

ISAF Classes Committee Minutes



The ISAF Classes Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Monday 11 November 2013 at the Al Bandar Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

Please refer to the ISAF website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda.

Please refer to the ISAF Council minutes of 15-16 November 2013 on the ISAF website for the **final Council decision** on all recommendations and opinions contained within these minutes. Where an 'opinion' to 'reject' or 'approve' is shown against a submission in these minutes this is only the opinion of the ISAF Classes Committee (ICC). The final decision by the ISAF Council may be different from the ICC after hearing the opinions of other committees.

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Present:

Jeff Martin – Chairman, Laser representative
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie – ICC Events Rep
Finn representative
Ceri Williams – ICC Windsurfing Rep
Formula Windsurfing representative
Jurgen Cluytmans – ICC Equipment Control SC
420 representative

Helen Mary Wilkes – Vice Chairman
David Brookes – ICC Equipment Committee Rep,
Hobie Classes representative
Bruno de Wannemaeker – ICC International
Measurers SC (In Part), Funboard representative

Class Representatives:

8M – Guy-Roland Perrin
12 Metre – Ken Kershaw
29er – Jerelyn Biehl
49er – Marcus Spillane
470 – Luissa Smith
Cadet – Jan Martin Wilschut
Farr 30 – Daneen B Demourkas
Formula Experience – Marc Cardon
Kiteboarding / ISWA – Markus Schwendtner
International 14 – Colin Smith
Hansa 303 – Akko Van der Veen

Lightning – David Sprague
Melges 24 - Riccardo Simoneschi
Micro - Helmut Czasny
Optimist - Sally Burnett
RS:X – Andrus Poksi
Sunfish – Hector Duval
Soling – Peter Hall
Soto 40 – Flavio Naveira
Topper – Bill Brassington
Tornado - Jurgen Jentch
Yngling – Matias Dahlstrom

Apologies

David Staley – Class Rules Sub-committee

Others:

Adrienne Greenwood (NZL) Vice-President (In Part) 49erFX - Ben Remocker
Nacra 17 – Edwin Lodder

ISAF Technical and Offshore Department

Jason Smithwick – Head of Technical & Offshore Rob Taylor – Technical Coordinator
Simon Forbes – Technical & Offshore Manager Henry Thorpe – Technical Coordinator
Norbert Marin – Technical Coordinator (In Part)

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1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the committee members.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the ISAF Classes Committee of 3 November 2012 were noted and signed as a true record.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not otherwise covered on the agenda.

3. Submissions

The submissions can be found at: www.sailing.org/meetings/2013-Conference.php

ISAF Classes

(a) Deferred submission 085-12 to reduce Olympic sailing costs

Deferred submission 085-12 was noted from Swedish Sailing Federation to form a working party with the mission to try to reduce costs in Olympic Sailing..

Corinne Rolland-McKenzie noted that the Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommended approval of the submission.

There were no objections.

Opinion: Approve

(b) 001-13 Fair representation for Classes

Submission 001-13 was noted from the International Funboard Class. The submission proposed that the Constitution and the Regulations of the ISAF are to be changed to give effect to the principle that an ISAF Class shall have the same right of representation at the Meetings of the Federation and at the Council Level as does a Member National Authority (MNA).

David Sprague noted that since the ISAF Class Association annual subscription was introduced around 15 years ago, the number of classes had increased and the annual subscription fee continues to increase by 2.5% per year.

On a proposal by David Sprague there was a vote of 13 in favour, 6 against and 7 abstain:

Opinion: Approve

The ISAF Classes Committee support 001-13 and recommend the Executive Committee create a working party to look at the implementation of these principles.

(c) 002-13 Fair Subscription Fees for Classes – Article 10, Regulation 10.17

Submission 002-13 was noted from the International Funboard Class Association, International Hobie 14 Class Association, International Hobie 16 Class Association, International Hobie 17 Class Association, International Hobie 18 Class Association, International Hobie Dragon Class Association, International Hobie Tiger Class Association, International Hobie Wildcat Class

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Association, International Lightning Class Association and the International Star Class regarding the level of the annual subscription fee payable by an ISAF Class.

David Sprague introduced the submission and proposed that the ISAF Classes should be charged the same fee as the lowest subscription fee category of Member National Authorities (MNA).

