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Word	Meaning
Authority, National	National Authority as defined in Article 1.1.
Authority, Organizing	Organizing Authority as specified in RRS 89.1
Boat	Where the context so admits, 'boat' shall include sailboard, windsurfer, kiteboard and other sailing device.
Class	A Class of boat includes boats which conform to a physical specification intended to allow competitive racing among their Class under the Racing Rules of Sailing. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Classes include boats with one-design, restricted, and developmental specifications as these terms are applied generally.
Class, National	A National Class for the purposes of this Regulation is a class where the National Authority has substantial authority in the direction or management of the Class.
Class Association, World Sailing	World Sailing Class Association designated in accordance with Regulation 10.2.
Class/Owner's Association	A Class/Owners Association is an organization as defined in regulation 10.2.1(b).
Class Rules	Class Rules are rules as defined in <i>The Equipment Rules of Sailing</i> .
Class, World Sailing Classic	World Sailing Classic Classes as defined in Regulation 11.1
Competitor	In addition to its natural meaning, a competitor in respect of any boat shall include any person who has the right to use the boat as owner or by charter, loan or otherwise.
Continents	Africa; Asia; Oceania; Europe; North America (including Grenada, Bermuda and the Islands of the Caribbean but excluding Central America) and the Islands of the Caribbean; Central and South America (including Mexico) <i>All as defined by the National Geographic Society in its Atlas of the World</i>
Country	Except in respect of references to Race Officials, for the purposes of these regulations and <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> the country of a person shall be the area of jurisdiction of the member national authority of that person's principal residence. For references to Race Officials, refer to Regulation 33.
Events, Class	A Class Event is an event as defined in Regulation 10.5(f).
Events, Graded	A World Sailing Graded Event is an event approved as such by World Sailing in accordance with Regulation 27 and included in the World Sailing calendar of events.
Events, International	An International Event is an event open to entries other than those from the national authority of the venue or any event organized in more than one country.
Events, World Sailing	World Sailing Events are as designated by Regulation 24.
Events, Major	Major Events are those designated by Regulation 25.8.12(a)
Events, National	A National Event is an event that is open only to the entries from the national authority of the venue.
Events, Recognized	Recognized Events are those designated by Regulation 25.8.17(b)
Group	A Group consists of the nations constituted as such under Article 40(a) and Schedule A of the Articles

World Sailing Race Officials	For the purposes of these Regulations a World Sailing Race Official is a Race Official appointed by World Sailing pursuant to Regulations 31 and Regulation 25.8
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World Sailing Representative	For the purposes of these Regulations a World Sailing Representative is a person who is elected, appointed or requested to act on behalf of World Sailing in any capacity. Specifically excluded are the World Sailing Officers of Honour.
Media Rights	Media Rights, as they apply to Regulation 25 are defined in Regulation 25.11.
Member	Other than a Full Member, as defined in Article 1.1.
Member, Full	As defined in Article 1.1.
Notice	Any communication sent to World Sailing addressed to and sent in the manner set out in World Sailing Regulation 15.2.
Oceanic	For the purposes of these Regulations, Oceanic is 'Any offshore race over 800 miles'.
Offshore Racing	Racing in any boats capable of complying with the requirements of Category 4 of the Offshore Special Regulations.
Rating or Handicap Systems and Class Associations	Groups with a supporting management and Owners Associations.
Racing Rules and RRS	The rules in the current document called <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> ("RRS"), and any additional appendices and sets of development rules published by World Sailing and made under Regulation 28.
Regulations	As defined in Section 1 of the Articles.
Submission	A Submission is a request for Council to take action in the form and manner and at the times set out in Regulation 15.

Words that are defined in the World Sailing Articles have the same meaning in the Regulations

SECTION 1 - ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNAL GOVERNANCE**PART I - Membership and Council****1. WORLD SAILING MEMBERSHIP – FULL, ASSOCIATE AND CONTINENTAL**

1.1 An applicant for membership shall apply by completing the application form and questionnaire supplied by World Sailing in a suitably complete manner with all supplementary documents.

1.2 The applicant shall pay the required subscription (subject to any remission sanctioned by World Sailing).

Where there is only one Applicant for Membership that is an existing National Organization representing sailors (Case 1)

1.3 Where there is only one applicant for membership pursuant to Article 5.1 that is, an existing National Organization representing Sailors, the applicant organization shall meet all of the following criteria:

The applicant:

- (a) shall be organized on a national basis and capable of exercising its mandate wherever there is significant sailing activity;
- (b) shall be recognized by the National Sports Authority if there is one, whether it be government sponsored or not;
- (c) shall be recognized, either at the time of the application or within three months of becoming a World Sailing Member, by the National Olympic Committee if there is one;
- (d) represents officially through membership or affiliation, a significant majority of the yacht or sailing clubs and other sailing organizations of the country;
- (e) while not mandatory, it is expected that an applicant National Authority shall be a member of regional sailing organizations for which it is eligible;
- (f) while not mandatory, participation in international racing is desirable and encouraged.

Challenging the Eligibility for Membership of a National Authority who is applying for Membership (Case 2)

1.4 Where an organization claiming to be exercising the authority to regulate and manage the sport of sailing in one country is seeking membership in the Federation or in the case of two or more such organizations seeking membership in respect of the same country, before the membership of any of such applicant is accepted by the Council:

- (a) if the Notices calling a pending meeting the Council have been mailed, the Council; or
- (b) if such Notices have not been mailed, the Board shall determine whether there is a valid competition between organizations to become a Full Member for that country. The purpose of such determination is to ensure that only organizations having a valid claim to being a National Authority are given status as parties to the determination of competing applications.

1.5 The Board or the Council, whichever has the carriage of the matter, shall direct the applicants to meet the criteria of being a National Authority. The Chief Executive Officer on the completion of his information gathering shall report to the Board or to the Council as the case may be his opinion as to which, if any, of the organizations are qualified as applicants. The Board or the Council shall examine the material collected

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by the Chief Executive Officer and shall make a determination as to which applicants shall be determined to be Applicants with status in the process of determining the organization, if any, that shall be accepted as a Full Member representing the Country in question.

- 1.6 Once the number of Applicants has been determined, if there is only one Applicant it shall proceed as in the case of an uncontested application for Full Membership under Article 5.1 and Regulation 1.3.
- 1.7 If there is more than one Applicant the process is a Contested Application and the procedure set forth in Regulations 1.30 to 1.40 shall be followed with such changes as are necessary to suit the case. In particular, an Applicant's submission shall be in two parts: (a) an application to become a Full Member, and (b) a submission challenging any or all of the other Applicant's submissions. For the purposes of the procedure in Regulations 1.30 to 1.40, part (b) of each Applicant's submission shall be treated as a submission challenging the other Applicant's part (a) submission pursuant to Regulation 1.31.
- 1.7.1 In determining a Contested Application the Applicant parties, and any official or body of the World Sailing considering Applications or any material arising there from shall consider the criteria set forth in 1.8 and 1.9.

Cases where there is either no Established National Organization meeting the above criteria or where there is a Contested Application (Case 3)

- 1.8 The suggestions in this section will comprise the criteria for all other cases. These will principally be:
 - (a) cases where there is not a National Authority covering the nation (such as a Club or an organization or one or more clubs who organize racing for themselves or others);
 - (b) where there are competing bodies claiming jurisdiction over sailing in general or particular kinds of sailing;
 - (c) cases where government authority have attempted or succeeded in forcing sailors into a government-sponsored organization but where there are independent organizations of sailors existing.
- 1.9 In general it will not be possible to require all of the criteria necessary in Case 1 for cases in Case 2. The overriding principle will be to choose the organization which represents the most sailors, or the most active sailors, and can best provide the services expected of a Member National Authority. It will be of paramount concern that the organization is organized to provide adequate representation of the club or sailor members:
 - (a) In Case 3 described in 1.8(a) and 1.8(b), it is assumed there will be one or more competently organized sailing organizations in the nation. It will be necessary to balance the degree of representation of sailing activity and the capability to provide adequate services in deciding what organization should be recognized. It should be recognized that in some situations World Sailing should encourage a reorganization of sailing within a country and that no membership should be accepted until a reasonable solution is found. It should also be recognized that separate organizations which govern only one aspect of sailing can apply for affiliate membership without being the Member National Authority;
 - (b) Recognition by the National Sports Authority will be a major positive criteria for acceptance as a member but not absolutely mandatory;

- (c) Recognition by the International Olympic Committee will also be a major positive criteria for acceptance and, except in unusual cases (such as inability to afford contesting in the Olympics), would be mandatory;
- (d) Criteria 1.3(e) and 1.3(f) of Case 1 would be less important in Cases 1.8(a) and 1.8(b);
- (e) Cases described in 1.8(c) are probably not capable of having specific mandatory criteria applied in advance. The criteria in Cases 1.3(a) to (f) and 1.10 would need to be considered. While great consideration should be given to a body which is recognized by either the national sports organization and/or the International Olympic Committee, it should be recognized that this alone is not necessarily sufficient. It should be recognized that where there is existing conflict between organizations purporting to represent sailors as a national authority, World Sailing may wish to make suggestions to allow a membership to be accepted.

Specific Requirements (applies to all applications under Regulations 1.3-1.9 inclusive)

- 1.10. In addition to the criteria set out in Regulations 1.3 to 1.7.1, an applicant shall have a Constitution which has been passed by a majority of the members at a meeting duly called for that purpose. The Constitution shall provide, among other things, for:
 - (a) reasonable representation of all sailing bodies which are members. Without limiting the foregoing, members shall include yacht and sailing clubs, multi-sport clubs which provide sailing, class associations, specialized sailing and sailing associations; and
 - (b) at least one annual meeting of members for which notice is provided of the meeting and the business to be conducted at the meeting;
- 1.10.1 However, where the circumstances in the country concerned are such that the provisions of paragraph 1.10.(a) are not practical, World Sailing shall be satisfied that such other arrangements have been made that represent the best interests of every class of members referred to in it. Where practical to do so, the Constitution or documents witnessing such other arrangement shall be approved by the members at a meeting duly called for that purpose.
- 1.11 The constitution or the document witnessing such other arrangements shall be approved by the Constitution Committee and referred to the Board for its approval and then to the Council for final approval.
- 1.12 Where the Constitution Committee considers that the applicant's constitution or other document does not meet either the requirements of Regulations 1.10(a) or 1.10(b) or where the Board or Council considers that for any other valid reason the applicant does not meet the requirements for full membership, the Board may recommend to the applicant that it becomes an Associate Member of World Sailing, in which case World Sailing shall provide the applicant with such advice and assistance as will enable it to apply for full membership in due course.

MNA autonomy and independence

- 1.13 Member National Authorities must comply with the following obligations:
 - (a) manage their internal affairs independently and ensure that no third party (whether state, government or private) interferes with their operations (however a Member National Authority may accept an appropriate level of control over its financial affairs in order to meet any conditions imposed on financial grants or allowances paid to it, provided that such control does not extend to interference in the Member National Authority's strategy or operations);

- (b) remain autonomous and resist any political, religious or financial pressure that may infringe on their obligations to observe the World Sailing Constitution and Regulations;
- (c) report any interference (or attempted interference) to the Chief Executive Officer as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (d) make provision for an election or internal appointment system that ensures complete independence of the Member National Authority from state, government or other public authority interference (provided that a Member National Authority may, in its discretion, elect representatives from those authorities); and
- (e) not permit state, government or other public authorities to appoint members of the executive board (or equivalent) of the Member National Authority (provided that the Member National Authority may, in its discretion, permit a limited number of non-voting positions on such board to external representatives).

1.14 A Member National Authority may apply to the Chief Executive Officer for exemption from an obligation in Regulation 1.13. The Chief Executive Officer shall investigate the circumstances of the application and make a recommendation to the Board. The Board may then exempt a Member National Authority from an obligation in Regulation 1.13 provided that it is satisfied that the principles of autonomy, independence and freedom from government interference remain in place for the Member National Authority in question. The Board may impose conditions on its approval and may withdraw its approval at any time.

1.15 If, upon proper inquiry, the Board concludes that a Member National Authority is in breach of its obligations under Regulation 1.13, it may:

- (a) issue a formal warning to the Member National Authority and require it to take such measures as are necessary to comply with its obligations within a certain period of time; and/or
- (b) not recognize the decisions made by the Member National Authority or any elections or appointments made by it; and/or
- (c) suspend the Member National Authority and report the suspension to Council at its next meeting for ratification; and/or
- (d) recommend to Council that the Member National Authority's membership be cancelled under Article 15.4.

Associate Membership

1.16 Associate Membership is available to territorial entities that meet the criteria in Article 4 and are approved under Article 5.1. Subject to the Articles, the following criteria shall be used when determining applications for Associate Membership:

- (a) the territory in question is an integral part of, or has some dependent (e.g. colonial relationship) with a parent state;
- (b) the territory is geographically separated from that parent state by the sea, without bordering, or being in close proximity to, it or its coastal waters;
- (c) the applicant National Authority has autonomous governance of the sport of Sailing in the territory; and
- (d) the Member National Authority of the parent state has granted its consent to the application.

1.17 Associate Members will receive different benefits to World Sailing Full Members, and should focus on the development of sailing within their immediate territorial waters. Associate Members shall be entitled to:

- (a) hold World Sailing Training Programmes (i.e. Race Officials, Learn-To-Sail Training Programmes);
- (b) receive specified World Sailing publications;
- (c) receive World Sailing mailings and circulars;
- (d) participate in World Sailing Events, world and continental championships, and Regional Games, with the approval of the Council;
- (e) attend open meetings of the General Assembly and the World Sailing Annual and Mid-Year Meetings as an observer.

1.18 Associate Members shall not be entitled to:

- (a) any services or information from World Sailing, apart from those detailed above, or as publicly available on the World Sailing website;
- (b) make submissions to World Sailing;
- (c) appoint Council Members;
- (d) nominate individuals for the position of President or Vice-President, or committees;
- (e) be represented at the General Assembly;
- (f) participate in the Olympic Sailing Competition;
- (g) supply services on a commercial basis except within their territory it represents and its own territorial waters.

1.19 Associate Members shall pay an annual subscription as determined by the Board, and every three years their membership shall be reviewed by the Board and shall continue only if it is satisfied that they still qualify for Associate Membership and have not abused their rights as such a member:

1.20 Application for Associate Member status shall be made to the Chief Executive Officer who shall place it before the Council. The Council shall take into consideration the status of the sport in the country and of the constitution of the National Authority making the application.

1.21 The membership of an Associate Member which has failed to pay its subscription for a period of at least three calendar months after the date due and which has failed to comply with its or his membership obligations in a material respect for a period of 30 days after being given notice thereof by the Board and required to remedy such failure shall be suspended until the next ordinary meeting of Council. At that meeting Council may reinstate, cancel or continue the suspension of membership on the recommendation of the Board.

Continental Associations

1.22 Continental Associations may apply to World Sailing for affiliate membership. On applying, it shall satisfy World Sailing that it complies with the following criteria:

- (a) that it represents a Continent;
- (b) that at least two-thirds of the Member National Authorities existing in the Continent it represents are members;
- (c) that its objects include:
 - (i) the promotion of the sport of sailing in its area of influence;
 - (ii) the co-ordination, together with local member national authorities of the competition calendars to avoid clash of dates of competitions;

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- (iii) the establishment of the basis for development and promotion of classes, which are popular in its territorial area, though not recognized by World Sailing;
- (iv) the promotion of race officials' education and the encouragement of exchanges of race officials between countries in its area; and
- (v) the co-ordination of competition activities with the Member National Authorities and the regional sports organizations within their regions which are responsible for organizing sports events in their region.

(d) that its constitution has been passed by a majority of members at a meeting duly called for that purpose. The constitution shall provide, amongst other things, for:

- (i) reasonable representation of all Member National Authorities that are members;
- (ii) at least one annual general meeting each year; and
- (iii) the election of officers.

(e) that the constitution has been approved by the Constitution Committee and referred to the Board for their approval and finally to the Council for final approval.

1.23 Applications for Continental Affiliate Membership shall be made to the Chief Executive Officer who shall place it before the Board who will make a recommendation to Council.

1.24 Continental Affiliate Members shall pay an annual subscription of such sum as shall be designated by Board from time to time.

1.25 The Board may suspend the membership of a Member National Authority, a Continental Affiliate Member, or a World Sailing Class Association if the Chief Executive Officer certifies in writing that having been warned to make a payment at least 30 days previously and remains in arrears on all or any part of a subscription, fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary companies or any of their predecessors. Additionally the Board may:

- (a) suspend a Member National Authority, a World Sailing Class Association or the rights of any of their members to participate in a World Sailing Event, regional games or world championships; and/or
- (b) suspend the right of a World Sailing Class Association to hold a world championship.

1.26 Any suspension under Regulation 1.25 shall be reported by the Board to the next meeting of Council, which shall vote on whether or not to continue the suspension, or whether to cancel the relevant membership.

1.27. Additionally Council may suspend or cancel the membership of a Continental Affiliate Membership if:

- (a) in its view it has failed to comply with the objects set out in Regulation 1.22(c);
- (b) its membership no longer complies with Regulation 1.22(b); or
- (c) that another organisation exists which better represents the sport of sailing in the Continent concerned and that can better comply with the criteria set out in Regulation 1.22.

1.28 A list of suspended members will be published on the World Sailing website.

Member National Authority Questionnaire

1.29 In the second year following a General Assembly, the Chief Executive Officer shall undertake an audit of all Member National Authorities in order to collect relevant statistical and general sailing information. It shall be mandatory for each Member National Authority to complete and return the questionnaire to Executive Office, within the timeframe determined by World Sailing.

Member Challenging the Membership of a Full Member

1.30 No submission for the cancellation of the membership of a Full Member pursuant to Articles 15 and 16 shall be laid before Council unless it is made in writing by an organization authorized to make such a submission pursuant to Article 15 and has first been examined together with the evidence, arguments and allegations cited in support thereof, by the Constitution Committee.

The purpose of such an examination shall be to ensure that irrelevant matters shall be excluded from deliberations of the Council and that the Full Member concerned should have a proper opportunity to be informed and to answer the case that has been submitted in support of the cancellation of the membership of that Full Member.

The Constitution Committee may also advise as to the details of the procedure to be followed in dealing with the submission provided that such advice is not contrary to the Articles and Regulations governing these proceedings.

1.31 A submission for the cancellation of the membership of a Full Member under Article 15 shall:

- (a) state the grounds upon which such cancellation is sought;
- (b) include a summary of the allegations and evidence that will be cited in support of the submission; and
- (c) include copies of any documentary evidence upon which it is intended to rely.

1.32 Notwithstanding Regulation 15.6, any such submission shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer so that it shall be received by him not less than ten weeks before the meeting of Council at which the submission shall be considered.

1.33 The Chief Executive Officer shall forthwith send a copy of all material received by him in respect of the submission to the Full Member concerned by registered first class post.

1.34 The Full Member concerned shall submit to the Chief Executive Officer, within thirty days of having received the material referred to in Regulation 1.33, a reply to the submission which shall include a summary of the evidence and arguments which shall be cited against the submission, and copies of any documentary evidence upon which it is intended to rely.

1.35 The submission and reply (together with accompanying documents) shall be examined by the Constitution Committee which may direct that any arguments or evidence which is considered irrelevant for the purposes of Council's deliberations shall be excluded or that documents shall be put forward in or accompanied by a summarized or abbreviated form.

1.36 The submission and reply (together with the accompanying documents) shall then, amended as necessary pursuant to the above examination by the Constitution Committee, be submitted to Council. Each member of Council shall be provided with copies of all the relevant documents at least seventy-two hours prior to the meeting at which the submission and the reply, if any, is to be considered.

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1.37 At any such meeting of Council the Full Member making the submission shall be given an opportunity to make an oral presentation (which may not introduce any new evidence or material not included in the written presentation or introduce any new argument not fairly raised in the written presentation), following which the Full Member which is the subject of the submission (the “Full Member concerned”) shall be given an opportunity to supplement its written reply and, in particular, to answer any of the points made in the said oral presentation.

1.38 A lawyer retained by the Federation shall be present at such meeting of the Council available to advise the Chairman upon procedural or legal matters that may arise during the course of the meeting. The Chairman may also call on the Chairman of the Constitution Committee (if he is a lawyer) or his nominee from among the legal members of the Constitution Committee to advise on matters arising out of the Committee’s participation in the process of preparing the submission. The Chairman shall rule on any procedural matters that may arise, and his ruling thereon shall be final and binding.

1.39 The procedure to be followed in respect of any review by the General Meetings of the cancellation of the membership of a Full Member shall be similar to the procedure prescribed above in relation to a cancellation of membership.

1.40 Any request by the Full Member concerned for a review by the General Meetings shall be treated in the same manner as a submission referred to in Regulation 15. The Full Member who made the original submission for cancellation of the membership of the Full Member concerned shall be entitled to receive all the relevant documents and to address the General Meeting, and the Full Member concerned shall be entitled to speak in reply.

2. REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL

Representation of Full Members on Council

2.1 The representation of Full Members on Council through the Groups as referred to in Article 40(a) and (b) and Schedule A of the Articles of Association shall reflect the importance and the activity in the sport of sailing in different Regions of the World.

2.1.1 World Sailing shall publish from time to time its policy with regard to the representation on Council of the two genders and shall circulate Member National Authorities with the policy at the start of the nomination process.

2.2 To enable the distribution of seats of representatives of Full Members on Council in accordance with the principle laid down in Regulation 2.1, the following system shall be used:

(a) There shall be six Regions from which representatives of Full Members shall be appointed to Council, based on the numbers of members (individuals) associated or affiliated with the Full Members in each Region. The Regions are:

(i) Africa,
(ii) Asia,
(iii) Oceania,
(iv) Europe,
(v) North America and the Caribbean,
(vi) Central and South America.

(b) Within each Region one or more Groups of Full Members from within that Region shall be formed. Each Group shall have at least one and, except for an exceptional Group representing an unusually large number of sailors, not more than three representatives on the Council, based on the number of members

(individuals) associated or affiliated with the Full Members in that Region. The total number of Groups per Region shall not exceed the number of seats of that Region on the Council.

(c) In exceptional cases a Full Member from within one Region can join a Group from within another Region. Any application for such re-allocation should be made by the Full Member to World Sailing in writing.

2.3 Groups of Full Members as described in Regulation 2.2(b) shall be formed on the basis of the following criteria (in order of priority):

(a) geography and racing co-operation;

(b) language;

(c) regional games;

(d) ethnic makeup;

(e) balance between large and small nations in a Group;

(f) economic interaction and co-operation; and

(g) any specific request of a Full Member made in writing.

2.4 Every four years, the representation of Full Members on Council through the Groups as mentioned in Article 40(a) and (b) and Schedule A of the Articles of Association shall be reviewed by the Constitution Committee and any changes considered necessary shall be presented to the Council and the ordinary meeting of the General Assembly for their approval.

2.4.1 At any other time on the initiative of the Board or the Constitution Committee itself, the representation of the Full Members on Council through the groups as mentioned in Regulation 2.1 may be reviewed by the Constitution Committee and any changes considered necessary shall be presented to the Council to be dealt with in accordance with Article 40(b).

2.4.2 If the provisions of Schedule A are changed by Council pursuant to Article 40(b) in such a way that there are changes in the number of Groups or the number of Council members assigned to any Groups, nominations by the Groups of Full Members to reflect the changes in Schedule A shall be notified to the Chief Executive Officer in the manner provided for in Article 40(c) for the next meeting of Council after Council has voted such changes in Schedule A.

2.4.3 Any changes to Schedule A which require the type of changes referred to in Regulation 2.3 pursuant to Regulations 2.1 to 2.3 shall be made at the next Council meeting after the meeting which made the changes and the term of the Council members so affected shall be changed accordingly as provided in Article 40(c).

2.5 In conducting a review of the Groups, the Constitution Committee shall proceed as follows:

(a) the relevant information from each Full Member shall be accumulated by means of a written questionnaire;

(b) the number of seats representing Full Members on Council shall be re-allocated according to Regulation 2.2(a);

(c) the maximum number of Groups per Region shall be determined, and if necessary, recommendations for re-allocation of Full Members to Groups shall be drawn up;

(d) Full Members concerned shall be asked to express themselves concerning their possible re-allocation to Groups; and

- (e) if the above mentioned actions result in any necessary changes, they shall be presented to the Council and the next ordinary meeting of the General Assembly for approval.

3. COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE – See Appendix 8

3.1 Agenda

3.1.1 The agenda for Council meetings shall be settled by the President and shall include the following items:

- (a) apologies and declarations of interest;
- (b) minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising;
- (c) report on financial matters;
- (d) submissions, in accordance with Regulation 15;
- (e) committee reports and recommendations, including reports and recommendations from sub-committees, except per Regulation 6.9.6(d) the Special Regulations Sub-committee whose final approval comes from the Oceanic and Offshore Committee, on matters that:
 - (i) relate primarily to the sub-committee and not the parent committee;
 - (ii) have been endorsed by the chairman of the parent committee; and
- (f) any other business.

3.1.2 Without restricting the power of Council to debate any matter it considers appropriate at any time, in normal circumstances the Mid-Year Meeting and other meetings of Council except the Annual Meeting shall be for Council to debate and vote on policy, and urgent matters.

