

REPORTING COMMITTEE - SAILING

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Application for Designation as an International Class

International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association

A submission from the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association

PROPOSAL:

On behalf of the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association, the Executive Committee proposes:

1. That the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association (IDNIYRA) be designated as an International Class.
2. That a waiver of this fee be considered.
3. That the ISAF Constitution Committee prepares a suitable agreement between the ISAF Ltd, the IDNIYRA for approval by the ISAF Executive Committee.

CURRENT POSITION:

IDNIYRA has been an Affiliate Member of ISAF since 1997 and is the premier Ice Yacht racing organisation in the World with a registered racing membership currently standing at over 2,400 in 21 countries and on 3 continents (Europe, Asia and North America). The one-design DN is by far the most numerous Ice Yacht class world wide and IDNIYRA has organised World Championships every year since 1973 with on many occasions over 180 competitors from up to 17 nations. North American and European Championships have been held every year since 1953 and 1966 respectively.

REASON:

For several years IDNIYRA has been considering applying to participate in the Winter Olympic Games. We are advised by ISAF that an essential step towards consideration for the Winter Olympics is for IDNIYRA to be designated as a Recognised or International Class. In order that we can continue with our plans for two World Championships in 2004 (DN and Junior) we have opted for the International Class. It is well known that Olympic status for any sport provides added incentive for young people to enter that sport. The Ice Sailing Junior programmes which are based upon the Junior DN (16 - 20 years) and the Ice Optimist (10 - 15 years) which uses the Optimist sail rig, are increasingly well attended and regarded by IDNIYRA as the future of the class. It is worthy of mention that the most successful sailors, both senior and junior, find that they are significantly sharper on the water following a season on the ice. Furthermore we believe that Ice Sailing has great potential to bring an element of excitement and media interest (TV in particular) to the Winter Olympics not seen before and thus increase the focus on the sport of sailing as a whole.

IDNIYRA has offered a high standard of international competitive sailing for over 30 years and meets the criteria of ISAF Regulation 26.2.1 as follows:

- (a) All 2,400 plus registered DN sailors belong to the IDNIYRA

(b) The Constitution can be accessed at www.icesailing.org this contains all the requirements of 26.2.1(b) (I) to (v) inclusive. However the Constitution as shown on the web site is in the late stages of being updated to reflect the organisation which has existed and worked well for many years. This brings together the European and N American elements of the governing body that have always worked as a united team but have some minor admin process differences. For the purposes of this application to ISAF the draft of the “tidied up” Constitution is attached. The Organisation section of the web site gives the details of the personnel involved - this is up to date.

(c) A set of Sailing Rules - shown on the web site - (which may not be in the ISAF standard format) has existed at least since the early 1960’s and has stood the test of time satisfactorily. A Sailing Committee Exemption to changing to the ISAF format is requested for consideration.

(d) Requisite number of Registered Boat Owners who are actively racing is met in full as indicated below.

(e) North America (USA 550 and
Canada 30) registered DN sailors

Europe - 1,834 registered DN
sailors:

Austria 91

Belarus 13

Czech Republic 29

Denmark 190

Estonia 32

Finland 27

Germany 414

Great Britain 9

Hungary 40

Italy 6

Latvia 14

Lithuania 9

Netherlands 423

Norway 30

Poland 202

Russia 77

Sweden 160

Switzerland 41

Asia - Siberia 27

(f) Not Applicable.

(g) See above

(h) Constitution and Class Rules are available on the IDNIYRA website www.icesailing.org and a link with the ISAF website is in the course of being established.