

International Association For Disabled Sailing (IFDS) Merger With ISAF

New Regulations 5.1(c) and 6.4, Changes to Current Regulations and Articles

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To establish a new committee in accordance with Submission 003-13 (approved by Council in November 2013)

Proposal 1

Add new Regulation 5.1(c):

- (c) Nominations for the Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS) may only be made by Member National Authorities, who, in the assessment of that Committee, have Disabled Sailing programmes.**

Add new Regulation 6.4 (and renumber):

6.4 Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS)

6.4.1 The Disabled Sailing (IFDS) Committee has been established by Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.4.2 The Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS) shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and not more than eight members that shall be appointed by Council from time to time.

6.4.3 Regulation 5.1(c) applies to the nomination of members of the Committee.

6.4.4 Until 1 February 2017 and notwithstanding Regulation 5, the chairman and members of the Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS) shall be the IFDS President and members of the IFDS Executive Committee respectively (as they were at the time of the adoption of this Regulation 6.4.4). This Regulation will cease to apply on 1 February 2017.

Terms of reference

6.4.5 The Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS) shall:

- (a) be responsible for the Paralympic Sailing Programme including Events and Equipment selection;**
(b) be responsible for [IFDS]¹ World Championships;
(c) develop and monitor the ISAF Disabled Sailor Ranking System;

¹ Subject to confirmation of the correct title in the future

- (d) provide one of its members to be a representative on the International Paralympic Committee;
- (e) monitor the activities of Paralympic sailors and assist ISAF and its Committees in the administration of the disabled sailor classification programme, classifier instruction and evaluation, and to recommendations to the Race Officials Committee on the appointment and administration of International Classifiers;
- (f) promote, assess and support programmes for disabled sailing run by MNA's;
- (g) decide the criteria for and advise upon the development of equipment, aids and adaptations for disabled and Paralympic format sailing;
- (h) liaise with the IFDS Trust;
- (h) liaise with all other relevant ISAF committees as necessary or appropriate to ensure consistency across ISAF processes and activities with disabled sailing and
- (i) Propose members to the Equipment Committee and the Equipment Control Sub-committee.

Amend current Regulations as follows:

6.4.2 The Equipment Committee shall consist of:

- (b) In addition, specialist expertise will be represented as follows:
(viii) a representative of the Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS).

6.4.6.2 The Equipment Control Sub-committee shall consist of:

- (b) In addition, specialist expertise will be represented as follows:
(viii) a representative of the Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS).

6.9.8.3 The International Measurers Sub-committee shall:

- (n) Liaise with the Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS) on technical issues regarding equipment adaptations;**

6.11.3 The Regional Games Committee shall:

- (c) use the technical and instructional resources of the ISAF to maintain and improve the standard of competitive sailing and the standards of technical supervision at Regional Games to a level that these events could serve as qualifying events for the Olympics and **Paralympics**;

8.6.2 The Medical Commission shall:

- (e) forward requests for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, suitably validated by the Executive Committee, for competitors seeking to compete in the Olympic **and Paralympic** Sailing Competition, to the IOC/**IPC** Medical Commission, and to act

on behalf of such competitors in confidential negotiations with the IOC/**IPC** Medical Commission;

Proposal 2

If Proposal 1 is passed, Council recommends that the following amendment be made to the ISAF Constitution at the Annual General Meeting:

Amend clause (b) of the Aims of the International Sailing Federation as follows:

- (b) to support the sport of sailing in all its branches regardless of race, religion, gender, **physical ability**, or political affiliation.

Amend Article 36.1 to insert new 36.1(e) and renumber:

(e) the Chairman of the Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS)

Current Position

There is no such committee at the moment.

Reason

ISAF has already resolved to bring IFDS into the Federation and these two changes are the next formal steps to achieving that.