3.1.3 The Annual Meeting shall be for all other matters.

3.2 Minutes

3.2.1 Minutes of each meeting shall be prepared by the Chief Executive Officer, whose draft shall be approved by the Chairman of the meeting. After such approval the draft will be circulated to all members of Council present at the meeting within three weeks of the meeting except in exceptional circumstances. Members of Council may propose amendments to any entry in the minutes which they do not consider constitute a fair and true representation of what took place at the meeting. The Chairman shall consider their objections but his decision as to the contents of the minutes to be published shall be final.

3.2.2 Council members wishing to propose amendments to the draft shall send them to the Chief Executive Officer within two weeks from the date the draft minutes were circulated to Council.

3.2.3 Once the Council minutes have been considered by Council and published, further amendments may only be proposed by a Council member and shall be put on the next Council agenda for consideration.

3.2.4 Except when a ballot is secret as provided in Article 46, any Full Member and any member of Council may request within 28 days of the publication of the Council Minutes that a list of the names be published of Council Members who voted and how they voted on an issue specified in the request. That list shall be published by the Chief Executive Officer within 14 days of the request being made and shall be attached to the minute dealing with the issue concerned.

3.3 Rules of Debate

- 3.3.1 Motions shall be proposed to the Council based on the submissions and recommendations received. Any matter proposed to the Council shall require to be seconded. The proposer will open the debate. At the end of this introduction, there will be an opportunity for questions to clarify any doubtful points.
- 3.3.2 Members of Council will then be called upon to speak in turn. They shall address their remarks to the chair. Other members shall not interrupt. No member shall speak until called upon by the chair. Members, other than the proposer, will not normally be entitled to make more than one speech in each debate. There will be no fixed time limit but speeches are to be kept short.
- 3.3.3 When all members who wish to do so have spoken, the proposer will be given a chance to reply.
- 3.3.4 The Chairman shall state the final motion to be put to the vote.
- 3.3.5 The matter will then be voted on. A vote by members of the Council shall be made and in the case of a tie in votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 3.3.6 Article 46 of the Constitution deals with ballots.
- 3.3.7 Apart from minor amendments, which may be accepted at the proposer's discretion, a matter will be passed, rejected or deferred. When a matter is deferred, the Council shall determine to which Committee the matter is deferred and the timeframe for the matter to be re-presented.

3.4 Attendance at Council Meetings

- 3.4.1 Committee Chairmen who cannot attend a meeting should arrange to be represented by a deputy, who shall normally be the Vice-Chairman.
- 3.4.2 A Council Member shall notify the Chief Executive Officer if he/she is unable to attend a Council meeting and may appoint an alternate in accordance Article 54 of the Constitution.

3.5 Financial or other interests

- 3.5.1 The Board shall establish the World Sailing conflicts of interest policy. Members of Council (including all Board members) shall declare any interests to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the policy. The Chief Executive Officer shall maintain a register of interests and will publish it on the World Sailing website on a quarterly basis.
- 3.5.2 In a debate on any matter in which a member of the Council has an interest which should be declared in accordance with World Sailing's conflict of interest policy, the member shall advise the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of that fact, and of the exact nature of the interest, if practicable in advance of the Council meeting, or otherwise at the earliest reasonable opportunity in the course of the debate. Notification of the reasons of the said interest shall be reported to the Council unless there are compelling grounds why such reasons should remain confidential. According to the exact nature of the interest, the Chairman or Council may require the member concerned to leave the meeting for the whole or part of the debate. The Chairman may require the member to abstain from voting. The declaration and any decision by the Chairman shall be minuted.

3.6 Indemnity

- 3.6.1 World Sailing will maintain a professional indemnity insurance policy to cover members of its Council when acting in an official capacity.

3.7 General

3.7.1 In the event that these rules of procedure do not cover a particular situation or interpretation, the Chairman shall refer to general rules of procedure currently used in England.

PART II – Committees, Commission and Advisory Boards

4. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

4.1 When there are more candidates for election as President or as Vice-Presidents than there are places available, members of the General Assembly shall be provided with ballot papers listing alphabetically the names of all candidates nominated in accordance with Article 74 and certified to be eligible by the Election Committee in accordance with Article 76(a).

4.2 Election of the office of President

- (a) In an election for the office of President, a candidate must be elected by more than 50% of the votes and, if there are more than two candidates or a tie vote between two candidates, successive ballots may be necessary:
 - (i) the first ballot shall be taken and the members shall be directed to vote for one candidate only. The ballots shall be counted and the candidate with over 50% of the votes shall be declared the elected;
 - (ii) if no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes then a runoff vote will be held between the top two candidates. In the event there is a tie vote between the candidates in the second position, the runoff vote will be between the first candidate and those tied for second place;
 - (iii) in the runoff election, the candidate receiving more than 50% of the votes shall be declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, subsequent runoff elections will be held dropping out the person with the least number of votes until a candidate receiving more than 50% of the vote is declared elected.
- (b) A ballot marked for more than one candidate shall be treated as an invalid ballot.

4.3 Election for Vice-Presidents

- (a) At least two Vice-Presidents of each gender shall be elected. However if there are fewer than two candidates of one gender, the number of Vice-Presidents of the other gender shall be increased accordingly.
- (b) The ballot paper for the election of Vice-Presidents shall list all candidates and shall identify male and female candidates.
- (c) Members of the General Assembly shall vote in one ballot for their preferred seven candidates.

To be valid, a completed ballot paper shall have seven votes, including votes for at least two candidates of each gender. This requirement will be varied in accordance with Regulation 4.3(a) if there are fewer than two candidates of a gender

- (d) Counting the votes

Within candidates of the same gender, the two candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected (Stage 1). The remaining three Vice-Presidents shall be

elected from all the candidates on the basis of total votes received (Stage 2). If there are fewer than two candidates of a gender, the number of candidates to be elected at Stage 1 shall be reduced accordingly and Stage 2 increased accordingly.

(e) **Breaking Ties:**

- (i) When there is a tie that needs to be broken, a separate run-off ballot shall be held between the tied candidates to break it. When a tie involves more than two candidates, and a run-off ballot only partially breaks that tie, another run-off ballot shall be held between those who are still tied.
- (ii) When all candidates remain tied after a run-off ballot, a toss of a coin (or other game of chance) shall be used to break the tie.

4.4 All voting shall be by secret ballot.

4.5 The Election Committee shall require candidates for election to provide information for publication about their candidacy in such form as the Election Committee may from time to time require (which may include a manifesto and/or standard questionnaire concerning the candidates' experience, expertise and policies). Failure to provide such information shall not disqualify a candidate from election, but the Election Committee may publish a notice that the candidate has not complied with its requirements.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

5.1 Nominations

- (a) Except in the case of the Audit Committee, nominations of candidates for membership of Committees and Sub-committees may be made by Member National Authorities.
- (b) The Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Board but no employee of World Sailing or its subsidiary and associated companies shall be appointed. In making the appointment the Board will take into account the need for experience in matters of finance and/or investment.
- (c) Nominations for the Para World Sailing Committee may only be made by Member National Authorities, who, in the assessment of that Committee, have disabled sailing programmes

5.1.1 In addition to provide for special representation required for organizations of sailors which are not directly represented through the process set out in Regulation 5.1 or for required specialty knowledge the following additional nominations may be made:

- (a) World Sailing Classes Committee
 - (i) An ICA Member may appoint one member to the World Sailing Classes Committee. The ICA Members which have specific fleets for disabled sailing may appoint a second member to the World Sailing Classes committee to represent the interests of disabled sailing. The names of these members shall be advised to the Executive Office in writing not less than fourteen days prior to any meeting of the World Sailing Classes Committee. There shall be only one vote per class association so represented.
 - (ii) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee shall be elected by the World Sailing Classes Committee at the meeting held during the session of an ordinary meeting of the General Assembly or at any other time should a vacancy arise.
 - (iii) The Women referred to in Article 36.1(g) may select a women's representative for membership of the World Sailing Classes Committee.

The woman selected for this position shall be drawn from the women referred to in Article 36.1(g).

- (iv) The World Sailing Classes Committee may nominate candidates for membership of the Equipment, Events, International Measurers Sub-committee, Equipment Rules Sub-committee and Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committees.
- (b) Race Officials Committee

The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee may nominate candidates for membership in the Race Officials Committee and the International Judges, International Umpires, Race Management and International Measurers Sub-committees.

- (c) Development and Regions Committee & Regional Games Sub-committee
 - (i) The Development and Regions Committee shall include one representative of each continent, nominated by the World Sailing Affiliate Continental Member, except that if a continent does not have such a member, the nomination is decided by the Member National Authorities of that continent.
 - (ii) Membership of the Regional Games Subcommittee shall represent Regional Games organizations as defined from time to time by the Board.
 - (iii) The Member National Authorities represented as defined according to Regulation 5.1.1(c)(ii) may collectively nominate candidates for membership in the Regional Games Sub-committee, however only one nominee for each Regional Games Organization may be recommended by the Board to the Council as provided by Regulation 5.2.1. The Member National Authorities from a particular Regional Games Organization shall agree on their representative to be nominated. The process of such nomination is to be decided by the collective Member National Authority members of the particular organization.
 - (iv) Member National Authorities who are members of more than one Regional Games Organization as defined according to Regulation 5.1.1(c)(ii) may participate in the selection of candidates in any of the organizations of which they are a member.
 - (v) The foregoing provisions do not prevent additional members being nominated for the Development and Regions Committee and the Regional Games Sub-committee by the process in Regulation 5.1.

Nomination Process

5.1.2 All individuals nominated to a World Sailing committee, sub-committee, commission or working party must sign, prior to their nomination being accepted, the following 'release waiver' as set out in on the 'Committee Nomination Form':

"In consideration of my appointment or election to the Board, Council or any World Sailing committee, sub-committee, commission or working party (collectively, 'World Sailing committee'), and the payment of £1.00, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I assign and release to World Sailing Limited any copyright or other rights I may have in Rules, Regulations, Class Rules, manuals, publications, or derivatives of any of these, to which I have contributed in my capacity as a member of an World Sailing committee.

I will comply with the Constitution, Regulations, Code of Ethics and policies of World Sailing.

I will comply with the World Sailing conflict of interest policy and I will freely and promptly declare the full extent of any interests in accordance with the policy and the Regulations.”

The forgoing assignment and release is irrevocable, and intended to be without restriction as to time or geography.

- 5.1.3 By signing the 'Committee Nomination Form' individuals also accept that the Federation may store their personal data electronically for use by World Sailing Limited and its subsidiaries.
- 5.1.4 All individuals nominated to a World Sailing committee must be able to communicate using e-mail.
- 5.1.5 Subject to Regulation 5.1.8, all nominations for membership of committees shall be received by the Chief Executive Officer not later than 1200 hours UTC 1 August in the year of the General Assembly save that nominations from the World Sailing Classes Committee shall be received not later than the day before an ordinary meeting of the General Assembly.
- 5.1.6 A Member National Authority may nominate an individual who is neither a national nor resident of the nominating country, but before doing so shall obtain the consent of the individual's Member National Authority.
- 5.1.7 Nominating Member National Authorities must pay all the respective travel/accommodation cost for the Committee Member to attend World Sailing meetings or, as may be arranged between the Member National Authority and the delegate.
- 5.1.8 If in the opinion of the Board the nominations received under Regulation 5.1 do not include sufficient members of each gender to enable the Board to meet the guidelines in Regulation 5.2.1(c) and (d), then the Board may authorise a further period of nominations from Member National Authorities for the gender in which there is a shortfall. The names of such additional nominees shall be added to those listed under Regulation 5.2.

Appointment Process

- 5.2 The Board shall, four days before a General Assembly, publish a list of all those nominated for appointment as members of committees.
- 5.2.1 The Board shall, subject to any specific provisions in the Regulations relating to a particular committee and so far as is practicable, follow the following guidelines:
 - (a) first consideration should be given to persons for their expertise rather than geographical location;
 - (b) preference shall be given to those nominations from Member National Authorities whose nominations, taken together with other nominations from their Council group, include at least 25% of each gender;
 - (c) not less than 25% of the members of each committee should be drawn from each gender;
 - (d) not less than 20% of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of all committees should be drawn from each gender;
 - (e) not more than two persons from any one Member National Authority should be included on any committee;
 - (f) there should not be a set number of members of any committee, but ordinarily each committee shall not exceed eighteen (including any ex officio members);

- (g) there should not be a maximum period of time for any individual to sit on a particular committee; and
- (h) consideration should be given to the relevant sailing experience of nominees.

5.2.2 Following the General Assembly, the committees shall be appointed in the following manner:

- (a) within 60 days of the General Assembly, the new Board shall publish the proposed members of the committees (including the chairman and vice-chairman of each committee) and that list shall be circulated to Council;
- (b) within 10 days of the circulation of the list to Council, any member of Council may propose an addition or deletion to the list provided that:
 - (i) any proposed name to be added must have been originally nominated in accordance with Regulation 5.1;
 - (ii) any proposal must be in writing and be received by the Chief Executive Officer within the 10 day period;
 - (iii) the proposal must be supported by at least two other Council members from two other Council groups;
- (c) following the deadline for the receipt of amendments, the Council shall vote on whether or not to approve the Board's nominations and any amendments proposed;
- (d) if the Council rejects the nominations of the Board, the Board shall submit a revised list within 14 days and the process above shall be repeated; and
- (e) if by the first day of February following the General Assembly (or such later date determined by the President) the Council has not approved or rejected the list, the list shall be deemed approved by the Council.

Vacancies in Committee Membership

5.3 A vacancy in a committee or sub-committee caused by resignation, lengthy inability to attend, incapacity or death may be filled at any Council meeting. The notification of the Chief Executive Officer referred to in Article 54 may be made at any time up to six weeks before the start of the next Council meeting.

5.3.1 The Chief Executive Officer shall prepare a list of those duly nominated to that committee or sub-committee at the last General Assembly, who are still willing to serve. The Chief Executive Officer shall provide that list to the Board and to Council. The Board shall choose from it a suitable nominee to fill each vacancy using the criteria listed in Regulation 5.2.1 and shall recommend the names of such candidates to Council.

5.3.2 The Council may approve the candidate or candidates submitted to fill the vacancy or may substitute the names of other nominees on the list.

Responsibility of Committee Members

5.4 Under Article 5.1, once appointed, a committee member becomes automatically an 'World Sailing Member' and therefore a member of the Federation. The obligations of Articles 6 to 9 therefore apply. Committee members will also understand that he or she has been appointed in a voluntary capacity.

5.4.1 Any work undertaken in his or her capacity as a committee member shall belong to the Federation in accordance with Regulation 5.1.2.

5.4.2 A committee member will respect and keep confidential any information which he or she receives as a result of being a member of the Federation, at least until that information becomes public.

- 5.4.3 Any input by a committee member to the work of the Federation should be offered in the interests of the sport worldwide and, therefore, not nationally biased.
- 5.4.4 A committee member is expected to be at all properly scheduled meetings. Should two or more consecutive meetings be missed, the Board will review his or her membership.
- 5.4.5 A committee member is responsible for his or her own medical/travel insurance.
- 5.4.6 A committee member's appointment will be withdrawn if he or she is no longer a member of his/her respective Member National Authority, or a constituent member of a Member National Authority.
- 5.4.7 When it is brought to the attention of the Board that a committee chairman or vice-chairman is not fulfilling his or her obligations as chairman or vice-chairman the Board may make a recommendation to Council.

Sub-committees and Working Parties

- 5.5 A Committee may have one or more sub-committees appointed in accordance with Regulations 5.1, 5.1.1, 5.1.5 and Article 42.
- 5.5.1 Working parties
 - (a) A Committee may appoint working parties to deal with particular subjects.
 - (b) The appointing committee shall assign members of the committee to the working party, but may include any other person where it needs specific expertise.
 - (c) Council may appoint a joint working party from two or more committees with the consent of the Chairmen of those Committees.
 - (d) The appointing Committee shall select the working party for a set project or period. Unless dismissed earlier, membership of working parties automatically finishes in line with the term of appointment of the appointing committee.
 - (e) Working parties shall work under a standard terms of reference as follows:
 - (i) members of the working party may work by e-mail;
 - (ii) where meetings are necessary, working parties will use the offices of the Executive Office;
 - (iii) at the first meeting of the appointing committee after the working party's appointment, the members will present a defined set of objectives for their work; and
 - (iv) the working party will present a record of its work at each subsequent meeting of the appointing committee.
- 5.5.2 Sub-committee and working parties shall not be entitled to financial or extra-ordinary assistance from the without prior approval by the Board.

Committee Terms of Office

- 5.6 The ordinary term of office for a committee member shall be four years from 1 February following the last ordinary General Assembly.

6 COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

- 6.1 Audit Committee

Constitution of the committee

6.1.1 The Audit Committee shall consist of three members who shall have expertise in financial management and reporting and risk management. The members shall include:

- (a) one member of the Board; and
- (b) two independent members (who cannot be a Board member nor a member of World Sailing staff);

6.1.1.1 The Chair shall be one of the independent members.

6.1.1.2 All three members of the Committee shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Board.

6.1.2 The Committee shall meet at least twice in every year and the quorum shall be two (one of whom shall not be a member of the Board).

6.1.2.1 The President, the Chief Executive Officer and the external auditor shall attend meetings when invited by the Committee. Other members of the Board may be invited to attend all or part of the Committee's meetings.

6.1.2.2 The Committee shall meet with the external auditor at least once a year without management present.

6.1.3 The Committee shall have authority from the Board to:

- (a) investigate any activity of World Sailing and its subsidiaries within its functions and responsibilities;
- (b) seek any information it requires from any employee of World Sailing or its subsidiaries and all employees shall be directed to cooperate with any request made by the Committee acting within its terms of reference; and
- (c) obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice as it requires. Such advisors may attend meetings as the Committee considers advisable.

Terms of reference

6.1.4 Responsibilities

The duties of the Committee are as follows:

- (a) ensure that appropriate financial reporting and internal control processes are in place and monitor those processes so that the Board is properly and regularly informed on financial matters;
- (b) recommend to the Board the appointment, tenure and remuneration of the external auditor;
- (c) assess the independence of the external auditor;
- (d) review the external auditor's annual audit plan and reports;
- (e) review the draft annual financial reports for compliance with relevant laws and regulations and recommend approval to the Board;
- (f) review the findings of the external auditor and ensure recommendations are actioned by management;
- (g) review the effectiveness of internal controls and their application;
- (h) review the financial management;
- (i) review the risk management plan;
- (j) review the management policies and processes to ensure their suitability to achieve compliance with risk management policy, codes of conduct and any statutory and regulatory requirements;

- (k) supervise any special investigations requested by the Board on matters relevant to the Committee's role and responsibilities; and
- (l) examine any other matters referred to it by the Board.

6.1.5 Reporting Procedures

- (a) The Committee shall, after each meeting, report the Committee's findings and recommendations to the Board.
- (b) The Committee shall conduct a review of its objectives and activities every two years.
- (c) The Committee will prepare an annual report to the Board on all matters relevant to the Committee's role and responsibilities.
- (d) The Committee will prepare an annual report to Council and to each Annual General Meeting.
- (e) The Chairman shall attend Council meetings and the Annual General Meeting and shall answer questions, through the President, on the Audit Committee's activities and their responsibilities.

Constitution Committee

6.2 Constitution Committee

Constituting the committee

- 6.2.1 The Constitution Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.
- 6.2.2 The Constitution Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

- 6.2.3 The Constitution Committee shall:
 - (a) review the structure, Constitution, Regulations of the Federation and recommend such changes to Council as may be necessary;
 - (b) review the terms of reference of committees, when appropriate;
 - (c) review all submissions affecting the Constitution and Regulations;
 - (d) recommend the groupings of Member National Authorities and the assignment of Members to appropriate Groups;
 - (e) recommend the subscription categories into which each Member National Authority should fall, having regard to the active sailing and racing in the country represented by the Member National Authority and the latest Member National Authority Questionnaire issued by the Chief Executive Officer;
 - (f) review items on the agendas of the Council and General Assembly dealing with political matters;
 - (g) advise, in conjunction with counsel for the Federation, the President and the Council in the event of a proceedings under Article 14 of the Constitution;
 - (h) provide liaison with any committees or working parties dealing with matters affecting the Constitution and Regulations;

- (i) be the sole body responsible for interpreting the Constitution and Regulations of World Sailing and ensure that World Sailing operates consistently within its Constitution and Regulations.

Development and Regions Committee and Sub-committee

6.3.1 Development and Regions Committee

Constituting the committee

- 6.3.1.1 The Development and Regions Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.
- 6.3.1.2 The Development and Regions Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.3. 1.3 The Development and Regions Committee shall:

- (a) ensure that the World Sailing Development Plan is consistent with the World Sailing Strategic Plan;
- (b) recommend to the Council the World Sailing Development Plan, agree priorities and monitor progress;
- (c) oversee and report to Council on the implementation of the World Sailing Development Plan;
- (d) advise Council on strategic and regional development issues, and recommend associated budget requirements and policy;
- (e) be responsible for the appointment and removal of *World Sailing nominated experts to run World Sailing technical courses for coaches ;
- (f) consult with other World Sailing Committees and other organisations on issues relevant to regional development.

**The list of World Sailing nominated experts can be found in the Training and Development section of the Yearbook.*

Regional Games Sub-committee

6.3.2 Regional Games Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

- 6.3.2.1 The Regional Games Sub-committee has been established as a sub-committee of the Development and Regions Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.
- 6.3.2.2 The Regional Games Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of Reference

6.3.2.3 The Regional Games Sub-committee shall:

- (a) encourage and promote:

- (i) sailing at any games that already include sailing in their sports programme;
- (ii) the inclusion of sailing on the sports programme in all major regional games and as many other games as is feasible;
- (iii) the inclusion of para sailing in regional games and regional para games.
- (b) use 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) use the technical and instructional resources of the 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;
- (d) provide guidance on the format and programme of the regional games sailing events and regional sailing championships;
- (e) encourage and promote the organization of regional sailing championships in addition to the regional games;
- (f) encourage particularly the full participation of women and youth in all regional games sailing events.

Para World Sailing Committee

- 6.4 Para World Sailing Committee
- 6.4.1 The Para World Sailing Committee has been established by Council pursuant to Article 42.
- 6.4.2 The Para World Sailing Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and not more than eight members that shall be appointed by Council from time to time.
- 6.4.3 Regulation 5.1(c) applies to the nomination of members of the Committee.
- 6.4.4 Not used.

Terms of reference

- 6.4.5 The Para World Sailing Committee shall:
 - (a) recommend to Council the policy (and implementing actions) including the selection of events and equipment for the Paralympic Sailing programme;
 - (b) recommend to Council the policy (and implementing actions) to be used in the Para World Sailing Championships and other Para World Sailing events;
 - (c) develop and monitor the Para World Sailing Ranking System;
 - (d) liaise directly with World Sailing staff on International Paralympic Committee matters;
 - (e) monitor the activities of Paralympic sailors and assist World Sailing and its committees in the administration of the Para World Sailing classification programme, classifier instruction and evaluation, and to make recommendations to the Race Officials Committee on the appointment and administration of International Classifiers;
 - (f) promote, assess and support programmes for Paralympic sailing run by Member National Authorities;
 - (g) decide the criteria for and advise upon the development of equipment, aids and adaptations for Para Sailing and Paralympic Sailing formats ;

- (h) liaise with all other relevant World Sailing committees as necessary or appropriate to ensure consistency across World Sailing processes and activities with Para Sailing and Paralympic Sailing and
- (i) appoint the Para World Sailing Committee representatives to the Equipment Committee, the Equipment Rules Sub-committee and the Regional Games Sub-committee.

Equipment Committee and Sub-committees

6.5 Equipment Committee

Constituting the committee

6.5.1 The Equipment Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.5.2 The Equipment Committee shall consist of:

- (a) a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.
In appointing committee members the following experience and competencies shall be properly represented: centreboard boats, keelboats, multihulls, offshore, windsurfing and kiteboarding;
- (b) In addition, specialist expertise will be represented as follows:
 - (i) a representative of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee – normally the Chairman;
 - (ii) a representative of the Special Regulations Sub-committee – normally the Chairman;
 - (iii) a representative of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee;
 - (iv) a representative of the World Sailing Classes Committee;
 - (v) a representative of the Racing Rules Committee.
 - (vi) a representative of the Para World Sailing Committee.

6.5.3 The Chairman of the Equipment Committee may, for the purposes of liaison, appoint himself/herself or another member of the Committee as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Race Officials Committee.

Terms of reference

6.5.4 The Equipment Committee shall:

- (a) be responsible for recommending to Council planning and policy recommendations on equipment matters;
- (b) consider submissions on equipment matters and make recommendations thereon to Council;
- (c) be responsible for recommending equipment policy with regard to the Olympic Sailing Competition and at World Sailing Events, conducting equipment trials or other evaluation, and making recommendations to Council on any change or evolution of Olympic Equipment, in accordance with the strategy and timescales in Regulation 23;
- (d) review applications by classes for World Sailing status and make recommendations thereon to Council;
- (e) maintain a liaison with and be responsible for the supervision of the constitutions of World Sailing Classes and to develop the concept of these classes to help them promote world sailing;

- (f) periodically review the World Sailing Classes and make recommendations where thought appropriate for the withdrawal of World Sailing status;
- (g) liaise with other World Sailing committees on matters affecting equipment;
- (h) formulate, revise and approve the Equipment Rules of Sailing of behalf of Council, in accordance with Regulation 29;
- (i) consider and decide submissions that propose or suggest changes in the Equipment Rules of Sailing in accordance with Regulation 29;
- (j) consider recommendations from and decisions of other committees that might affect the Equipment Rules of Sailing;
- (k) approve all authoritative interpretations made by World Sailing of the Equipment Rules of Sailing; and
- (l) approve World Sailing Equipment Rules Questions and Answers.

