Class World Championship Regulations

Submission: **065-10**

World Championship Requirements

A submission from the Chairmen of the Equipment Committee and the Events Committee

Proposal

This submission contains 3 options for World Championship participation requirements; **only 1 option** can be approved and are based on Council approval of Submission 064-10.

Option 1

Change the proposed regulation 18.2.6 in Submission 064-10 to the following

18.2.6 All fleets for which any World Champion titles are awarded shall race as separate fleets. Subsidiary world championships shall meet the size and country spread in the table shown in regulation 26.4(b).

Change the proposed regulation 26.4(b) in Submission 064-10 to the following;

(b) Maintain average minimum participation in subsidiary World Championships as follows:

	Men or Women / Age / Discipline		
Category according to type and Hull Length	Number of Entries	No. of MNAs	No. of Continents
Windsurfers, Kiteboards & Radio Sailing	30	5	2
Centreboard Boats & Multihulls <7.6m	30	5	2
Keelboats <7.6m	25	4	2
All Boats 7.6m to 12.0m	20	4	2
All Boats >12.0m to 15.0m	12	3	2
All Boats > 15.0m	8	3	2

ISAF will take the average across three consecutive events. 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 Gouncil.

Current Position

None as this option cannot be considered unless submission 064-10 is approved.

Reason

This option proposes that there is no need for participation requirements within the primary Class World Championships by virtue of the fact that the Class has the global distribution to meet ISAF status requirements.

This certainty will encourage sailor travel to events overseas, help Classes to secure event sponsors, and avoid any event title risk if taking the Championships to less strong sailing venues.

Subsidiary World Champion titles awarded at a Class World Championships will still have to meet required numbers (unchanged from current regulations for most classes, slightly higher for multihulls under 7.6m, slightly lower for boats over 12m). This is to avoid the proliferation of titles among fleets that do not have global representation, and to set the level of participation that Classes shall aspire to when they decide to offer an additional subsidiary World Champion title.

Option 2

No change to the proposed regulations in Submission 064-10

Current Position

None as this option cannot be considered unless submission 064-10 is approved.

Reason

This option proposes that the current requirements are of the correct level and there is no need for change to World Championships requirements for ISAF Classes. However currently these regulations are not enforced, and if this option is passed it would be a signal that ISAF wishes these regulations to be enforced.

Option 3

Change the proposed regulation 26.4(b) in Submission 064-10 to the following;

(b) Maintain average minimum participation as follows:

	World Championship		
Category according to type and Hull Length	Number of Entries	No. of MNAs	No. of Continents
Windsurfers, Kiteboards & Radio Sailing	70	12	3

Centreboard Boats & Multihulls <7.6m	70	12	3
Keelboats <7.6m	40	10	3
All Boats 7.6m to 12.0m	25	8	3
All Boats >12.0m to 15.0m	20	5	2
All Boats > 15.0m	15	4	2

These requirements will not apply to a Class' first World Championships. Thereafter ISAF will take the average across three consecutive events. 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.

Reason

ISAF recognizes that it is in the best interest of sailors who are class members to have the strongest class possible for the logical reason that the stronger the class the rights of its members are better served. ISAF recognizes that "strong classes" depend on the number of its members and to do so putting a high minimum of participation in a class worlds would increase membership. Classes which cannot reach these requirements are only entitled to organise continental Championships.

Note to the submission: recommended voting process

This submission has three options:

- 1. Remove the fleet size and spread requirements for an event to be called a Class World Championships on the basis that an ISAF Class entitled to hold a World Championships already meets the global distribution requirements to hold such an event.
- 2. Preserve, but now enforce, the current requirement that a Class must both meet the global distribution requirement, and also attract a fleet that has the size and country spread as defined in the current regulations.
- 3. As option 2, but increase by approximately 40% the current fleet size and spread requirements for Class World Championships (except for the Class' first World Championships).

It is recommended that when the vote is taken, each voter casts a single vote for his or her preferred option, and if no option achieves over 50% of votes cast, the option with the fewest votes is eliminated and a second ballot is held between the two remaining options.