He noted that 50% of MNAs pay £61 per year. Each Class Association pays £183 per year. Classes make a further contribution to ISAF on plaque fees on new boats. He also highlighted a typo in the submission, and noted that the class he represented, Lightning, has two 'n's in the name.

Adrienne Greenwood noted that the Executive Committee are reviewing the MNAs subscription criteria, including issues linked to fairness of subscription fee such as number of sailors, and the gross domestic product.

Ceri Williams felt that the amount of the class subscription fee is not the issue but that the majority of MNAs pay too little.

Chris Atkins felt that the Executive proposals should be on the table in 12 months.

On a proposal by David Sprague seconded by David Brookes there was a vote to approve of 18 in favour, 4 against and 7 abstain.

Opinion: Approve

Advertising Code

(d) 010-13 – Competitor advertising on bibs at ISAF Events

Submission 010-13 was noted from US Sailing which proposed to give competitors the right to display advertising on bibs at ISAF Events by amending Appendix 1 Regulations 20.3.1, 20.4.3 and 20.4.4.

Corinne Rolland-Mackenzie noted the Olympic Class Sub-committee's recommendation to defer : "The Olympic Classes believe ISAF should retain the right to advertising on bibs and this submission should be deferred until 2014 when the ISAF event structure has been confirmed."

David Sprague's view was that the classes should be supporting the sailors by enabling sailors to use the advertising space on the bib that they wear.

Colin Smith felt that the Advertising Code gives a lot of rights to the competitor and that the submission should be supported because event organisers need help from the Advertising Code in order to fund the organisation of events.

On a proposal to defer by Corinne Rolland-McKenzie, seconded by Riccardo Simoneschi there was a vote of 23 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstain.

Opinion: Defer

ISAF should retain the right to advertising on bibs and this submission should be deferred until 2014 when the ISAF events structure has been confirmed.

(e) 011-13 Advertising Space on Jib of 49er and 49erFX

Submission 011-13 was noted from the International 49er Class Association regarding the ISAF Advertising Code – Appendix 1, Regulation 20. The submission proposes to allow the 49er Class Rules to assign the advertising

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rights while racing for defined spaces on the jib to the International 49er Class Association.

Marcus Spillane noted that the Advertising Code assigns rights to areas of the equipment either to the competitor or the organising authority. He considered that the class sponsor needs 'real estate' on the boat. Currently contracts with class sponsors have to use terms such as 'best endeavours' when referring to placement of their advertising on the boat.

Riccardo Simoneschi was not against the concept, but was against using this for just one class and that approval would be premature if it is not for all classes.

Corinne Roland-Mackenzie noted that classes of boats are different and that even amongst Olympic classes there are different approaches to marketing and promotion and the funding linked to that.

Jason Smithwick noted other changes would be needed to the Advertising Code in order to achieve what is suggested as classes can only restrict advertising, not re-allocate the rights to the space.

On a proposal by Marcus Spillane seconded by Corrine Roland-Mackenzie there was a vote of 15 in favour, 1 against and 12 abstain

Opinion: Approve

(f) 012-13 Regulation 20.7.1 - Table 2 – Manufacturer's and Sailmaker's Marks

Submission 012-13 was noted from the International Kiteboarding Association regarding the ISAF Advertising Code 20.7.1 - Table 2, allowed marks – Kiteboard / Kites

The submission proposed that in the table, the box Kiteboard / Kite which currently states "No restriction", be amended by the addition of : " except that brand, model and size identification as required by the class rules and applied by the manufacturer shall remain clearly readable."

On a proposal by David Sprague, seconded by Ceri Williams there was a vote of 20 in favour, 0 against and 3 abstain

Opinion: Approve

ISAF Regulations

(g) 026-13 Subscriptions and Withdrawal of privileges - Regulation 1.25 to 1.26

Submission 026-13 was noted from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee regarding changes to ISAF Regulations 1.25 to 1.26.

David Sprague requested that in future the existing regulation be presented in the submission. Concern was raised by the wording "suspend..., an ISAF Class Association or the rights of any of their members to participate in an ISAF Event, Regional Games or World Championships;" - it was highlighted that a competitor might be a member of several ISAF Class Associations. It was noted that the current Regulation 1.28 specifies a 30 days period of arrears, whereas the submitted proposal does not include this.