6.5.5 Equipment Rules Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.5.5.1 Equipment Rules Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Equipment Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42. In appointing committee members the following experience and competencies shall be properly represented: centreboard boats, keelboats, multihulls, offshore and windsurfing.

6.5.5.2 The Equipment Rules Sub-committee shall consist of:

- (a) a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.
- (b) In addition, specialist expertise will be represented as follows:
 - (i) a representative of the International Measurers Sub-Committee;
 - (ii) a representative of the Para World Sailing Committee;
 - (iii) a representative of the Special Regulations Sub-committee;
 - (iv) a representative of the World Sailing Classes Committee;
 - (v) a representative of the Racing Rules Committee.

6.5.5.3 The Chairman of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee may, for the purposes of liaison, appoint himself/herself or another member of the Sub-committee as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the International Measurers Sub-committee.

6.5.5.4 The Chairman of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee may appoint the members and chairman of the ERS Working Party.

If the Chairmen of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee and Equipment Committee deem it appropriate, the Equipment Rules Sub-committee as a whole may perform the tasks of the ERS Working Party. For discussion of submissions and proposals with regard to *The Equipment Rules of Sailing*, the Sub-committee – upon the approval of the Chairman of the Equipment Committee – may temporarily co-opt any other person where it needs specific expertise.

Terms of reference

6.5.5.5 The Equipment Rules Sub-committee shall:

- (a) establish, maintain and publish the policies for the approval process of proposed class rules changes referred to in Regulation 10.11.4;
- (b) review class rules change applications referred to it in accordance with Regulation 10.11.5;

- (c) give interpretations of class rules of World Sailing Classes in accordance with Regulation 10.12;
- (d) formulate, revise and publish *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* (ERS) every four years after approval by Council, in accordance with Regulations 29.1 and 29.2;
- (e) approve and publish interpretations of the ERS submitted in accordance with Regulation 29.3;
- (f) keep under constant review:
 - (i) the World Sailing Guide to Equipment Control;
 - (ii) the World Sailing Standard Class Rules;
 - (iii) World Sailing Event Equipment Regulations.
- (g) keep building processes under review and through inspection of licensed builder's premises maintain standards of construction;
- (h) liaise with relevant World Sailing committees in all matters affecting equipment control, and with World Sailing Technical Department to support the management of effective equipment control schemes by World Sailing Classes

Equipment Rules of Sailing Administration: See Section 2, Regulation 29

Events Committee and Sub-committees

6.6 Events Committee

Constituting the committee

- 6.6.1 The Events Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.
- 6.6.2 The Events Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.6.3 The Events Committee shall:

- (a) every four years, at the meeting immediately after the Olympic Games, provide to Council a review of the Olympic Sailing Competition, and identify possible opportunities for change to World Sailing's Olympic strategy, or to Olympic Sailing Events or Equipment;
- (b) recommend to Council any change to Olympic Events, and any change or evolution of Olympic Equipment, in accordance with the strategy and timescales in Regulation 23.1
- (c) in conjunction with the President and Chief Executive Officer recommend to Council the format of courses to be sailed at the Olympic Sailing Competition;
- (d) recommend to Council the policy (and implementing actions) to be used in World Sailing Events and other major international events, including the Olympic Qualification system and events;
- (e) recommend to Council the policy (and implementing actions) to be used concerning the World Sailing Calendar and World Sailing Ranking Lists;
- (f) in matters concerning equipment, Olympic or otherwise, liaise with the Equipment Committee.

6.6.4 The Chairman of the Events Committee shall appoint the chairman and members of the Sail Ranking Working Party. This working party shall:

- (a) monitor the World Sailing Ranking System;
- (b) make recommendations to the Events Committee on how to administer, control, promote and develop the World Sailing Rankings; and
- (c) decide on the grading of events for the World Sailing Rankings System.

6.6.5 Team Racing Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

- 6.6.5.1 The Team Racing Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Events Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.
- 6.6.5.2 The Team Racing Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.6.5.3 The Team Racing Sub-committee shall:

- (a) be responsible for the planning and approval for the conduct of the World Sailing Team Racing World Championship and a World Sailing Youth Mixed Team Racing World Championship;
- (b) review and maintain the conditions and requirements for the selection of countries and venues to host the Team Racing World Championship;
- (c) liaise with the Chief Executive Officer on matters regarding finance, sponsorship and the contractual arrangements with the host Member National Authority, organizers and suppliers of equipment
- (d) be responsible for developing and implementing strategies concerning the equipment to be used in the World Sailing Team Racing World Championship;
- (e) be responsible for promoting the World Sailing Team Racing World Championship as the premier Team Racing event in order to encourage as many worldwide countries as possible to participate;
- (f) keep under constant review the Championship Guidelines and other relevant information to maintain and improve the quality and standards of the Team Racing World Championship;
- (g) make recommendations to the Events Committee on the promotion and co-ordination of team race sailing throughout the world; and
- (h) monitor and develop all technical aspects of team race sailing organization in conjunction with relevant World Sailing Committees and make any necessary recommendations to the Events Committee.

6.6.5.4 Team Racing Definition:

Team Racing is a discipline of sailing. Team Racing and Team Sailing have the same meaning. A team race consists of two or more boats sailing as a team against the same number of boats from an opposing team. The boats used by the competitors are of the same class and should be equalized to the highest possible standard.

6.6.6 Youth Events Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

- 6.6.6.1 The Youth Events Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Events Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.6.6.2 The Youth Events Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.6.6.3 The Youth Events Sub-committee shall:

- (a) recommend to the Events Committee the policy (and implementing actions) for World Sailing and other major international youth sailing events (excluding match and team racing events);
- (b) be responsible for promoting the Youth Sailing World Championships as the premier youth sailing event in order to encourage as many countries as possible to participate
- (c) keep under constant review the Youth Sailing World Championships Guidelines and other relevant information to maintain and improve the quality and standards of the World Sailing Youth Sailing World Championship.
- (d) review and maintain the conditions and requirements for the selection of countries and venues to host the Youth Sailing World Championship;
- (e) approve the arrangements and oversee the implementation of the Youth Sailing World Championships each year
- (f) liaise with the Chief Executive Officer on matters regarding finance, sponsorship and the contractual arrangements with the host Member National Authority, organizers and suppliers of equipment to the Youth Sailing World Championships;
- (g) be responsible for developing and implementing strategies concerning the equipment to be used in the Youth Sailing World Championship and other major international youth fleet racing events; and
- (h) liaise with the Development and Regions Committee over the integration of World Sailing's Emerging Nations Programme, and other development programmes with youth sailing events.

6.6.7 Match Racing Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.6.7.1 The Match Racing Sub-committee has been established as a sub-committee of the Events Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.6.7.2 The Match Racing Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.6.7.3 The Match Racing Sub-committee shall:

- (a) promote and co-ordinate match racing throughout the world;
- (b) be responsible for planning, promoting and approving the arrangement for the World Championships of Match Racing and the World Sailing Nations Cup and, in liaison with the World Match Racing Tour Advisory Committee, the World Match Racing Tour;
- (c) with the recommendation of the Match Race Rankings Working Party administer, promote and control the World Match Race Ranking System;
- (d) monitor and develop all technical aspects of match racing organization in conjunction with relevant World Sailing Committees.

- (e) liaise with the Events Committee regarding Olympic Match Racing;
- (f) through its Match Racing Rankings Working Party and the Chief Executive Officer maintain a close liaison with sailors, organizers, classes and Member National Authorities concerning World Match Race Rankings and qualification issues.

6.6.8 The Chairman of the Match Racing Sub-committee shall appoint the chairman and members of the Match Race Ranking Working Party. This working party shall:

- (a) monitor the Match Race Ranking System;
- (b) make recommendations to the Match Racing Sub-committee on how to administer, control, promote and develop the Match Race Rankings; and
- (c) decide on the grading of events for the Match Race Ranking System.

World Sailing Classes Committee and Sub-committee

6.7 World Sailing Classes Committee

Constituting the committee

6.7.1 The World Sailing Classes Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.7.2 The World Sailing Classes Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and one member that shall be appointed by each of the World Sailing Classes from time to time.

Terms of reference

6.7.3 The World Sailing Classes Committee shall:

- (a) maintain a close liaison with all World Sailing Classes and sailors;
- (b) promote the welfare and growth of World Sailing Classes;
- (c) debate issues, excluding class rule matters, from World Sailing class associations and make recommendations thereon;
- (d) debate other matters that may be relevant to World Sailing Classes' interests;
- (e) review all relevant agenda items and comment to appropriate committees of the Council;
- (f) propose members to the Equipment Committee, Events Committee, Equipment Rules Sub-committee and International Measurers Sub-committee. The member proposed to the Events Committee shall be a representative from an Olympic class.

6.7.4 Olympic Classes Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.7.4.1 The Olympic Classes Sub-committee has been established as a sub-committee of the World Sailing Classes Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.7.4.2 The Olympic Classes Sub-committee shall consist of members appointed from time to time by the Classes selected as equipment for the next Olympic Sailing Competition. Each Class may appoint one member. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be selected from the members by the Sub-committee.

6.7.4.3 In addition, the Olympic Classes Sub-committee shall include members appointed from time to time by Classes selected as equipment for subsequent Olympic Sailing Competitions. Each Class may appoint one member.

Terms of reference

6.7.4.4 The Olympic Classes Sub-committee shall:

- (a) maintain a close liaison with the Olympic Classes and its sailors;
- (b) promote the welfare and growth of the Olympic Classes;
- (c) debate issues, other than class rules, raised by the Olympic Classes and make recommendations thereon to the World Sailing Classes Committee;
- (d) debate other matters that may be relevant to the Olympic Classes' interests;
- (e) review all relevant agenda items and comment to appropriate committees of the Council.

6.7.4.5 Committee members shall only vote on matters that relate to the Olympic Games of which the Class they represent are part of.

6.8 Not used.

Oceanic and Offshore Committee and Sub-committee

6.9 Oceanic and Offshore Committee

Constituting the committee

6.9.1 The Oceanic and Offshore Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.9.2 The Oceanic and Offshore Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, the Chairmen of its sub-committees and not more than 14 other members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42. Members shall have expertise in Oceanic or Offshore racing, and shall have relevant experience and current involvement in such racing or its administration. The Chairmen of the International Regulations and Sailor Categorization Commissions shall also be members of the committee.

6.9.3 The Committee shall have the following Sub-committees, namely the Special Regulations Sub-committee.

6.9.4 The Chairman of the Committee shall appoint a group of the committee's members to work with the Executive Office as the Oceanic Panel.

6.9.5 The Chairman shall appoint the members of groups or working parties to liaise with Offshore Classes, rating systems and cruising groups and clubs.

Terms of Reference

6.9.6 The Committee shall:

- (a) be responsible to Council for planning and policy recommendations on Oceanic and Offshore matters.
- (b) promote Oceanic and Offshore racing and cruising throughout the world.
- (c) monitor safety experience in Oceanic and Offshore racing and cruising.
- (d) on behalf of the Council adopt and publish the World Sailing Special Regulations.
- (e) set criteria for designation as International or Recognised Rating Systems and Offshore Classes, review applications and make recommendations on them to Council. Promote dual-purpose cruiser/racer boats in competition.

- (f) promote and maintain a calendar of Oceanic and Offshore events and races within the overall World Sailing Calendar, and assist organisers to achieve an orderly schedule.
- (g) monitor the activities of all elements of Oceanic and Offshore racing, conducted in one design or level rating classes of boats, as well as under handicap or rating systems, and report to Council making any appropriate recommendations.

6.9.7 Not used.

6.9.8 Special Regulations Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.9.8.1 The Special Regulations Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.9.8.2 The Special Regulations Sub-committee shall comprise as follows:

- (a) Chairman and not more than eight members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42; and
- (b) a representative of the Offshore Racing Congress.

Terms of reference

6.9.8.3 The Special Regulations Sub-committee shall:

- (a) be responsible for the maintenance, revision and changes to the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations governing offshore racing, under licence from ORC Ltd. Such changes be biennial with revised editions published in January of each even year, except that matters of an urgent nature affecting safety may be dealt with by changes to the Regulations on a shorter time scale;
- (b) monitor developments in offshore racing relative to the standards of safety and seaworthiness.

Race Officials Committee and Sub-committees

6.10 Race Officials Committee

Constituting the committee

6.10.1 The Race Officials Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.10.2 The Race Officials Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, the Chairmen of its Sub-committees and the number of other members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

6.10.3 The Race Officials Committee shall have the following Sub-committees: International Judges, International Umpires, International Measurers and Race Management Sub-committee as provided in Regulations 6.10.7, 6.10.8, 6.10.9 and 6.10.10.

6.10.4 The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee shall, together with the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee, appoint the members of the Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel and the chairman of the panel.

6.10.5 The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee may, for the purposes of communication and cooperation, appoint himself/herself or another member of the Committee or its Sub-committees as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Racing Rules Committee. Such appointee shall, if not already a member of the Race Officials Committee, be an ex-officio, non-voting member of that Committee.

Terms of Reference

6.10.6 The Race Officials Committee shall:

- (a) be responsible for the education and certification of World Sailing Race Officials to the highest calibre for the sport of sailing;
- (b) maintain an oversight management of its four Sub-committees: the International Judges, the International Umpires, the Race Management and the International Measurers Sub-committee and liaise with committees responsible for any other World Sailing Race Official disciplines;
- (c) approve policies for the conduct and processes of World Sailing Race Officials recommended by the responsible committees and Sub-committees;
- (d) (working together with the Racing Rules Committee) publish on the World Sailing website the World Sailing Racing Rules Questions and Answers;
- (e) develop a relationship with organizations that have resources and World Sailing Associations and make recommendations to the Council on matters relating to the training and certification of World Sailing Race Officials;
- (f) liaise with such other World Sailing committees as may be beneficial for achieving Committee goals;
- (g) develop and maintain a register of conflict of interest declarations from World Sailing Race Officials, and determine whether or not there is a conflict of interest in response to a request for clarification from World Sailing Race Officials;
- (h) in conjunction with the Board deal with reports about the conduct and competence of World Sailing Race Officials and make commendations and administer sanctions where appropriate.

6.10.7 International Judges Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.10.7.1 The International Judges Sub-committee, which shall administer the International Judges' programme, has been established by the Council as a Sub-committee of the Race Officials Committee pursuant to Article 42.

6.10.7.2 The International Judges Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.10.7.3 The International Judges Sub-committee shall:

- (a) administer the International Judges' programme;
- (b) recommend to the Race Officials Committee the appointment of International Judges in accordance with these Regulations;
- (c) disseminate information to and communicate with International Judges and Member National Authorities;
- (d) be responsible for the instruction and evaluation of International Judges and candidates to become International Judges, which shall include:
 - (i) the development and conduct of seminars to train and qualify International Judges and candidates to become International Judges; and
 - (ii) the formulation of the examinations which applicants must pass to qualify as International Judges and, if required, the establishment of the criteria for a performance assessment and its administration;
- (e) assist Member National Authorities in training and in developing national judges programmes;

- (f) recommend policies regarding the conduct of International Judges and International Juries;
- (g) administer programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules and other World Sailing documents by International Judges;
- (h) propose rule changes and submit interpretations of the Racing Rules to the Racing Rules Committee, the Race Officials Committee and other appropriate bodies;
- (i) develop and administer a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Judges according to their abilities and to place them in groups based on agreed criteria;
- (j) update International Judges Sub-committee documents, such as the Judging Manual, the International Judge application form and International Judges' Reference Form;
- (k) address questions from International Judges;
- (l) deal with such matters as any World Sailing committee may request.

International Judges Programme Administration: See Part VI, Regulation 31

6.10.8 International Measurers Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

- 6.10.8.1 The International Measurers Sub-committee, which shall be responsible for administering the International Measurers' programme, has been established by the Council as a Sub-committee of the Race Officials Committee pursuant to Article 42.
- 6.10.8.2 The International Measurers Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.10.8.3 The International Measurers Sub-committee shall:

- (a) administer the International Measurers' programme including the review and maintenance of high standards of equipment inspection and uniform application of World Sailing standards by International Measurers at events;
- (b) recommend to the Race Officials Committee the appointment of International Measurers in accordance with these Regulations;
- (c) disseminate information to and communicate with International Measurers and Member National Authorities;
- (d) be responsible with the relevant classes for the instruction and evaluation of International Measurers and candidates to become an International Measurer, which shall include:
 - (i) the development and conduct of seminars, related manuals and materials to train and qualify International Measurers and candidates to become International Measurers; and
 - (ii) the formulation of the examinations which applicants must pass to qualify as International Measurers and, if required, the establishment of the criteria for a performance assessment and its administration;
- (e) assist Member National Authorities in training and in developing national measurer / equipment inspector programmes;

- (f) recommend policies regarding the conduct of International Measurers;
- (g) administer programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules of Sailing and other World Sailing documents by International Measurers;
- (h) propose rule changes and submit interpretations of the Racing Rules and the Equipment Rules of Sailing to the Racing Rules Committee, the Race Officials Committee and the Equipment Control Sub-committee and other appropriate bodies;
- (i) develop and administer a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Measurers according to their abilities and to place them in groups based on agreed criteria;
- (j) update International Measurers Sub-committee documents, such as the Championship Equipment Inspection Report, the International Measurers Manual and the International Measurer application form and comment to the relevant committee on any World Sailing document;
- (k) consider and recommend equipment inspection policies for the Olympic Sailing Competition and World Sailing Events, in consultation with the Equipment Committee;
- (l) address questions from International Measurers;
- (m) deal with such matters as any World Sailing committee may request.;
- (n) liaise with the Para World Sailing Committee on technical issues regarding equipment adaptations.

International Measurers Programme Administration: See Part VI, Regulation 31

6.10.9 International Umpires Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.10.9.1 The International Umpires Sub-committee, which shall administer the International Umpires' programme, has been established by the Council as a Sub-committee of the Race Officials Committee pursuant to Article 42.

6.10.9.2 The International Umpires Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.10.9.3 The International Umpires Sub-committee shall:

- (a) administer the International Umpires' programme;
- (b) recommend to the Race Officials Committee the appointment of International Umpires in accordance with these Regulations;
- (c) disseminate information to and communicate with International Umpires and Member National Authorities;
- (d) be responsible for the instruction and evaluation of International Umpires and candidates to become International Umpires, which shall include:
 - (i) the development and conduct of seminars to train and qualify International Umpires and candidates to become International Umpires; and
 - (ii) the formulation of the examinations and establishment of the criteria for the performance assessment which applicants must pass to qualify as International Umpires;

- (e) assist Member National Authorities in training and in developing national umpires programmes;
- (f) recommend policies regarding the conduct of International Umpires;
- (g) administer programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules and other World Sailing documents by International Umpires;
- (h) propose rule changes and submit interpretations of the Racing Rules and calls for match racing, team racing and umpired fleet racing to the Racing Rules Committee;
- (i) develop and administer a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Umpires according to their abilities and to place them in groups based on agreed criteria;
- (j) update International Umpires Sub-committee documents, such as the Umpiring and Match Racing Manual, the Umpiring and Team Racing Manual, Umpiring and Fleet Racing Manual, Performance Assessment forms and the International Umpire application form;
- (k) address questions from International Umpires;
- (l) deal with such matters as any World Sailing committee may request.

International Umpires Programme Administration: See Part VI, Regulation 31

6.10.10 Race Management Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.10.10.1 The Race Management Sub-committee, which shall administer the International Race Officers' programme has been established by the Council as a Sub-committee of the Race Officials Committee pursuant to Article 42.

6.10.10.2 The Race Management Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.10.10.3 The Race Management Sub-committee shall:

- (a) administer the International Race Officers' programme;
- (b) recommend to the Race Officials Committee the appointment of International Race Officers in accordance with these Regulations;
- (c) disseminate information to and communicate with International Race Officers and Member National Authorities;
- (d) be responsible for the instruction and evaluation of International Race Officers and candidates to become an International Race Officer, which shall include:
 - (i) the development and conduct of seminars to train and qualify International Race Officers and candidates to become International Race Officers; and
 - (ii) the formulation of the examinations which applicants must pass to qualify as International Race Officers and, if required, the establishment of the criteria for a performance assessment and its administration;
- (e) assist Member National Authorities in training and in developing national Race Officers programmes;
- (f) recommend policies regarding the conduct of International Race Officers;

- (g) administer programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules and other World Sailing documents by International Race Officers;
- (h) propose rule changes and submit interpretations of the Racing Rules to the Racing Rules Committee, the Race Officials Committee and other appropriate bodies;
- (i) recommend to the Racing Rules Committee standards for the Notice of Race Guide, and the Sailing Instructions Guide to achieve a high and uniform standard;
- (j) update International Race Officers Sub-committee documents, such as the Umpiring and Match Racing Manual, Performance Assessment forms and the International Race Officer application form;
- (k) develop and administer a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Race Officers according to their abilities and to place them in groups based on agreed criteria;
- (l) work towards standardization and improvement of sailing instructions;
- (m) consider and propose race management policies for the Olympic Sailing Competition and World Sailing Events;
- (n) address questions from International Race Officers;
- (o) deal with such matters as any World Sailing committee may request.

Race Management Programme Administration: See Part VI, Regulation 31

Racing Rules Committee

6.11 Racing Rules Committee

Constituting the Committee; Other Appointments

- 6.11.1 The Racing Rules Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.
- 6.11.2 The Racing Rules Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42. Members should have thorough knowledge of the Racing Rules and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.
- 6.11.3 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee shall appoint the members and chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee working parties as needed to fulfil the terms of reference of the Racing Rules Committee.
- 6.11.4 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee shall, together with the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, appoint the members of the Racing Rules Q&A Panel and the chairman of the panel.
- 6.11.5 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee shall appoint the Racing Rules Committee representatives to the Equipment Committee and the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee.
- 6.11.6 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee may, for the purposes of communication and cooperation, appoint himself/herself or another member of the Committee as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Race Officials Committee.

Terms of Reference

6.11.7 The Racing Rules Committee shall:

- (a) formulate, revise and approve Racing Rules, cases and calls on behalf of Council, in accordance with Regulation 28.;

- (b) consider and decide submissions that propose or suggest changes in the Racing Rules, cases and calls in accordance with Regulation 28;
- (c) consider recommendations from and decisions of other committees that might affect the Racing Rules;
- (d) include in the Racing Rules the following:
 - (i) the authority given to national authorities, organizing authorities, race committees, protest committees, umpires, technical committees, and other race officials in the conducting of races;
 - (ii) procedures to be used when conducting races;
 - (iii) the responsibilities of boats, competitors, support persons, and boat owners before, during and after racing;
 - (iv) rules that apply when boats meet;
 - (v) methods of dealing with breaches of rules (as defined in the RRS) and the imposition of penalties;
 - (vi) other disciplinary measures;
 - (vii) provisions for appealing decisions of protest committees; and
 - (viii) references to appropriate regulations, including the Eligibility, Advertising, Anti-Doping, Betting & Anti-Corruption, Disciplinary, Appeals and Review Codes.
- (e) approve all authoritative interpretations made by World Sailing of the Racing Rules (including cases and calls) and reviewing all other educational material published by World Sailing concerning the Racing Rules;
- (f) (working together with the Race Officials Committee) approve World Sailing Racing Rules Questions and Answers;
- (g) publish on the World Sailing website any World Sailing cases, calls and rapid response calls;
- (h) communicate and cooperate with other committees on matters related to the Racing Rules;
- (i) work for continued improvement of rule observance;
- (j) work for standardization and improvement of notices of race and sailing instructions;
- (k) consider and debate other subjects related to the Racing Rules; and
- (l) formulate and approve the Introductory Rules for Racing.

Racing Rules Administration - See Part VI, Regulation 28.

7. COMMITTEE RULES OF PROCEDURE

7.1 Meetings

- 7.1.1 All World Sailing committees and sub-committees shall meet at least once a year. Commissions and working parties shall meet as required and in accordance with their terms of reference. Additional meetings may take place by electronic means if appropriate. In this Regulation, where the context so permits, references to committees shall include sub-committees, commissions and working parties.
- 7.1.2 Committees shall meet to discuss matters within their terms of reference and shall delegate to such sub-committees or working parties as may be determined in

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accordance with the Regulations all matters within the terms of reference of those sub-committees.

7.1.3 Committee chairmen shall report twice yearly to Council, if not in attendance at a meeting of Council then in writing.

7.2 Agenda

7.2.1 The agenda for Committee meetings shall, so far as is possible, comprise the following items:

- (a) apologies.
- (b) minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising;
- (c) submissions that are allocated to it as 'reporting committee' or 'other committee';
- (d) work in progress;
- (e) other issues within the Committee's terms of reference; and
- (f) any other business.

7.2.2 The agenda for Committee meetings shall be closed at such time as shall be determined by the Chief Executive Officer, which shall normally be four weeks before the meeting. The Committee Chairman and Chief Executive Officer shall prepare the Agenda with the Chief Executive Officer having final authorisation for publication. Committee Members may propose items for the agenda to the Chairman, but his decision as to what items shall be included shall be final.

7.2.3 Supporting and other position papers relevant to any agenda item or submission should be circulated a minimum of two weeks in advance of the start of the meeting.

