

### Class applications for World Sailing Class Status

Classes that offer a high standard of international competitive sailing and meet the criteria outlined below may be designated as a World Sailing Class Association. Applications must follow the updated **Policy D1** (effective 9 November 2024) and comply with the approval process set out in **Regulation 15** of the World Sailing Regulations.

In accordance with **Regulation 15**, the process for granting World Sailing Class Association status includes the following steps:

- **(15.1)** Applications must be submitted in the required format, accompanied by appropriate fee.
- **(15.2)** The Chief Executive Officer refers the application to the relevant committee:
  - The **Equipment Committee**, or
  - The **Oceanic & Offshore Committee** for rating systems and offshore classes.
- **(15.3)** The reviewing committee submits a recommendation to the Board.
- **(15.4)** The Board then makes a final recommendation to the General Assembly.
- **(15.5)** No recommendation is made to the General Assembly until the applicant has entered into all required contracts with World Sailing, including agreements concerning intellectual property where applicable.

To become a recognised World Sailing Class, a structured application process is required. A class must be recommended by the Equipment Committee and subsequently approved through the formal governance process, including review by the Board and final confirmation by the General Assembly. A valid application must demonstrate compliance with the following criteria under **Policy D1**:

- **(1.2a)** Have an active class/owners association with an elected board.
- **(1.2b)** Have a constitution approved by the Equipment and Governance Committees.
- **(1.2c)** Have class rules in World Sailing Standard format adopting the Equipment Rules of Sailing.
- **(1.2d)** Demonstrate minimum global distribution requirements. (e.g., 15 boats, 5 MNAs, 2 continents for boats up to 6.0m).
- **(1.2e)** Make the constitution and class rules available on the World Sailing website.
- **(1.2f)** Provide building specifications, measurement protocols, or equipment registration details.
- **(1.2g)** Include dates for world and continental championships for the following year.
- **(1.2h)** Provide any additional information requested by the Chief Executive Officer.

Policy D1 (1.3) states that exemptions to 1.2(d) may be granted for classes serving unique aspects of sailing.

### Decision making and timeline

At the Mid-Year Meeting, the Equipment Committee will review the class applications against regulatory requirements and make a recommendation to the Board.

The Board will consider these recommendations at a meeting after the Mid-Year Meeting. The Equipment Committee recommendations may be subject to conditions such as resolving outstanding issues or confirmation by the Executive Office or the ERSC on accuracy or completeness of submitted documentation.

The final recommendation from the Board to the General Assembly will only be made once all requirements and agreements with World Sailing are in place.

## Deferred applications from Classes that applied for WS Class status in 2024

### 1) X-15 Class Review

The X-15 Wingfoil Class is a One Design Wingfoil Class aimed at providing a structured framework for wingfoil racing. The Equipment Committee deferred the decision at the 2024 Annual Conference due to pending final approval of class rules, builder specifications, verification of global distribution, and a signed agreement.

**Committee Decision:** Deferred with 12 approvals, 0 rejections, 1 abstention.

This section reflects the status of the application at the time of writing this paper.

- **Application Letter:** Confirmed.
- **Application Fee:** Paid in full.
- **Active Class Association:** Confirmed.
- **Constitution:** Approved by the Equipment and Governance Committees.
- **Class Rules:** The class rules are in SCR format and currently under review by the ERSC. The latest update indicates that the ERSC would recommend approval, subject to the class acknowledging and agreeing to the proposed amendments to the class rules. An update will be provided by the ERSC to the Equipment Committee at the Mid-Year Meeting.
- **Global Distribution:** Requirement for this boat length is 15 boats active in 5 MNAs covering 2 continents. At the time of writing this report, letters confirming the requirements have been submitted for 4 MNAs (GBR, GER, THA, TUR). A letter received from a 5<sup>th</sup> MNA (SGP) does not appear to meet the requirements. The Executive Office is confirming the situation with the Class.
- **Future Championship Dates:** Provided.
- **Agreement:** agreed in principle.

Working Group recommendation:

- ➔ **Subject to confirmation of global distribution by a fifth MNA;**  
The Working Group recommends approval of the X-15 Class application, subject to the ERSC's approval of the class rules.
  - ➔ **Comment:** If approved, the recommendation will be submitted to the Board once the class rules have been approved by the ERSC and published.
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### 2) RS Venture Connect Class Review

The RS Venture Connect Class is a two-person keelboat class used in Para World Sailing events since 2018, providing accessible equipment and support to participating nations. The Equipment Committee deferred the decision at the 2024 Annual Conference due to pending final approval of class rules, builder specifications, and a signed agreement.

**Committee Decision:** Deferred with 12 approvals, 0 rejections, 1 abstention.

This section reflects the status of the application at the time of writing this paper.

- **Application Letter:** Confirmed.
- **Application Fee:** Paid in full.
- **Active Class Association:** Confirmed.
- **Constitution:** Approved by the Equipment and Governance Committees.
- **Class Rules:** The rules are in the SCR Format and been discussed with the class, some minor changes are required. The ERSC and the Executive Office report that there has been very little engagement by the class to rectify the required changes since the 2024 AC. An update will be provided by the ERSC to the Equipment Committee at the Mid-Year Meeting.
- **Global Distribution:** Exemption approved for Para Sailing focus at 2024 Annual Conference.
- **Building Specifications:** Partially received. Pending receipt of full documentation from the class and full review by the Executive Office.
- **Future Championship Dates:** Provided.
- **Agreement:** pending agreement in principle.

