paralympics, the IPC have highlighted the need for a sound governance structure for Paralympic sport: Including recognising the significant role of International Classifiers and the impact they have on international competitions and their responsibility within Para Sailing. They are responsible for the maintenance, revision and monitoring of the classification rules for Para Sailing, and our alignment with the Paralympic process.

The establishment of a Classifiers Sub-Committee recognises their significance alongside other

Officials, such as the International Judges, International Measurers, International Umpires and Race Management. The positioning of the Classifiers Sub-Committee under the Para Sailing Committee recognises their importance to sport, and the wider Para Community.

The new Terms of Reference are attached to this proposal.

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Name of Authorised Person:	Matt Allen AM
Position:	Chair Oceanic and Offshore Committee (OOC)
Contact email:	
Title of Proposal:	To have a OOC member on the growth of sailing committee.
Subtitle:	
Related proposals:	N/A

Proposal:

51.7 (c) The Chair of the Oceanic and O6shore Committee may, after consulting with their Committee, appoint a member of their committee to be a member of the Growth of Sailing Committee and may change that member from time to time.

Current position:

Nil

Reasons:

As per 3.3 in the Growth of Sailing Committee's Terms of Reference, the Committee's remit cover advising council on the growth and development of sailing around the World. The Oceanic and O6shore Committee's remit includes the promotion of Oceanic and O6shore racing (Terms of Reference 3.1) which contributes to the wider development of the sport. As such, by adding a representative to the Growth of Sailing Committee, it will facilitate further understanding and alignment of initiatives and challenges to better support the development of the sport.

Submission / Proposal

World Sailing Constitution Constitution Art. 14

A submission from the MNAs of Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Switzerland

Purpose or Objective

Amendment to the limitation of voting / election rights of full Members

Proposal

14. Subscriptions

14.1 Every Member, other than an Honorary Member, must pay an annual subscription to the Federation of such amount as the General Assembly may decide from time to time on the recommendation of the Board.

14.2 The annual subscription is due on the last day of January February in each calendar year (or within 30 60 days if the subscription invoice is sent later).

14.3 The Board may deny or withhold any rights or privileges of membership until a Member's annual subscription and all arrears (if any) are paid.

14.4 From 1 February 2025, a Member National Authority which:

(a) has been a Member for more than two years; and,

(b) did not pay within 30 days of the due date at least 60 days before elections for President or Vice President are held in Article 14.2, its annual subscription for that calendar year and the previous calendar year, all subscriptions due until such date,

is not entitled to vote in any election for President or Vice President at the General Assembly. This rule applies whether or not the arrears are paid prior to the meeting.

Current position

As above

Reasons

1. Under the current provisions of Art. 14.4. Members are deprived from their utmost privilege to elect the President and the Board if they have not paid subscriptions of the current year until January 31 of an election year. The payment is due within 30 days of the invoice date. Such removal of election rights is very harsh measure and should be applied carefully.
2. Smaller MNAs may miss payment on time due to their limited administrative resources even by mistake and should therefore not be penalized.
3. It is a fact even in a modern and digitalized world that money transfer from many countries to others may be a complicated undertaking and is in some instances even restricted under international sanctions. 30 days payment term is under such restrictions or sanctions considered as too short period. 30 days in international trade is considered too short and should be generally extended to 60 days, i.e. February 28 or 60 days within the invoice date.

4. We are of the opinion that waving election rights should only be applied in exceptional cases and therefore propose to simplify matters by applying for all outstanding dues a strict due date closer to elections to be held. Normally, August 31 (60+ days ahead of the AGM) of an election year seems to be a fair and clear payment term.

MNA name: Austrian Sailing Federation - AUT

Date: June 27, 2025

Stefan Glanz-Michaelis / Secretary General

Name / Function



Federation's Stamp

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Name of Authorised Person:	Dr. Balazs Hajdu
Position:	Chair – Governance Committee
Contact email:	
Title of Proposal:	Amendments to Art. 12, 13 and 14 of the Constitution.
Subtitle:	
Related proposals:	

Proposal:**12. Suspension of Membership**

12.1 A Member may be suspended if:

- (a) it has not paid its annual subscription (including all arrears) or any fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary or associated companies;
- (b) it is in breach of any provision of the Constitution or Regulations (or any obligation imposed on it by the Constitution or Regulations);
- (c) it acts in a manner which is contrary to the objects of the Federation; or,
- (d) is subject to one of the actions listed in Article 3.5(c).

