

Obtaining designation as a World Sailing Class Association

[Regulation 10]

A submission from the Equipment Committee Chair

Purpose or Objective

The proposed changes have been identified by the relevant committees and staff as required to clarify the application process for new classes.

Proposal 1

10.2.1 In order to be so designated a class must be able to meet the following criteria, detailed in an application to the Chief Executive Officer **before 1 August**, for consideration by Council at the next scheduled **Annual World Sailing** meeting,

(...)

Proposal 2

10.2.1 In order to be so designated a class must be able to meet the following criteria, detailed in an application to the Chief Executive Officer, for consideration by Council at the next scheduled meeting,

(...)

- (d) demonstrated, either by confirmation from the requisite number of Member National Authorities set out below or a list of registered boat owners, that **the class/owners association** is 'actively racing' **at events where the class rules apply** with at least the following global distribution:

Proposal 3

10.2.1 In order to be so designated a class must be able to meet the following criteria, detailed in an application to the Chief Executive Officer, for consideration by Council at the next scheduled meeting,

(...)

- (h) **provide the Executive Office with the relevant building specifications, measurement protocols, or equipment registration scheme details, that form part or complement the class rules.**

Proposal 4

10.2.1 In order to be so designated a class must be able to meet the following criteria, detailed in an application to the Chief Executive Officer, for consideration by Council at the next scheduled meeting,

(...)

- (i) **state in the application, the dates for each intended world and continental championship titles for the following year. This shall serve as the notification required by regulation 25.2.1.**

Proposal 5

- 10.2.1 In order to be so designated a class must be able to meet the following criteria, detailed in an application to the Chief Executive Officer, for consideration by Council at the next scheduled meeting,

(...)

- (i) Upon request of the Executive Office, classes shall provide further details to evaluate compliance with the criteria.**

Proposal 6

- 10.3 There shall be an executed agreement **to become effective upon designation as World Sailing Class Association** between World Sailing Limited, the class/owners association and where relevant the trade mark, trade Name and the copyright owner **before being recommended by the relevant committee for designation**. This agreement shall include at a minimum the following matters:
- (a) define, if any, the ownership of the copyright, trade name and trade mark and establish the rights granted and the responsibilities, obligations and restrictions that apply to the use of such rights generally and among the parties to the agreement;
 - (b) where a licensed builder system is to be adopted, establish the procedure for granting licences and the control of the licensed builders;
 - (c) agree on the amount of the World Sailing fee for each boat which is based on 0.4% on the first £20,000 then 0.2% on the next £70,000 and 0.1% on the amount above £90,000 of the average retail price of a complete new boat without sails as a guideline for negotiation;
 - (d) define the method of issuing and using World Sailing plaques, if any, sail numbers, measurement forms, measurement certificates, changes to class rules and any other documentation affecting the ownership and the use of the boat; and
 - (e) provide that the Class organization and members of the class shall act in accordance with the World Sailing Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons to Proposal 1:

1. There is no application deadline defined in the regulations although the submission deadline has been traditionally applied.
2. New class applications are considered only at the annual meetings with only those explicitly deferred to mid-year meeting being considered then.
3. Introduces a timeframe that represents the current process and serves to guide interested class applicants.

Reasons to Proposal 2:

1. World Sailing Class Status as stated in regulation 10.1 is for *Classes which offer a high standard of international competitive sailing and satisfy the respective criteria...* as such, Classes applying for designation of World Sailing Class Association are expected to have a track record of international events by the time they apply for status.
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2. The requirement in regulation 10.2.1(d) should not be misunderstood with just having “equipment available” in a country, or misunderstood to be satisfied by justifying that equipment is being used/raced at events organised by other Class Associations.
3. To clarify the meaning of ‘actively racing’ for the purpose of this regulation.
4. Regulation 10.2.1.(e) includes a way for Council to waive this requirement when considering a class which serves a unique aspect of sailing.

Reasons to Proposal 3:

1. Understanding how a class manages equipment is relevant to the Equipment Committee when evaluating applications. In some cases, class rules refer to building specifications or schemes that are not detailed at the time of the application. Class agreements might require these to be provided to World Sailing, however these must be in place and considered at the time of the application.

Reasons to Proposal 4:

2. Regulation 25.2.1 requires Classes to notify the dates for their next World Championship prior to August 1. Classes that have obtained recognition as World Sailing Classes cannot comply with the requirement on their first year. The proposal provides a method to comply and to notify the Executive Office, drawing their attention to the requirement and allowing the Equipment Committee to consider the intended plans of the class.

Reasons to Proposal 5:

1. Intended to clarify that when requested by the Office, further information shall be provided and may be accepted after the application deadline.

Reasons to Proposal 6:

2. When Council has voted to approve a Class for designation as a World Sailing Class Status it has done so subject to contract. Ideally, the agreements shall be redacted, and the information required by regulation 10.3 made available if considered relevant to the Equipment Committee and Council before considering applications.
 3. The agreements shall be effective subject to obtaining designation as World Sailing Class Association.
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