Working Group recommendation:

- ➔ The Working Group recommends deferring the RS-Venture Class application until the following requirements are met:
    - The ERSC confirms that the proposed changes to the class rules have been acknowledged, agreed, and incorporated; and
    - The Executive Office confirms that the necessary building specifications have been received and that a Class Agreement has been agreed in principle.
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## Classes applying for WS Class status in 2025

### 3) WASZP Class

The WASZP Class submitted a new application for World Sailing Class status following the 2024 Annual Conference. This application has not yet been reviewed by the Equipment Committee. The following documentation has been submitted:

- **Application Letter:** Received
- **Application Fee:** Paid in full.
- **Active Class/Owners Association:** Confirmed

The class has organized multiple international and national events including:

- 6 International WASZP Games (2017–2024)
- 7 European Championships (2017–2024)
- 3 Americas Championships (2017–2024)
- 4 major events with 150+ competitors
- National events held in 26 countries, averaging 451 competitors per year

- **Class Constitution:** Submitted

The **Governance Committee** has identified three critical issues requiring revision:

- **Governance Structure:** KA Sail holds significant control over the Management Group and may employ the Class Manager (Clause 5.1.2), compromising independence.
- **Non-Profit Status:** The constitution does not confirm that WICA operates as a non-profit or ensures that funds are used solely for class purposes.
- **Member Rights:** No clear process exists for removing Management Group members or appealing suspensions; Clause 9.1 lacks procedural safeguards.

These issues must be resolved to comply with Regulations 15.1 and 15.7, and Policies D1.

The class proposed a 5–7 year transitional period before implementing structural changes, during which KA Sail would retain full control over the Management Group.

The Governance Committee has stated that the current Regulations and Policies do not allow for recognition under the constitution as submitted, and a transitional period is not compatible with the governance requirements currently in force.

- **Class Rules:** Submitted, but not yet in SCR format. During a meeting, the class confirmed they will not be ready to submit rule sin this format before the Mid-Year Meeting.
- **Global Distribution:**  
The class reports 1,640 boats delivered to 45 countries since 2016.  
The class has submitted results from four international events to support compliance with distribution requirements.
- **Building Specifications:** Not yet submitted. The class has indicated the documents are in progress.
- **Future Championship Dates:** Provided. <https://racehub.waszp.com/events>
- **Agreement:** pending agreement in principle.

### Working Group recommendation:

- ➔ **The Working Group recommends rejecting the WASZP Class application.**
- ➔ **Comment:** The Working Group considers that, without the required approval of the constitution by the Governance Committee, there is no justification for deferring the application. The class may reapply once their constitution has been updated, or if World Sailing regulations and policies change.

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### 4) International Formula Wing Class

This is a new application received in 2025. All required documentation has now been submitted, and the application is scheduled to be considered by the Equipment Committee at the Mid-Year Meeting.

The following documentation has been submitted:

- **Application Letter:** Received
- **Application Fee:** Paid in full
- **Active Class/Owners Association:**
  - 2024 Formula Wing Europeans (SUI): 51 entries, 14 countries, 4 continents - <https://wingfoilracing.com/2024europeans>
  - 2024 Formula Wing Asians (HKG): 55 entries, 11 countries, 2 continents - <https://wingfoilracing.com/2024asians>
  - 2023 Formula Wing Europeans (GRE): 32 entries, 10 countries, 2 continents - <https://www.wingfoilracing.com/2023europeans>
  - 2023 Formula Wing North Americans (PUR): 19 entries, 3 countries, 2 continents - <https://wingfoilracing.com/2023northamericans>
  - 2023 Formula Wing South Americans (COL): 14 entries, 6 countries, 2 continents - <https://wingfoilracing.com/2023southamericans>
  - 2023 Formula Wing Asians (THA): 22 entries, 3 countries, 1 continent - <https://wingfoilracing.com/2023asians>
  - 2023 Formula Wing Oceanics (AUS): 44 entries, 3 countries - <https://www.woollahrasailingclub.org.au/series/6705>
  - Future Events:
    - The European Championships - Urla (TUR) from 20-24 May 2025.
    - The World Championships (under existing Special Event agreement)- Cagliari (ITA) from 24-28 September
    - The Youth World Championships - Ilha Terceira (POR) from 22-26
- **Class Constitution:** Approved by the Governance Committee.
- **Class Rules:** The class rules are in SCR format and currently under review by the ERSC. The latest update indicates that the ERSC would recommend approval, subject to the class acknowledging and agreeing to the proposed amendments to the class rules. An update will be provided by the ERSC to the Equipment Committee at the Mid-Year Meeting.
- **Global Distribution:** Requirement for this boat length is 15 boats active in 5 MNAs covering 2 continents. The class submitted 10 letters from MNAs confirming that more than 15 boats are actively sailing under class rules in their respective countries. List of MNAs provided: CHN, AUS, FRA, GER, HKG, ISR, ITA, NZL, POL, POR.
- **Building Specifications:** n/a. Class using World Sailing's equipment registration program.
- **Future Championship Dates:** Submitted
- **Agreement:** agreed in principle.

### Working Group recommendation:

- ➔ The Working Group recommends approval of the International Formula Wing Class application, subject to the ERSC's approval of the class rules.
- ➔ **Comment:** If approved, the recommendation will be submitted to the Board once the class rules have been approved by the ERSC and published.