ISAF Committees

Equipment Control and Class Rules Sub-Committee

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To improve effectiveness, and remove overlap by:

i. combining the Equipment Control and Class Rules Sub-Committees, and

ii. reducing the number of representative members on Equipment committees.

Proposal

1. Combine the Equipment Control and Class Rules Sub-Committees into a single Equipment Rules Sub-Committee and amending the combined Terms of Reference to delete work on class rules now undertaken by the ISAF Technical Department.

2. Reduce the number of representative members of the committees as follows:

   Representative members of the Equipment Committee:
   (i) a representative of the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee – normally the Chairman;
   (ii) a representative of the ISAF Classes Committee;
   (iii) a representative of the ISAF Offshore Committee.

   Representative members of the Equipment Control Sub-Committee:
   (i) a representative of the ISAF Classes Committee;
   (ii) a representative of the International Measurers Sub-committee;
   (iii) a representative of the Disabled Sailing Committee;
   (iv) a representative of the Special Regulations Sub-committee.

On other matters, the committees should, in the normal way and within their terms of reference, liaise with other committees as and when appropriate. Examples include liaising with Racing Rules Committee on consistency and links between ERS and RRS, and the Disabled Sailing Committee on any trials of future disabled sailing equipment.

Changes to Regulations to Achieve the Proposals

1. Equipment Committee representatives

   6.5.2(b) In addition, specialist expertise will be represented as follows:
   (i) a representative of the Equipment Control Rules Sub-Committee – normally the Chairman;
(ii) a representative of the Class Rules Committee—normally the Chairman;
(iii) a representative of the Special Regulations Committee—normally the Chairman;
(iv) a representative of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee;
(v) a representative of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee;
(vi) a representative of the ISAF Classes Committee;
(vii) a representative of the Racing Rules Committee;
(viii) a representative of the Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS).

2. Equipment Rules Committee Regulation

6.5.5 Class Equipment Rules Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.5.5.1 The Class Equipment Rules Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Equipment Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

In appointing committee members the following experience and competencies shall be properly represented: centreboard boats, keelboats, multihulls, offshore and windsurfing.

6.5.5.2 The Class Equipment Rules Sub-committee shall consist of:

(a) a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.
(b) In addition, specialist expertise will be represented as follows:

(i) a representative of the Equipment Control Committee;
(ii) a representative of the International Measurers Sub-Committee;
(iii) a representative of the Disabled Sailing Committee;
(iv) a representative of the Special Regulations Sub-committee;
(v) a representative of the ISAF Classes Committee;
(vi) a representative of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee;
(vii) a representative of the Racing Rules Committee.

6.5.5.3 The Chairman of the Equipment Control Rules Sub-committee may, for the purposes of liaison, appoint himself/herself or another member of the committee as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the International Measurers Sub-committee. (was 6.5.6.3)

6.5.5.4 The Chairman of the Equipment Control Rules Sub-committee shall appoint the members and chairman of the ERS Working Party. (was 6.5.6.4)

Terms of reference

6.5.5.5 The Class Equipment Rules Sub-committee shall:

(a) establish, maintain and publish the policies for the approval process of proposed class rules changes referred to in Regulation 10.11.4;
(b) review class rules change applications referred to it in accordance with Regulation 10.11.5;
(c) monitor and advise the process reviewing the format and content of class rules of classes applying for ISAF Status;
(d) keep under review and, where appropriate, recommend changes to class rules to Class Associations;
(e) give interpretations of class rules of ISAF Classes in accordance with Regulation 10.12; and
(f) liaise with the Equipment Committee, the Equipment Control Committee, the Special Regulations Committee and other Committees on matters affecting class rules.

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Terms of reference

6.5.6.5 The Equipment Control Sub-committee shall:

(ad) formulate, revise and publish the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) every four years after approval by the Council, in accordance with Regulations 29.1 and 29.2;
(be) approve and publish interpretations of the ERS submitted in accordance with Regulation 29.3;
(c) ensure uniformity of rules for equipment control for all ISAF classes recommending in particular:
   (i) uniform certification control procedures and methods;
   (ii) uniform format and working of class rules;
(d) keep under constant review:
   (i) the ISAF Guide to Equipment Control;
   (ii) the ISAF Standard Class Rules;
   (iii) ISAF Event Equipment Regulations
work for improvement of the standard of certification control in the ISAF Member National Authorities particularly through:

(i) arranging equipment control courses and symposia;
(ii) developing and maintaining the ISAF In-house Certification system;

(gf) keep building processes under review and through inspection of licensed builder’s premises maintain standards of construction;

(hg) liaise with relevant ISAF committees in all matters affecting equipment control, and with ISAF Technical Department to support the management of effective equipment control schemes by ISAF Classes.

Clean Version of Equipment Rules Sub-committee regulation

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Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Much of the work of the Class Rules Sub-Committee is now undertaken by ISAF Technical and Offshore Department.

2. Combining the sub-committees will simplify the committee structure, increase the value of the resulting sub-committee, and improve the efficiency of conference.

3. The large number of representative members can hinder good discussion around the committee table. Some are eliminated through the combination; others are replaced by liaising with the other committee as is the normal practice elsewhere in ISAF. Representative members should only be included when they can play an active role in the business of the committee.