

IFDS Technical Committee

**Summary of Changes made to the IFDS Race Management Manual (RMM) 2009-2012
for publication in 2013**

The last update of the IFDS RMM was completed in November 2011. The revisions made in 2012 are a result of questions raised at the 2012 IFDS Worlds in Port Charlotte, USA; the 2012 IFDS International Blind Match Racing Championships in Lovere, Italy and the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Event in Weymouth and Portland, Great Britain.

The intention of the IFDS Technical Committee is not to modify the document during the quadrennium, but modifications will be completed as necessary by the IFDS Technical Committee with approval of the IFDS Executive Committee.

During November 2011 Part 4, the Appendix Blind and Vision Impaired Sailing was added in the RMM with the knowledge that there could be changes after the IFDS International Blind Match Racing Championships. During this event one course was used and the athletes were blindfolded. Following the event an IFDS Forum was held where the observations were discussed. This resulted in changes in the arrangements for Blind Fleet Racing and the Blind Sailing International (BSI) category system was adopted.

The changes are:

Part 1

Introduction and background

Safety

- 7.3 Providing Assistance: delete their. During the Paralympics the International Jury found out that a coach was only allowed to help their, but no other competitors.

Technical Delegate

- 9.3(a) Changing of the ISAF Regulation.

Part 2

Events Contract

Rights and Responsibilities of the Organizer

- 6.2(g) endeavour changed to: use its reasonable endeavours.
6.2(h) shall be linked to the IFDS website changed to: the IFDS can use to link to the Event Website.
6.4 The first line shall change to: shall use its reasonable endeavours to.
The second line: will be added to after competitors: and on the official website.
6.6 The first line: endeavour changed to: use its reasonable endeavours.
The last line Event changed to: Venue.

Media

- 1st line endeavour changed to: shall use its reasonable endeavours

Boats and Equipment

- 1st line be responsible for arranging has changed to: endeavour to arrange for the

Part 4

Appendix Blind and Vision Impaired Sailing

Classification Requirements

- 3.3 (c) The vision classifier may order a competitor to blindfold one or both eyes to classify her/him in a specific Category has changed: A competitor may agree to wear an approved blindfold to classify her/him as B1.
- 3.4(b)(i) 5 points changed to: 3 points
- 3.4(b)(ii) 7 points changed to: 6 points
- 3.4(a) In the three or four-person fleet racing events the category shall be defined by the classification of the helmsperson. B3 classifications shall comply with the IBSA Classification System. The cumulative total of points shall not exceed changed in:
In the four-person fleet race events the category shall be defined by the classification of the helmsperson. B3 classifications shall comply with the IBSA Classification System.
- (i) Category 1 – B1 helmsperson, B1 or B2 mainsheet trimmer, 1 or 2 sighted crew;
- (ii) Category 2 – B2 helmsperson, B2 or B3 mainsheet trimmer, 1 or 2 sighted crew;
- (iii) Category 3 – B3 helmsperson, B2 or B3 mainsheet trimmer, 1 or 2 sighted crew changed in:
- Class B1 team should be comprised of:
- a B1 Helmsperson;
 - a B1 or B2 Mainsheet hand;
 - a Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing;
 - a Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller.
- Class B2 team should be comprised of:
- a B1 or B2 Helmsperson;
 - a B1 or B2 or B3 Mainsheet hand;
 - a Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing;
 - a Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller.
- Class B3 team should be comprised of:
- a B1 or B2 or B3 Helmsperson;
 - a B1, B2, or B3 Mainsheet hand;
 - a Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing;
 - a Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller.
- 3.4(c) In the Two-Person keelboat match racing events the crew shall comprise of a helm who is IBSA classified B1. The cumulative total of IBSA points shall not exceed changed to: In the Two-Person Keelboat match race events the crew shall be comprised of IBSA classified sailors. The cumulative total of IBSA points shall not exceed:
- (ii) 3 points changed to: 4 points
- (iii) deleted

Adaptations

- 4.2(b) The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted changed to: The use of any equipment for a purpose other than specifically permitted.

Blindfolding **NEW**

Blindfolding is defined as a method of preventing any form of vision. This can be achieved by correct wearing of textile blindfolds, or preferably wrap-around sunglasses that have been made opaque and approved by the event Classifiers or Technical Delegate.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Sleutel

IFDS Technical Committee member, IFDS Vice-President