



## ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service

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### Question 1

Rule 87 allows sailing instructions to change class rules when the change is permitted in the class rules, or when written permission of the class association for the change is displayed on the official notice board. Does this also apply to ISAF classes?

### Answer 1

Yes

### Question 2

If the answer to question 1 is 'Yes', does this conflict with ISAF regulation 10.5 (f)?

### Answer 2

No. If the rules of an ISAF class allow class rules to be changed in the sailing instructions, this will already have been permitted by ISAF under regulation 10.5(f). If an ISAF class wants to permit a class rule change for a single event, it must first obtain ISAF permission for the change.

### Question 3

May an ISAF class, under rule 87, change any of its class rules in the sailing instructions?

### Answer 3

No, not unless the class is part of the organizing authority, and then subject to the requirements of rule 87 and regulation 10 when applicable. See also Answers 1 and 2.

### Question 4

May a national authority change a class rule without consulting the class association?

### Answer 4

No. Rule 86.1(a) refers only to changes to the racing rules by national authority prescriptions. Class rules are not racing rules, and therefore a national authority may not change a class rule by prescription.

However, when a national authority is the class authority, it is also the authority to permit changes to the class rules.

#### Question 5

Will the answer to Question 4 depend upon whether it is a local, national or ISAF class?

#### Answer 5

Yes. For all classes, any class rule changes depend on what the class rules state about changing class rules.

For ISAF classes, only ISAF may permit changes to the class rules under rule 87. For national classes, when the national authority is the class authority, it is also the authority to permit changes to the class rules. See also Answer 4.

#### Question 6

May a local class association override a rule of an ISAF class without asking permission from the class association?

#### Answer 6

No. A local or national association of an ISAF class is not an independent class association and is governed by the ISAF class association class rules and the ISAF regulations.