On a proposal to reject by David Sprague, seconded by Colin Smith there was a vote of 18 to reject, 1 against and 6 abstain

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Opinion: Reject

*It is not clear how cancellation of class membership will be administered.
The 30 day grace period is not written in the Regulation.*

(h) 028-13 Women's Forum Nominations to ISAF Classes Committee

Submission 028-13 was noted from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee to delete ISAF Regulation 5.1.1(a)(iii) : "The Women referred to in Article 36.1(g) may select a women's representative for membership of the ISAF Classes Committee. The woman selected for this position shall be drawn from the women referred to in Article 36.1(g)."

Luissa Smith questioned why the Women's Forum had not selected a representative for the 2013-2016 term? Corinne Rolland-McKenzie felt that the regulation was just a formal way to ensure a women's representative and deleting this provision would serve no purpose.

On a proposal to reject by David Sprague, seconded by Daneen Demourkas there was a vote of 17 to reject, 1 against and 7 abstain

Opinion: Reject

(i) 034-13 Regulation 11, Removal of ISAF Codes from the Regulations, New Regulation 38.

Submission 034-13 was noted from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee which contained three different proposals: Proposal 1 to delete Regulation 11 – Classic Classes, Proposal 2 to delete the ISAF Codes from the Regulations and instead refer to the codes on ISAF website and Proposal 3 to insert a New Regulation 38.

Regarding Proposal 1 to delete Regulation 11 – Classic Classes. There was a proposal to reject by David Sprague, seconded by Ceri Williams and a vote of 10 to reject, 3 against and 15 abstentions.

Regarding Proposal 2 to delete ISAF Regulations 19, 20, 21, 22 and Appendix 5 and to refer only to the website. There was a proposal to reject by Colin Smith, seconded by Ceri Williams and a vote of 8 to reject, 3 against and 12 abstentions.

Regarding Proposal 3, to add a new regulation that delegates the authority of Council, to the Executive Committee to amend the Codes in Regulations 19, 20, 21, 22 and 37. On a proposal to reject by Jeff Martin there was a vote of 24 to reject, 0 against and 5 abstain.

Opinion: Reject

Proposal 1: Reject.

Proposal 2: Reject. The ownership of the codes is not clear.

Proposal 3: Reject. There is no way in which ISAF committees may have input in to these regulations.

(j) 049-13 Safety in Nacra 17 and 49er FX Racing Areas..

Submission 049-13 was noted from the Real Federacion Espanola de Vela. Corinne Rolland-McKenzie reported that the Olympic Classes Sub-committee

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considered that safety policies are the responsibility of event organisers.

On a proposal to reject, there was a vote of 24 to reject, 0 against, 4 abstain.

Opinion: Reject

The ISAF Classes Committee agree with the Olympic Classes Sub-committee that safety policies are the responsibility of event organisers.

(k) 050-13 Criteria for an ISAF Class Association – Regulation 10.2.1(e)

Submission 050-13 was noted from the Fédération Française de Voile regarding the creation of a working party to review and revise the Criteria for Designation as an ISAF Class Association – Regulation 10.2.1(e).

Dick Batt as Chairman of the working party formed by the ISAF Classes(David Brookes), Equipment(Dick Batt) and Events Committee(Stefan Rahm), noted that the working party were reviewing the collection of historical data collated by the ISAF staff and may come forward in the future with recommendations to revise the criteria.

Opinion: Reject

It is not necessary as these regulations have been developed recently over three years to a conclusion. There is already a working party in place to monitor classes and championships.

(l) 051-13 Right to hold a World Championship – Regulation 10.4(b)

Submission 051-13 was noted from the Fédération Française de Voile regarding the requirements for a class to maintain the right to hold a World Championship – Regulation 10.4(b).

The comments on this submission were covered under item (k).

Opinion: Reject

It is not necessary as these regulations have been developed recently over three years to a conclusion. There is already a working party in place to monitor classes and championships.

Equipment Rules of Sailing

(m) 053-13 Equipment Rules of Sailing, C.6.3(e)(iv) – Variable ballast

(n) 054-13 Equipment Rules of Sailing, G.1.1 Sail

(o) 055-13 Equipment Rules of sailing, G.1.4(b) Definition of Ply

(p) 056-13 Equipment Rules of Sailing, G.1.4(n) - Stiffening

(q) 057-13 Equipment Rules of Sailing, G.5.4– Seven-Eighths Leech Point

(r) 058-13 Equipment Rules of Sailing, G.5.9– Seven-Eighths Luff Point

(s) 059-13 Equipment rules of Sailing, G.7.7– Seven-Eighths Width

(t) 060-13 Equipment Rules of Sailing, H.5.4 – Sail Measurement extended as necessary

Opinion: No recommendation

Refer these submissions to the ERS Working Party for consideration

Olympic Sailing Competition – Core Events & Equipment

Submissions 071-13, 072-13, 073-13 and 074-13 were considered together.

