

**PART V - CLASSES AND CLASS ADMINISTRATION**

**26. ISAF INTERNATIONAL AND RECOGNIZED CLASSES**

- 26.1 Classes which offer a high standard of international competitive sailing and satisfy the respective criteria set out below may be designated as ISAF International or Recognized Classes.

***Obtaining designation as an International or Recognized Class***

26.2 To be designated as either an International or Recognized Class, a class shall be recommended for designation by the Equipment Committee to the Council and must receive a majority vote of the Council.

26.2.1 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,
  - (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 set out below or a listing of registered boat owners, that it is 'actively racing';
- (e) (i) in the case of International Classes, in at least six Member National Authorities which are from at least three continents and meet the following criteria as to the number of boats per country according to size:

LOA	Boats per country
Up to 7.6m	20
7.6m to 9.0m	10
9.0 to 12.0m	6
12.0m to 15.0m	4
above 15.0m	2
Windsurfers	50

- (ii) in the case of Recognized Classes, in at least four Member National Authorities or three Member National Authorities which are from two continents and meet the following criteria as to the number of boats per country according to size;

LOA	Boats per country
Up to 5.0m	20
5.0m to 6.5m	15
6.5m to 7.6m	8
7.6m to 9.0m	7
9.0m to 12.0m	6
12.0m to 15.0m	2
above 15.0m	1
Windsurfers	30

LOA	Boats Worldwide
Up to 5.0m	100
5.0m to 6.5m	80
6.5m to 7.6m	60
7.6m to 9.0m	30
9.0m to 12.0m	25
12.0m to 15.0m	20
15.0m to 20.0m	12
above 20.0m	8
Windsurfers	100

- (f) The requirements of 26.2.1(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.

26.3 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 recommended as 0.4% 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;
- (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 Classes granted provisional status***

26.4 A class which has been granted provisional status by the Council shall, pursuant to Regulation 18 hold a World Championship in the period between the receipt of a fully documented application for such status and the granting of full International or Recognized Class status. The determination of whether a fully documented application has been received shall be in the sole discretion of the ISAF.

26.4.1 Where a World Championship of a Class granted provisional status is held (pursuant to Regulation 18), an ISAF appointed representative shall be present to assess the class, both in terms of participation and organization.

26.4.2 If the election of Class Officers has not taken place, it must be done during this World Championship, prior to final ISAF approval being granted.

***Regulations on Administering International or Recognized Classes***

26.5 To maintain its ISAF designation an International or Recognized Class shall:

- (a) Be known as the International or Recognized XYZ Class and should use the approved ISAF Classes Logo in all Class publications, advertising or promotions;
- (b) Properly administer its affairs and maintain its objectives in accordance with its Constitution, Class Rules, its Agreement with the ISAF and these Regulations;
- (c) Provide the ISAF with up-to-date copies of all Class publications including the Constitution, Class rules, Measurement Forms, One Design Specifications and Class Newsletter, if any, and unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, the Class shall be responsible for regular updating and publishing all of the above mentioned publications and ensuring that updated class rules are published before the rule amendments come into effect;
- (d) Send the ISAF the dates for the next year's major championships (world and continental) by 1 August each year. No alteration in the championship dates are to be allowed after the Annual ISAF Meeting without the approval of the ISAF, the host National Authority and the Class/Owners Association;
- (e) Send the ISAF a completed annual report on the activities of the Class, success in maintaining its objectives, current membership, boat registration and financial status prior to February each year (third party ratification may be required to substantiate these figures). Failure to file a complete annual report shall automatically result in a review of the ISAF recognition of that class;
- (f) 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 the ISAF, a Class event being an event initiated and controlled by the Class/Owners Association without any alteration to the Class rules;
- (g) 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 ISAF;
  - (iii) maintain a register of the names and addresses of all Official Measurers approved for the class, a copy of which shall be supplied to ISAF;
  - (iv) request all Official Measurers approved for the class to be members of both their National Authority and class equipment control networks if these exist;
  - (v) keep all Official Measurers approved for the class informed with respect to class rule changes and interpretations, and, if practical:
    1. have sufficient ISAF recognized class International Measurers (see Regulation 35) to represent the class regionally,
    2. ensure that at least one class International Measurer attends each ISAF Equipment Inspection Symposium,
    3. have at least one class International Measurer present at the class World Championships,
    4. organize regular class Equipment Inspection Seminars to train class Equipment Inspectors with the class International Measurers as instructors,

