ISAF Sailor Classification Code – Classification Procedures

Regulation 22

A submission from the Executive Committee

Proposal 1

General

Nothing in the provisions of this Code shall permit a sailor to take any action which is contrary to the purpose and spirit of the Code or which is a subterfuge for circumventing the Code. When a sailor is found by the Classification Authority to be in breach of this provision it may change his classification as appropriate and/or make a Report under RRS 69 of The Racing Rules of Sailing.

Classification Procedures and Requirements

22.3.1 A competitor may be required to be a member of his/her MNA to hold a valid ISAF Sailor Classification.

22.3.2 It is the responsibility of the competitor to declare his or her correct classification and to notify the Classification Authority immediately of any change of circumstances that may result in a change of classification. A competitor shall not hold more than one classification at the same time.

22.3.2 A competitor applying for, or holding, a classification shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) he shall not hold, nor apply for, more than one classification;

(b) he shall not take any action or act in a manner which is contrary to the spirit or purposes of the Code or which is a subterfuge for circumventing the Code;

(c) he shall at all times fully and freely disclose all relevant information to the Classification Authority (whether or not specifically asked for);

(d) he shall not provide the Classification Authority with information that is false, misleading or potentially misleading;

(e) he shall immediately notify the Classification Authority of any change in his circumstances which affects, or may affect, his classification status; and

(f) if he is a Group 1 competitor, he shall not engage in any activities which are incompatible with Group 1 status unless he has notified the Classification Authority of a potential change of classification.

22.3.3 If the Classification Authority has good reason to believe that a competitor has breached any provision of the Classification Code, it may immediately change, suspend or cancel his classification (or in the case of an application for classification, may decline to issue a classification).

22.3.4 A competitor, having read this Code, shall declare his or her correct classification by personally completing a form approved by ISAF and submitting it to the Classification Authority.
Current Position

As above.

Reason

To set out clearly the obligations of the sailor in one explicit statement that also mirrors the declaration the sailor makes in his application for classification.

To permit the Classification Authority to decline to issue a classification when the applicant has breached the provisions of the Code, rather than the current position of having to issue it and then cancel or suspend it.

Proposal 2

**Classification Procedures and Requirements**

22.3.4.5 There is no fee. The Classification Authority shall review each form (the initial review) and confirm or correct the competitor’s classification within 28 days of receiving all necessary information. It may ask the competitor to supply further information, or may itself seek further information from any source.

22.3.5.6 A classification, once issued, shall remain in force for two years, unless the classification is previously changed, suspended or cancelled by the Classification Authority:

(a) because the competitor has submitted a form indicating that his or her classification has changed; or

(b) because the Classification Authority believes it has good reason to do so; or

(c) as a result of an appeal requested by the competitor under regulation 22.3.6.7.

However when a competitor would have been classified as Group 3 but for regulation 22.2.1(b) the Classification Authority may issue a classification that shall only remain in force up to his 24th birthday.

22.3.6.7 When a competitor does not agree with a classification decision made by the Classification Authority (the initial review) which affects his classification (except the making of a report under rule 69), the competitor may appeal to the Classification Authority within 60 days of the completion of initial decision review using the process on the ISAF website or by such other method as shall be notified in the ISAF Yearbook. An appeal shall state the grounds on which the competitor believes the decision was incorrect.

(a) Appeals shall be considered by three members of the Classification Authority (the Appeal Panel) who were not party to the decision initial review. No more than two shall be from the same country.

(b) The Appeal Panel will consider the Appeal and review the information in the Appeal, the decision initial review and any previous application and where necessary ask for more information from the competitor, from the original reviewers, or from any
other source. It may uphold, change or reverse the initial decision, dismiss the appeal or declare it invalid.

(c) The Appeal Panel having made its decision after receiving all necessary information will inform the competitor of its decision in writing. A fee may be payable.

(d) The decision of the Classification Authority initial review shall be binding on the competitor until the decision of the Appeal Panel is published.

(e) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 52, the decision of the Appeal Panel shall be final.

22.3.7-8 The Classification Authority may decline to issue a classification or may suspend a current classification when the competitor has been penalized under RRS 69 for a classification matter. Such refusal or suspension shall not be longer than the period during which the competitor’s eligibility is suspended under Rule 69.

22.3.8-9 ISAF will maintain and publish on a website a list of the classifications of competitors. The list will state the status or expiry date of the classification.

22.3.9-10 Information provided by the competitor or from any other source shall be kept confidential within the Classification Authority and the ISAF Secretariat and not disclosed to any other person except to an International Jury or Member National Authority which has been sent a report by the Classification Authority concerning the competitor’s classification or sent a report under RRS 69 and then only after notifying the competitor through the classification process.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

To renumber these clauses as a result of proposal 1.

To clarify which decisions may be appealed.

To ensure sailors, when appealing, set out the grounds for the appeal.