7.3 Minutes

7.3.1 Minutes of each meeting shall be prepared by the Chief Executive Officer, whose draft shall be approved by the Chairman of the meeting. After such approval the draft will be circulated to all Committee Members present at the meeting within three weeks of the meeting except in exceptional circumstances. Committee Members may propose amendments to any entry in the minutes which they do not consider constitutes a fair and true representation of what took place at the meeting. The Chairman of the meeting shall consider their proposals but his decision as to the contents of the minutes to be published shall be final at that stage and shall be circulated.

7.3.2 Committee Members still wishing to propose amendments shall send them to the Chief Executive Officer within two weeks from the date they were circulated. The proposed amendments shall be put on the agenda of the next Committee meeting for consideration.

7.3.3 Any notes of the occurrences at meetings made by or on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer whether electronic or otherwise shall be retained by him until the end of the next meeting of the Committee and the Chief Executive Officer shall disclose them to any Committee Member who wishes to propose amendments in accordance with Regulation 7.3.2.

7.4 Committee Decisions

7.4.1 Except where a Committee is empowered by its terms of reference to make decisions on its own authority, the function of a Committee is to advise Council as to the action Council should take.

7.5 Rules of Debate

- 7.5.1 In debate members of the Committee may speak in turn. They shall address their remarks to the chair. Other members shall not interrupt. No member shall speak until called upon by the chair. Members will not normally be expected to make more than one speech in each debate. There will be no fixed time limit but speeches are to be kept short.
- 7.5.2 The Chairman shall state the final motion to be put to the vote.
- 7.5.3 The matter will then be voted on. A vote by members of the Committee shall be made and in the case of a tie in votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- 7.5.4 At the request of a Committee Member the minutes shall detail the names of the Committee Members who voted for or against, or abstained from, the motion except when Regulation 7.5.5 has been invoked.
- 7.5.5 At the request of a Committee Member, and if duly seconded and passed, a vote may be taken by secret ballot.
- 7.6 Attendance at Committee Meetings
 - 7.6.1 In the event that the Chairman cannot attend a meeting, the Vice-Chairman shall automatically take the chair. If the Vice-Chairman is not available, it shall be the responsibility of the President to appoint an alternate.
 - 7.6.2 Committee Members shall notify the Chief Executive Officer if they are unable to attend a Committee Meeting. If a Committee Member does not attend two consecutive Committee Meetings without proper reason, then his/her Committee membership will be reviewed in accordance with Regulation 5.4.4.
 - 7.6.3 In the case of a member of a committee or a sub-committee being unable to attend a meeting, the appointment of alternates may only be made with the approval of the Board or the President. In the case of a vacancy in a committee or sub-committee caused by resignation, lengthy inability to attend however caused, or incapacity, the Chairman of such committee or sub-committee shall advise the Chief Executive Officer of the vacancy which may be filled in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 5.3.
 - 7.6.4 The quorum for meetings of a Committee is one third of the number of members of that Committee, except the Board for which the quorum is one half of its members entitled to vote and if a meeting takes place by electronic means (see Regulation 7.1.1) any decision shall be determined by the votes of the majority of members who respond within the timescale prescribed by the Chairman of that Committee which shall be not less than seven days.
- 7.7 Financial or other interests
 - 7.7.1 In a debate on any matter in which a member of the Committee has a personal vested interest, whether financial or otherwise, the member shall advise the Chairman of that fact, and of the exact nature of the interest, if practicable in advance of the Committee meeting, or otherwise at the earliest reasonable opportunity in the course of the debate. Notification of the reasons of the said interest shall be reported to the Committee unless there are compelling grounds why such reasons should remain confidential. According to the exact nature of the interest, the Chairman or the Committee may require the member concerned to leave the meeting for the whole or part of the debate. The Chairman may require the member to abstain from voting. The declaration and any decision by the Chairman shall be minuted.
 - 7.7.2 Regulation 3.5.1 applies to all committee members.

8. COMMISSIONS - GENERALLY

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- 8.1 Commissions are specialized bodies created to advise on specific areas of professional or technical expertise. Although a commission may be created for a temporary period this would not normally be for an anticipated period of less than eighteen months.
- 8.2 Subject to Regulations 8.9, and 8.14 , the appointment and removal of members of commissions is the responsibility of the Board (including the appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman).
- 8.3 The Board may recommend to Council for its approval the creation of a commission for a temporary or permanent period and a duration to be specified.
- 8.4 The purposes of the Commission shall be expressed by terms of reference. On acceptance by Council of the Board's recommendation for the establishment of the commission and its terms of reference, the Commission is created either for a specified or indefinite period.
- 8.5 A commission shall report as set out in its terms of reference. Where a commission reports to the Board, the report shall be confidential until such time as the Board determines otherwise.
 - 8.5.1 Regulation 7.7 applies to all commission members.
 - 8.5.2 The quorum for meetings of a commission is one third of the number of members of that commission and, if a meeting takes place by electronic means, any decision shall be determined by the votes of the majority of members who respond within the timescale prescribed by the chairman (which shall be not less than seven days).

Medical Commission

- 8.6 Medical Commission

Constituting the Commission

- 8.6.1 The Medical Commission has been established to provide medical advice on sailing matters.

Terms of Reference

- 8.6.2 The Medical Commission shall:
 - (a) inform and advise the Board in respect of the implications and implementation of World Anti-Doping Code, and all its provisions;
 - (b) ensure that such annual changes as are made to the World Anti-Doping Code List of Prohibited Substances and Methods are published and made known to Member National Authorities, so that these may be disseminated to competitive sailors worldwide;
 - (c) advise and assist the Board in the practical enforcement of the World Anti-Doping Code;
 - (d) in accordance with the procedures in the World Anti-Doping Code International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, be the Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee (TUEC) appointed to:
 - (i) consider and process, via the Executive Office, requests from competitors for dispensation for TUE and issue such Certifications of Approval;
 - (ii) report to WADA, through the ADAMs system, the granting of all TUES;
 - (e) consider and advise the Board on medical matters affecting all branches of sailing served by World Sailing;
 - (f) if requested by the Board, make investigations into aspects of sailing which have or may have an effect upon the physical or mental health of sailors.

International Regulations Commission

8.7 International Regulations Commission

Constituting the Commission

8.7.1 The International Regulations Commission has been established to provide advice on matters related to the regulation of recreational boats or craft by government actions or otherwise.

Terms of Reference

8.7.2 The Commission shall report to the Board and the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.

8.7.3 The Commission shall:

- (a) monitor any legislation or actions by international or national institutions and national Governments or other similar bodies which affect the navigation, manning, construction, equipment, safety and use of recreational craft or the environment and take (in conjunction with National Authorities and other bodies representative of the users of all types of recreational craft) appropriate action in regard thereto;
- (b) represent the interest of World Sailing, its Member National Authorities and all users with IMO and other international or national Institutions which concern navigation, manning, construction, equipment, safety and use of recreational craft in conjunction with, if appropriate, National Authorities and other bodies representative of the users of all types of recreational craft;
- (c) liaise with relevant World Sailing committees in all matters affected by its work; and
- (d) request Member National Authorities to report annually:
 - (i) whether the conditions for the free exercise of sailing have been changed;
 - (ii) the actions that should be taken to improve the situation.

Sustainability Commission

8.8 Sustainability Commission

Constituting the Commission

8.8.1 The Sustainability Commission has been established to advise World Sailing on the development of its sustainability vision, strategy and practical implementation within the sport and support World Sailing's new position of leadership in the sustainable sport movement.

8.8.2 There shall be eight members of the Commission, at least six of whom shall be comprised as follows:

- (a) one person from the international academic community with expertise in oceanography;
- (b) one person from the international academic community with expertise in materials and marine engineering sustainability;
- (c) one person with expertise in event sustainability;
- (d) one person with leadership in the area of sustainability within sailing;
- (e) one person with experience of the organisation of high impact international sailing events; and
- (f) one current Olympic or professional competitor with experience of international events.

Terms of Reference

8.8.3 The Sustainability Commission shall be responsible to the Board.

8.8.4 The Sustainability Commission shall:

- (a) develop a long-term sustainability vision for World Sailing (“Vision 2030”);
- (b) develop a set of stretching but achievable sustainability goals and measures for the sport in order to realise the vision;
- (c) propose research projects that are undertaken in conjunction with World Sailing’s partners and academic institutions to validate and set appropriate sustainability targets for the sport
- (d) propose research projects that are undertaken in conjunction with World Sailing’s partners and academic institutions to identify specific solutions to meet World Sailing’s sustainability goals;
- (e) support the Executive Office as requested through the Chief Executive Officer with delivery of the World Sailing sustainability strategy;
- (f) contribute to the planning and delivery of the annual Sustainability Forum at the World Sailing conference;
- (g) contribute and review the World Sailing annual sustainability report; and
- (h) act as World Sailing ambassadors across the sport in all matters related to sustainability, actively promoting the vision and work of the sport.

Athletes’ Commission

8.9 The Athletes’ Commission

Constituting the Commission

8.9.1 The Athletes’ Commission is a non-political consultative body that offers advice and assistance to World Sailing on matters and issues of relevance to Olympic and Paralympic sailors, and acts as a link between active Olympic and Paralympic sailors and World Sailing.

8.9.2 Members of the Athletes’ Commission shall be decided as follows:

- (a) the Athletes’ Commission shall comprise nine members; the term of membership shall be eight years;
- (b) there shall be a maximum of one member from any Olympic or Paralympic sailing event;
- (c) five members shall retire, and five new members shall join, following elections to be held at each Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Competition;
- (d) only Olympians from the current or immediately previous Olympic Sailing Competition shall be eligible to become members representing Olympic sailors;
- (e) three new members shall be elected by the sailors participating at each Olympic Sailing Competition. One member shall be elected in accordance with Regulation 8.9.2(j) and one further sailor shall then be appointed by the President to assist a good balance between regions, genders and Events;
- (f) in the event of a resignation, a replacement member shall be elected by the sailors from the previous Olympic or Paralympic Sailing Competition. However, if the resignation occurs in the 12 month period prior to the next Olympic or Paralympic Sailing Competition, a replacement member shall be elected by the sailors participating at that event instead;

- (g) candidates for membership shall pledge to represent all Olympic and Paralympic sailors;
- (h) members shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among their members to serve in that role for four years at their first meeting following the Olympics and Paralympics;
- (i) The President may, at the request of the Chairman of the Commission, appoint as additional honorary members former Olympians or Paralympians whose expertise or experience will be of value to the Commission in the execution of its responsibilities.
- (j) One member shall be elected by and from the sailors who participated in the 2017 Para World Sailing Championships. That member will serve until the next scheduled elections to the Commission on the occasion of the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition (Regulation 8.9.2(a) does not apply). At that time, one member will then join the Commission following an election at the Paralympic Sailing Competition. Only Paralympians from the current or immediately previous Paralympic Sailing Competition shall be eligible to become members representing Paralympic sailors.
- (k) Until sailing is re-included in the Paralympic Games, any references in this Regulation to the “Paralympic Sailing Competition” shall mean the Para World Sailing Championships in the same year of the election and references to “Paralympians” shall mean sailors who had competed in at least two Para World Sailing Championships.

Terms of Reference

- 8.9.3 The Athletes’ Commission shall be responsible to the Board.
- 8.9.4 The Athletes’ Commission shall:
 - (a) present the Olympic and Paralympic athletes’ points of view to the Board through recommendations and proposals;
 - (b) promote respect of the rights of athletes within the sport and draw up recommendations to that effect;
 - (c) promote high standards of sportsmanship and ethical performance when competing and participating;
 - (d) reflect the views of the Olympic and Paralympic athletes competing and participating at the highest level and establish relationships to promote feedback to the Board, and other committees and working groups, on matters concerning Olympic athletes; and
 - (e) liaise with the Board on World Sailing Events to help World Sailing respond to the needs of the Olympic athletes.
- 8.9.5 The Commission may appoint a full voting member to the Coaches Commission, Development & Regions Committee, Events Committee, Equipment Committee, Olympic Classes Sub-committee, Para World Sailing Committee, Race Officials Committee and Racing Rules Committee. The appointed member must be a member of the Athletes’ Commission and may be changed by the Commission from time to time. If the appointed member is the Chairman of the Commission, then he or she shall not have a vote.

Sailor Categorization Commission

- 8.10 Sailor Categorization Commission

Constituting the Commission

8.10.1 The Sailor Categorization Commission has been established to provide technical advice on Regulation 22, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code.

Terms of Reference

8.10.2 The Sailor Categorization Commission shall:

- (a) inform and advise the Board in respect of the implications and implementation of the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, and all its provisions;
- (b) shall present proposed changes to the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code to the Board for approval;
- (c) shall ensure approved changes to the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code are published and made known to Member National Authorities, so that these may be disseminated to competitive sailors worldwide;
- (d) liaise with events and classes that use the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code;
- (e) consider and process and manage, via the World Sailing website, applications and appeals from competitors for Categorization and to assign such certifications of Categorization group;
- (f) liaise with the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and other World Sailing committees to ensure the correct application of the Categorization Code;
- (g) maintain a list of sailors and their assigned Categorization group on the World Sailing website;
- (h) be convened annually, when necessary, in order to consider any issues or proposed changes to the World Sailing Categorization Code; and
- (i) publish and maintain up to date on the World Sailing website a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to assist sailors in understanding the Code and its interpretations. It may be changed at any time.

Coaches Commission

8.11 Coaches Commission

Constituting the Commission

8.11.1 The Coaches Commission has been established by the Board to advise on coaching in the sport in accordance with Regulation 8.11.2.

Terms of Reference

8.11.2 The Coaches Commission shall:

- (a) maintain a close liaison with coaches in the sport;
- (b) debate coaching issues and make recommendations thereon to the Board;
- (c) Inform and advise the Board in respect of the implications and implementation of a World Sailing Coaches' Code of Conduct, and all its provisions;
- (d) shall present and consider proposed changes to the World Sailing Coaches' Code of Conduct to the Board for approval;
- (e) inform and advise the Board in respect of the implications and implementation of educational material for coaches; and
- (f) debate other matters that may be relevant to the coaches' interest;
- (g) develop educational materials for coaches.

Judicial Board

8.13 Judicial Board

Note: *The Judicial Board is authorized by, and its functions and procedures are provided for in Articles 77 - 81. It does not therefore operate under a delegation of power from the Council. This is appropriate because it exercises quasi-judicial functions.*

Ethics Commission

8.14 Ethics Commission

Constituting the Commission

8.14.1 The Ethics Commission has been established by Council for the purpose set out in Regulation 8.14.8.

8.14.2 Regulation 8.2 does not apply to the appointment or removal of members of the Commission. Council shall appoint the members of the Commission on the nomination of the Board. There shall be at least seven members of the Commission, including at least two members of the Constitution Committee. Council shall appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission on the nomination of the Board.

8.14.3 Notwithstanding Regulation 8.2, a member of the Commission may be removed by Council.

8.14.4 A member of the Commission shall not hear any case before the Judicial Board concerning an investigation carried out by the Ethics Commission.

8.14.5 Not used.

Terms of reference

8.14.6 The Commission shall report to the Board, except where any issue or report concerns a member of the Board, in which case the Commission shall report to Council.

8.14.7 The Commission may adopt its own rules of procedure to govern its meetings and operations.

8.14.8 The Commission shall:

- (a) promote ethical behaviour within World Sailing and the sport of sailing generally;
- (b) keep the World Sailing Code of Ethics under review and propose any amendments it may consider necessary;
- (c) carry out investigations and adjudicate on complaints submitted under the World Sailing Code of Ethics;
- (d) advise World Sailing and its members on the proper application of the Code of Ethics (including by issuing guidance);
- (e) provide confidential guidance on request concerning a question of ethics; and
- (f) appoint and remove Ethics Officers.

8.15 Safety Commission

Constituting the Commission.

8.15.1 The Safety Commission has been established for the purpose set out in Regulation 8.15.

8.15.2 There shall be at least nine members of the Commission including;

- (a) A suitably qualified Chair appointed by the Board.
- (b) A Board Liaison Vice-President;
- (c) A member of the Medical Commission ;
- (d) A member of the Oceanic & Offshore Committee ;
- (e) A member of the Equipment Committee;
- (f) A member of the Athletes' Commission ;
- (g) A member of the Coaches Commission ;
- (h) A member of the Events Committee ;
- (i) A member of the Race Officials Committee ;

With the exception of the Chair all members of the Safety Commission are required to be members of an existing World Sailing Commission or Committee. Those with other specific areas of expertise (i.e., ISO standards, race management, foiling, high speed racing and special events) may be co-opted as required.

Terms of Reference.

8.15.3 The Safety Commission shall:

- (a) analyse incidents received by the World Sailing Safety Panel;
- (b) make recommendations and identify relevant bodies within World Sailing to develop safety procedures or corrective actions where appropriate;
- (c) monitor work relating to safety made by Committees, Commissions and other relevant bodies within their subject relevant areas;
- (d) coordinate any combined/collaborations of work on safety related matters progressed by other Committees, Commissions and other relevant bodies;
- (e) report progress on safety related matters to the Safety Panel which advises the Board;
- (f) promote and advocate safety matters within World Sailing and the sport of sailing generally; and
- (g) develop educational materials for stakeholders.

8.15.4 The Commission shall report to the Board and shall also produce an annual report to the Council.

8.15.5 The Commission may adopt its own rules of procedure to govern its meetings and operations.

9. WOMEN'S FORUM

Constituting the Forum

9.1 The Women's Forum has been established by the Council pursuant to its power of delegation.

- 9.2 The membership of the Women's Forum shall consist of a Chairman who shall be the women's representative on Council from time to time, a Vice-Chairman, and all women who are from time to time members of World Sailing committees, sub-committees and commissions.
- 9.3 Reserved for future use
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- 9.5 Reserved for future use

Objectives

- 9.6 The objective of the Women's Forum is to encourage and increase participation by women in all aspects of sailing and sailing administration by facilitating open discussion, and the sharing of information, on issues relating to women in sailing, including issues arising from submissions, proposals and the agendas of World Sailing committees.

PART III – Classes and Rating Systems

10. WORLD SAILING CLASS ASSOCIATIONS

10.1 Classes which offer a high standard of international competitive sailing and satisfy the respective criteria set out below may be designated as a World Sailing Class Association.

Obtaining designation as a World Sailing Class Association

10.2 To be designated as a World Sailing Class Association, a class shall be recommended for designation by the Equipment Committee, and for Offshore Racing Classes also by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee to the Council and must receive a majority vote of Council.

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,

- (a) an active class/owners association;
- (b) a constitution passed by a pre-existing class/owners association and approved by the Equipment Committee and the Constitution Committee containing at least:
 - (i) the name of the class,
 - (ii) provision for control by a class/owners association,
 - (iii) an elected board and executive committee,
 - (iv) an executive committee, including at least the executive officers, and
 - (v) a statement of the objectives of the class;
- (c) a set of class rules in the World Sailing Standard Class Rules format, and adopting the Equipment Rules of Sailing, approved by the Equipment Committee. The Equipment Committee may approve an exemption to either requirement if in its opinion the class rules are satisfactory and well established;
- (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 in the table below. The distribution may be proven by either confirmation from the requisite number of Member National Authorities, or a list of registered boat owners, or by records of results of an international event with participation meeting the equivalent global distribution:

Designation as a World Sailing Class and Entitled to World Championship			
Category according to Hull Length	Boats per MNA	No. of MNAs	No. of Continents
Boats up to 6.0m	15	5	2
Boats >6.0m to 9.0m	7	4	2

Boats >9.0m to 12.0m	6	3	2
Boats >12.0m to 15.0m	4	3	2
Boats >15.0m	2	3	2

- (e) the requirements of Regulation 10.2.1(d) may be waived by Council, upon recommendation of the Equipment Committee or the Oceanic and Offshore Committee for Offshore Classes, when they consider the class serves a unique aspect of sailing.
For the purposes of these Regulations "continent" means any one of Europe, North America, South America, Asia, Africa and Oceania.
- (f) paid an application fee as established by Council from time to time;
- (g) its constitution and class rules available on the World Sailing website or with a link from the World Sailing website.
- (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.
- (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
- (j) Upon request of the Executive Office, classes shall provide further details to evaluate compliance with the criteria.

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.

World Championships for World Sailing Classes

10.4 To maintain the right to hold a World Championship, a class that holds a world championship shall:

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- (a) 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;
- (b) obtain the approval of the Member National Authority governing the proposed venue of its ensuing world championships;
- (c) appoint an international jury for the world championships unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing;
- (d) appoint an International Measurer to the technical committee for the world championships unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing;
- (e) meet or exceed the following participation levels for two of the last three World Championships (except that for multihull boats up to 6.0m, the required number of entries is 25):

Category according to Hull Length or weight	Number of Entries			Number of Countries	Number of Continents
	Gender open and men's only world championships	Women's, boy's and mixed World Championships	Girls and mixed Youth World Championships		
Boats up to 6.0m	30	20	15	5	2
Boats >6.0m to 9.0m	25	17	13	4	2
Boats >9.0m to 12.0m and <2000 kg	20	13	10	3	2
Boats >9.0m to 12.0m and >2000 kg	12	8	6	3	2
Boats >12.0m and <7500kg	10	5	4	3	2
Boats >7500 to 16000kg	8	5	4	3	2

Boats <16000kg	6	4	3	3	2
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If a Class has failed to meet this requirement for two of their last three World Championships, it may only call its next such event a World Championships and award World Champion titles if the participation levels at that event meet this requirement.

Before World Sailing rescinds any right to host a world championship, the Class shall be given notice in writing and shall be offered the right to appeal any decision to Council.

- (f) send a report on the class world championship(s) to the Executive Office as soon as possible after the championship but no later than the 1 February annual report, including information required by World Sailing. Failure of a class to submit this report may result in World Sailing review the Class's right to hold a world championship, notwithstanding other Regulations below. The information required by World Sailing shall include:
 - (i) a full set of results for each awarded title, stating the nationality of each entry; and
 - (ii) an evaluation on the event organization, the overall quality of the event, the venue and standards of racing.

Regulations on Administering World Sailing Classes

- 10.5 To maintain its World Sailing designation, a World Sailing Class shall:
 - (a) properly administer its affairs and maintain its objectives in accordance with its constitution, Class Rules, its agreement with World Sailing and these Regulations;
 - (b) submit changes to the Class constitution and measurement forms for review and comment by World Sailing;
 - (c) obtain World Sailing approval 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;
 - (d) 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);
 - (e) 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;
 - (f) ensure that its equipment control procedures properly maintain the objectives of the class rules and shall:
 - (i) appoint a technical and/or equipment control committee;
 - (ii) 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;
 - (iii) have at least one World Sailing recognized class International Measurer (see Regulation 31.1(d)). This Regulation 10.5(f)(iii) applies:

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- (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. Regulation 10.5(f)(iii)(b) ceases on 1 January 2025;
- (c) For all remaining World Sailing Classes, not before 31 December 2023. Regulations 10.5.(f)(iii)(c) ceases on 1 January 2024
- (d) keep all International Measurers approved for the class informed with respect to class rule changes and interpretations;
- (e) organise regular class equipment inspection seminars to train class equipment inspectors with the class International Measurers as instructors; and
- (f) require class International Measurers to measure prototypes of moulded production boats before approval of new moulds.

- (g) use its best efforts to ensure that the national association is affiliated to the relevant National Authority. Class/owners associations must:
 - (i) 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
 - (ii) 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.
- (h) when a licensed builder system is adopted, gain the approval of World Sailing and the relevant Member National Authority before appointing licensed builders.
- (i) require that all new boats shall have paid a class fee to World Sailing in accordance with the 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;
- (j) require that the organizing authority agrees to reject or cancel any entry if such evidence is not provided;
- (k) 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:
 - (i) Class representatives, including the technical representative and the members of the technical and/or equipment committee;
 - (ii) list of licensed builders (if applicable) and number of boats built;
 - (iii) awarded World, and Continental, Champion titles and
 - (iv) a declaration that the class representative is not aware of any incident reportable under Regulation 38 – Safety Reporting, that has not already been reported to World Sailing through the website incident reporting portal.
- (l) if an Olympic Class, comply with the following requirements for world or continental championships:

- (i) 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);
- (ii) 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);
- (iii) 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;
- (iv) 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
- (v) the above procedure is subject to any national laws or regulations.

Class Rule Changes

- 10.11 World Sailing Class Associations shall change their Class Rules in accordance with the following procedures (unless otherwise approved by World Sailing and provided for in the agreement defined in Regulation 10.3):
 - 10.11.1 Before applying to World Sailing for approval, the class/owners association shall consult with the Chief Executive Officer who shall respond in a timely manner and shall have approved the changes in accordance with its constitution and its class rules.
 - 10.11.2 Then the class/owners association shall 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/owners association; and
 - (d) the date when the changes are to take effect.
 - 10.11.3 When the application is received by the Chief Executive Officer, in the case of changes not relating to a modification of the Advertising Code, he shall consider it as soon as practicable.
 - 10.11.4 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/owners association with comments for revision. However before rejecting them the Chief Executive Officer shall report back to the class/owners association, who shall be entitled to comment on such views within thirty days of such report. Any such comments shall be considered before a final decision is made.
 - 10.11.5 If an application is rejected the class/owners association may request that the application is referred to the Equipment Rules Sub-committee for further review. If the Equipment Rules Sub-committee reject the application the class/owners association may require that the application is referred to Council for review. Council's decision shall be final
 - 10.11.6 Once a change has been approved, World Sailing shall notify the class/owners association, all Member National Authorities, all International Measurers and all licensed builders. The class/owners association shall inform its members.

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10.11.7 The Chief Executive Officer shall 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.

