

**Safety Related Items, Part 1 Section 8**  
**IFDS Race Management Manual**

**A Submission from US Sailing**

Proposal:

US SAILING submits to IFDS for consideration at the November AGM the addition of the following two safety related items to Part 1 Section 8 of the IFDS Race Management Manual. Both items are related to each other and directly affect the health and well being of the athletes on and off the water.

To add two new safety parameters for IFDS sanctioned events to the IFDS Race Management Manual related to athlete health and well being.

8.3 Heating/Cooling Vests and Related Equipment

Athletes shall be allowed to use heating and/or cooling vests (or other related items) prior to, after and in between races to help regulate and maintain healthy body temperatures should conditions warrant as thermo-regulation of the disabled athlete has been well documented as a significant health and safety issue.

8.4 Medical Supplies and Equipment

Teams shall be permitted to use (on facility and/or in team containers) electrical appliances, such as refrigeration units to preserve and maintain medical supplies and athletic equipment.

Current Position:

None

Reasons:

As thermo-regulation of the disabled athlete has been well documented as a significant health and safety issue, it is imperative that Paralympic Athletes be allowed proper access to heating and cooling equipment and supplies. In an ever changing coastal environment and water based playing field with unpredictable weather conditions, it is essential that proper medical equipment be allowed on the venue and be unrestricted. In addition, there are some medications and supplies that require specific temperatures for storage. All athletes should have access to proper storage of such medications within their own countries secure areas in order to avoid contamination and/or improper handling.

IFDS Constitution

A Submission from the IFDS Executive Committee

Proposal:

Modify article 9.2 in the IFDS Constitution as follows:

The general meeting shall meet at least once a year. Annually and no later than **12 months** ~~six months~~ after the close of the association's year unless this period has been extended by the General Meeting,

Modify article 9.2(a) in the IFDS Constitution as follows:

(a) the annual report and the annual accounts and explanatory notes as referred to in article **19** ~~18~~, together with the report to be drawn up by the committee mentioned therein;

Current Position:

As detailed above.

Reasons:

Correct the Constitution Clause 9.2 to reflect the practical timing of the AGM and 9.2(a) for housekeeping purposes.

### IFDS Executive Committee Rotation

#### A Submission from the IFDS Executive Committee

##### Proposal:

1. That the elected term of IFDS Vice Presidents, Gustaf Fresk and John Twomey be extended to a 4 year term from the current 3 year term.
2. That the election of an appropriate number of IFDS Vice Presidents be conducted to establish a progressive rotation (refer table below).

##### Current Position:

Four IFDS Executive Committee members are scheduled to retire in 2008. Please refer to the table below.

##### Reasons:

Establishing a regular pattern of progressive retirements and new appointments to the IFDS Executive Committee will ensure experienced committee members are able to support newly elected members and provide a sense of continuity.

##### **IFDS Executive Committee Terms**

(commencing at the AGM preceding the first year indicated)

##### **Current Position**

Member	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Serge Jorgensen (USA)										
Jan Romme (NED)										
Gustaf Fresk (SWE)										
John Twomey (IRL)										
Linda Merkle (USA)										
David Staley (AUS)										

##### **Proposal for the 2007 AGM to establish incremental annual changeover of membership**

Member	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Serge Jorgensen (USA)										
Jan Romme (NED)										
Gustaf Fresk (SWE) four year term reinstated										
John Twomey (IRL) four year term reinstated										
Linda Merkle (USA)										
David Staley (AUS)										
Two VP's elected in 2008										