

**Reporting Committee – Executive**

**Other Committee – Constitution, Regional Games**

## **Membership**

### **ISAF Constitution, Articles 4 and 5**

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.

#### **CURRENT POSITION:**

ISAF Articles 4 and 5.

*“ 4. Membership in the Federation shall consist of the following classes: -*

*(i) Full Member - full membership in the Federation granted to a National Authority.*

*(ii) Associate Member - membership in the Federation granted to a National Authority under Article 5(ii).*

*(iii) ICA Member - membership granted to International and Recognized Classes recognized by the Federation.*

*(iv) Affiliate Member - membership granted under Article 5(iv).*

*(v) ACO Member – membership granted under Article 5(v).*

*(vi) Individual Member - membership granted to individuals under 5(vi).*

*(vii) Honorary Member - membership granted under Article 5(vii).*

*5. Membership in the Federation may be granted by the Council in the various classes of membership as follows: -*

*(i) Full Member - Application for full membership of the Federation shall be made to the Secretary General who shall place it before the Council. The Council shall take into consideration the status of the sport in the country and of the constitution of the National Authority making the application.*

*(ii) Associate Member - Application for associate member status as defined in the Regulations shall be made to the Secretary General who shall place it before the Council. The Council shall take into consideration the status of the sport in the country and of the constitution of the National Authority making the application.*

*(iii) ICA Member - Class Associations governing International and Recognized Classes that have met the criteria specified in the Regulations and have been granted International or Recognized status by the Council shall be granted ICA membership*

*(iv) Affiliate Member - An Affiliate Member is any self-administered international organization, other than a national authority or international class association or recognized class association, or members thereof, interested in or associated with the sport of sailing in any of its forms and whose activities are not in conflict with member national authorities or ICAs or Recognised CAs may be granted affiliate membership subject to conditions and terms of such membership as the Council may respectively*

*from time to time decide. An Affiliate Member shall not be entitled to voting rights, except where otherwise specifically provided for in these Articles.*

*(v) ACO Member – An independent international organization which is interested in or associated with the sport of sailing in any of its forms which has met the criteria specified by the Regulations, if any, may be recognised as an Autonomous Constituent Organization by the Council. Such ACO may be but need not be an Affiliate Member.*

*(vi) Individual Member – There shall be two classes of individual members: -*

*ISAF Member – any individual who is a member of Council, an Officer or Officer of Honour, a member of any committee or commission of ISAF may become an individual member of ISAF upon acceptance of his application and payment of the annual fee established by Council.*

*Individual Member – any individual, other than an individual who would qualify as an ISAF Member may become an individual member of ISAF upon acceptance of his application and payment of the annual fee established by Council.*

*Honorary membership of the Federation may be conferred by the Council upon such persons as it may determine.*

*In addition, individuals may be admitted to individual membership by or with the authority of the Executive Committee. “*

**REASON:**

1. The organization of world sports has already started to recognize and promote the continental organizations. This trend is manifested in organizations such as CIO or FIFA, etc.
2. Better control of the promotion and articulation of continental sports.
3. Better organization of continental championships.