10.11.8 Class Rules shall not modify the Advertising Code. In the case of an application for prohibited or limiting advertising in accordance with Regulation 20.5.1 the procedure required above shall apply except that the Board shall take the place of the Chief Executive Officer and the Equipment Rules Sub-committee.

10.11.9 Before applying for approval as required by regulation 10.11.2 to changes to class rules addressing changes to manufacturing/building specifications the class/owners association shall provide to the Chief Executive Officer, in writing a report including:

- a) reasons for the change,
- b) 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,
- c) an assessment of the effect in performance disclosing how the new equipment has been assessed and by whom,
- d) an assessment of the cost and sustainability implications of the change,
- e) 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,
- f) technical details of the new building specifications, measurement plans and agreed production tolerances.

10.11.10 For equipment with a confidential building specification, approval to changes shall be handled by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee (or if he is conflicted, another committee member appointed by the Chairman of the Equipment Committee). The relevant Copyright holder or manufacturer applying for approval shall provide a report including the items listed in regulation 10.11.9.

10.11.11 For Olympic Classes, further information may be required from the Class, Copyright holders or manufacturers. Before applying for approval, the relevant party shall consult with the Chief Executive Officer who in consultation with the Chairman of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee (or if he is conflicted, another committee member) may set out requirements for the evaluation of the change. Approval may be subject to conditions or for prototypes only.

Class Rule Interpretations

10.12 World Sailing Class Association rule interpretations shall be made in accordance with the following procedures unless otherwise provided for in the agreement defined in Regulation 10.3. Any alternative procedure shall be approved by World Sailing. Such interpretative changes shall not be used to change an existing rule. The Class shall immediately advise World Sailing of any interpretations issued.

10.12.1 World Sailing may only make interpretations in accordance with the following procedures:

- (a) requests for an interpretation may be made to World Sailing from the following sources only: Member National Authorities, World Sailing class/owners association, copyright owners, trade name and trade mark owners, manufacturers of World Sailing Class Associations and International Measurers;
- (b) an interpretation shall only clarify an existing class rule and shall not change the class rules;
- (c) a request received by World Sailing from one of those sources shall be acknowledged and immediately sent to the class/owners association;
- (d) the validity of the interpretation or any alternative interpretation shall be decided by a panel formed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee, the technical representative of the class/owners association and a nominated member of the World Sailing technical staff;
- (e) interpretations of the Class Rules made by the Sub-committee shall be distributed by World Sailing as provided in Regulation 10.11.6; and
- (f) rule interpretations shall have the status of a class rule and, unless otherwise sanctioned in the Agreement, shall remain valid for a maximum period of 2 years or until superseded by a Class Rule change or modification carried out following the procedures of this Regulation.

Review of World Sailing Class Association Status

- 10.13 World Sailing Class Associations shall be subject to regular review by the Equipment Committee (at least once every three years).
- 10.13.1 In the review the Equipment Committee shall establish whether or not:
 - (a) the World Sailing Class Association / Owners 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; and either
 - (b) the class is actively racing pursuant to the relevant requirements of Regulation 10.2.1(d) (The recommended guidelines to 'actively racing' is considered to be at least the same number of registered boats as required for the new classes in that category seeking designated status); or
 - (c) is continuing to provide a significant contribution to the development of the sport, e.g. technical innovation; and
 - (d) that the class rules continue to support the objectives of the class and provide a reasonable framework for the technical control of the class.
- 10.13.2 If a Class fails to meet the above criteria, on the recommendation of the Equipment Committee, the Class shall be reviewed by Council, and its status as a World Sailing Class may be withdrawn.
- 10.13.3 If a Class is to have its status reviewed by Council, the class/owners association shall be notified and entitled to representation at the Council meeting.

Existing Agreements

- 10.14 In the case of agreements between World Sailing and World Sailing Class Associations and licensed builders and trade mark, trade name and copyright owners in existence prior to 30 November 1993, nothing shall be deemed to change the effect or validity of such agreements until the agreements are amended or replaced between the relevant parties, except that the review of Classes shall be carried out in accordance with the provision of Regulation 10.13 herein and the World Sailing status may be withdrawn.

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10.15 Media Rights granted to World Sailing Classes are detailed in Regulation 25.11.

10.16 When an World Sailing Class has been in arrears on all or part of its subscription, fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary companies or any of their predecessors for a period of 30 days, upon certification of the same by the Chief Executive Officer, World Sailing may suspend or cancel the World Sailing Class's right and the right of its members:

- (a) to participate in World Sailing events; or
- (b) to hold a world championship.

Fees

10.17 Pursuant to Article 10, the Board shall set the annual class fees which World Sailing Class Associations shall pay. Such fees shall accrue from the date that the Class's application for World Sailing Class Association status is received at the Executive Office, but such accrued fees shall not be payable until the earlier of the date when the World Sailing status is granted or until the next annual class fees are payable.

10.17.1 Pursuant to Article 13, and as an alternative to the penalties for World Sailing Class Associations in arrears of payments due provided for in Article 13, the Board may suspend any or all of the rights of such Class to hold world championships or be selected for an World Sailing event.

11. WORLD SAILING CLASSIC CLASSES

11.1 World Sailing Classic Class status is available to existing World Sailing classes of historical importance that have shown exceptional significance in sailing through competition or equipment development, and still maintain active international racing.

11.2 The Equipment Committee may recommend a Class that does not meet the requirements in 10.2.1(d) for Classic Class status based upon the contribution of the class as described in Regulation 11.1.

11.3 World Sailing Classic Classes are subject to all other rights and requirements of World Sailing Classes.

12. WORLD SAILING INTERNATIONAL OR RECOGNIZED RATING SYSTEMS

Obtaining Designation as an International or Recognized Rating System

12.1 To be designated an international or recognized rating system, the applicant shall be recommended for designation by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee to Council and must receive a majority vote of Council.

12.2 In order to be so designated the rating system must have:

- (a) an active structure which represents the interests of the certificate holders;
- (b) the capability of operating and managing the rating system without financial assistance from World Sailing;
- (c) a constitution or similar document reviewed by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and the Constitution Committee and approved by World Sailing. This document shall contain at least:
 - (i) the name of the rating system;
 - (ii) provision for control by the members;
 - (iii) an elected board and executive committee, including at least the executive officers; and
 - (iv) a statement of the objectives of the organization;

- (d) a set of rules detailing the operation of the rating system, reviewed by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and agreed by World Sailing. Any changes to the rules of the rating system must be notified to World Sailing for inclusion in the relevant files and publication on the World Sailing website; and
- (e) met the requirements set out below by confirmation from the requisite number of Member National Authorities:
 - (i) in the case of international rating systems, the use of the rating system in events in which at least 25 yachts are actively racing with current valid certificates from each of six Member National Authorities on a minimum of three continents have participated;
 - (ii) in the case of recognized rating systems, the use of the rating system in events in which at least 25 yachts are actively racing with current valid certificates from each of six Member National Authorities have participated.

13. ORC LIMITED (OFFSHORE RACING CONGRESS)

- 13.1 World Sailing recognizes the ORC Ltd as the sole authority to manage and administer:
 - (a) the ORCi International Rating System
 - (b) the ORC Club International Rating System
 - (c) the IMS Rule and the IMS Regulations
 - (d) the IOR Rule
 - (e) the ORC Superyacht Rule
 - (f) The ORC Multihull Rating System
 - (g) additional measurement or rating rules or systems that the ORC may develop or administer now or in the future
 - (h) the ORC GP Rules and ORC GP Classes
 - (i) the ILC Rule and the ILC Classes
 - (j) ORC Classes established under ORC Rules or Systems
 - (k) championship rules for ORC Classes (being those listed under (f), (g) and (h) above);
 - (l) the ORCi International Rating System World Championship for fully crewed and double handed crews;
 - (m) the biennial Offshore Team World Championship provided that each event is subject to approval by World Sailing. There shall be at least four teams representing four different nations or countries.
- 13.2 In addition to the classes authorized in 13.1 the ORC may organize classes utilizing its rules and submit them, pursuant to Regulations 10 & 25, through the Equipment Committee, to Council for approval as World Sailing/ORC Classes providing that:
 - (a) The Oceanic and Offshore Committee shall be consulted regarding such submissions and shall provide its recommendation to Council.
 - (b) Such classes, on Council approval, shall be known as World Sailing/ORC Classes and shall be subject to all obligations, rights, and privileges applying to other World Sailing Classes except that the ORC itself shall serve as the class/owners association.
 - (c) Not more than five World Sailing/ORC Classes shall exist at any time.

- (d) the ORC are responsible for administration of their five nominated World Sailing/ORC classes.
- (e) No boat shall be eligible to compete in the same year in more than one World Sailing/ORC Class.
- (f) ORC shall pay World Sailing an annual fee, as established by the Board from time to time, for each World Sailing/ORC Class that holds a World Championship in that year (Regulation 10.3 shall not apply). This fee does not apply to World Sailing Offshore Team World Championship which utilizes World Sailing and/or World Sailing/ORC Class boats.

PART IV – Administration

14. POLICY DECISIONS

14.1 World Sailing shall publish and make accessible on its website, in a conspicuous place, as it does for the Constitution and Regulations, the policy decisions of Council referred to in Article 68(a).

14.2 This Regulation only applies to policy decisions made since November 2012.

15. NOTICES AND SUBMISSIONS

15.1 Submissions may be made by:

Member National Authorities, World Sailing Class Associations, the Board, the Chairmen of Committees established by Council, the Chairman of the Athletes' Commission, International or Recognized Rating Systems, the Chairman of the Women's Forum and the President.

15.2 A notice, submission, proposal or nomination to World Sailing shall be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer at the address of the Executive Office and shall be delivered in writing by hand, post, fax or email, and be deemed to have been given or made on the date of receipt by the Executive Office

15.3 A submission from a Member National Authority shall be signed by the president, vice-president, chairman or secretary of that Member.

15.4 A submission from a World Sailing Class Association shall be signed by the president, chairman or secretary of the Class Association.

15.5 A submission or proposal shall first state its purpose or objective, set out the proposal, the current position, if any, identify any Article, Regulation or Rule considered to be affected and the reasons for the proposal.

15.5.1 In a proposal which is in the nature of a discussion paper which may lead to changes to, or which outlines changes that might be made to one or more Regulations then the proposal shall also list those Regulations which may be affected.

15.5.2 If a submission or proposal includes specific changes to any Article, Regulation or Rule, then:

- (a) if the change is to remove the whole Regulation, Article or Rule, it shall state the reference number of it; or
- (b) if the change is to only part of the Regulation, Article or Rule, then the current Article, Regulation or Rule shall be set out in full; and
- (c) in either case, the proposed changes shall include the exact wording to be inserted and/or deleted.

15.5.3 For the purposes of this Regulation 'Rule' shall mean any rule within the Racing Rules of Sailing or the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

15.6 Submissions or proposals must be received at the Executive Office in respect of:

- (a) the Annual World Sailing Meeting, by 1200 hours UTC on 1 August except class rule change submissions, which shall be received by 1200 hours UTC on 1 September.
- (b) the Mid-Year meeting or other meetings, not less than eight weeks before the meeting at which it is considered. Only urgent submissions may be considered at a Mid-Year meeting. The Board shall determine whether a submission is urgent. (The provisions of this section do not apply to submissions or proposals brought forward under Regulation 15.7);
- (c) notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 15.6 (a) and (b) submissions or proposals on the amendment of Regulation 23 may be considered at the 2024 Mid-Year meeting or via written resolution of the Council, in accordance with Article 59. This Regulation 15.6 (c) shall cease to apply on the 31 May 2024.

15.6.1 Notwithstanding Regulation 15.6 above, submissions made by the Board arising out of their September meeting shall not be late submissions provided they are included in the November Conference mailing.

15.7 A late submission may only be considered upon the approval of the President or in his absence of one of the Vice-Presidents and then only when he considers that a matter of urgency is involved.

15.8 Any other late submission shall be placed on the agenda for the next available meeting of the General Assembly, Council, or Committee (as the case might be), if the person or body which made the submission so requests.

15.9 Council shall not resolve any matter or substance unless it is based upon a submission which has been received in accordance with these regulations or is otherwise on the agenda of a committee or sub-committee of the Council.

15.10 All submissions or proposals complying with Regulation 15 shall be placed on the agendas of the appropriate committees.

15.11 The procedure for deciding on submissions as received will be as follows:

- (a) during their meeting the 'reporting committee' shall allow representatives from those responsible for the submission to speak to it;
- (b) those submissions which affect Regulations and Articles will be included on the agenda of the Constitution Committee who will be required to give their input on any such changes;
- (c) before the Council meeting, the World Sailing staff will prepare a 'recommendations paper' detailing the recommendations on each submission from the reporting committee and the opinions from the 'other committees'. The Chairman of each committee will be asked to authenticate that the 'recommendation paper' shows an accurate record of the committee's discussion on submissions allocated to their committee;
- (d) in making recommendations on submissions, committees may not recommend a substantial change;
- (e) the chairman of the reporting committee for a submission will be invited to give their verbal recommendation to Council on the submission;
- (f) the opinions of 'other committees' will be received in writing as part of the 'recommendations paper'.

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15.12 The procedure for deciding on submissions as received and summarized as in Regulation 15.13 will be as follows:

- (a) recommendations that are either pending from previous committee meetings or new items deemed urgent and requiring an immediate Council decision may be presented to Council;
- (b) Council may decide to make a decision on such recommendations or defer the matter to the next Council meeting;
- (c) any recommendations from the Constitution Committee which bring about a change to the Regulations may be deferred to the following Mid-Year or Annual meeting by Council.

15.13 Submissions to change or add a Regulation which are approved by Council without changes to the text as recommended to the Council by the Constitution Committee shall be effective on the date of approval unless a later date is stated in Council's decision.

15.13.1 In the event that Council's decision changes the text as recommended to the Council by the Constitution Committee, the Regulation shall not be effective until such text shall have been approved by the Constitution Committee for its recommendation.

15.13.2 The effective date of the reviewed text shall be when the Chairman of the Constitution Committee certifies in writing that the changes to the text have been approved either:

- (a) by those members (being not less than five) of the Constitution Committee present at a Council meeting or after discussion by e-mail or other electronic means present at a Council Meeting.
- (b) by the Constitution Committee after discussion by e-mail or other electronic means which shall if possible be within 28 days of the relevant meeting.

15.14 The Chief Executive Officer shall keep a register of addresses of all members of the World Sailing, the members of the Council and members of the Committees. Notices from the World Sailing shall be deemed to be properly delivered if dispatched by post, fax or email to the appropriate registered address. Notices to be given by the Chief Executive Officer shall be dispatched not less than twenty one days before the meeting to which they relate, provided that under exceptional circumstances failure to dispatch a notice in proper time shall not invalidate such notice or preclude the subject matter of such notice being placed on an agenda and resolved, if the General Assembly, Council or Committee (as the case might be) so decides.

15.15 All notices and circulars sent to Members shall be sent to the members of Council for information.

16. INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION BY CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

16.1 The interpretation of the World Sailing Constitution, including any ancillary documents, and Regulations shall be the sole responsibility of the Constitution Committee.

16.2 Any Member National Authority, Class, Director or Committee Chairman or Vice-Chairman may submit a request in writing for an interpretation of the Constitution or Regulations. Such requests shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officer who shall send them to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Constitution Committee promptly. Such requests shall be considered by the Constitution Committee and a written opinion on the interpretation of the Constitution and/or the Regulations in the context of the circumstances of the request shall be provided to the requestor.

16.3 Any other member of a Member National Authority, Class, Committee or Sub-committee may submit such a request through a Member National Authority, Class, Officer or Committee Chairman or Vice-Chairman as seems appropriate. Any such

body or person through which a request is submitted is bound to forward it to the Chief Executive Officer promptly but may state that the body or the person does not have an interest in the outcome of the request. Otherwise it may provide its own opinion on the request.

- 16.4 Before considering any such request, the Constitution Committee shall:
 - (a) provide a copy of the request to any committee(s) whose terms of reference are substantively and directly relevant to the request;
 - (b) permit the committee(s) reasonable time to comment, having regard to when the Constitution Committee would expect or be expected to issue that interpretation
- 16.5 Notwithstanding Regulation 16.2 above, where there is an urgency in obtaining an opinion the Chairman of the Constitution Committee may issue a provisional interpretation either orally or in writing, but if orally it shall be confirmed in writing as soon as possible. Such provisional interpretation shall be submitted to the Constitution Committee as soon as it reasonably can be. Such provisional interpretation shall be confirmed unless sixty per cent or more of the Constitution Committee vote against confirmation.
- 16.6 The existence of an urgency shall be in the sole discretion of the Chairman of the Constitution Committee. The Chairman may delegate the giving of an opinion to the Vice-Chairman or other legally trained member of the Constitution Committee. Such written opinions, when duly confirmed, shall be posted on the World Sailing Website and may be distributed in any other manner.

17. APPLICATION OF ENGLISH LAW

- 17.1 Any disputes relating to the validity or construction of the World Sailing Constitution or Regulations or any other rules or regulations made thereunder (together, the 'World Sailing Regulations'), and any disputes relating to the application of the World Sailing Regulations or the exercise of powers thereunder, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales and their principles, and shall be governed by English law, excluding English choice of law principles.
- 17.2 For specific events, after consultation with the Chairman of the Constitution Committee, the Board may waive the whole or part of a regulation, provided that such waiver is reported to Council at the next meeting.
- 17.3 Except in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Board, all references in the Regulations to specific amounts of money shall be expressed in Pounds Sterling. In the event that it is inappropriate to use Pounds Sterling in a given instance, the next choice shall be Euros.

18. EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

World Sailing Full Members, World Sailing Members, World Sailing Race Officials, World Sailing Representatives and competitors shall not resort to any court or tribunal until exhaustion of all administrative remedies.

SECTION 2 - EVENTS AND COMPETITION RULES

19. **ELIGIBILITY CODE (see Appendix 3)**
20. **ADVERTISING CODE (see Appendix 1)**
21. **ANTI-DOPING CODE (see Appendix 2)**
22. **WORLD SAILING SAILOR CATEGORIZATION CODE (see Appendix 4)**
23. **OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION**

Events and Equipment

- 23.1 **Events and Equipment**
 - 23.1.1 World Sailing's vision for the Olympic Sailing Competition is that it is a pinnacle event, every 4 years, that showcases the skills and diversity of the best sailors from all parts of the world. Olympic Events, Equipment and formats are chosen to present the sport of sailing as a challenging but accessible and rewarding sport for participants from all countries, and as an engaging experience for spectators and remote audiences.
 - 23.1.2 In choosing its Olympic Events and Equipment, World Sailing shall seek to ensure that each Event at the Olympic Sailing Competition is, and will be likely to remain, the pinnacle Event for that discipline or area of sailing. In addition, the Olympic Events and Equipment taken together shall meet the requirements and objectives of the IOC and to:
 - (a) demonstrate the diversity of skills required to race various types of boats, and minimise the overlap between Events;
 - (b) place an emphasis on athlete skill rather than equipment development, and limit the impact of equipment on performance;
 - (c) demand a high level of athletic ability as well as excellent sailing skills;
 - (d) be attractive and accessible to young athletes from all continents, and of different size and weight, with a clear pathway from World Sailing Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment;
 - (e) maximise the participation of the world's best sailors and showcase the diversity of the sport;
 - (f) provide an effective platform for promotion of the sport, and elite sailors, between Olympics;
 - (g) progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in;
 - (h) avoid unnecessary or excessive equipment costs, development costs, measurement costs, coaching costs, race organisation and race official costs, and television and other media costs;
 - (i) offer continuity of Events and evolution of Equipment to give MNAs and sailors a dependable pathway into Olympic competition with continuity of investment;
 - (j) provide suitable Events and Equipment for Regional Games and other regattas;
 - (k) minimise environmental impact.
 - 23.1.3 The Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in Regulation 23.1.4. Any change to Regulation 23.1.4 shall be made according to the process below (subject to the provisions of Regulation 23.1.5) and the associated voting process and submission requirements are specified in Regulation 23.1.6:

- (a) The ten Olympic Events and Equipment in Regulation 23.1.4 are selected for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition. Equipment evolution shall be permitted and shall be decided in accordance with Regulation 23.1.3(d). World Sailing may propose additional Olympic Events(s) using the voting process for each Event as set out in Regulation 23.1.6(d) – (f) as applicable.
- (b) Council shall decide by 31 December 2021 which of the Events selected for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition to review for possible change for the 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition. There shall be a minimum of four such Events. All Events and their associated Equipment which are not selected for review shall be included in the 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition.
- (c) For each Event it is reviewing under Regulation 23.1.3(b), Council shall decide by 30 June 2022 either:
 - (i) to retain the Event and retain the current Equipment; or
 - (ii) to retain the Event and evolve the current Equipment; or
 - (iii) to retain the Event and select new Equipment; or
 - (iv) to select a new Event and select new Equipment.
- (d) For its decisions under 23.1.3(c), if Council decides:
 - (i) to evolve the current Equipment, it shall at the same time specify where evolution is required;
 - (ii) to select new Equipment, it shall at the same time decide the criteria for the selection of new Equipment;
 - (iii) to select a new Event, it shall at the same time select what that new Event shall be.
- (e) Equipment shall only be selected following Equipment trials or other evaluation against the specified criteria, and shall be selected no later than 31 December of the year five years before the Olympic Games with the following exception:
 - a. For a discipline led Event, Council shall decide by 31 December of the year five years before the Olympic Games the criteria for Equipment suitable for qualification events and the criteria for Equipment suitable for the Olympic Sailing Competition.
 - b. For a discipline led Event, Council shall decide the Equipment by 31 December of the year one year before the Olympic Games.
- (f) World Sailing may at any time require evolution of selected Equipment and shall liaise with the Class organisation and manufacturers before so deciding. Any such evolution shall be decided no later than 31 December of the year five years before the Olympic Sailing Competition.

23.1.4 Olympic Events and Equipment:

2024 and 2028 Olympic Events and Equipment

<u>Event</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
Men's Windsurfing	iQFOiL
Women's Windsurfing	iQFOiL
Men's Kite	IKF Formula Kite

Women's Kite	IKA Formula Kite
Men's Dinghy	ILCA 7
Women's Dinghy	ILCA 6
Men's Skiff	49er
Women's Skiff	49erFX
Mixed Dinghy	470
Mixed Multihull	Nacra 17

23.1.5 Council may only change a decision already made with regard to selection of an Olympic Event or Equipment if:

- (a) Regulation 23.1.7 applies; or
- (b) at least 75% of votes cast are in favour of a motion to change that specific Olympic Event or Equipment selection. In such an event, the timescales in regulation 23.1.3 shall not apply, and any subsequent voting process shall ensure that an Event or Equipment is de-selected, or new Event or Equipment is selected, only after a vote of more than 50% of votes cast in favour of the decision.

23.1.6 Olympic Event and Equipment Voting Processes

- (a) Committees voting on a recommendation to Council shall use the appropriate process defined below. Council shall vote to accept the recommendation of a reporting committee before considering any submissions on the matter. If Council does not accept the recommendation of a reporting committee, it shall then use the appropriate process defined below to make its decision(s).
- (b) For a decision under Regulation 23.1.3(b), there shall be a single ballot paper listing the ten Events and associated Equipment selected for the next Olympics. Each voting member of the committee (or Council) shall mark an X against those whose inclusion in the Olympics after next he or she wishes to be reviewed. Members shall vote for a minimum of 4 Events (there is no maximum number of Events). The Event receiving the most votes shall be subject to review. The Events receiving the second, third and fourth most votes, and any Event receiving more than 50% of the votes cast (excluding abstentions), shall also be subject to review.
 - (i) When there is a tie that needs to be broken, a separate run-off ballot shall be held between the tied Events to break it. When a tie involves more than two Events, and a run-off ballot only partially breaks that tie, another run-off ballot shall be held between those who are still tied.
 - (ii) When all tied Events remain tied after a run-off ballot, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- (c) Decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(c) shall be made based on submissions, with the option to retain the current Event and Equipment also available. To be valid, a submission shall propose, for all Events that are being reviewed, the choice of Event, and whether:

- (i) the current Equipment is to be retained;
- (ii) the current Equipment is to be evolved (in which case it shall summarise that evolution); or
- (iii) new Equipment is to be chosen following trials (in which case it shall summarise the main criteria for the selection of new Equipment).

(d) Voting for decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(c) shall be a two-stage process as follows:

Stage 1: any submission must be proposed and seconded by a member of the committee (or if the submission is before Council by a member of Council). A member may propose or second more than one submission. If a submission is not so proposed and seconded it is deemed rejected.

Stage 2: which selects either one submission from those that have been proposed and seconded in Stage 1, or selects to retain the current Events and Equipment (see Regulation 23.1.6(e)).

(e) The Stage 2 procedure is as follows:

- (i) Each voting member of the committee (or Council) shall cast one vote for his or her preferred option from those Stage 2 options which have not so far been rejected.
- (ii) If an option receives more than 50% of votes cast (excluding abstentions), it is selected and the voting process is concluded.
- (iii) If no option receives more than 50% of votes cast, then any option that has received zero votes, and of the remaining options, the one receiving the fewest votes, are rejected.
- (iv) The procedure in (i), (ii) and (iii) above shall then be repeated with the remaining options.
- (v) After each round of voting, the rejected option, but not the number of votes, shall be declared. The totals of all votes in all rounds shall be declared at the end of the process.
- (vi) In the event of a tie that needs to be broken in step (iii) above, it shall be broken as follows:
 1. the tie is broken in favour of the option that received more votes in the previous round of Stage 2;
 2. if this fails to break the tie, or it is the first round of Stage 2, then a run-off ballot shall be held.
 3. if a tie between more than two options is only partially broken by (a) or (b), the tie break process continues between the options that are still tied.
 4. if a run-off ballot fails to break a tie, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

(f) Decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(e) shall be made separately for each Event for which a change of Equipment is being considered using the "Stage 2" procedure in (e) above. The Equipment options available for selection shall be only the Equipment options that participated in the Equipment trials or other evaluation prescribed in Regulation 23.1.3(e).

