

ISAF Class Entry Guidelines



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Introduction

ISAF is the world governing body for the sport of sailing and as such can offer a professional and fair service to its member classes.

ISAF Class status is given to classes which offer a high standard of international competitive sailing and satisfy the relevant ISAF criteria.

There are many advantages of becoming an ISAF Class that include holding a World Championships, providing Race Officials and the services offered by the ISAF Committees and Technical and Offshore Department, these advantages are further explained in this document. The process and criteria involved in becoming an ISAF Class is also highlighted below.

Why Become an ISAF Class?

- Having ISAF class status is a clear marketing benefit for a class for being recognized by the world governing body.
- An ISAF class may hold one or more World Championships.
- A class with ISAF recognition is acknowledged as having an international standard of competition and the endorsement also suggests a class with fair competition.
- An ISAF class can be selected for ISAF events such as the ISAF Sailing World Championships, ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship, ISAF Match Racing and Team Racing events and the Olympic Sailing Competition.
- ISAF supports their classes with technical services such as class rule administration, builder licensing and production windsurfing board registration.
- As an ISAF class you may appoint one member to the ISAF Classes Committee and as such have a vote and voice in the world governing body.
- ISAF classes may carry advertising under the new Advertising Code.
- Through the ISAF plaque fee system, ISAF can collect a further fee to be paid back to the class association.

The Application Process

There is an application process for a Class to become an ISAF Class that includes fulfilling several criteria as follows:-

Timescale:

An application is required to ISAF to become an ISAF class. The application deadline is 31st July for consideration at the ISAF Annual Conference in November.

Requirements for Application

For an application to be valid it needs to demonstrate the requirements set out in ISAF Regulation 10, detailed in Appendix B of this document. This includes class worldwide distribution requirements, an active Class/Owner association and a copy of the class constitution. The worldwide distribution evidence should be in the form of letters of confirmation from the requisite number of ISAF Member National Authorities.

It is necessary to submit the class rules to ISAF. The class rules are required to be in the ISAF Standard Class Rules format and adopting the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS). The class rules are scrutinised as part of the application process.

Payment:

There is an application fee of GBP 1000 for ISAF status which needs to be paid by 31 July.

World Championships

ISAF approval is required for an event described as a World Championship or uses the word "World" in the title of an event. By becoming an ISAF Class you are entitled the right to hold a World Championship. The regulations governing this right are detailed below in Appendix A.

ISAF Technical Services

The ISAF Equipment committees and Technical and Offshore Department has many years of experience in looking after the equipment side of the sport and dealing with class equipment control and certification.

1. Class Rule Administration

As part of being an ISAF class you will utilise the expertise and experience of the ISAF technical staff and Equipment Committees to advise on and approve class rule changes and interpretations. The experts have experience in centreboard boats, keelboats, multihulls, offshore and windsurfing classes.

2. Standard Class Rules and Equipment Rules of Sailing

As part of the ISAF initiative to improve and standardise class rules and certification for the sailor, the Standard Class Rule template and Equipment Rules of Sailing has been developed. Through a common format, individuals can find relevant sections of each class rules easily and effectively. The ISAF can consult and advise to aid a class in encompassing this rules system within their class.

3. In-House Certification

The ISAF In-House Certification (IHC) programme is a scheme whereby satisfactory equipment control is achieved and equipment certified by manufacturers through the ISAF (UK) Ltd, Ariadne House, Town Quay, Southampton, SO14 2AQ, UK
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application of a Certification Quality Management System. ISAF or an ISAF delegate issues license for the scheme and ISAF can consult and advise a class to encompass the IHC programme into their equipment manufacture. The scheme provides hands on control training to enhance equipment control specifications with the class as a firm stakeholder in the Programme.

4. Windsurfing database

A database with all ISAF Approved Series Production boards is updated regularly in our website to help sailors in the search for boards, legal to be used in ISAF sanctioned events. ISAF representatives may also inspect manufacturers to ensure compliance with specifications.

ISAF Building Plaque Fees

If you are accepted as an ISAF class the ISAF regulations also specify a fee to ISAF on each new boat built. The details of payments are below.

The fee in pounds is proportional to the price of a boat in GBP without sails, it is as follows:

0.4% up to £20,000

0.2% £20,000 to £90,000

0.1% greater than £90,000

In addition all boats built prior to their class gaining ISAF status over 25ft overall length competing in an ISAF Class World Championship shall have paid a one-off Class Fee to ISAF. Boats built prior to 10 years ago are exempt from this requirement.

