World Sailing Constitution & Regulations

Revert to 2012 Constitution & Regulations

A submission from the Virgin Islands Sailing Association and International Lightning Class Association

Purpose or Objective

Object of this submission is to return the control and therefore the direction of World Sailing back into the hands of the Council, and the various committees who come from and are directly responsible to competitive racing sailors by RETURNING to the Constitution approved at the November 2012 AGM.

Proposal

With the exception of the current Rules of Sailing, this submission is to replace ALL the existing WS Constitution, Regulations, Articles and Rules in their totality with the 2012 Constitution, Regulations, Articles, Regulations and Rules.


Current Position

As above.

Reasons

Object of this submission is to return the control and therefore the direction of World Sailing back into the hands of Council, and the various committees who directly are responsible to the competitive racing sailors.

1. The current 2017 Constitution has allowed financial policies, decisions and actions that have resulted in World Sailing approaching insolvency.

2. The current 2017 Constitution has allowed the managerial policies, decisions and actions that has changed the governance of World Sailing from bottom up control constituted to be of service to the sport of competitive Sailing to a top down control with its major focus on a commercial corporate strategy of global marketing and sponsorship.

3. The current 2017 Constitution has allowed policies, decisions and actions that ignore and contravene the large interests of the competitive sailors that it was meant to and must serve. It has turned the sailors it was constituted to serve into a commodity to be marketed and sold.

4. It is essential that World Sailing Governance RETURN to the Constitution approved at the November 2012 AGM ensuring that the sport of competitive sailing is governed by the
traditional foundations based on Member National Authorities, Continental Associations, International Classes and Sailing Clubs and the racing sailors who comprise them.
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AIMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION (ISAF)

The objects and aims for which the International Sailing Federation, as the controlling authority of the sport of sailing in all its forms throughout the world, is established are:

(a) to act as and carry out the functions and duties of such authority;

(b) to promote the sport of sailing in all its branches regardless of race, religion, gender or political affiliation;

(c) to establish, supervise, interpret and amend the rules regulating sailboat racing and to adjudicate disputes and take any appropriate disciplinary action (including the imposition of appropriate penalties);

(d) to act as the supervising organisation for the sport of sailing, to grant and withdraw international or recognised status to or from classes of boats and to prescribe the relevant rules and measurement procedures;

(e) to act as the organising authority of the Olympic Sailing Regatta;

(f) to control, organise, conduct, license or sanction other championships, sailing events or activities;

(g) to examine, study, investigate, consider and report on all matters affecting the sport of sailing and any persons interested therein or associated therewith and to collect, analyse and distribute information, statistics, opinions and reports thereon;

(h) to represent and protect the interests of any member of the Federation;

(i) to convene, arrange, organise and hold regattas, races and competitions of all sorts, to create and stimulate interest in and publicise the sport of sailing, to convene, arrange, organise and hold exhibitions, shows, displays, meetings, seminars, conferences and discussions, and to provide prizes, bursaries, grants and awards for competitors and others;

(j) to provide administrative services of any sort whatsoever for any association, union, society, club, committee, body or person interested in or associated with sailing in any of its forms.
1. The name of the Company is “International Sailing Federation Limited” (hereinafter “the Federation”).

2. The Federation is a private company.

3. The liability of the members is limited.

4. Every member of the Federation undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the assets of the Federation in the event of its being wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Federation contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.
GENERAL

1.1 In these presents the words standing in the first column of the Table next hereinafter contained shall bear the meaning set opposite to them respectively in the second column thereof, if not inconsistent with the subject or context -