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Jeff Martin noted that the Olympic Classes Sub-committee's policy was not to comment on this issue. Ceri Williams considered that the Olympic equipment was an important issue that should be discussed.

Vice-President Chris Atkins was invited to explain:

The advice that the International Olympic Committee had given to ISAF was: please stop forever changing the equipment. Other international federations spend less time discussing change before deciding not to. The intention is to increase assurance of continuity whilst allowing appropriate change. The IOC are now looking favourably at what they term 'urban sports'.

072- provides continuity for 2020 whilst all efforts are made to add Kiteboarding. If ISAF does not show confidence in the existing 10 events, why would the IOC give us two extra events ?

071 and 074 are alternatives to 072

073 – the process for 2024 equipment allows to look at changing a maximum of 3 events

Markus Schwendtner consider that the discussion was not just about kiteboarding- ISAF needs a chance to renew itself – freezing events is not the correct way. If we lose the opportunity to change before 2024 – that is more than a decade.

(u) 071-13 Olympic Competition, Selection of Core Events – Regulation 23.1.5(a)

Submission 071-13 was noted from the International Funboard Class Association proposing that decisions regarding the selection of core events and core equipment could be made earlier.

Corinne Roland Mackenzie, abstained from voting as Chairman of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee.

On a proposal by Markus Schwendtner, seconded by Ceri Williams there was a vote of 5 in favour, 13 against and 10 abstentions.

Opinion: Reject

(v) 072-13 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition Events and Equipment – Regulations 23.1.3(f), 23.1.4 and 23.1.7

Submission 072-13 was noted from the Executive Committee proposing to confirm all existing events and equipment for 2020, and to seek additional medals from the IOC for Kiteboarding.

There was a vote to approve of 12 in favour 4 against and 13 abstain

Opinion: Approve

(w) 073-13 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition and Beyond, Events and Equipment - Regulations 23.1.3, 23.1.4, 23.1.5, 23.1.7 and 23.1.9

Submission 073-13 was noted from the Executive Committee regarding the selection of core events. It proposed that eight years before an Olympics, there shall be a minimum of one and maximum of three events reviewed and possibly changed.

There was a vote of 10 in favour 4 against and 14 abstain.

Opinion: Approve

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- (x) 074-13 Olympic Sailing Competition, Selection of Core Events – Regulation 23.1.5(a)

Submission 074-13 was noted from the International Kiteboarding Association regarding selection of Core Events and Core Equipment.

Corinne Roland Mackenzie, abstained from voting as Chairman of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee.

On a proposal by Markus Schwendtner, seconded by Ceri Williams there was a vote of 5 in favour, 13 against and 10 abstentions.

Opinion: Reject

- (y) 094-13 International Measurers Administration, Regulation 31.13.2

Submission 094-13 was noted from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee regarding the administration of International Measurers.

The submission proposed to increase from 3 to 5, the number of classes to which an International Measurer can be appointed.

Markus Schwendtner considered that more than 5 classes should be permitted. Bruno de Wannemaeker agreed, particularly for 'board' classes.

The International Measurers Sub-committee have discussed eliminating the restriction in the future.

On a proposal by Riccardo Simoneschi, seconded by Helmut Czasny there was a vote of 26 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

Opinion: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing

- (z) 115-13 Composition of International Juries – Appendix N.

Submission 115-13 was noted from the Malasyasia Yachting Association regarding composition of International Juries.

The submission proposed amendments to assist a non-International Judge to be appointed to an International Jury.

The consensus of opinion was that there was sympathy with the intention, in practice it is already happening but that the amendment proposed was not practical.

On a proposal to reject by Helmut Czasny, seconded by Bruno de Wannemaeker there was a vote of 21 to reject, 1 against and 4 abstain.

Opinion: Reject

ISAF Classes Committee sympathises with the initiative.

- (aa) 0116-13 Rule N1.

Submission 116-13 was noted from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee regarding Rule N1.

The submission proposed that when approved by ISAF, in regards of specific criteria, an international Jury could be comprised of just three International Judges from three different nations.