LOA 25ft (7.65m) to 30ft (9.14m) £100

LOA over 30ft (9.15m) £200

Appendix A - ISAF World Championships: Regulation 25

The rules governing holding a World Championships is contained with Item 25 of the ISAF Regulations. The ISAF Regulations govern a range of issues on the administration and organization of the sport of sailing. The regulations in full can be seen at <http://www.sailing.org/isafregulations.php>.

The basic approval and requirements for a World Championships are contained with Regulation 25.1 to 25.2 and are as follows:

25. ISAF AND OTHER EVENTS

ISAF approval of World Championships and other Events

- 25.1 ISAF 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 ISAF Classes
- 25.2.1 Each ISAF Class that meets the World Championships requirements in regulation 10.2.1(e) is automatically granted the right, subject to the notification requirements of Regulation 25.7, to hold one annual World Championship. Regulation 10.4 defines how this right is maintained or rescinded.
- 25.2.2 ISAF 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 ISAF Classes holding world and continental championships shall obtain the approval of the National Authority of the nation where the event 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 “ISAF”, “International Sailing Federation”, “Sailing” or “World Cup”.
- 25.2.5 The World Championship right granted in regulation 25.2.1 may be open, or may be restricted on the basis of gender or age. All ISAF Classes may also award the following subsidiary World Championship titles:
- (a) one Women’s World Champion title
 - (b) one Youth World Champion title (which may be on the basis of gender), where youth crews are so defined by the Class.
 - (c) one further World Champion title on the basis of gender, age or discipline.
- 25.2.6 Those competing for a subsidiary World Championship shall race as a separate fleet. The number of participating entries in this fleet shall meet or exceed the number of entries shown in the table in regulation 10.4(b), and the fleet shall include entries from more than one continent.
- 25.2.7 However the above rights for a Class selected by ISAF to be equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition may be restricted or amended by the Olympic Classes Contract.

Appendix B - ISAF Class Criteria: Regulation 10

The criteria set out to obtain designation as an ISAF Class is contained within Item 10 of the ISAF Regulations. The ISAF Regulations govern a range of issues on the administration and organization of the sport of sailing. The regulations in full can be seen at <http://www.sailing.org/isafregulations.php>.

The basic criteria for an ISAF Class status is contained within Regulation 10.2 and is as follows:

10. ISAF 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 an ISAF Class Association.

Obtaining designation as an ISAF Class Association

- 10.2 To be designated as an ISAF 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 the 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 Secretary General, for consideration by the ISAF Council at the next scheduled 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 ISAF 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 (MNAs) set out below or a list of registered boat owners, that it is 'actively racing' with at least the following global distribution:

(e)

Category according to Hull Length	Designation as an ISAF Class		Entitled to World Championship
	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

- (f) the requirements of 10.2.1(e)(ii) may be waived by the Council, upon recommendation of the Equipment Committee, when considering a class which 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.

- (g) paid an application fee as established by the Council from time to time;
- (h) its constitution and class rules available on the ISAF website or with a link from the ISAF website.

10.3 There shall be an executed agreement between the ISAF Ltd., the Class/Owners Association and where relevant the Trademark, Trade Name and the Copyright Owner. This agreement shall include at a minimum the following matters:

- (a) define, if any, the ownership of the Copyright, Trade Name and Trademark 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 ISAF 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 ISAF 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 ISAF Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

World Championships for ISAF Classes

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

(a) Send a report on that championship to the ISAF Secretariat prior to February in the following year, including information required by ISAF. This report may be included in the annual report from the class required under regulation 10.5(e). Failure of a class to submit this report will result in ISAF reviewing the class's right to hold world championship, notwithstanding other regulations below. The information required by ISAF shall include:

- (i) the number of entries, countries, and continents represented
- (ii) a full set of results;
- (iii) all world champions designated where more than one world champion is declared at an event (such as age or gender) and the number of entries, countries and continents eligible to compete for each title;
- (iv) a report on the event organization, the overall quality of the event and the standards of the racing;
- (v) a report on the nature and quality of support supplied by ISAF and ISAF officials
- (vi) the suitability of the venue (ashore and afloat) for future world championship;
- (vii) any recommendations for the class or for ISAF when organizing future world championship.

(b) 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	Number of Entries	No. of Countries	No. of Continents
Boats up to 6.0m	30	5	2
Boats >6.0m to 9.0m	25	4	2
Boats >9.0m to 12.0m	20	3	2
Boats >12.0m to 15.0m	12	3	2
Boats >15.0m	8	3	2

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 ISAF 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.