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<td>These Articles of Association, as amended from time to time.</td>
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<td>The Board of Directors of the Federation.</td>
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<td>The Federation</td>
<td>The above-named Company.</td>
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<td>The Council</td>
<td>The body established by the Federation for the purposes set out in Article 41.</td>
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<td>Office</td>
<td>The registered office of the Federation.</td>
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<td>Seal</td>
<td>The common seal of the Federation.</td>
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<td>Month</td>
<td>Calendar month.</td>
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<td>In writing</td>
<td>Written, printed or lithographed, or partly one and partly another, and other modes of representing or producing words in a visible form.</td>
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<td>Clear days</td>
<td>In relation to a period of notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect.</td>
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<td>Member National Authority</td>
<td>A National Authority granted full membership in the Federation.</td>
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<td>Member</td>
<td>A member of the Federation of any class.</td>
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<td>National Authority</td>
<td>An organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, controlling the sport of yachting or sailing in any country or in any political entity granted status as an Olympic nation.</td>
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<td>Regulations</td>
<td>Regulations adopted by the Council to carry out the aims and objects of the Federation.</td>
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<td>Yachting</td>
<td>Includes the sport of sailing in all its forms.</td>
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<td>Special resolution</td>
<td>A resolution passed by a 75% majority vote at a meeting of which not less than 21 days' notice has been given as more particularly defined in the Acts.</td>
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<td>Constitution Committee</td>
<td>A committee established by The Council to review recommend changes to and interpret the constitution and such other matters as may be delegated to it under these Articles.</td>
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<td>The person appointed under Article 88 or appointed as his deputy.</td>
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1.2 Any words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number, and vice versa.

1.3 Words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender; and vice versa.

1.4 Words importing persons shall include corporations.

1.5 Subject as aforesaid, any words or expressions defined in the Acts shall, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, bear the same meanings in the Articles.

2.1. The regulations contained in Table C in the schedule to the Companies (Memorandum and Articles of Association) Regulations 1988 ("Table C") shall not apply to the Federation, but the Articles hereinafter contained shall constitute the regulations of the Federation.

2.2 Any disputes relating to the validity or construction of the Regulations or any other rules or regulations made there under (together, the "ISAF Regulations"), and any disputes relating to the application of the ISAF Regulations or the exercise of powers there under, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales and their principles, and shall be governed by English law, excluding English choice of law principles.

2.3 LANGUAGE

The official language of the Federation is English. The word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive. As and when appropriate, other working languages may be introduced and simultaneous translations may be provided at meetings. All official Federation English texts should be edited to comply with what is known as “Plain English” in the United Kingdom.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The number of members which the Federation proposes to be registered with it is unlimited.

3.1 No invitation to the public to subscribe for debentures of the Company shall be made.

4. Membership in the Federation shall consist of the following classes:

(a) Full Member - full membership in the Federation granted to a National Authority.

(b) Associate Member – for Authorities within a territory which is not recognised by the IOC (not being a country pursuant to paragraph 1 of Rule 30 of the Olympic Charter) but promoting and managing the sport of Yachting within its territorial waters independently of another country or territory. Associate Membership is not
available to organisations whose governance is determined by or dependent upon that of another country and the laws of that country prescribe or require that any competitor of the relevant territory should compete under the jurisdiction of that other country and its National Authority. Associate Members shall not be entitled to voting rights, and their membership shall continue only until the next Ordinary General Assembly when it shall be reviewed and if appropriate may then be renewed.

(c) ICA Member - membership granted to International and Recognized Classes recognized by the Federation.

(d) Affiliate Member - membership granted under Article 5.1(c).

(e) ISAF Member - membership granted to individuals under 5.1(d).

(f) Honorary Member - membership granted under Article 5.1(e).

5.1 Membership in the Federation may be granted by the Council in the various classes of membership as set out in Article 4. Applications shall be made to the Secretary General in accordance with the Regulations and the following provisions:

(a) Applications for Full Membership of the Federation and applications for Associate Membership shall be placed before The Council which shall take into consideration the status of the sport in the country and of the constitution of the organisation making the application.

(b) ICA Member - Class Associations governing International and Recognized Classes that have met the criteria specified in the Regulations and have been granted International or Recognized status by the Council shall be granted ICA membership

(c) Affiliate Member - Any self-administered international organization, other than a national authority or international class association or recognized class association, or members thereof, interested in or associated with the sport of sailing in any of its forms and whose activities are not in conflict with member national authorities or ICA’s or Recognized CA’s may be granted affiliate membership subject to conditions and terms of such membership as the Council may respectively from time to time decide. An Affiliate Member shall not be entitled to voting rights, except where specifically provided for in these Articles.

(d) ISAF Member - Any individual who is a member of Council, an Officer or Officer of Honour, a member of any committee, working party or commission of Federation may become an individual member of Federation upon acceptance of his application and payment of the annual fee established by Council.

(e) Honorary membership of the Federation may be conferred by the Council upon such persons as it may determine.