12.2 Suspension of Membership may be proposed by any Member, the Board or the Chief Executive Officer. If suspension of Membership is proposed:

- (a) under Article 12.1(a), the Chief Executive Officer must first certify in writing that the debt has been outstanding for more than 30 days following a written demand for payment from the Federation; or,
- (b) under any other Article, the Member must first be notified **by the Board** in writing of the proposal to suspend it ~~by the Board~~, together with reasons, and the Member must be given at least 30 days to respond (or, in cases of urgency, such lesser period as the Board may consider appropriate).

12.3 Any Member whose suspension is proposed has the right to make representations to the General Assembly or the Board (as appropriate) prior to any vote on the matter.

12.4 The General Assembly ~~or the Board~~ may impose conditions on any suspension, including its length and the terms on which it may be reinstated.

12.5 A suspended Member is not entitled to exercise any of the rights or privileges of Membership, nor may it participate in meetings of the Federation.

12.6 The Board ~~may~~shall reinstate a Member within 15 days if:

- (a) it was suspended under Article 12.1(a) and the Chief Executive Officer has certified that all monies owing to the Federation have been paid; or,
- (b) in any other case, the General Assembly authorised the Board to reinstate the Member (subject to any conditions the General Assembly made in its decision).

12.7 In the event of a payment delay under Article 12.1(a), a default interest rate of 5% per annum shall be applied. The default interest rate shall be explicitly stated in the invoice of the subsequent payment obligation of the affected Member and paid by the Member in accordance with that invoice.

13. Cancellation of Membership

13.1 A Member may have its membership cancelled if it:

- (a) has been suspended under Article 12.1(a) for at least 12 months;
- (b) has persistently or repeatedly breached any Article, Regulation or any obligation imposed on it by the Constitution or Regulations;
- (c) acted in a manner which in the opinion of the General Assembly:
 - (i) is contrary to the objects of the Federation; and,
 - (ii) its acts brought, or may have brought, the Federation or the sport of Sailing into serious disrepute;
- (d) is subject to one of the actions listed in Article 3.5(c); or
- (e) has been recommended for cancellation in accordance with the Regulations.

~~13.2 The procedures in Articles 12.2 and 12.3 also apply to cancellation of membership.~~

13.2 If cancellation of Membership is proposed, the Member must first be notified by the Board in writing of the proposal together with reasons, and the Member must be given at least 30 days to respond.

13.3 Any Member whose cancellation is proposed has the right to make representations to the General Assembly prior to any vote on the matter.

13.4 Any Member cancelled under Article 13.1(a) may re-apply for admission but must not be re-admitted until all outstanding subscriptions, fees, dues and other payments due, if any, have been paid in full and the Chief Executive Officer has certified this fact in writing.

14. Subscriptions

14.1 Every Member, other than an Honorary Member, must pay an annual subscription to the Federation of such amount as the General Assembly may decide from time to time on the recommendation of the Board.

14.2 The annual subscription is due on the last day of ~~January~~February in each calendar year (or within ~~30~~ 60 days if the subscription invoice is sent later than the last first day of January of the given calendar year).

~~14.3 The Board may deny or withhold any rights or privileges of membership until a Member's annual subscription and all arrears (if any) are paid.~~

~~14.4 From 1 February 2025, a Member National Authority which:~~

~~(a) has been a Member for more than two years; and,~~

~~(b) did not pay, within 30 days of the due date in Article 14.2, its annual subscription for that calendar year and the previous calendar year,~~

~~is not entitled to vote in any election for President or Vice President at the General Assembly. This rule applies whether or not the arrears are paid prior to the meeting.~~

Current position:

As above.

Reasons:

The proposed amendment to Art. 14.2 makes sure that Members have at least 60 days to pay the annual subscription to the Federation.

By the deprivation of Member's voting right Art. 14.4 automatically imposes a severe penalty even for a single day of late payment, a penalty that persists for two years, without the possibility of rectifying the situation within a reasonable timeframe. Therefore, it raises several concerns:

1. it assumes that Members who are late in making payments simply lack the motivation to pay their dues.
2. it fails to acknowledge that Members may occasionally encounter difficulties, both temporal and structural, that are beyond their control.
3. it does not provide a positive incentive for Members who are automatically penalised to promptly rectify the situation.

According to Art. 12.1 (a) a Member may be suspended if it has not paid its annual subscription (including all arrears) or any fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary or associated companies.

Further provisions in Art. 12 duly describe the details of the suspension process, the Board's discretionary right to review and balance individual cases, the system of advanced warning, the right to remedy as well as the reinstatement procedure.