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23.1.7 Notwithstanding any other Regulation, for the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event at the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition:

- (a) no later than 31 December 2020, Council shall approve the criteria that Equipment usable for qualification shall meet. A list with examples of equipment which meet the criteria will be provided at that time.
- (b) no later than 31 December 2020, Council shall approve an additional set of criteria that Equipment for the Olympic Event shall meet;
- (c) no later than 31 December 2023, Council shall select the Equipment for the Event using the criteria approved under Regulation 23.1.7(b).

23.1.8 The Board may decide from time to time the descriptive names of the Olympic Events having received the recommendation of the Events Committee. The Board shall consult the relevant Olympic class association(s) before making any decision. In deciding on the names, the Board shall have regard to:

- (a) event naming standards used at the Olympic Games;
- (b) common sailing parlance and the history of the Event;
- (c) the marketability of the proposed name, in particular to international broadcast audiences; and
- (d) the vision and objectives of World Sailing for the Olympic Games.

For the avoidance of doubt, the power of the Board to decide or change a descriptive name does not change or alter the Events or Equipment chosen for the Olympic Sailing Competition nor the decision-making process set out in Regulation 23.

Olympic Entries

23.2 Olympic entries shall only be approved from Members of the World Sailing. If applications for membership are received between the meetings of World Sailing, these may be approved provided that the Board and the World Sailing's legal advisers are satisfied that the application follows the World Sailing's normal guidelines. These applications shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting.

23.2.1 Entries for Olympic Qualification Events shall only be accepted from Full or Associate Members.

Olympic Race Officials

23.3.1 The Board shall appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Olympic Jury, Principal Race Officer and Deputy Principal Race Officer of the Olympic Race Committee, Chief Umpire and Deputy Chief Umpire of Olympic Medal Racing, Chair and Vice Chair of the Olympic Technical Committee after having considered the recommendations of the Event Appointment Working Party, the Chair of the Race Officials Committee, and the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee. No recommendation from a person with a conflict of interest shall be considered.

23.3.2 The Board shall appoint the other members of the Olympic Jury in consultation with the Chairs of the Event Appointment Working Party, the Race Officials Committee and the Racing Rules Committee, subject to the following guidelines:

- (a) Procedure for Appointment
 - (1) If any of the persons listed in this Regulation has a conflict of interest, the remaining persons shall make a recommendation on that appointment. Once decided, the conflicted person can participate in the remainder of the appointments.

- (2) The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Olympic Jury shall be consulted for their proposals.
- (a) Criteria for Appointment
 - (1) all members of the Jury shall be International Judges;
 - (2) there shall not be more than two members from any one National Authority; and
 - (3) at least one member shall be from the nation organizing the Olympic Sailing Competition and at least one member shall be from the nation organizing the subsequent Olympic Sailing Competition.

Other Olympic Decisions

23.4 All decisions concerning the format, qualification system, and quotas for the 2024 and later Olympic Sailing Competitions shall be decided no later than 31 May in the year following the previous Olympic Sailing Competition. The Board may change this deadline to a later date in order to comply with any schedule or requirements from the IOC.

Olympic Media Rights

23.5 Media Rights in respect of the Olympic Sailing Competition are the property of the International Olympic Committee and all monies derived from these rights allocated to World Sailing is the property of World Sailing.

Re-evaluations of Equipment for Olympic Events

23.6.1 In addition to the review processes in Regulation 23.1, the Board shall carry out re-evaluations of the equipment selected for Olympic Events. The purpose of re-evaluation under this Regulation is to ensure that:

- (a) competing equipment and competing manufacturers of existing equipment can bid to be selected for Olympic Events and therefore access the market on a fair and objective basis;
- (b) reduce the risk of monopolies;
- (c) manufacturers do not become complacent, remain price-competitive, produce high-quality equipment, and do not abuse their market positions.

23.6.2 Equipment selected for each Olympic Event shall be subject to re-evaluation at least every eight years (i.e. two Olympic cycles). However, the Board may set a shorter transitional timetable for initial re-evaluations following the adoption of this Regulation. The Board may amend the date of the subsequent re-evaluations in order to ensure that re-evaluations are carried out in line with any other reviews undertaken under Regulation 23.1.

23.6.3 The Board shall ensure that the re-evaluation procedures:

- (a) allow classes and manufacturers of other equipment suitable for the Event in question to tender for its use in the Event;
- (b) use criteria which are open, fair and non-discriminatory;
- (c) use criteria which are approved by the Equipment Committee and published publicly as part of the 'invitation to tender'; and
- (d) are approved by Council prior to publication.

23.6.4 Following the outcome of re-evaluation, the Board shall make a recommendation to Council to:

- (a) retain the current Equipment;

- (b) evolve the current Equipment; or
- (c) select new Equipment.

The Board may also make any other recommendations to Council as it considers are necessary to secure compliance with Regulation 23.6.1. or any legal requirements on World Sailing.

23.7 Olympic Equipment contracts shall be agreed between World Sailing and the appropriate Classes and / or manufacturers by 1 May in the year four years before the Olympic Sailing Competition. The contract shall require the Class to be a World Sailing Class at the first opportunity thereafter, and, in any event, prior to the Olympic Games, and to remain a World Sailing Class while it remains Olympic Equipment. In the event that World Sailing is unable to agree the contract for particular Equipment, Council shall decide alternative Equipment in November of the year four years before the Olympic Sailing Competition from a list of Equipment options provided by the Board.

Appointment of Technical Delegates

Please refer to Regulation 25.9.8 and 25.9.9

24. WORLD SAILING EVENTS

Selection of Classes for World Sailing Events

- 24.1 A World Sailing event shall be an event for which World Sailing selects the venue.
- 24.2 Only World Sailing Classes shall be selected for World Sailing events.
- 24.2.1 Notwithstanding Regulation 24.2, Council may approve a non-World Sailing Class boat for World Sailing match racing and team racing events other than Olympic events.
- 24.2.2 Notwithstanding Regulation 24.2, Council may approve the selection of a non-World Sailing Class boat that has been recommended as a result of a World Sailing equipment evaluation.

World Sailing Championships

- 24.3 The name of the World Sailing Championships (“the Championships”), will be approved by the Board.
- 24.3.1 Subject to Regulation 24.3.4, the events and equipment included in the next Olympic Sailing Competition and the next Paralympic Sailing Competition (if and when applicable) shall be included in the programme of the Championships.
- 24.3.2 The Championships shall be the class world championship of the Olympic Classes and unless otherwise approved by the Board shall be the class world championships of any other class included in the Championships.
- 24.3.3 The Championships may be divided into two or more events, which together with the format and calendar windows for the Championships shall be decided by World Sailing.
- 24.3.4 The organizing authority for a World Sailing Championship(s) may, with World Sailing approval, also include events using potential future Olympic or Paralympic equipment or disciplines and other events which are consistent with the World Sailing Strategy.

World Cup Final

- 24.4 The name of the event will be the World Cup Final.
- 24.4.1 The World Cup Final will be an annual event for the events and equipment included in the next Olympic Sailing Competition.
- 24.4.2 World Sailing will decide the format and qualification system of the World Cup Final. Subject to the requirements for Olympic test events if the World Cup Final is also a test

event, qualification for the World Cup Final will be primarily determined by the World Sailing Rankings.

Youth Sailing World Championships

- 24.5.1 World Sailing shall review its Event and Equipment choices for the Youth World Championships, and for the Youth Olympic Games, following any change of Olympic Events or Equipment, to ensure that there remains a clear, pathway for Member National Authorities and sailors from youth to Olympic.
- 24.5.2 The name of the Championship shall be the Youth Sailing World Championships (“the Championships”). If there is a title sponsor, the sponsor name may be inserted elsewhere in the Championships’ name, as approved by the Board.
- 24.5.3 The Championship shall be held annually. It shall start either on the second Saturday of July or the second Saturday of December of the year of the Championships, and shall finish eight days later.
- 24.5.4 To be eligible to participate in the Championships, competitors shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December of the year of the Championship.
- 24.5.5 The following events, classes and equipment shall be included in the programme of the Championships:
 - (a) Male One Person Dinghy – ILCA 6
Female One Person Dinghy – ILCA 6
Male/Mixed Two Person Dinghy - 420
Female Two Person Dinghy - 420
Male Windsurfer – RS:X (8.5m rig) or Techno 293 Plus (8.5m rig) or Youth iQFOiL (with 8.0m rig)
Female Windsurfer – RS:X (8.5m rig) or Techno 293 Plus (8.5m rig) or Youth iQFOiL (with 8.0m rig)
Male/Mixed Skiff – 29er
Female Skiff – 29er
Mixed Multihull – Nacra 15
Male Kite – Formula Kite
Female Kite – Formula Kite
 - (b) Except for the Male and Female Kite event, Equipment shall be provided for the competitors, free of charge.
 - (c) When an event or equipment of the Championships is changed:
 - (i) the decision will be implemented as soon as practical; and
 - (ii) pursuant to Regulation 24.2.2, no class shall remain on the approved list for more than four years without obtaining World Sailing Class status.
 - (d) Classes listed in this Regulation shall not hold a world or youth continental championship that clashes with the dates of the Championships.
- 24.5.6 The decision process and timelines for the Host Member National Authority for the Championships are:
 - (a) the venue shall be decided by 1 November three years before the Championships; and
 - (b) the contract between World Sailing and the organizers and the Host Member National Authority shall be signed by 1 December three years before the Championships not less than two years before the Championships.

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24.6 Para Sailing World Championships

World Sailing may hold Para Sailing World Championships as follows; subject to approval under Regulation 25.1:

- (a) Para Sailing World Championships may be held in up to a total of six disciplines ;
- (b) World Sailing shall select the World Championships from the following disability event disciplines:
 - (i) One-Person Keelboat Open;
 - (ii) Two-Person Keelboat Open;
 - (iii) Three-Person Keelboat Open;
 - (iv) Multihull Open;
 - (v) One-Person Non-Technical Open;
 - (vi) Vision impaired (with sighted guides) Open;
 - (vii) Vision impaired (without sighted guides) Open;;
 - (viii) Intellectual Impairment (One Person and Two Person);
 - (ix) Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- (c) All Para World Sailing disciplines may be granted the right to hold the following annual World Championships:
 - (i) Age unrestricted World Championships with may either a World Championship title open to any gender, or one male World Championship title and one female World Championship title, and;
 - (ii) An additional Youth World Championship title with age defined by World Sailing Regulation 24.5.2; or
 - (iii) An additional World Championships based on Disability Type or Para Classification.
- (d) Regulation 10.4(b) does not apply to Para Sailing World Championships;
- (e) World Sailing may recognize classes of boats or equipment as suitable for sailing by sailors with a disability, in accordance with standards to be adopted by World Sailing; and
- (f) Para Sailing World Championships authorized in this Regulation shall be held in equipment recognized by World Sailing as provided in Regulation 24.6(e).
- (g) The name of the Championship shall be the “Para Sailing World Championships – Discipline Name”, except for Deaf / Hard of Hearing athletes which shall be the “Deaf Sailing World Championships”.

25. WORLD SAILING AND OTHER EVENTS

World Sailing approval of World Championships and other Events

25.1 World Sailing approval is required for any event that is described as a World Championship, uses the word “World” in the title of the event, or any of the promoters, organizers or any other organization officially connected with the event, represents or holds out in any way that the event is a World Championship or does the foregoing in such a way that the event is reasonably perceived to be a World Championship.

25.2 World Sailing Classes

25.2.1 Each World Sailing Class that meets the World Championships requirements in Regulation 10.2.1(d) is automatically granted the right, subject to notification requirements of Regulation 25.7, to hold the following annual World Championships.

Regulation 10.4 defines how this right is maintained or rescinded.

- (a) Age unrestricted World Championships which may be either:
 - (i) one World Championship title open to any gender, or
 - (ii) one male World Championship title and one female World Championship title, and
 - (iii) one mixed World Championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class.
- (b) Youth World Championships (where youth crews are so defined by the class) which may be either:
 - (i) one Youth World Championship title open to any gender, or
 - (ii) one boy's World Championship title and one girl's World Championship title, and
 - (iii) one mixed Youth World Championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class.
- (c) One further World Championship title on the basis of age or discipline.

Fleets may compete together. If fleets compete together, the number of participating entries in each fleet shall meet or exceed the number of entries shown in the table in Regulation 10.4(e).

However, the above rights for a Class selected by World Sailing to be Equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition may be restricted or amended by the Olympic Classes Contract.

- 25.2.2 World Sailing Class Associations have the sole right to hold world and continental championships of their class, these being class events as defined in Regulation 10.5(f).
- 25.2.3 World Sailing Classes holding world and continental championships shall obtain the approval of the National Authority of the nation where the championships is to be hosted.
- 25.2.4 The title of the Championship should be: "*The xxx Class World Championship*" or "*The xxx Class <Name of Continent> Championship*", but other titles may be used. The title shall not include the term "*World Sailing*", "*International Sailing Federation*", "*Sailing*" or "*World Cup*".
- 25.3 Radio Sailing

The International Radio Sailing Association may hold one annual World Championship per IRSA Class up to a maximum of three World Championships.
- 25.4 Reserved for future use
- 25.5 Rating Systems
 - 25.5.1 A designation as an international rating system shall not automatically entitle the rating system to hold a world championship.
 - 25.5.2 Rating systems not covered in Regulation 25.5 shall apply to World Sailing for approval to hold a world championship.
 - 25.5.3 Qualification to hold a world championship shall include rating systems which are based on measurement and scientific formulation available to all certificate holders or World Sailing.
- 25.6 Other World Championships

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World Sailing may approve other events as World Championships upon written application made by a National Authority, Class Association or an organizing authority (as defined in RRS). Only World Sailing may approve any virtual or e-gaming World Championship and any other world championship rights granted under Regulation 25 shall not be used for such an event.

- 25.7 World Sailing Events Calendar
- 25.7.1 The dates for all world and continental championships shall be presented to World Sailing no later than 1 August for the following year including all championship titles to be awarded at the event.
- 25.7.2 Organizers of other events may, after receiving the approval of the relevant Member National Authority, apply no later than 1 August for publication of the event on the World Sailing International Events calendar for the following year.
- 25.7.3 By 1 October, World Sailing shall prepare a list of all world championships approved under Regulation 25.2, 25.3, 25.5, 25.6, 25.7, continental championships of World Sailing Classes, Major Events and Recognized Events and events submitted under Regulation 25.7.2.
- 25.7.4 World Sailing is the authority to solve any disputes over clashes of dates in the international calendar. All Member National Authorities shall notify World Sailing of their International Events and proposed dates as soon as possible. Dates should be agreed with the Executive Office before 1 August of the preceding year to avoid possible clashes. In the event of a conflict in dates for events involving Classes selected by World Sailing to be equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition, the Board shall resolve the conflict.
- 25.7.5 The dates of ranked events for the Classes selected by World Sailing to be Equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition shall be presented to World Sailing in accordance with Regulation 27.1.1(a).
- 25.7.6 The event organiser shall use the World Sailing XML Regatta Reporting format (World Sailing XRR) at Olympic Class ranked events.

Appointment of Race Officials in International Events

- 25.8 World Sailing has the right to appoint race officials for the events which require them in order to ensure that for those events the race officials selected are fully trained and qualified for that event.
- 25.8.1 Except as provided in Regulations 10.5(n), 23.3 and 25.8, the right to appoint race officials is delegated to the organizing authority of the event.
- 25.8.2 The Board shall appoint an Event Appointments Working Party to make all World Sailing's race official and technical delegate appointments and approvals, with the exception of Olympic Juries and Technical Delegates when Regulations 23.3 and 25.9.1 apply. This working party shall consist of the following persons:
 - (a) an experienced current or former World Sailing Race Official (as Chair)
 - (b) a representative of the Athlete's Commission
 - (c) a representative of the Coaches Commission
 - (d) two additional current or former experienced World Sailing Race Officials
- (e) the World Sailing staff manager responsible for World Sailing Race Officials (non-voting)

The working party shall be appointed at the same time as the World Sailing committees for a four-year period in line with the World Sailing committee's term of appointment. The World Sailing Race Officials stated in (a) and (b) above should cover a range of race official disciplines, if possible and may be retired. Casual vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the above principles.

25.8.3 For appointments under Regulations 25.8.10 and 25.8.12 World Sailing shall appoint or approve only after consultation with:

- (a) the Race Officials Committee;
- (b) any relevant World Sailing class/owners' association;
- (c) for the Paralympic Sailing Competition and Para World Sailing Championships, the Para World Sailing Committee;
- (d) for regional games, the relevant World Sailing Affiliate Continental Member and the Organizing Authority for the event; and
- (e) the Member National Authority of the venue.

25.8.4 The Board may propose from time to time at its discretion to the Council the addition or deletion of events from the lists in Regulations 25.8.10 and 25.8.11. Upon the Council's approval of such a proposal, either as proposed or as amended, the lists in 25.8.10 and 25.8.11 shall be amended accordingly.

25.8.5 World Sailing shall publish a list of all appointments made under this Regulation no later than 30 June of each year and shall update the list no later than the end of each calendar year

25.8.6 When it is appropriate to remunerate race officials, World Sailing shall exercise the right to appoint the race officials selected for these events and set the fees to be paid to World Sailing for the services or shall negotiate the appropriate fees.

Appointment or approval of World Sailing International Race Officials

25.8.7 World Sailing shall not appoint or approve a jury chairman, World Sailing principal race officer, chief measurer/equipment inspector or chief umpire who is from the country of the organizing authority of the event.

25.8.8 When World Sailing exercises its right to appoint a chief umpire, jury chairman, chief measurer, course representative or principal race officer (race officer when one course area will be used) the appointee shall respectively be an International Umpire, International Judge, International Measurer or International Race Officer.

25.8.9 International Jury or International Umpire Team

- (a) When World Sailing appoints or approves the international jury it may, to the extent permitted by the Racing Rules of Sailing, in conjunction with the relevant class association and organizing authority, appoint / approve national judges
- (b) When World Sailing appoints or approves the umpire team, it may, in conjunction with the relevant organizing authority, appoint / approve national umpires to the extent consistent with guidelines adopted by the International Umpires Sub-committee.

25.8.10 World Sailing shall exercise the right to appoint the race officials for the following events:

America's Cup Series, America's Cup Challenger Series, America's Cup Defender Series, America's Cup Match but excluding measurers;

All World Sailing Events;

World Championships of the Olympic Classes;

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Olympic and Paralympic Qualifying events;
The Olympic Sailing Competition (see Regulations 23.3);
The Paralympic Sailing Competition;
The Youth Olympic Games;
Regional Games.

25.8.11 World Sailing shall have the right to approve and/or appoint the race officials when deemed necessary for the following events otherwise not covered by the Regulations above:

Global and Trans-Oceanic Ocean Races;
World Sailing Rankings graded Events;
Professional Windsurfers Association Events (PWA)
Volvo Ocean Race
World Championships of non-Olympic World Sailing Classes, when agreed with World Sailing as detailed in Regulation 10.5(n)

25.8.12 Major and Recognized Events

(a) Major Events are as follows:

America's Cup Series, America's Cup Challenger Series, America's Cup Defender Series, America's Cup Match
Global Ocean Races
Grade 1 Match Racing Events
All events organized by or on behalf of World Sailing
Events of the Olympic Classes (at the discretion of the Board)
World Championships of the Olympic and Paralympic Classes
Olympic and Paralympic Qualifying Events
The Olympic Sailing Competition
The Paralympic Sailing Competition
Professional Windsurfers Association Events (PWA)
Global and Trans-Oceanic Races
Regional Games
Volvo Ocean Race

(b) Recognized Events are as follows:

Events of the Olympic Classes not covered under (a) (at the discretion of the Board)
World Championships of non-Olympic World Sailing Classes, unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing, as detailed in Regulation 10.5(n)
Special Olympics

25.8.13 Under RRS N1.7, World Sailing may in limited circumstances authorise an international jury consisting of a total of only three members. An event organizing authority may apply to World Sailing for such an authorization. World Sailing shall consider the following factors:

- (a) whether the relevant Member National Authority has given its written approval;
- (b) the number of hearings there have been at previous events;
- (c) the type of boat and the event requirements for on-the-water activity;
- (d) the qualifications, experience and nationality of the proposed members of the international jury;
- (e) whether World Sailing has given authorization previously; and
- (f) any other information World Sailing considers relevant.

The decision in respect of authorization shall be determined jointly by the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, the Chairman of the International Judge Sub-committee and the Chief Executive Officer. World Sailing may impose conditions on any authorization.

Appointment of Technical Delegate in International Events

- 25.9 World Sailing shall appoint World Sailing Technical Delegates for all World Sailing Events' and Regional Games events. The Chairman of the Regional Games Sub-committee shall be consulted on the appointment of World Sailing Technical Delegates to Regional Games events.
- 25.9.1 The Board shall appoint World Sailing Technical Delegates to the Olympic Sailing Competition and Paralympic Sailing Competition.
- 25.9.2 The appointment of technical delegates to events organized outside the World Sailing Events, Regional Games and Olympic Sailing Competition and Paralympic Sailing Competition will be left to the Member National Authority of the country in which the event is being held.
- 25.9.3 The World Sailing Technical Delegate should be appointed as soon as possible after the confirmation of sailing's inclusion in the specific regional games. A list of World Sailing appointed Technical Delegates will be maintained on the World Sailing website.
- 25.9.4 World Sailing Technical Delegates appointed to regional games shall only be those certified by World Sailing as an World Sailing International Race Officer, International Judge or International Technical Delegate
- 25.9.5 World Sailing shall not appoint or approve an World Sailing Technical Delegate, other than World Sailing staff, who is from the country of the organizing authority of the event. All World Sailing Technical Delegates will report to and through the Board.
- 25.9.6 The World Sailing Technical Delegate will be appointed subject to the following guideline as to their qualifications:
 - (a) an intimate knowledge of the World Sailing Rules and Regulations;
 - (b) experience of event organization;
 - (c) skills in diplomacy;
 - (d) the ability to work with all people connected with the event (competitors, officials, media etc.); and
 - (e) the geographic location of the appointed delegate in respect of funding available from World Sailing and other sources to enable he/she to undertake the role.
- 25.9.7 The responsibilities of the World Sailing Technical Delegate will include:
 - (a) assisting event organisers in the development and planning of the event;
 - (b) giving advice regarding the notice of race and sailing instructions before the event;
 - (c) approving any alterations to the sailing instructions and other rules relating to the event;
 - (d) co-ordinating the World Sailing Course Representatives and the Race Officers (appointed by the event organising committee) where such officials have been appointed;
 - (e) carrying out such other functions as the Board may decide; and
 - (f) submitting a report to the World Sailing if visits are made.

25.9.8 At least two World Sailing Technical Delegates will be appointed for each of the Olympic Sailing Competition and Paralympic Sailing Competition, subject to the following guidelines:

- (a) one World Sailing Technical Delegate will be an International Technical Delegate;
- (b) one World Sailing Technical Delegate will be a World Sailing staff appointee;
- (c) the World Sailing Technical Delegates will be appointed no later than three years before the start of the Olympic or Paralympic Sailing Competition.

25.9.9 The Board may require that World Sailing appoints Technical Delegates to the Olympic and Paralympic qualification events if in the Board's opinion it is necessary to do so.

Commercial Rights

25.10.1 World Sailing exclusively owns and controls all commercial rights in and to the World Sailing Events, such commercial rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:

- (a) audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these Regulations);
- (b) sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;
- (c) ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and
- (d) other rights to commercialise the World Sailing Events (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorise the taking of bets on the World Sailing Events).

25.10.2 World Sailing shall be entitled to exploit the commercial rights in such manner as it considers appropriate, including granting licences in respect of the same (or part thereof) to relevant Member National Authority or other third party(ies) from time to time.

Media Rights

25.11 Definition

For the purpose of this Regulation, Media Rights shall mean:

- (a) the right to communicate or interact via the Internet, or other system with information including, but not limited to, statistics, rules, bulletins, calendars, news, and results; and
- (b) the right to transmit thereon audio-visual and/or audio-visual live and/or delayed coverage of an event.

Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, the term 'Media Rights' includes any such rights to information which is stored, reproduced or transmitted in digital or analogue form or by digital or analogue methods or by use of any protocol.

25.11.1 Ownership

World Sailing is the first owner of all media rights of any event using *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

As detailed in Regulation 23.5, media rights in respect of the Olympic Sailing Competition are the property of the International Olympic Committee and all monies derived from these rights allocated to World Sailing are the property of the Federation.