5.2 The procedure for challenging any application for Membership shall as prescribed in the Regulations.

OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

6. It shall be the obligation of all members of the Federation:

(a) to promote the objects, interest and influence of the Federation;

(b) to carry out and have respect for the rules, Regulations and decisions of the Federation;

(c) to refrain, and to use reasonable endeavours to persuade others within their area of jurisdiction to refrain, from actions that are inconsistent with the objects, rules, Regulations or decisions of the Federation.
7. It shall be the obligation of a Member National Authority, Associate Member and ISAF Member to ensure that there shall be no discrimination on grounds of race, religion or political affiliation against any competitor representing a Member National Authority; further to prevent improper use or abuse of terms such as World, Continental, International or Regional that properly relate to activities recognized by the Federation and to co-operate in the collection and payment of the "International and Recognized Class Fees" payable to the Federation.

8. ICA members shall be responsible for implementing the objects and decisions of the Federation affecting their classes and for protecting the design characteristics of their classes.

9. (a) Each ICA member, Affiliate Member and Honorary Member of the Federation shall be entitled to receive free of charge such items as the Executive Committee may from time to time resolve. Such members are not entitled to vote at meetings of the Federation.

(b) Membership shall not be transferable and shall cease on death, or, in the case of a corporation, society or similar, upon the appointment of a liquidator or receiver (or the equivalent in the jurisdiction of incorporation of the corporation).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

10. Every member other than an honorary member shall pay an annual subscription to the funds of the Federation of such amount as in each individual case the Executive Committee may from time to time determine. Subscription categories for Member National Authorities shall be determined by the Council at each annual meeting in the year before a meeting of the General Assembly, having considered the recommendations, if any, of the Constitution Committee. All subscriptions shall be due on the first day of January for each ensuing calendar year.

11. The Executive Committee shall have the power to remit either in whole or in part the payment by a member of its subscription in any year.

12. Subject to any remission under Article 11 no Member National Authority shall, in any year, be entitled to any of the rights or privileges of membership or to be represented at any meeting of the General Assembly until its subscription for that year and all arrears (if any) have been paid.

13. An ICA member or Affiliate Member of the Federation shall not be entitled to any benefits while its or his subscription is in arrears.

CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP

14.1 (a) Notwithstanding Articles 15 to 20, when a Member National Authority has been in arrears on all or a part of its subscription, fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary or associated companies for a year or more, and having been warned to make payment at least 30 days previously, and the Secretary General having so certified in writing, the Executive Committee may by a majority vote suspend or The Council may by majority vote cancel the membership in the Federation of a Member National Authority with immediate effect.

(b) A Member National Authority deprived of its membership under this Article may apply for membership in the normal course but shall not be re-admitted to membership until outstanding subscriptions, fees, dues and other payments due, if any, have been paid in full and so certified by the Secretary General.
14.2 (a) When an International or Recognized Class has been in arrears on all or part of its subscriptions, fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary or associated companies, on the same conditions and terms as provided in Article 14.1(a), the Executive Committee may by a majority vote suspend or cancel the International status and membership of an International or Recognized Class.

(b) An International or Recognized Class whose status and membership has been suspended or cancelled pursuant to this Article may apply for such status and membership in the normal course but shall not have its International or Recognized status or membership restored until all outstanding subscriptions, fees, dues and other payments due, if any, have been paid in full and so certified by the Secretary General.

15.1 The status of any existing Member National Authority of the Federation may only be challenged by an existing Member National Authority in good standing or an organization which has or is claiming the status of a governing body of the sport of sailing in the particular country in which the Member National Authority is located and has been so certified by the Constitution Committee having considered the recommendation of the Secretary General.

15.2 Any proceedings to make such challenge as may be authorized pursuant to these Articles and the applicable Regulations shall provide for a fair hearing and hearings of and between all the parties and shall provide the parties with a reasonable opportunity to present such facts as they may wish and to present their claims and argument before any committee, body, Council or Assembly of the Federation as the Articles and Regulations shall provide.

15.3 Without limiting any alternative grounds, one of the grounds on which a member’s status may be challenged is for persistent disregard of or failure to observe the Constitution of the Federation especially as it pertains to the obligations of membership.