Submissions 116 and 117 were discussed together. The Chairman of the Race

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Officials noted that submission 116-13 was focused on maintaining the quality of jury' decisions, whilst reducing costs.

Bill Brassington was concerned that 116-13 would reduce the options to include National Judges on the International Juries.

Hector Duval supported 117-13 as funding International Juries was a major drain on event resources.

It was noted that ISAF Regulation 10.10 states:

“To maintain its designation, an ISAF Class shall ...Appoint an International Jury for the World Championships unless otherwise agreed with ISAF.”

Helmut Czasny strongly supported 116-13. He felt the consequence of approving 117-13 would be a major move around the world to non-appealable juries with only two International Judges, whose decision might rely on the third, non-International Judge.

Opinion: Reject

The ISAF Classes Committee agrees on the principle of a 3 person Jury.

- 1. A working party should be formed to look at this further.*
- 2. ISAF Classes would like representation on the working party.*
- 3. The ISAF Classes would appreciate a document that details the rules and processes of appointments of a Jury through the regulations and racing rules*

(bb) 117-13 Size and Composition of International Juries – Appendix N1.2

Submission 117-13 was noted from Sail Canada proposes to reduce minimum size of an International Jury from 5 to 3 – Appendix N1.2.

On a proposal to reject by Jeff Martin, seconded by Riccardo Simoneschi there was a vote of 23 to reject, 3 against and 3 abstain.

Opinion: Reject

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4. Olympic Classes Sub-committee

Recommendations from the Olympic Classes Sub-committee were noted:

- (a) Olympic Classes Sub-committee Agenda Item No 3(b): - Events, ISAF Sailing World Cup.

The Olympic Classes will support the proposed vision for the ISAF Sailing World Cup if the Olympic Classes retain the right to hold their Class World Championship and award the title of 'World Champion' to the winners.

- (b) Olympic Classes Sub-committee Agenda Item No 4(a): – Format for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.

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The Olympic Classes support the principles of the Events Committee Format Working Party report but also recommend that Submission 068-13 regarding the final day format for the 49er and 49erFX is considered.

- (c) Olympic Classes Sub-committee Agenda Item No 4(b): – 2016 Olympic Qualification System.

The Olympic Classes broadly support the Events Committee Quotas and Qualification Working Party report but further discussion is needed on Continental groupings, tripartite places and scheduling the 2015 / 2016 World Championships and Continental Qualification Events.

- (d) Olympic Classes Sub-committee Agenda Item No 6: – ISAF World Rankings

The Olympic Classes recommend that the World Ranking system is reviewed to ensure they reflect the success of the best sailors in the world.

5. ISAF Results Website Up-load System

A paper was received from the ISAF Secretariat introducing the ISAF website results system with the aim of encouraging its use for all ISAF Classes.

Upgrades in the results entering system now allow results to be submitted to ISAF in a standard upload format called XRR. Full details including instructions on interacting with the ISAF XRR data-service can be found here: www.sailing.org/xml.

Results are linked to the ISAF Sailor ID so this must be required at the time of entry to the event. It is important this is checked at the time of entry or submitting the results.

The following link gets you to the search for a sailor page

www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor_search.php?includeref=18856&sailorid=&sailorsurname

The only other requirement is that a compatible results package is used for uploading results. ISAF are working with results application developers and generating a list of compatible packages here www.sailing.org/xml/?view=implementations. In addition an upload access code is required to upload to the ISAF database, this can be obtained for a particular event by contacting Pauline Ward in the ISAF Competition & Events department events@isaf.com

6. Any other Business

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions.

- (a) ISAF Advertising Code — Events Advertising Appendix 1, A 'Recommendation not based on a Submission', from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee, Based upon Submission 017-12.

On a proposal by Marcus Spillane, there was a unanimous vote in favour with 1 abstention.

The ISAF Classes approve this Recommendation

- (b) ISAF Annual Meeting Schedule

The Chairman noted that due to the revised meeting schedule, the Classes Committee meeting had been changed from its traditional Saturday slot to a Monday meeting.

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The ISAF Classes Committee strongly prefers to meet the full day on the Sunday of the first weekend of the ISAF Annual Conference. Their meeting should not clash with other representative committees or events such as the Training and Development Seminar or MNA Forum. In addition, these should be close in the schedule to the ISAF Classes Committee meeting to allow the ISAF Classes to easily attend.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 1405.