As regards the Board's right to impose conditions on any suspension including its length and the terms on which it may be reinstated under current Art. 12.4, it is felt that as the General Assembly has the ultimate right to decide on suspension, it is not appropriate for the Board to have a right to impose Board determined conditions to such suspension. Please note that the Board's right to suspend a Member is provisional (please note that according to Art. 3.3 the Board may suspend any Member under Article 12 on a *provisional basis* until the next ordinary annual meeting of the General Assembly).

The amendment proposals to Art. 12 and 13 aim at further clarification of the provisions therein as well as transparency in the procedure.

In summary, the necessary constitutional provisions already exist in the Constitution to handle the matter at hand. Based on that, the Board should develop and implement a consistent approach if a Member has not paid its annual subscription (including all arrears) or any fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation. It is felt that a parallel regulation in Art. 14 in basically the same matter is counter-productive and is not in line with the principle of good governance.

Name of Authorised Person:	Dr. Malav Shroff
Position:	President – Asian Sailing Federation
Contact email:	
Title of Proposal:	To align the definition of Continent and Region to the IOC Charter.
Subtitle:	Following IOC Charter
Related proposals:	

Proposal:

In the Constitution

1) Clause 6 – Continental Associations. The following clauses are to be added:

Continent – Refers to the 5 continents as recognized within World Sailing as per the IOC charter. These continents are:

- 1) Africa
- 2) America
- 3) Asia
- 4) Europe
- 5) Oceania

2) Clause 63 - Definitions

A) Clause 63.1

Definition of Continent to be changed as follows

Continent - means the following continents recognised within World Sailing as per the IOC Charter. These continents are:

- 1) Africa
- 2) America
- 3) Asia
- 4) Europe
- 5) Oceania

B) Clause 63.1

Definition of a Region to be changed as follows

Region - “ regions are informal or formal group of countries which may or may not belong to the same continent “

Current position:

A) “Continent” means the following continents recognised within World Sailing:

- 1) **Africa**
- 2) **Asia**
- 3) **Oceania** 4) **Europe**
- 5) **North America** (including Grenada, Bermuda and the Islands of the Caribbean, but excluding Central America); and
- 6) **Central and South America** (including Mexico), as they are defined by the National Geographic Society in its Atlas of the World.

B) “Region” means a Continent

Reasons:

- 1) The IOC Charter on Page 1 mentions that IOC recognizes 5 continents as depicted in the Olympic symbol of the five interlaced rings that expresses the activity of the Olympic movement and represents the union of the five continents and the meeting of athletes from throughout the world at the Olympic games.
- 2) World Sailing through its constitution/regulations follows national geographic regions.
- 3) But in many places, it alternately uses the term continental associations or regional associations.
- 4) World Sailing follows IOC where there are 5 continental games headed by continental Olympic associations

Continent	IOC recognized continental Olympic association	Continental Games	World Sailing recognized continental association
Africa	African National Olympic Committees (ANOCA)	African Games	African Sailing Confederation (ASCON)
America	Pan American Sports Organization (PASO)	Pan American Games	Pan American Sailing Federation (PASAF)
Asia	Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)	Asian Games	Asian Sailing Federation (ASAF)
Europe	European Olympic Committees (EOC)	European Games	European Sailing Federation (EUROSAF)
Oceania	Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC)	Pacific Games	Oceania Sailing Federation (OSAF)

5) We believe that World Sailing should use a uniform nomenclature across the continents instead of using the terms Continental or Regional etc.

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Name of Authorised Person:	Matt Allen AM
Position:	Chair Oceanic and Offshore Committee (OOC)
Contact email:	
Title of Proposal:	OOC Member to be a member of Racing Rules Committee
Subtitle:	
Related proposals:	N/A

Proposal:

51.12 (b) The Chair of the Oceanic and O7shore Committee may, after consulting with their committee, appoint a member of their committee to be a member of the Racing Rules Committee and may change that member from time to time.

Current position:

There is no provision

Reasons:

The Terms of Reference for the Racing Rules Committee's includes the formulation, revision and approval of the Racing Rules as well as continued improvement of rule observance. Highlighted in Navigating O7shore 2025-2028 – World Sailing's plan to support o7shore sailing, the o7shore community is facing many challenges posed by modern design and technology, in particular how they are regulated and their interactions with the Racing Rules of Sailing for example: Stacking / Moveable Ballast – RRS 51 and Outside Assistance – RRS 41. The rules are often changed outside the

existing Regulations to meet the needs of Classes / OAs given the nature of o7shore racing. By adding an Oceanic and O7shore Committee representative it will provide the Racing Rules Committee expertise in the challenges posed by modern technology from an o7shore perspective.