

New Regulation 6.12

An urgent submission from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee on behalf of the Chairman of the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee

Purpose or Objective

To transform the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee into Olympic Classes Committee.

Proposal

~~6.7.4 Olympic Classes Sub-committee~~

~~Constituting the committee~~

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Terms of reference

6.12.3 The Olympic Classes Committee shall:

- (a) maintain a close liaison with the Olympic Classes and it's sailors;**
 - (b) promote the welfare and growth of the Olympic Classes;**
 - (c) debate issues, excluding class rule matters, from Olympic Classes associations and make recommendations thereon;**
 - (d) Committee members shall only vote on matters that relate to the Olympic Games of which the Class they represent are part of.**
 - (e) debate other matters that may be relevant to the Olympic Classes' interests;**
 - (f) liaise with the World Sailing office regarding events using Olympic equipment**
 - (g) review all relevant agenda items and comment to appropriate committees of the Council.**
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(h) be able to make submissions

(i) propose members to all relevant committees, sub-committees and working Parties

(j) be represented at Council by its Chairman

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The current structure and decision-making process with the Olympic classes as a sub-committee of the WSCC is not functioning efficiently for the optimum outcome desired by all stakeholders. Transforming the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee into Olympic Classes Committee with direct feed-back to the Board and Council will serve better the sport of sailing, World Sailing and the Olympic sailors.
2. The recommendations and work of the Olympic classes is not relevant to the scope of work of the WSCC, however more relevant to the Events Committee, Council and the Board.
3. Over the last years many submissions have tried to patch up the decision-making process in order to rectify the present situation.
4. The Olympic classes sub-committee cannot make submissions and has to rely on the good will of the WSCC to present its own submission, including this one.
5. The classes are represented at Council, the Olympic classes are not. If there is a different position between WSCC and OCSC, the OCSC have no way to have its position officially noted and discussed.
6. A new governance model should have fixed the situation. While identifying the problems occurring by the present situation and proposing to have the Olympic matters addressed independently, the status quo means that no long term and satisfactory solutions have been proposed. This is the reason why this submission is deemed to be urgent. The Olympic classes need to be structured and organised in a very clear and pragmatic way in order to be fully operational before it officially meets in November 2021

Recommendation:

The Board and the Olympic Classes should work together on the structure and decision making process in order to propose the most adequate and efficient solution to Council in May 2021 for implementation in November 2021 for the next quadrennial.
