

ISAF Classes Regulations

Restructure Regulations 10 and 25

A submission from the Chairmen of the Events Committee, Equipment Committee and ISAF Classes Committee

Purpose or Objective

ISAF recognises and provides services to a wide range of classes and equipment – from kiteboard to Maxi. These services include promotion, technical support and administration, and the right to hold World Championships, as defined in Regulations 10 and 25. Over time there have been many piecemeal additions to these regulations; they have become “a coat of many patches”.

The changes in this submission are therefore designed to shorten and simplify the regulations, make them more consistent, and improve how they serve Classes and the sport of sailing.

Proposal

Delete Regulations 25.1 to 25.11.2 and insert the following:

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 25.8, 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 Regulation 10.4 defines how this right is maintained or rescinded.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.

25.3 Radio Sailing

ISAF Radio Sailing Division may hold one annual World Championship per ISAF - RSD Class up to a maximum of three World Championships.

25.4 Disabled Sailing

The International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) may hold IFDS World Championships as follows; subject to approval under Regulation 25.1:

- (a) up to a total of five IFDS World Championships per year are authorized;
- (b) IFDS shall select the World Championships from the following disability event categories:
 - (i) One-Person Keelboat Open;
 - (ii) Two-Person Keelboat Mixed;
 - (iii) Three-Person Keelboat Open;
 - (iv) Multihull Open;
 - (v) One-Person Non-Technical Open;
 - (vi) Vision impaired (with sighted guides) Open;
 - (vii) Vision impaired (without sighted guides) Open, and;
 - (viii) Intellectually Disabled Open
- (c) Regulation 10.4(b) does not apply to IFDS World Championships;
- (d) IFDS may "Recognize" classes of boats or equipment as suitable for sailing by disabled sailors, in accordance with standards to be adopted by IFDS; and
- (e) IFDS World Championships authorized in this Regulation shall be held in equipment recognized by IFDS as provided in 25.6(d).

25.5 Rating Systems

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

25.5.2 Rating systems not covered in Regulation 25.5 shall apply to ISAF for approval to hold a world championship.

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

25.6 Other World Championships

ISAF may approve other events as World Championships upon written application made by a National Authority, Class Association or an organizing authority (as defined in RRS)

25.7 ISAF Events Calendar

- 25.7.1 The dates for all World and Continental Championships shall be presented to ISAF no later than 1 August for the following year including all Championship titles to be awarded at the event.
- 25.7.2 Organizers of other events may, after receiving the approval of the relevant Member National Authority, apply no later than 1 August for publication of the event on the ISAF International Events Calendar for the following year.
- 25.7.3 By 1 October, ISAF shall prepare a list of all World Championships approved under Regulation 25.2, 25.3, 25.4, 25.5, 25.6, 25.7, Continental Championships of ISAF Classes, Major Events and Recognized Events and events submitted under Regulation 25.8.2.
- 25.7.4 ISAF is the Authority to solve any disputes over clashes of dates in the international Calendar. All Member National Authorities shall notify ISAF of their International Events and proposed dates as soon as possible. Dates should be agreed with the ISAF Secretariat before 1 August of the preceding year to avoid possible clashes. In the event of a conflict in dates for events involving Classes selected by ISAF to be equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition, the ISAF Executive Committee shall resolve the conflict.
- 25.7.5 For the Classes selected by ISAF to be equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition the hierarchy of events shall follow the grading system for the ISAF Rankings.

Renumber remaining Regulation 25 accordingly

Delete Regulation 12.3

12. ISAF INTERNATIONAL OR RECOGNIZED RATING SYSTEMS~~**World Championships**~~

~~12.3 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.~~

Change the title Regulation 10. Delete Regulation 10.2.1 (d) and (e) and replace with the following (the remainder of regulation 10.2 remains unchanged);

10. ISAF CLASSES***Obtaining designation as ISAF Class*****10.2.1**

- (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

Delete Regulation 10.4 to 10.5(a) and replace with the following (the remainder of regulation 10.5 remains unchanged);

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:

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);

Delete Regulation 11 and replace with the following

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.

In all instances where an International Class Association or Recognised Class Association is mentioned within the ISAF regulations replace with "ISAF Class Association". This does not affect the individual name of any Class Association.

Current Position

See current regulations.

Reasons

The primary goals of the changes are:

1. to shorten and simplify the regulations, and eliminate inconsistencies;
2. to promote the "ISAF" brand rather than generic labels such as "international" and "recognized";
3. to ensure it is simple for classes to join within the ISAF family, and to encourage and recognize growth in boat numbers, global spread, and championship fleet sizes;
4. to clarify responsibilities and processes for adherence to regulations, calendar co-ordination, and class / MNA / ISAF liaison.

Explanation of Changes

- Moving the ISAF class requirements section of regulation 25 to regulation 10 and grouping all class requirements together make the regulations governing classes clearer. Regulation 25 then details the World Championship rights only. The renumbered regulations have a clearer structure.
 - Removing the categories of International and Recognised Class and establishing a single category of "ISAF Class" means consistency of fees across classes. Clarifying that this change has no impact on the name a class chooses for itself subject to ISAF approval.
 - Setting the minimum distribution entry requirement for ISAF class status at a level corresponding to that of current Recognised class status numbers makes it easy for classes to join ISAF
 - The only additional requirement to entitle a Class to a World Championships is that it must have a presence on more than one continent. If a class is only based on one continent, its pinnacle event should be the continental championships.
 - Clarification of the precise titles for Class World Championships will help the presentation of the sport by differentiating Class World Championships from ISAF Sailing World Championships.
 - Structuring the minimum participation requirements for World Championships using the same hull length and boat type requirements as the entry requirements reduces the participation numbers for keelboats over 7.6m to match the level of participation from current ISAF yacht classes. Numbers of MNAs are lower to be consistent with the ISAF joining requirement.
 - Changing minimum participation requirements from the "average of the last three" to a simpler "two out of the last three" makes the regulation simpler, and will assist classes who choose periodically to take their annual event to an emerging country for them. It also allows for a simpler regulation regarding future World Championships in the event that participation requirements are not met.
 - Clarifying the subsidiary World Championship rights in proposed 25.2.5 by giving the same rights for subsidiaries to all ISAF classes, including those that are currently Recognised and did not have that right. Opening up the Women's Youth World Championship category in current regulation 25.3(b) to simply any Youth World Championship and clarifying that only
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one World Champion title shall be awarded per fleet; subsidiary titles may be awarded, but only if they are raced for as a separate fleet of the required size.

- Moving International and Recognised Rating System's World Championship rights into regulation 25 together with all others' rights.
 - Removing Provisional status altogether. It is proposed that applying classes should not be granted ISAF status until they have fulfilled the requirements of Regulation 10 and signed and complied with the ISAF class agreement (e.g. purchasing plaques for boats etc.)
 - Preserving Classic class status and enabling those classes that are of ISAF historic significance to remain ISAF classes. Giving Classic classes the same relationship with ISAF in terms of class rules, plaque fees and class reporting, etc. as other ISAF classes. It is proposed outside of this regulation to transfer the existing 3 ISAF Classic Classes to ISAF Classes without a joining fee and, if they do not meet ISAF Class numerical or other requirements, including signing of an ISAF/class agreement, give them 2 years grace to meet them.
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