5. ensure only class International Measurers to measure prototypes of moulded production boats.
- 26.6 Use its best efforts to ensure that the National Association is affiliated to the relevant ISAF Member National Authority. Class/Owners Associations shall require that individual boat owners shall be members of their National Class Association, if any, before racing.
- 26.7 When a licensed builder system is adopted, gain the approval of the ISAF and the relevant Member National Authority before appointing licensed builders,
- 26.7.1 Require ISAF plaques shall be affixed to all new boats to the extent provided in the Agreement;
- 26.8 Obtain the approval of the Member National Authority governing the proposed venue of its ensuing World's Championship; and
- 26.9 Appoint an International Jury for the World Championships unless otherwise agreed with the ISAF.

### ***Class Rule Changes***

- 26.10 Unless otherwise provided in any agreement between the ISAF and the Association, International and Recognized Class Associations shall not change their Class Rules except with the approval of ISAF which shall be obtained in accordance with the following procedures:
  - 26.10.1 Before applying to ISAF for approval, the Class Owners Association is encouraged to consult with the Secretariat of ISAF who shall respond in a timely manner and shall have approved the changes in accordance with its constitution and its class rules.
  - 26.10.2 Then the Class Owners Association shall apply for approval of the changes in writing to the Secretary General 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,
    - (d) the date when the changes are to take effect;
  - 26.10.3 When the application is received by the Secretary General, in the case of changes not relating to a modification of the Advertising Code, he shall supply the members of the Class Rules Sub-Committee at once with copies of the application, whereupon the sub-committee shall consider it as soon as practicable either at any meeting duly convened or by discussion carried on by electronic communication.
  - 26.10.4 The sub-committee may approve or reject the changes or return them to the Class Owners Association with comments for revision. However before rejecting them the Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-Committee shall report the views of his committee 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 submitted to the members of the Class Rules Sub-Committee before a final decision is made.
  - 26.10.5 If an application is rejected the Class Owners Association may require that the application is referred to the Council for review. Its decision shall be final.

- 26.10.6 Once a change has been approved, the ISAF 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.
- 26.10.7 The Class Rules Sub-Committee shall present a report of the changes approved by it during the previous year to the next meeting of the Equipment Committee.
- 26.10.8 Class Rules shall not modify the Advertising Code, except as permitted under Regulation 20.4.4. In the case of an application for such modifications, the procedure required above shall apply except that the Executive Committee shall take the place of the Class Rules Sub-Committee.

### ***Class Rule Interpretations***

- 26.11 When sanctioned in the Agreement, the class may issue written Rule interpretations [or Rule changes] following a procedure specified in the class rules and/or constitution to clarify class rules but such interpretative changes shall not be used to change an existing rule. The class shall immediately advise the ISAF of any interpretations issued.
- 26.11.1 Where an ISAF sanctioned procedure for the interpretation of a class rule does not exist, ISAF may only make interpretations in accordance with the following procedures;
- (a) requests for an interpretation may be made to the ISAF from the following sources only: Member National Authorities, International and Recognized Class/Owners Associations, Copyright Owners, Trade name and Trademark Owners, Manufacturers of International or Recognized Classes 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 the ISAF 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 the Sub-committee formed and operated pursuant to Regulation 26.10.3;
  - (e) interpretations of the Class rules made by the Sub-committee shall be distributed by the ISAF as provided in Regulation 26.10.5;
  - (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 International and Recognized Status***

- 26.12 All International and Recognized Classes shall be subject to regular review by the Equipment Committee (at least once every three years).
- 26.12.1 In the review the Equipment Committee shall establish whether or not:
- (a) the International or Recognized Class/Owners Association has fulfilled its Agreement with the ISAF, properly administering its affairs and maintained the agreed objectives, and whether the original reasons for granting International or Recognized Status still apply; and either
  - (b) the class is actively racing pursuant to the relevant requirements of 26.2.1(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.

