

Subscription and Cancellation of Membership

Articles 13 and 14.1(a)

A submission from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

Purpose or Objective

To add clarity to the loss of benefits whilst subscriptions are in arrears and to provide more structured and appropriate time lines to the payment of dues.

Proposal 1

Amend Article 13 as follows:

13. An ICA member or Affiliate Member of the Federation shall not be entitled to any benefits, **including the right to hold a World Championship or to be selected for an ISAF event** while its or his subscription is in arrears.

Reason

This is implicit from the existing wording and Regulations but makes it absolutely clear to Classes that unless they pay their dues they cannot hold a World Championships.

Proposal 2

Amend Article 14.1 as follows:

~~14.1(a) Substitute: **three months** for “a year”.~~

- 14.1 (a) Notwithstanding Articles 15 to 20, when a Member National Authority has been in arrears on all or a part of its subscription, fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary or associated companies for ~~a year~~ **three months** or more, and having been warned to make payment at least 30 days previously, and the Chief Executive Officer having so certified in writing, the Executive Committee may by a majority vote suspend or The Council may by majority vote cancel the membership in the Federation of a Member National Authority with immediate effect.

Reason

1. The current period of twelve months is too long and is unworkable for Council to make a realistic appraisal of a failure by an MNA or international recognised Class. No MNA or international recognised Class should be in arrears for more than three months. The Executive can then give a 30 day warning.
 2. This would mean firstly that the Executive could suspend the status of a Class in early May of the relevant calendar year, that is before the northern hemisphere's sailing season so
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removing the right to hold the World Championships, that summer. If the worlds are scheduled for the Southern hemisphere, then it will effective that next, southern, season.

3. It would also ensure that by the time of the meeting of Council in November steps would have already been taken in respect of all outstanding dues for that year, and a full report, with recommendations for further action, could be delivered to Council together with the Submission Pack so that any recommendations for suspension or cancellation of membership would be clear to members in advance of the Council meeting.
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