25.11.2 Licensing

No club, Class Association, organization, entity or person or any combination thereof, may negotiate or enter into or benefit from any agreement or transaction of any kind by which cash or other consideration is received for the grant of any media rights in respect of any such event except with the express written consent of World Sailing. No consent is required in respect of the following events:

- (a) World Sailing Class Association world championships and continental championships and other world championships approved by World Sailing

Unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing, World Sailing Classes shall be automatically licensed by World Sailing, without fee, to such media rights for their World Sailing approved Class World Championships and Continental Championships, and other classes in respect of other World Championships approved by World Sailing.
- (b) National Events

Member National Authorities shall be automatically licensed, without fee, to the media rights to such events held in the Member National Authority's country. The Member National Authority may sub-license such media rights to the Event Organizing Authority of the event.
- (c) An International Event taking place in one country:
 - (i) World Sailing Graded Events

On application to World Sailing, the media rights may be licensed to the Member National Authority, without fee. The Member National Authority may sub-license the media rights to the event Organizing Authority of the event.
 - (ii) Other Events

Unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing, on application to World Sailing, the media rights shall be licensed to the Member National Authority without fee. The Member National Authority may sub-license the media rights to the Event Organizing Authority of the event.
- (d) Notwithstanding (a), (b) and (c), a fee may be charged only if such events regularly produce a significant amount of revenue.
- (e) An International Event taking place in more than one country:

On application to World Sailing, the media rights may be licensed to the Member National Authority of the event organizing authority. A fee may be charged. The Member National Authority may sub-license the media rights to the event organizing authority.
- (f) Major Events/Events of Classes/World Sailing Events

On application to World Sailing, any media rights World Sailing may have for Major Events, Events of Classes and World Sailing Events, may be licensed to the event organizing authority or other organization at Board's discretion. No additional fee shall be charged. See Regulation 25.12.3.

Event Fees

25.12 Grading and Advertising Fees

- (a) For Major Events, Events of Classes and World Sailing Events World Sailing shall administer an Event Advertising System and/or Individual Advertising System (see Regulation 25.12.4).
- (b) For the Open Match Racing World Championships (MRWC) and Open Graded Match Racing Events, the following fees apply:

- (i) Grading Fees
 - MRWC €1,500
 - Grade 1 €600
 - Grade 2 €300
- (ii) Advertising Fees
 - MRWC €3,100
 - Grade 1 €750
 - Grade 2 - 5 €375 for events with:
 - Cash or cashable prizes, appearance payments, individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €15,500 or the equivalent.
- (iii) The above fees shall apply to Women's Match Racing events when the event offers cash or cashable prizes, appearance payments, individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise, any/or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €15,500 or the equivalent.
- (c) The Board may adjust the fee under special circumstances.

Payment for Umpires

25.12.1 For Graded Match Racing Events, International Umpires shall be paid in accordance with this Regulation:

- (a) The Board shall specify the fees payable from time to time and may specify different fees depending on the role of the umpire at the event (e.g. Chief Umpire, Deputy Chief Umpire etc.).
- (b) The fees shall be based on the number of racing days of an event, with an appropriate additional amount for travel and any other required days' attendance.
- (c) The fees payable for any event shall be the most recent that have been specified by the Board not less than 12 months before the start of the event.
- (d) Fees shall only be paid in relation to the following events:
 - (i) World Sailing Open Match Racing World Championships;
 - (ii) Open Grade 1 Events; and
 - (iii) Open Grade 2 to 5 Events and all Women's Match Racing Events with cash or cashable prizes, appearance payments, individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise, any/or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €15,500 or the equivalent.
- (e) When a Women's Grade 1 or 2 Match Racing event is combined with an Open Match Racing Grade 1 or 2 event then the fees payable shall be based on all race days of the combined event.

Approval Fees

25.12.2 Excluding those events detailed under Regulation 25.12.1, the organizing authority of an event with:

Cash or cashable prizes,
Appearance payments,
Individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise,

any/or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €50,000 or the equivalent may be required to pay an approval fee.

- (a) National Events - The national authority of the venue may require such a fee.
- (b) International Events - (i.e. open to entries other than those from the national authority of the venue) or any event organized in more than one country the World Sailing shall require such a fee, as below:
 - 10% of prize money over €50,000
- (c) When there is prize money for a series of events, then Regulation 25.12.2 will apply to the series in addition to Regulation 25.12.1 applying to the individual events.

Media Right Fees

25.12.3 See Regulation 25.11.2 and Regulation 25.12.4.

Major Events, Events of Classes and World Sailing Events

25.12.4 Fees due to World Sailing from Major Events, Events of Classes and World Sailing Events (see Advertising Code, Regulation 20.2.3) in respect of Advertising and Approval Fees (Regulation 25.12 and 25.12.2) shall be negotiated as a single fee to cover all rights, including any Media Rights as defined by Regulation 25.11 owned by the World Sailing.

Non-Payment of Fees

25.12.5 Where World Sailing has the right to appoint Race Officials and

- (a) where fees in respect of an event are payable under Regulation 25.12 and have not been paid by the day before the day of the first scheduled race of the event; or
- (b) where fees are unpaid in respect of:
 - (i) other events organised by either the same organizing authority; or
 - (ii) other events organized or controlled by any body, organization or authority concerned with the current event,

World Sailing may instruct race officials appointed to the event to refrain from officiating in the event or to withdraw from it.

25.13 Regional Games

25.13.1 World Sailing shall encourage Member National Authorities, Continental Associations and other similar organizations to have sailing included in regional games where possible subject to the provisions of this Regulation 25.13.

25.13.2 World Sailing shall appoint the Technical Delegate for Regional Games as soon as possible after the event's dates and venue have been announced. The Organizing Authority shall prepare the notice of race, the sailing instructions and other race documents in close cooperation with the Technical Delegate and shall send them to World Sailing for approval. The notice of race shall be sent not less than eight months before the start of the games, the sailing instructions not less than one month. World Sailing shall publish the notice of race on its website or by such other means as it thinks fit and once published the provisions in the notice of race relating to the classes to race and the format of the races shall not be altered except with the consent in writing of World Sailing.

25.13.3 Unless otherwise approved by the Board after consultation with the Events Committee and Regional Games Sub-committee, where sailing is included in the regional games, the competition format, scoring, and race management procedures shall follow

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to the extent possible World Sailing policies and the competition format, scoring and race management procedures for the Olympic Sailing Competition.

25.13.4 The equipment for all regional games shall be chosen from the following classes

- Windsurfing: Funboard, Formula, Mistral, RS:X, iQFOiL
- Kiteboarding: Formula Kite
- Single-Handed Dinghy: Finn, ILCA 7, ILCA 6, Sunfish, Byte, Zoom, Europe
- Multi-Crewed Dinghy: 29er, 420, 470, Fireball, Flying Dutchman, Lightning, Snipe, 49er, 49erFX
- Keelboat: Etchells, Flying Fifteen, H-Boat, J-22, J-24, Soling, Yngling, Sonar,
- Multihull: Hobie 16, Hobie Tiger, Tornado, Nacra 17

However the Board may approve applications by regional games organizers for the use of other equipment or the introduction of events restricted to specific age groups.

26. FLAGS AND EMBLEMS

26.1. When flags or emblems purporting to identify National Authorities or their competitors are used at international yachting events, they shall be limited to:

- (a) a national flag or emblem, or a delegation flag or emblem where these differ from the national flag or emblem;
- (b) a flag or emblem approved by the IOC; or
- (c) a flag or emblem approved by the Board.

27. WORLD RANKINGS - GRADING CRITERIA FOR GRADED EVENTS

27.1 Olympic Class World Sailing Rankings

27.1.1 The World Sailing rankings for Olympic Class ranked events will be managed by the Events Committee Sail Ranking Working Party reporting to the Events Committee. The method of calculating the world rankings and the criteria for ranked events will be published on the World Sailing website. Any significant changes to the World Sailing rankings system will be reported to Council.

27.1.2 The Chairman of the Events Committee shall appoint the chairman and members of a Calendar Working Party. This working party shall make recommendations to the Events Committee to establish calendar planning windows for key Olympic Class events in line with the 2021 - 2028 Event Strategy and to finalize, manage and coordinate the World Sailing regatta calendar for those events. The planning windows and other relevant calendar information and requirements for event organizers will be published on the World Sailing website.

27.1.3 For an Olympic Class event to be a ranked event it must be held in the relevant planning window and otherwise comply with the requirements for ranked events as published on the World Sailing website not later than 12 months prior to the first day of the event.

27.2 World Sailing Match Race Rankings

27.2.1 Ranking Divisions

There shall be three divisions – Open, Women and Youth. The Women's Division is limited to events which specify that all crew members, including the skipper, shall be women. The Youth Division is limited to events which specify that all crew members, including the skipper, shall be under 23 years old on 31 December of the year in which the event is held. All other events are Open. Points scored in Women's events shall count only towards the Women's ranking list. Points scored in Youth's events shall

count only towards the Youth's ranking list. Points scored by an all women team and/or all youth team in an Open event shall count towards the Open list and the respective Women's list or Youth list, without any adjustment.

27.2.2 Administration

(a) Application for Grading

The official World Sailing grading form is available for download from the World Sailing website.

The form shall be completed by the event organizer, endorsed by the relevant Member National Authority and received by the Executive Office at least four months prior to the event. This may be by electronic mail. An event grading will then be allocated by World Sailing.

World Sailing will publish the dates for WC events on or before 15 October the year before. All event organizers applying either for Grade 1 or Grade 2 are invited to submit their dates before 1 November the year before. World Sailing will then establish a calendar of events.

Events dates will be allocated in the flowing order:

- WC events;
- Grade 1 events;
- Grade 2 events.

If two event dates clash and there is no possibility for one or both to select alternative dates, World Sailing shall decide the matter in its sole discretion which may include downgrading one of them.

The allocation of gradings by the Executive Office will be checked on a sample basis, as directed by the Chairman of the Match Racing Sub-committee.

(b) World Sailing Event Report

The organizers shall submit an World Sailing event report, including the results and other specified information, checked and signed by the Chief Umpire. The event report shall then be sent by fax or e-mail to the Executive Office. It shall be submitted within 5 days for events graded 3, 4 or 5, or within 24 hours for events graded 1 or 2.

(c) Re-grading of Events

Events may be re-graded retrospectively when there is clear reason to do so. An event applying to be up-graded retrospectively must satisfy World Sailing that it clearly meets all the criteria of the higher grading.

Application for upgrading shall be made at the time of submission of the results and be accompanied by an application form completed in full. The application form will be similar to the initial application form appropriate to the grade of event.

An event will only be downgraded when it fails to meet the criteria by a substantial margin, or when it does not comply with the administration requirements. Such a decision does not change the previous requirements as per Regulation 25.12.

When an event does not comply with World Sailing administrative procedures or fairness, the Match Race Rankings Sub-committee may recommend that World Sailing shall remove the event from the World Sailing calendar.

An event which failed to meet the criteria, regardless if the event was downgraded or not, may be granted a lower Grade when it applies for the next edition of that event.

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(d) Invitations and acceptances

A skipper accepting an invitation but withdrawing within two months of the event may be reported by the organizer to the World Sailing. After review by World Sailing late withdrawals may receive a "zero" score, which must be counted for the competitor's ranking.

A "zero" score penalty after review by World Sailing may also apply to skippers who leave the event before the end of the event without the written approval from the organizing authority.

Invitations should be in writing and include the following statement:

"Should you accept this invitation and later withdraw within two months of the event or leave the event before the end without the written approval from the OA, it is possible for a zero score to be applied to your Ranking points for that event by World Sailing."

(e) Umpire Insurance

In signing the Grading Form, Events confirm that all umpires will be covered by comprehensive liability insurance in an amount of not less than £480,000 per occurrence covering legal liability in respect of personal injury and property damage. The cover should include (but not be limited to) liability directly or indirectly arising from the ownership, possession or use of any watercraft in connection with the umpire's duties.

The organizing authority confirms with the signature on the grading form that it accepts responsibility to cover all expenses for the umpires and World Sailing if the event is postponed or cancelled.

(f) World Sailing Sailor ID

Results from Graded Match Race Events shall be sent to World Sailing with Skippers World Sailing Sailor ID's included. Skippers may register for World Sailing Sailor at: www.sailing.org/isafsailor

(g) Media Rights

World Sailing Graded Events may be licensed as detailed in Regulation 25.11.2(c).

27.2.3 Grading of Events

Event grading will normally be based on the following criteria, but will take into account the overall event package. During the transition from the previous criteria a reasonable time shall be allowed for events to comply. Percentage calculations shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

(a) Grade 5 – Open, Women and Youth

Any match racing event using boats of the same design.

When provided by the organizers each pair of boats shall be of equal performance.

The notice of race shall be based on the current World Sailing standard.

The sailing instructions shall be based on the current World Sailing standard.

Matches shall be umpired.

The weight limit for open events may be either:

(i) a maximum average crew weight limit of 87.5kg; or

- (ii) a maximum total crew weight limit of 'Y' (where $Y = 87.5\text{kg} \times \text{the number of standard crew members for the boat (X)}$) and the organizing authority may permit the boat to be raced with X, X-1 or X+1 crew members.

The weight limit for women's events may be either:

- (i) a maximum average crew weight limit of 68kg; or
- (ii) a maximum total crew weight limit of 'Y' (where $Y = 68\text{kg} \times \text{the number of standard crew members for the boat (X)}$) and the organizing authority may permit the boat to be raced with X, X-1 or X+1 crew members.

- (b) Grade 4 - Open, Women and Youth

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 5 event and: -

The boats shall have a minimum crew of two.

There shall be a minimum of six skippers entered for the match racing.

There shall be a minimum of two days scheduled for racing.

- (c) Grade 3 - Open, Women and Youth

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 4 event and: -

The boats shall have a minimum crew of three.

There shall be a minimum of eight skippers entered for the match racing.

If the event is a principal national championships (Regulation 27.2.3(c)(i)):

1. There shall be a minimum of four skippers from the host nation; and
2. The minimum number of skippers is four.

The boats shall be have a minimum 5.9 m LOA

There shall be a minimum of four boats available throughout the event, except when a boat that was available at the start of the event is subject to major breakdown or damage.

The boats shall be capable of carrying spinnakers.

Acceptable Race Committee practices.

Acceptable Race Committee and umpire boats.

The event shall be one of the following:

Either:

- (i) The principal open, women and youth national championship - only one per nation per year
- (ii) An international event with a minimum of 30% of the skippers of a different nationality than the host nation, or
- (iii) an event, for countries whose Member National Authority is in Groups H to Q, where at least 30% of the skippers are either of a different nationality than that of the host nation, or are nationals of the host nation but have travelled more than 500 km from their ordinary place of residence to the event venue.

For national championships there shall be at least one International Umpire.

For events designated in Regulation 27.2.3(c)(ii) & (iii) there shall be at least two International Umpires.

- (d) Grade 1 and Grade 2 - Open, Women and Youth

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Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 3 event and complies with the World Sailing Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Match Racing events as produced by the Match Racing Sub-committee in consultation with the Race Officials Committee. In addition, the event shall meet the following requirements (O = Open, W = Women):

Description	Event Grade			
	2 - O	1 - O	2 - W 2 - Y	1 - W 1 - Y
Competitors				
Skipper - only top 12 minimum total points (* and *** see below)	40	85	30	60
Skipper - max % from host MNA	60%	40%	60%	40%
Skipper - max % from same MNA except host.	40%	30%	40%	30%
Skipper - max % from host continent (except for Continental Championships)	100%	85%	100%	85%
Skipper - max % from host continent for Continental Championships	100%	100%	100%	100%
No of skippers to be invited from a qualifying event specified in the Notice of Race (max. grading of qualifying event is Grade 3)	1	2	1	2
Boats General				
Minimum number of boats (** See below)	6	6**	6	6**
Minimum overall length (metres)	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
Boats - Provided by organizing authority				
Breakdown/spare service on the water				
Organization				
Format scheduled to include round robins and knock out semi-finals and finals				
Quarter finals may be round robin (preferred) or knock-out				
Knock out rounds to be scheduled to be the first to win minimum number of races	2	3	2	3
Days of scheduled racing	3	4	3	4
Min. number of scheduled practice hours per competitor	2	2	2	2
Min. number of International Umpires - per match #	1	1	1	1
International Jury required	*R	Yes	*R	Yes

* Recommended

** For Grade 1 and 2 events the minimum number of boats should be 50% of the number of skippers.

*** Skipper total points requirement does not apply for Grade 2 continental championships. Only Member National Authorities of that specific Continental Association may participate in such Grade 2 continental championships.

* As World Sailing ranking list 4 months before the first day of the event:

For each skipper ranked	1 - 10	20 points
For each skipper ranked	11 - 20	15 points
For each skipper ranked	21 - 30	11 points
For each skipper ranked	31 - 40	8 points
For each skipper ranked	41 - 50	6 points
For each skipper ranked	51 - 60	5 points
For each skipper ranked	61 - 70	4 points
For each skipper ranked	71 - 80	3 points
For each skipper ranked	81 - 90	2 points
For each skipper ranked	91 - 100	1 point

The ranking position of women and/or youth skippers on the World Sailing Women's Ranking List or Youth Ranking List shall be used for Open events when determining Skipper Points for the event.

(e) Grade - WC Open and Women

Meets all the criteria for an World Sailing World Championship and particularly the World Sailing Match Racing World Championship.

(f) Grade – World Sailing Nations Cup Open and Women

Meets the criteria for the World Sailing Nations Cup Regional or Grand Final. Regional Finals will score points equivalent to a Grade 2 event. Grand Finals will score points equivalent to a Grade 1 event.

(g) Requirement for an international jury

For match racing events where an international jury is required, World Sailing may in special circumstances waive this requirement by authorizing a protest committee for the event. An organizing authority may apply to World Sailing for such authorization at the same time as it applies for grading of the event. World Sailing shall consider the following factors:

- (i) the International Judges who are available for the event and their geographical distribution;
- (ii) the financial situation of the event, the budget available for race official travel costs and the estimated travel costs of the International Judges that are available;
- (iii) the qualifications, experience and nationality of the proposed members of the protest committee;
- (iv) whether World Sailing has given authorization previously; and
- (v) any other information World Sailing considers relevant.

The decision in respect of authorization shall be determined by the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, the Chairman of the International Judges Sub-committee and the Chief Executive Officer. World Sailing may impose conditions on any authorization.

27.2.4 Prize Money

Distribution of prize money shall be in accordance with World Sailing Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Match Racing events as produced by the Match Racing Sub-committee in consultation with the Race Officials Committee.

Appearance money is discouraged in favour of optimizing prize money.

28. RACING RULES ADMINISTRATION

Adoption of and Changes to the Racing Rules

28.1 In addition to Regulations 28.1.1 to 28.1.5, the Racing Rules Committee is responsible for advising and making recommendations to Council regarding the Racing Rules.

28.1.1 Racing Rules shall be adopted or changed only by the Racing Rules Committee or by Council acting in accordance with Regulation 28.2. Changes in the RRS shall take effect only every four years on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. Regulations 28.1.2, 28.1.3, 28.1.4, 28.1.5 and 28.2.6 contain exceptions to this policy.

28.1.2 In exception to Regulation 28.1.1, any change to the RRS of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective for any designated date by a 75% vote cast in favour of the change by the Racing Rules Committee and with the approval of the Board. The Executive Office shall promptly report any action taken under this Regulation to all Member National Authorities.

28.1.3 In exception to Regulation 28.1.1, the Board, after consulting with the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee, may, under RRS 86.2, approve changes to the Racing Rules for a specific international event, provided such changes are of clear necessity or pressing importance, or to develop or test proposal rules.

28.1.4 In exception to Regulations 28.1 and 28.2, the Council may, at any time and without consulting with the Racing Rules Committee, change the Regulations which are incorporated by reference into the Racing Rules (the Codes).

28.1.5 In exception to Regulation 28.1.1, the Racing Rules Committee may, at any time, for specific events or categories of event, approve or change:

- (a) appendices that are not published in the RRS; or
- (b) development rules.

Procedure for Changing the Racing Rules

28.2 Subject to Regulation 28.1, a revised edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be published every four years, to take effect on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

28.2.1 Under Regulations 6.11 and 28.1.1, the Racing Rules Committee is authorised to approve and change *The Racing Rules of Sailing* on behalf of Council unless:

- (a) Regulations 28.1.2, 28.1.3, 28.1.4 or 28.1.5 apply; or
- (b) a decision of the Committee to change the RRS is referred to Council by the Board, a committee chairman, a chairman of a commission or a member of Council. Any such referral shall be notified to the President in writing no later than the start of the Council meeting at the Annual Conference, or within 7 days of the decision being published (whichever is the earlier).

All decisions of the Committee shall be reported promptly to Council.

28.2.2 Proposals for changes to the RRS shall be made by submission in accordance with Regulation 15. The Racing Rules Committee may, with the agreement of the submitter(s), amend a submission prior to the decision by the Committee if it considers that the amendments will better implement the stated purpose or objective of the submission. Regulation 15.11(d) does not apply in such cases.

28.2.3 Only submissions and proposals considered by the Racing Rules Committee no later than its meeting in the year prior to the Olympic Sailing Competition may be accepted for the next edition of the RRS (unless Regulation 28.1.2 applies). However, previously accepted submissions or proposals may be edited, and appendices may be revised for consistency until 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

28.2.4 The Racing Rules Committee shall approve the final RRS changes by 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

28.2.5 A final, fully formatted copy of the revised edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, with changes from the previous edition clearly identified for translators, shall be made available by the Executive Office to all Member National Authorities and World Sailing Class Associations by 30 June of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

28.2.6 The Racing Rules in the new edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall come into effect worldwide on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. However, if an event begins in the year of the Olympic Sailing Competition and continues past 31 December, the effective date may be postponed by the notice of race.

Interpretations of the Racing Rules

28.3 Except when Regulation 28.4 applies, interpretations of the Racing Rules by World Sailing shall be made only through publication of cases in *The Case Book* or *The Call Books*. The cases are authoritative interpretations and explanations of the rules. The calls are authoritative interpretations and explanations of the rules for the relevant discipline.

28.3.1 The Racing Rules Committee may, with the agreement of the submitter(s), amend a submission prior to the decision by the Committee if it considers that the amendments will better implement the stated purpose or objective of the submission. Regulation 15.11(d) does not apply in such cases.

28.3.2 Submissions or proposals for cases and calls, in English and including any necessary diagrams, shall be received at the Executive Office before the deadline in Regulation 15.6. If a submission or proposal duplicates a published case or call, the submission or proposal shall state why the proposed case or call is preferable.

28.3.3 The following are guidelines for publishing cases in *The Case Book*:

- (a) a case shall significantly clarify an important meaning of a rule or increase the understanding of a complex rule;
- (b) a case shall not duplicate one already published. When a case is an improvement on an existing case it shall be included and the existing case deleted.

28.3.4 The following are guidelines for publishing calls in *The Call Books*:

- (a) a call shall illustrate the application of the rules or procedures, including the rules in any relevant appendix or additional rules, in a situation regularly occurring in that discipline;
- (b) a rule interpretation in a call shall be consistent with any cases that interpret the same rule;
- (c) A call shall not duplicate one already published. When a call is an improvement on an existing call it shall be included and the existing call deleted.

28.3.5 Following publication of a new edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Racing Rules Committee shall promptly review and revise all related documents (including *The Case Book* and *The Call Books*).

28.3.6 The Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel shall answer questions on the Racing Rules or race official procedures that are submitted to it by a World Sailing Race

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Official, a World Sailing Class Association or a Member National Authority. The Panel may decide an answer should be published. Questions and Answers published during a four-year rulebook cycle will normally be valid until 1 January in the year in which a revised rulebook is published.

- 28.3.7 Answers to questions provided by the Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel published on the World Sailing website are not authoritative interpretations and explanations of the Racing Rules. However, they are the carefully considered opinions of an experienced panel whose members have a thorough knowledge of the Racing Rules and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.
- 28.3.8 The Racing Rules Committee shall review proposed rapid response calls from any World Sailing International Umpire or a Racing Rules Committee working party. The chief umpire or protest committee chairman at an event shall report new event calls published during the event to World Sailing.

Approval of Interpretations of the Racing Rules

- 28.4 Except for the publication of the World Sailing case and call books, World Sailing shall not issue an authoritative interpretation or explanation of the Racing Rules unless it is first reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee or a member of the committee designated by the Chairman.

Appeals to World Sailing

- 28.5 Except as expressly permitted by the Regulations, World Sailing shall not accept or decide an appeal concerning the Racing Rules from a decision of a Member National Authority.

Introductory Rules for Racing

- 28.6 The Racing Rules Committee is responsible for the formulation and revision of the Introductory Rules for Racing. The Introductory Rules for Racing are a simplified set of rules intended for use when training people new to racing.

29. EQUIPMENT RULES ADMINISTRATION

Adoption and Changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing

- 29.1 In addition to Regulation 29.1.1 to 29.1.2, the Equipment Committee is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Council regarding *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* (ERS) and the various related subjects with which the ERS are concerned, which include but are not limited to certification control, certification and equipment inspection including sailing instructions concerning equipment inspection, and rules observance.
- 29.1.1 The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall be adopted or changed only by the Equipment Committee or by Council acting in accordance Regulation 29.2. Changes to the ERS shall be put into effect only every four years, effective as of 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. Regulation 29.1.2 contains exceptions to this policy.
- 29.1.2 In exception to Regulation 29.1.1, any change to the Equipment Rules of Sailing of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective for any designated date by a 75% vote cast in favour of the change by the Equipment Committee and with the approval of the Board. The Executive Office shall promptly report any action taken under this regulation to all Member National Authorities

Procedure for changing the Equipment Rules of Sailing

29.2 Subject to Regulation 29.1, a revised edition of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* shall be published every four years, to take effect on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.1 Under Regulations 6.5 and 29.1.1, the Equipment Committee is authorised to approve and change the Equipment Rules of Sailing on behalf of Council unless:

- (a) Regulation 29.1.2 applies;
- (b) a decision of the Committee to change the ERS is referred to Council by the Board, a committee chairman, commission chairman or a member of Council. Any such referral shall be notified to the President in writing no later than the start of the Council meeting at the Annual Conference, or within 7 days of the decision being published (whichever is the earlier). All decisions of the Committee shall be promptly reported to Council.