26.12.2 If a Class fails to meet the above criteria, on the recommendation of the Equipment Committee, the Class shall be reviewed by the Council, and its status as an ISAF Class may be withdrawn.

26.12.3 If a Class is to have its status reviewed by the Council, the Class/Owners Association shall be notified and entitled to representation at the Council meeting.

### ***Existing Agreements***

26.13 In the case of agreements between the ISAF and International or Recognized Classes and Licensed Builders and Trademark, 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 26.12 herein and the ISAF Status may be withdrawn.

### ***Television Rights***

26.14 Media Rights granted to ISAF Classes are detailed in Regulation 18.5.

### ***Fees***

26.15 Pursuant to Article 5(c), the Council shall set the Annual Class fees which International and Recognized Classes shall pay. Such fees shall accrue from the date that the class's application for International or Recognized Status is received at the ISAF Secretariat, but such accrued fees shall not be payable until the earlier of the date when the ISAF status is granted or until the next annual class fees are payable.

26.15.1 Pursuant to Article 13, and as an alternative to the penalties for International and Recognized Classes in arrears of payments due provided for in Article 13, the Council may suspend any or all of the rights of such Class to hold World Championships or be selected for an ISAF event.

## **27. ISAF CLASSIC YACHT CLASSES**

27.1 Classes which offer a high standard of international competitive sailing and satisfy the respective criteria set out below may be designated as ISAF Classic Yacht Classes. These yachts shall have a tradition of international competition before the commencement of 1966. While acknowledging the traditional aspects of these classes, they are not eligible for designation under Regulation 26.1 to 26.13.

27.2 To be designated as an ISAF International Classic Yacht Class, a class shall be recommended for designation by the Executive Committee to the Council and must receive a majority vote of the Council.

27.2.1 In order to be so designated a Class must have:

- (a) an active Class Owners' Association;
- (b) a Constitution passed by a pre-existing Class Owners' Association approved by the Equipment Committee and the Constitution Committee;
- (c) a set of Class rules approved by the ISAF;
- (d) demonstrated, by a listing of registered boat owners, that it is an "actively racing" class;
- (e) the support of MNA's representing a majority of the boats registered with the Class Association;

(f) paid an application fee as established by the Council from time to time.

27.3 A Classic Yacht Class is entitled to conduct one World Championship each year pursuant to Regulation 18.4.

27.4 Classic Yachts shall not be entitled to any technical services from the ISAF.

## **28. ISAF INTERNATIONAL OR RECOGNIZED RATING SYSTEMS**

### ***Obtaining Designation as an International or Recognized Rating System***

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

28.2 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 ISAF;
- (c) A constitution or similar document reviewed by the Offshore Committee and the Constitution Committee and approved by ISAF. 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;
  - (iv) a statement of the objectives of the organization;
- (d) A set of rules detailing the operation of the rating system, reviewed by the ISAF Offshore Committee and agreed by ISAF. Any changes to the rules of the rating system must be notified to ISAF for inclusion in the relevant files and publication on the ISAF web site;
- (e) Met the requirements set out below by confirmation from the requisite number of Member National Authorities (MNA's):
  - (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 (MNA's) on a minimum of three continents have participate;
  - (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 (MNA's) have participated.

### ***World Championships***

28.3 A designation as an international rating system shall not automatically entitle the rating system to hold a world championship.

Rating systems not covered in Regulation 18 shall apply to ISAF for approval to hold a world championship.

Qualification to hold a world championship shall include rating systems which are based on measurement and scientific formulation available to all certificate holders.

### ***Submissions to the ISAF Council***

28.4 Approved international and recognized rating systems may make submissions to the ISAF Council, in accordance with Regulation 1.

### **29 ORC Limited**

29.1 ISAF recognizes the ORC Ltd as the sole authority to manage the International Measurement System (IMS) of rating and the IMS regulations with the consent given by US Sailing.

ORC Ltd is in charge of deciding (under regulation 18.7) the world and continental championship locations and schedules for IMS.

ORC Ltd is responsible to for making sure, through their representatives in the local juries, that all international rules are fulfilled.

ORC Ltd will form and contribute some links between the ORC officers and the judges, race officer and measures of the sailing community who are sometimes facing problems when they are involved in IMS race management.

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