

PART III – Classes and Rating Systems

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)

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

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- (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.

Regulations on Administering ISAF Classes

- 10.5 To maintain its ISAF designation, an ISAF Class shall:
- (a) Use the approved ISAF Classes Logo in all Class Rules (it may also use the logo in other 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;

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- (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; and
 - (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 31.13) 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; and
 - 5. ensure only class International Measurers to measure prototypes of moulded production boats.
- 10.6 Use its best efforts to ensure that the National Association is affiliated to the relevant National Authority. Class/Owners Associations shall:
 - (a) require that the boat owner(s) and/or the sailor(s), as prescribed by the relevant Class Rules, shall be members of their relevant National Class Association, if any, before racing, and
 - (b) annually charge, or cause their relevant National Class Associations to charge, as appropriate, the boat owner(s) and/or the sailor(s) only in accordance with the relevant Class Rules or regulation(s) of that ISAF Class.
- 10.7 When a licensed builder system is adopted, gain the approval of the ISAF and the relevant Member National Authority before appointing licensed builders.
- 10.8 Require that all new boats shall have paid a class fee to ISAF in accordance with the requirements agreed with ISAF, such payment to be evidenced by affixing an ISAF plaque to the boats or such other methods of evidencing the payment as shall be agreed by ISAF;
- 10.8.1 require the organizing authority organizing its world championship to include in the Notice of Race a provision that no boat over 25ft LOA first registered ten years or less before 1 January of the year in which the event is held shall be registered as an entry unless she produces evidence of such payment by display of a plaque or otherwise;
- 10.8.2 require that the organizing authority agrees to reject or cancel any entry if such evidence is not provided.
- 10.9 Obtain the approval of the Member National Authority governing the proposed venue of its ensuing World Championships.
- 10.10 Appoint an International Jury for the World Championships unless otherwise agreed with ISAF.

Class Rule Changes

- 10.11 ISAF Class Associations shall change their Class Rules in accordance with the following procedures (unless otherwise approved by ISAF and provided for in the agreement defined in Regulation 10.3):
 - 10.11.1 Before applying to ISAF for approval, the Class/Owners Association is encouraged to consult with the Secretary General who shall respond in a timely manner and shall have approved the changes in accordance with its constitution and its class rules.
 - 10.11.2 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; and
 - (d) the date when the changes are to take effect.
 - 10.11.3 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 consider it as soon as practicable.
 - 10.11.4 The Secretary General may in consultation with the Class Rules Sub-Committee approve or reject the changes using processes determined by the Class Rules Sub-committee or return them to the Class/Owners Association with comments for revision. However before rejecting them the Secretary General shall report back 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 considered before a final decision is made.
 - 10.11.5 If an application is rejected the Class/Owners Association may request that the application is referred to the Class Rules Sub-committee for further review. If the Class Rules Sub-committee reject the application the Class/Owners Association may require that the application is referred to Council for review. Council's decision shall be final
 - 10.11.6 Once a change has been approved, 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.
 - 10.11.7 The Secretary General shall present a report of the changes approved each month to the Class Rules Sub-committee and a report to the Equipment Committee on the changes approved since the previous Equipment Committee meeting.
 - 10.11.8 Class Rules shall not modify the Advertising Code. In the case of an application for prohibited or limiting advertising in accordance with Regulation 20.5.1 the procedure required above shall apply except that the Executive Committee shall take the place of the Secretary General and the Class Rules Sub-committee.
 - 10.11.9 Changes to manufacturing/building specification shall be handled as per Class Rule changes except that for equipment with a confidential building specification the change shall be handled by the Secretary General after consultation with the Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-committee (or if he is conflicted, another committee member).

Class Rule Interpretations

- 10.12 ISAF Class Association rule interpretations shall be made in accordance with the following procedures unless otherwise provided for in the agreement defined in Regulation 10.3. Any alternative procedure shall be approved by the ISAF. Such interpretative changes shall not be used to change an existing rule. The Class shall immediately advise ISAF of any interpretations issued.
 - 10.12.1 ISAF may only make interpretations in accordance with the following procedures:

- (a) requests for an interpretation may be made to ISAF from the following sources only: Member National Authorities, ISAF Class/Owners Associations, Copyright Owners, Trade name and Trademark Owners, Manufacturers of ISAF Class Associations 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 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 a panel formed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-committee, the technical representative of the Class/Owners Association and a nominated member of the ISAF Technical Staff;
- (e) interpretations of the Class rules made by the Sub-committee shall be distributed by ISAF as provided in Regulation 10.11.6; and
- (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 ISAF Class Association Status

10.13 ISAF Class Associations shall be subject to regular review by the Equipment Committee (at least once every three years).

10.13.1 In the review the Equipment Committee shall establish whether or not:

- (a) the ISAF Class Association /Owners Association has fulfilled its Agreement with ISAF, properly administering its affairs and maintained the agreed objectives, and whether the original reasons for granting ISAF Class Association Status still apply; and either
- (b) the class is actively racing pursuant to the relevant requirements of 10.2.1(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.

10.13.2 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.

10.13.3 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

10.14 In the case of agreements between ISAF and ISAF Class Associations 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 10.13 herein and the ISAF Status may be withdrawn.

Television Rights

10.15 Media Rights granted to ISAF Classes are detailed in Regulation 25.11.

- 10.16 When an ISAF Class has been in arrears on all or part of its subscription, fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary companies or any of their predecessors for a period of 30 days, upon certification of the same by the Secretary General, ISAF may suspend or cancel the ISAF Class's right and the right of its members:
- (a) to participate in ISAF events; or
 - (b) to hold a World Championship.

Fees

- 10.17 Pursuant to Article 10, the Executive Committee shall set the Annual Class fees which ISAF Class Associations shall pay. Such fees shall accrue from the date that the class's application for ISAF Class Association 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.
- 10.17.1 Pursuant to Article 13, and as an alternative to the penalties for-ISAF Class Associations in arrears of payments due provided for in Article 13, the Executive Committee may suspend any or all of the rights of such Class to hold World Championships or be selected for an ISAF event.

11. ISAF CLASSIC CLASSES

- 11.1 ISAF Classic Class status is available to existing ISAF classes of historical importance that have shown exceptional significance in sailing through competition or equipment development, and still maintain active International Racing.
- 11.2 The Equipment Committee may recommend a Class that does not meet the requirements in 10.2.1(e) for Classic Class status based upon the contribution of the class as described in Regulation 11.1.
- 11.3 ISAF Classic Classes are subject to all other rights and requirements of ISAF Classes.

12. ISAF INTERNATIONAL OR RECOGNIZED RATING SYSTEMS

Obtaining Designation as an International or Recognized Rating System

- 12.1 To be designated an international or recognized rating system, the applicant shall be recommended for designation by the ISAF Oceanic and Offshore Committee to the ISAF Council and must receive a majority vote of the ISAF Council.
- 12.2 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 Oceanic and 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; and
 - (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 Oceanic and 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 website; and