29.2.2 Proposals for changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing shall be made by submission in accordance with Regulation 15.

29.2.3 The Equipment Committee shall approve the final Equipment Rules of Sailing changes by 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.4 A final, fully formatted copy of the revised edition of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing*, with changes from the previous edition clearly identified for translators, shall be made available by the Executive Office to all Member National Authorities and World Sailing Class Associations by 30 June of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.5 The new edition of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* shall come into effect worldwide on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. However, if an event begins in the year of the Olympic Sailing Competition and continues past 31 December, the effective date may be postponed by the notice of race.

Interpretations of the Equipment Rules of Sailing

29.3 Interpretations of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* by World Sailing shall be made only through publication of cases in *The ERS Case Book*. The cases are authoritative interpretations and explanations of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing*.

29.3.1 The Equipment Rules Sub-committee shall study cases submitted in accordance with Regulation 15 and shall recommend to Council those that it approves for publication in *The ERS Case Book*. Any such recommendation shall be made through the Chairman of the Equipment Committee.

29.3.2 Submissions or proposals for cases in English and including any necessary diagrams, shall be received at the Executive Office before the deadline in Regulation 15.6. If a submission or proposal duplicates a published case, the submission or proposal shall state why the proposed case is preferable.

29.3.3 The following are guidelines for publishing cases in *The ERS Case Book*:

- (a) A case shall significantly clarify an important meaning of a rule or increase the understanding of a complex rule.
- (b) A case shall not duplicate one already published. When a case is an improvement on an existing case it shall be included and the existing case deleted.

29.3.4 Where practical all interpretations shall be considered as possible changes to the ERS.

29.3.5 The Equipment Rules of Sailing Question and Answer Panel shall answer questions on the Equipment Rules of Sailing that are submitted to it by a class, a rating rule, a World

Sailing Race Official, or a Member National Authority. The procedure that the panel will follow when answering such questions and the Questions and Answers that the panel decides to publish shall be posted on the Equipment Rules of Sailing Question and Answer Service page on the World Sailing website, and a link to that page shall appear on both the Equipment Rules, World Sailing Classes, Ratings and Handicap and the Race Officials pages. Questions and Answers published during a four-year rulebook cycle will normally be removed from the website no later than 1 January in the year in which a revised rulebook is published. The panel may propose that a published Question and Answer be added to *The ERS Case Book*.

29.3.6 Answers to questions provided by the Equipment Rules of Sailing Question and Answer Panel published on the World Sailing website are not authoritative interpretations and explanations of the Equipment Rules of Sailing. However, they are the carefully considered opinions of an experienced panel whose members have a thorough knowledge of the Equipment Rules of Sailing and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.

Approval of Interpretations of the Equipment Rules

29.4 Except for the publication of *The ERS Case Book*, World Sailing shall not issue an authoritative interpretation or explanation of the Equipment Rules unless it is first reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee or a member of the committee designated by the Chairman.

30. SPECIAL REGULATIONS ADMINISTRATION

30.1 Adoption and changes to Special Regulations

30.1.1 The ORC are the original authors of the Special Regulations and have licensed World Sailing to administer the same. The Special Regulations Sub-committee is responsible for advising on and making recommendations regarding the Special Regulations and all related subjects to which such regulations are concerned. Special Regulations shall be adopted or changed only by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee (on behalf of the Council) after considering recommendations from the Special Regulations Sub-committee.

30.1.2 In exception to Regulation 30.2.1 any change of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective on any designated date by 75% of the responding votes of both the Special Regulations Sub-committee and the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.

30.1.3 Further in exception to Regulations 30.1.1 and 30.2.1 the Chairmen of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and Special Regulations Sub-committee may together approve exceptions to Special Regulations for special international events in exceptional and particular circumstances. The Executive Office shall report the action taken under this regulation at the time to the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and shall circulate details to Member National Authorities.

30.2 Procedure for Changing Special Regulations

30.2.1 Changes in the Special Regulations shall take effect only once every two years on 1 January of an even year, except as provided in Regulation 30.1.2.

30.2.2 Proposals for changes and formal submissions may be made by any member of the Special Regulations Sub-Committee, any member of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee (through the Chairman of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee), International or Recognized Rating Systems or any Member National Authority. Submissions and proposals should be lodged with the Executive Office at least six weeks before any meeting of the Special Regulations Sub-Committee, and shall then immediately be distributed to members thereof who shall, by e-mail and any other

means that the Chairman thereof deems appropriate, convene working parties to consider the various proposals and submissions.

30.2.3 The Special Regulations Sub-committee shall at its meeting determine those submissions which it proposes to recommend to the Oceanic and Offshore Committee for approval together with the relevant date upon which such change shall become part of the Regulations. It shall further determine those proposed submissions which it recommends for rejection. The Sub-committee shall defer any submissions which either require amendment (unless of a minor nature) or further review and refer them to a working party either of the whole committee or such other working party as it determines, which shall report to the Oceanic and Offshore Committee with its recommendation within four months of the meeting at which such submission was deferred.

30.2.4 Those making proposals for discussion and submissions should, unless the change is of a minor nature, submit either an explanation or a paper giving the background and the necessity for such change. Where there are two or more proposals or submissions of a similar nature, the authors thereof shall be immediately advised thereof and be invited to co-ordinate with a view to agreeing a common submission or proposal prior to the next meeting of the Sub-committee.

30.3 Interpretations to the Special Regulations

Interpretations to the Special Regulations shall be made in accordance with the following procedures:

- (a) requests for an interpretation may be made to World Sailing from the following sources only: Member National Authorities, World Sailing class/owners association, rating systems, International Measurers and representatives of Major Oceanic and Offshore Event Organisers (recognised as such by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee Chair and Vice-Chair);
- (b) an interpretation shall only clarify an existing regulation and shall not change the regulation;
- (c) requests for interpretations may include sketches, design drawings and other visual aids to clarify the question, however the interpretation shall only clarify the existing regulation and not determine compliance of a specific boat;
- (d) a request received by World Sailing from one of the sources in 30.3 (a) shall be acknowledged and sent to the Chair(s) of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and Special Regulations Sub-Committee;
- (e) the validity of the interpretation or any alternative interpretation shall be decided by a panel formed by the Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and the Special Regulations Sub-committee and nominated member/s of the World Sailing technical staff;
- (f) interpretations shall have the status of Special Regulations for a maximum period of 2 years or until revoked;
- (g) at the next Special Regulations Sub-Committee meeting following an interpretation, it shall be reviewed by the Sub-committee and the Sub-committee shall consider whether any amendment to the Special Regulations is necessary or desirable to add clarity. The Sub-Committee may also recommend revocation of any such interpretation.

SECTION 3 - OFFICIALS

31. WORLD SAILING RACE OFFICIALS ADMINISTRATION

31.1 The provisions of this Regulation affect all World Sailing Race Officials, who consist of:

- (a) International Classifiers
- (b) International Expression Judges
- (c) International Judges
- (d) International Measurers
- (e) International Race Officers
- (f) International Technical Delegates
- (g) International Umpires

31.2 For the purposes of this Regulation, including any supporting documentation, references to “principal events” shall mean those events described generally or designated as principal events by the Race Officials Committee and published on the World Sailing website. This Regulation shall not require World Sailing to list each individual event.

31.3 A candidate who

- (a) attends a World Sailing race official seminar,
- (b) takes a World Sailing examination, or
- (c) participates in any other World Sailing activity required for appointment

agrees to be bound by the provisions of the World Sailing Regulations for a period of four years. Notice of this fact shall be given to the candidate in advance. For the purposes of Regulations 32, 34 and 35 they will be considered as WS Race Officials during that period.

Term of Appointment

31.4 The term of appointment for a World Sailing Race Official shall begin on the date of appointment by the Race Officials Committee and shall last until 31 December four years later.

31.5 World Sailing shall publish lists of World Sailing Race Officials and their designated Member National Authority in the World Sailing Yearbook.

31.6 If the Race Officials Committee defers consideration of an application, the four year term shall be calculated with reference to the date of the Race Officials Committee meeting at which the application was first considered.

Applications for Appointment and Re-appointment

31.7 A candidate for appointment shall:

- (a) meet the general qualifications for appointment as a World Sailing Race Official and the discipline-specific qualifications as published by World Sailing by 1 February each year; and
- (b) send an application on the official form so that it is received by the Executive Office by 1 September (for applications for re-appointment the Race Officials Committee may extend this deadline for up to two weeks if there is a good reason to do so).

31.8 A candidate for first appointment shall be endorsed by his Member National Authority no later than the deadline for application. However, the Race Officials Committee may waive this requirement if the endorsement is unreasonably withheld or delayed by the Member National Authority. The candidate shall request any waiver within fourteen days of being notified that there is, or will be, no endorsement and shall provide the Committee with all relevant documentation.

31.9 World Sailing shall inform a Member National Authority of all applications for re-appointment received from its World Sailing Race Officials.

31.10 By applying for appointment or participating in a World Sailing activity required for appointment, a candidate or World Sailing Race Official agrees that, if aggrieved, he will resort only to the remedies referred to in these Regulations, and whether those remedies are exhausted or not, shall not resort to any court or other tribunal.

31.11 Where a candidate is required to have served at an event outside of his Group or Member National Authority the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) if the event is the Olympic Sailing Competition or an event listed in Regulation 25.8.10, it will qualify as such an event even if it has taken place inside his Group or Member National Authority; and
- (b) if the candidate is from Groups A - H, the event shall be outside his Group, and if the candidate is from Groups I - Q, the event shall be outside his Member National Authority.

Appointments

31.12 The Race Officials Committee shall decide whether to appoint a World Sailing Race Official after considering the recommendations of the following committee, sub-committee or working party that is responsible for the discipline concerned:

- (a) the Para Sailing Committee for International Classifiers;
- (b) the Board or Regional Games Sub-committee (as appropriate) for International Technical Delegates;
- (c) the World Sailing Classes Committee for International Expression Judges;
- (d) the International Judges Sub-committee for International Judges;
- (e) the International Measurers Sub-committee for International Measurers;
- (f) the International Umpires Sub-committee for International Umpires; and
- (g) the Race Management Sub-committee for International Race Officers.

31.13 When a committee, sub-committee or working party makes a recommendation on an application, and the Race Officials Committee makes a decision on it, each shall consider the following:

- (a) whether the candidate has complied with the general and additional requirements for the discipline;
- (b) any comments received by means of regatta report forms;
- (c) any other reports on the candidate's performance held by the Executive Office;
- (d) the candidate's relevant experience in other disciplines; and
- (e) any other information as it may consider relevant.

31.14 If a candidate does not meet all the requirements for appointment, the following provisions shall apply:

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31.14.1 If a candidate for first appointment due to extenuating circumstances, which includes Covid 19 and the impact thereof, does not meet one or more of the requirements for appointment, the Race Officials Committee may appoint the candidate for a full four-year term. The candidate must comply with any specific requirements in the Race Officials Roles, Qualifications and Competences document relevant to the discipline of their application, except that Race Officials Committee may consider activities completed outside the normal designated period.

31.14.2 If a candidate for re-appointment due to extenuating circumstances, which includes Covid 19 and the impact thereof, does not meet one or more of the requirements for appointment, the Race Officials Committee may:

- (a) re-appoint the candidate for a full four-year term; or
- (b) extend the existing appointment for 12 months.

31.14.3 The Race Officials Committee may publish guidelines for the application of these exceptions, which may include applying them to groups of race officials.

31.15 A World Sailing Race Official whose appointment has ended within the last 8 months may re-apply and be considered as a candidate for re-appointment (that is having to meet the requirements for re-appointment and not first appointment). After 8 months, the Race Official must apply as a candidate for first appointment.

31.16 While appointed, an International Measurer shall not be employed by, nor act as a consultant to or regular official measurer at, a builder for his associated classes or Rating Systems.

Grouping

31.17 The Race Officials Committee may develop and implement processes for the grouping of World Sailing Race Officials. The procedure for such processes shall be approved by the Board and shall be published on the World Sailing website.

Termination of Appointment and Appeals

31.18 A candidate for appointment or a World Sailing Race Official may appeal against the decision of the Race Officials Committee regarding his application or termination of an appointment. There is no right of appeal against results of examinations, assessments or references.

31.19 Appeals shall be decided by the Judicial Board under its rules of procedure.

32. RACE OFFICIALS PERFORMANCE

32.1 World Sailing shall use the following procedure when it receives a report alleging inadequate conduct or competence of a World Sailing Race Official.

32.2 To be considered under this Regulation, a report shall be in writing, and the submitter of the report shall accept that his identity is disclosed to the World Sailing Race Official concerned. A report may be submitted by a race official, competitor, technical delegate, Member National Authority or authorized member of the organizing authority or class association. However, the Chief Executive Officer may in his discretion decide that a report from another source is to be considered under this Regulation.

32.3 When World Sailing receives a report alleging inadequate conduct or competence of a World Sailing Race Official, it shall be considered by the Chief Executive Officer and if it needs further action it shall be referred to the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and a Vice President who shall place it in one of the following three categories:

- (a) Category A: An insignificant report which is considered not to disclose any inadequate conduct or competence of the World Sailing Race Official concerned.
- (b) Category B: A significant report which is considered to allege inadequate conduct or competence of the World Sailing Race Official concerned. A report will be categorized as Category B if it describes a level of competence or conduct clearly below the level required for appointment as an World Sailing Race Official in the relevant discipline.
- (c) Category C: A significant report which is considered to allege inadequate conduct or competence so serious that it requires urgent action, which may include immediate suspension of the World Sailing Race Official concerned while the report is being investigated.

32.4 Where a report is categorized as Category A, no further action shall be taken.

32.5 Where a report or complaint is categorized as Category B, the World Sailing Race Official concerned shall receive an allegation based on the report. The Race Official can either accept the allegation or request an investigation. If the Race Official accepts the allegation, the Chairmen of the Race Officials Committee and all its Sub-committees shall make a decision in accordance with Regulation 32.9. If the Race Official requests an investigation, formal action by World Sailing shall be taken.

32.6 Where a report is categorized as Category C, formal action by World Sailing shall be taken. The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and a Vice President may suspend the Race Official pending the formal action.

32.7 Where formal action is to be taken, the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee shall appoint a panel of three people to investigate the report. The panel shall include two members who will be members of the Race Officials Committee or its sub-committees and may include one member of other World Sailing committees, sub-committees, commissions or the Judicial Board, if appropriate.

32.8 The panel shall investigate the report and make a recommendation in accordance with Regulation 32.9. The panel may extend or vary the allegations based on information discovered during the investigation. The Race Official concerned shall be informed of the investigation at its inception and be supplied with the report and all relevant documents. He shall be entitled to answer the initial and any extended or varied allegations in writing within a reasonable time set by the panel. If sanctions are recommended they shall be specified. The Chairmen of the Race Officials Committee and all its Sub-committees shall review the recommendation and decide either to confirm it or that the sanction to be imposed shall be less than that recommended.

32.9 Recommendations and decisions under this Regulation may be that no further action is taken, that sanctions shall be imposed or that a report shall be made to the Chief Executive Officer under Regulation 35. The following are examples of sanctions that may be imposed:

- (a) a formal warning shall be given;
- (b) a reprimand shall be given;
- (c) the World Sailing Race Official shall not be appointed to or approved for events of a specified grade or type;
- (d) the World Sailing Race Official shall be supervised when attending an event;
- (e) the World Sailing Race Official shall attend a seminar before attending a further event;
- (f) the World Sailing Race Official shall be re-assessed in his discipline, if assessment is a requirement before appointment in that discipline;

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- (g) the World Sailing Race Official shall take a test in the discipline concerned;
- (h) the World Sailing Race Official shall be suspended from his appointment for a specified period of time followed by a re-evaluation prior to reinstatement or termination of appointment; or
- (i) the appointment of the World Sailing Race Official shall be terminated.

32.10 When a decision is made under this Regulation, the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee shall report it to the Board.

32.11 If the recommendation is that the appointment be terminated, the matter shall be referred to the Board which shall be the only body with authority to terminate an appointment. The Board may also direct that the Race Official concerned is ineligible to be appointed as an World Sailing Race Official for such period of time as it thinks fit.

32.12 A Race Official may appeal against any sanction imposed under Regulation 32, except a report to the Chief Executive Officer under Regulation 35, to the World Sailing Judicial Board. Any appeal must be lodged in writing with the Chief Executive Officer within thirty days of being notified of a written decision under this Regulation. Appeals to the Judicial Board shall be governed by its rules of procedure. Until the determination of any appeal, the decision made under this Regulation shall remain in force.

32.13 The submitter of a report shall be informed of the actions taken by World Sailing, unless the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee decides that this is inappropriate. After a decision has become final, it shall be published by the Chief Executive Officer, unless the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee decides that this inappropriate to do so.

33. DESIGNATED NATIONALITY OF WORLD SAILING RACE OFFICIALS

33.1 This regulation applies to all World Sailing Race Officials.

33.2 The designated Member National Authority of a World Sailing Race Official shall be that of the country of his nationality unless provided otherwise in this regulation. If that country is not within the territory of a Member National Authority he shall not be entitled to be appointed as a World Sailing Race Official.

33.3 If a World Sailing Race Official is appointed as a World Sailing Race Official in more than one discipline, his designated Member National Authority shall be the same for each appointment at all times.

33.4 On first application:

- (a) a candidate who is a national of two or more countries; or
- (b) a candidate who has been ordinarily resident in a country other than that of his nationality for three or more years; or
- (c) a candidate who has been ordinarily resident for three or more years in a part of a country where that part is represented by a different Member National Authority to the rest of that country shall specify the Member National Authority which he wishes to be his designated Member National Authority.

33.5 A World Sailing Race Official may apply to change his designation in the same circumstances as those specified in Regulation 33.4. However if he intends to change on the ground set out in Regulation 33.4(a) he shall give to World Sailing three years' notice in writing; if he intends to change on the ground set out in Regulation 33.4(b) or (c) he shall give to World Sailing one year's notice in writing which may be given before the expiration of the required three years of ordinary residence.

33.6 World Sailing Race Officials shall comply with the requirements of their designated Member National Authority. A World Sailing Race Official who elects to change his designated Member National Authority shall comply with the requirements for World Sailing Race Officials of the new Member National Authority and shall attach to his application the written consent of the Member National Authority. However such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed by the Member National Authority.

33.7 If part of a country such as an associated state, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence and becomes a new country or is incorporated into or is associated with another country, and if that country becomes the territory of a Member National Authority, the designation of a World Sailing Race Official who acquires a new nationality as a result shall be changed to the new country. If the country does not become the territory of a Member National Authority, the World Sailing Race Official shall cease to be such unless he qualifies under Regulation 33.4(a), in which case the requirement as to notice shall be waived.

33.8 In all cases not expressly addressed in this regulation, the Board may make such designation as it considers the fairest in all the circumstances having considered any recommendations made by the Race Officials Committee.

33.9 A World Sailing Race Official may appeal to the Judicial Board against any decision of and in respect of any unreasonable delay by World Sailing or by a Member National Authority in which case the Race Officials Committee shall be a party to the appeal. If the Judicial Board considers that the appeal is justified, it shall refer the matter to the Board which shall act in accordance with Regulation 33.8.

33.10 The designated Member National Authority of each race official shall be printed in the World Sailing Yearbook.

34. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

34.1 A conflict of interest exists when a World Sailing Race Official has, or reasonably appears to have, a personal or financial interest which could affect the official's ability to be impartial.

34.2 When a World Sailing Race Official is invited to serve at a regatta he/she shall consult the "Race Officials Committee Guidelines for Assessing a Conflict of Interest for Race Officials" as published on the World Sailing website and act in accordance with these guidelines, which may be to decline the invitation.

34.3 When the World Sailing Race Official has any doubt, on the action to take he/she shall promptly consult World Sailing, prior to accepting the invitation and be bound by its decision.

34.4 When, at an event, a World Sailing Race Official becomes aware of a conflict of interest, the official he/she shall disclose the potential conflict to the International Jury which shall take appropriate action in accordance with the "Race Officials Committee Guidelines for Assessing a Conflict of Interest for Race Officials" as published on the World Sailing website.

34.5 All World Sailing Race Officials appointed to the events listed in Regulations 25.8.10 and 25.8.11 shall declare any conflict of interest to the Chief Executive Officer and update their declaration when relevant. A conflict of interest declaration from a race official shall include the information necessary to assess in accordance with the "Race Officials Committee Guidelines for Assessing A Conflict of Interest for Race Officials" whether the race official in question has a conflict of interest in relation to a specific event.

34.6 The Race Officials Committee shall develop and maintain a register of conflict of interest declarations from World Sailing Race Officials. The information, contents and

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administration of the register shall be described by the Race Officials Committee, approved by the Board and be published on the World Sailing website.

SECTION 4 - OTHER

35 MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE (see Appendix 6)

36 ETHICS (See Appendix 6)

37 BETTING AND ANTI-CORRUPTION CODE (see Appendix 5)

38 SAFETY REPORTING

38.1 Member National Authorities, World Sailing Classes and Rating Systems shall report within 30 days to World Sailing any incident of which they become aware and which:

- (a) occurs at an event using the RRS;
- (b) which falls within their jurisdiction; and
- (c) falls within the scope of an incident reporting system established by the Board from time to time.

38.2 The bodies listed in Regulation 38.1 shall give all reasonable assistance to World Sailing if it conducts an investigation into an incident.

39 LOCATION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

39.1 The location of the Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting held two years prior to the relevant year (except that the 2023 Annual General Meeting shall determine the location of the 2024 Annual Conference).

39.2 The Board shall invite bids from interested venues and shall publish in advance the criteria against which the Board will assess any bids received.

39.3 The Executive Office will undertake site visits to such candidate venues as the Board shall determine. The Board will then assess bids against the published criteria and shall recommend up to three eligible bids to the Annual General Meeting. Each bidder may present to the Annual General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting will then vote to decide which bid is successful. The presentation and voting procedure shall be determined by the chairman of the meeting.

39.4 All successful bids shall be subject to concluding a suitable contract with World Sailing by a date specified by the Board. In the event that:

- (a) a selected venue does not enter into a contract with World Sailing by a date specified by the Board;
- (b) a venue withdraws after selection by the Annual General Meeting; or
- (c) otherwise, there is no venue selected following the relevant Annual General Meeting, then Council shall have the power to select an alternative venue on the recommendation of the Board.

39.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulations 39.1, 39.3 and 39.4, the Board shall determine the location of the 2023 Annual Conference and Annual General Meetings.

40 TEMPORARY CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

40.1 Due to the postponement of the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition, the following provisions shall apply notwithstanding any other Regulation:

- (a) the Racing Rules Committee and Equipment Committee shall approve the final changes to the revised editions of The Racing Rules of Sailing or The Equipment Rules of Sailing (as appropriate) before the final text is submitted to World Sailing Executive Office;
- (b) the final, fully formatted copies of the revised editions of The Racing Rules of Sailing and The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall be made available by the Executive Office to all Member National Authorities and World Sailing Class Associations no later than 31 July 2020;
- (c) the revised edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing and The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall come into effect worldwide on 1 January 2021. However, if an event begins in 2020 and continues past 31 December, the effective date may be postponed by the notice of race;
- (d) the Chief Executive Officer may authorise, on request, that the class rules of an Olympic Class may continue to be governed by the 2017 – 2020 Equipment Rules of Sailing until 31 December 2021; and
- (e) the terms of office of the Chairman and members of the Athletes' Commission which would have expired in 2020 are extended by one year.

40.2 This Regulation will cease to apply on 1 January 2022.

41 TEMPORARY CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

41.1 In accordance with the International Olympic Committee (the “IOC”) recommendations on the participation of athletes with a Russian or Belarusian passport in the Olympic Sailing Competition in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, the following provisions shall apply notwithstanding any other Regulation, Policy Document or the provisions of The Racing Rules of Sailing.

41.2 In accordance with the World Sailing policy for participation of Individual Neutral Athletes and Support Persons with a Russian or Belarusian Passport in the Olympic Sailing Competition in the Olympic Games Paris 2024 (the “Neutrality Policy”) the Board shall approve as “Individual Neutral Athlete” in English and “Athlètes Individuels Neutres” in French, (“AIN”), any sailor/Support Person who:

- signed the self-declaration attached to the Neutrality Policy; and
- has been verified as being in compliance with the Neutrality Policy.

41.3 Under the provisions of the IOC recommendations, an AIN sailor shall not in any way act as a representative of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus, or any other organisation in their country, including their National Olympic Committee (“NOC”) or Member National Association (“MNA”). Therefore, all AIN sailors will represent themselves and will not have an MNA. For the purposes of permitting Participation as defined in the Neutrality Policy all World Sailing Rules, Policy Documents and Regulations and The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be construed accordingly.

41.4 AIN sailors will be allocated a temporary AIN Sailor ID by World Sailing.

41.5 This Regulation will only apply for the Participation defined in the Neutrality Policy and will expire at the conclusion of the Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition in Marseille on the 11 August 2024.