

Membership
Continental Associations

A submission from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

PROPOSAL:

For the Continental Organisations to be recognized by the Federation (ISAF) with the limit of only one per continent, and to give them the status of members.

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Council noted submission 003-02P as deferred in November 2002 and the recommendations received from committees at the time. Included were concerns from the ISAF Classes Committee that not all continental areas currently have a continental yachting organisation and that, for the classes, another layer of bureaucracy within the Federation may delay important decisions.

As per the decision recorded in the minutes (*minute 5*), Council received a report from Vice President Bolin and a recommendation from the Executive Committee.

In discussion, Council noted a need to recognise and give remit to many of the different continental, sub-continental and regional sailing organisations that play an important role in co-ordinating various elements of the sport.

Council also noted that the Member National Authorities (MNAs) present at the Africa Games met to form a Sailing African Committee, which will try to fulfil the criteria necessary to become an affiliated continental member within the Federation.

More importantly, Council noted that any decision on this submission or the recommendation from the Executive Committee should not suggest that classes now have to apply to the recognised continental association to hold a continental championship, as this is already under the classes' jurisdiction.

The aim of the Federation in making these decisions must be to recognise these continental associations and give them some sovereignty to address issues that affect their areas.

Decision

- (i) **On a proposal by Tomasz Holc (representative of Group C), seconded by Luis Miguel Moreira (representative of Group E), Council approved the proposal for the Federation to recognise continental organisations with the limit of only one per continent.**

(33 members voted for the proposal, 2 members abstained - Vice President Bolin and Maximo Riveiro-Kelly (representative of Group M))

Council noted that for the purposes of this new regulation the definition of continent would be the same as that used in Regulation 26, i.e. continent means any one of Europe, North America, South America, Asia, Africa and Oceania.

Council ask the Constitution Committee to consider whether the Regulations need any further definitions for the term 'continent' at their meetings, November 2003.

- (ii) On a proposal by Charles Cook (representative of Group P), seconded by Ken Ellis (representative of Group A), Council approved the recommendation from the Executive Committee on the criteria for the approval of continental organisations, amended as follows:

(21 members voted for the proposal, 13 members voted against, 3 members abstained)

- a. After receipt of an application, the Executive Committee may recommend to Council that a continental association become an affiliate member of the Federation (ISAF).
- b. A continental organisation applying for affiliation with ISAF shall fulfil the following objectives:
 1. The promotion of the sport of sailing in each Continental Association's area of influence.
 2. The co-ordination, together with the local Member National Authority (MNA), of the competition calendars to avoid clash of dates of competitions.
 3. To establish the basis for the development and promotion of classes, which are popular in its territorial area, though not recognised by the Federation (ISAF).
 4. The promotion of race officials' education and the encouragement of exchanges of race officials between countries in their area.
 5. To coordinate competition activities with the continental associations and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in their area to better promote the sport of sailing.
 6. The Constitution Committee will prepare the necessary changes to the Constitution and Regulations, including the detailed requirements needed by the Executive Committee to consider an application.

The Executive Committee will consider whether there needs to be any further explanation in the Constitution on the definition of 'affiliate members' during their meetings, September 2003.

New Regulation 3

Following the above decision by Council at their May 2003 Meeting, a new regulation 3 would be inserted as follows:

3. CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 3.1 After receipt of an application, the Executive Committee may recommend to Council that a continental association become an affiliate member of the Federation (ISAF).
- 3.2 A continental organisation applying for affiliation with ISAF shall fulfil the following objectives:
- (i) The promotion of the sport of sailing in each Continental Association's area of influence;
 - (ii) The co-ordination, together with the local Member National Authority (MNA), of the competition calendars to avoid clash of dates of competitions;
 - (iii) To establish the basis for the development and promotion of classes, which are popular in its territorial area, though not recognised by the Federation (ISAF);
 - (iv) The promotion of race officials' education and the encouragement of exchanges of race officials between countries in their area;
 - (v) To coordinate competition activities with the continental associations and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in their area to better promote the sport of sailing;
 - (vi) The Constitution Committee will prepare the necessary changes to the Constitution and Regulations, including the detailed requirements needed by the Executive Committee to consider an application.

Existing regulation 3 would be renumbered 4 and regulation 4 would become 5.