

ISAF REGULATION 7.11 - CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Proposal

International and Recognised Class Associations have the right, in close co-operation with and approved by the respective continental authorities, i.e. the ISAF Groups or an organisation established by those, to hold Continental Championships of their class.

Reason

This submission aims to secure the following in the future, with respect to both sailors, organisers, classes and the continental authorities:

- That a reasonable calendar of events for the continent can be established, and clashes between major events and championships can be avoided.
- That continental championships should be organised in classes, which are not sufficiently spread on the respective continent.

If a class on the basis of its own qualities and strength has not been able to obtain a sufficient spread on a continent, the relevant ISAF Authorities, i.e. the ISAF Groups or an organisation established by those, should have the possibility to decide, that such a championship cannot be organised before the class is more widely spread.

We do not feel it is acceptable, especially in Europe, that a class can organise a European Championship without having a sufficient representation from a reasonable number of European MNA countries.

During the past years we have also often experienced clashed between major Olympic Events with ISAF Grade 1 or 2 and European Championships. This has happened although the dates for those major events have been fixed up to 4-5 years ahead, always in the same period/week annually and this information has been distributed to the International Classes Organisations.

This situation is completely unacceptable to both the sailors and the organisers. The latter putting a lot of efforts in such events to the benefit of the sport of sailing in general and the sailors are obliged to choose between two events splitting the effort.

The most reasonable and logical way to deal with such a problem in the future will be to establish a basis for co-operation between the classes and the continental authorities (as specified) by changing ISAF Regulation 7.11.
