

## **ISAF Membership – Continental Associations**

### Regulation 2.34

A submission from the U.A.E Marine Sports Federation

#### **Proposal:**

That a new clause, 2.34(d) be added to current regulation 2.34 as follows:

#### ***Continental Associations***

2.34 Continental Associations may apply to the ISAF for affiliate membership. On applying, it shall satisfy the ISAF that it complies with the following criteria:

- (a) That it represents a Continent;
- (b) That at least two-thirds of the member national authorities existing in the Continent it represents are members;
- (c) That its objects include:
  - (i) the promotion of the sport of sailing in its area of influence;
  - (ii) the co-ordination, together with local member national authorities of the competition calendars to avoid clash of dates of competitions;
  - (iii) the establishment of the basis for development and promotion of classes, which are popular in its territorial area, though not recognized by ISAF;
  - (iv) the promotion of race officials' education and the encouragement of exchanges of race officials between counties in its area;
  - (v) the co-ordination of competition activities with the Member National Authorities and the regional sports organizations within their regions which are responsible for organizing sports events in their region.

**(d) That its constitution has been passed by a majority of members at a meeting duly called for that purpose. The constitution shall provide, amongst other things, for:**

- (i) reasonable representation of all MNAs that are members.**
- (ii) at least one annual general meeting each year. Every four years an election shall be held for all office bearers.**
- (iii) that office bearers shall not hold office for more than two consecutive terms**
- (iv) that the constitution has been approved by the Constitution committee of ISAF and referred to the Executive Committee for their approval and finally to the Council for final approval.**

Current Position:

There is no requirement for a continental association to meet any constitutional standards.

Reason:

1. As the ISAF policy is to promote more sailing events in regional games it is important that the office bearers of the respective Continental Associations have a full mandate to act on behalf of their members.
2. By having a constitution that requires a mandate by the members, the office bearers will have considerably more standing in those regions where the regional games are to be held and they will be able to act freely and robustly on behalf of their members. Without this mandate the office bearers could lack the authority to influence the organisers of the regional games event.
3. A constitution will ensure that every four years considerable interest and awareness of issues will be raised as a platform for those that wish to bear office and will act as a forum for the association members
4. Additionally, having elections will eliminate the likelihood that office bearers will act unilaterally in their own interests or will be swayed to act in such a manner by the country holding that regional games event.