15.4 The Council may, by a two-thirds majority vote, at any time cancel the membership of any Member National Authority, but such Member National Authority may request that the General Assembly shall, at its next meeting, review such cancellation on the ground that the discretion of the Council was not exercised for good cause.

16. The procedure for challenging the membership status of a Member National Authority shall be as set forth in the Regulations.

17. The Council may suspend or cancel the status and membership of an International or Recognized Class which in the Council’s judgement has failed to meet its obligation to protect the design characteristics of the class or currently does not meet the requirements for the class prescribed in the Rules and Recommendations for Adoption and Control of International or Recognized Classes.

17.1 The Council may suspend or cancel the membership of an Affiliate Member who has, in the opinion of the Council, failed to comply with its or his membership obligations in a material respect.

18. The procedure for challenging the membership status of an Affiliate Member shall be as set forth in the Regulations.

19. The Executive Committee may:

(a) suspend or cancel the status and membership of an International or Recognized Class which is in arrears of payments due to the Federation or which in the Council’s judgement has failed to meet its obligation to protect the design characteristics of the class or currently does not meet the requirements prescribed
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in the Rules and Recommendations for Adoption and Control of International or Recognized Classes;

(b) suspend or cancel the membership of an Associate Member or affiliate member which or who has failed to pay its or his subscription for a period of at least 12 months after the due date or in the opinion of the Council has failed to comply with its or his membership obligations in a material respect.

RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

20. Any Member desiring to retire from the Federation shall give notice in writing of its or his intention of retiring on or before 31 December to the Secretary General; otherwise the member shall be liable to pay the subscription for the next calendar year.

GENERAL MEETINGS

21.1 The Federation shall hold a General Meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Committee and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it.

21.2 In addition to the General Meetings of Member National Authorities referred to in Article 21.1 above the Council may call and hold meetings of the Council or the Council and its committees as provided in Articles 42 and 55. Such meetings held to conduct the business of the Federation delegated to it by Article 41 and Article 42 in the case of a committee of the Council are not General Meetings of the members and shall be conducted in accordance with the Regulations regarding the conduct of such meetings.

22. All General Meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.

23. The Executive Committee may whenever they think fit or upon the instruction of the Council convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened on such requisition, or in default may be convened by such requisitionists, as provided by section 113 Companies Act 1931.

24. Twenty-one clear days' notice in writing at the least of every Annual General Meeting and of every meeting convened to pass a Special Resolution, and fourteen clear days' notice in writing at the least of every other General Meeting, specifying the place, the day and the hour of meeting, and in the case of special business the general nature of that business, shall be given in a manner hereinafter mentioned to such persons (including the Auditors) as are under these Articles or under the Acts entitled to receive such notices from the Federation; but with the consent of all the Member National Authorities having the right to attend and vote thereat, or of such proportion of them as is prescribed by the Acts in the case of meetings other than Annual General Meetings, a meeting may be convened by such notice as those Member National Authorities may think fit.

25.1 Each Member National Authority may be represented by a delegate who is a national or resident of the country concerned and shall ensure that notice of the appointment of such delegate is given in writing to the Secretary General in accordance with Schedule B to these Articles (which shall form part of these Articles). Except when Article 35 applies, no appointment of other proxies is permitted.

25.2 If a delegate so appointed is prevented from attending for a reason outside his control, the President may accept an alternate appointment at any time up to one hour before the opening of the meeting.
26. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of such notice by, any person entitled to receive notice thereof shall not invalidate any resolution passed, or proceeding had, at any meeting, General Meeting or General Assembly.

27.1 No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. Thirty Member National Authorities present by their delegates shall be a quorum.

27.2. The provisions set out in Schedule B to these Articles (which shall form part of these Articles) shall regulate the conduct of proceedings at any General Meeting.

28. The agenda for an Annual General Meeting shall include both the ordinary business required under the Acts to be tabled at Annual General Meetings and the following items:

(a) Approval of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and of any subsequent Extraordinary Meeting.

(b) To receive:
   (i) The President's report;
   (ii) A financial report.

(c) To review:
   (i) Subscriptions;
   (ii) Applications for Full or Affiliate membership since the last Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly;
   (iii) The proposed programme of the Federation's Championships;
   (iv) Any Regulations made or amended in any substantive way by the Council since the last Ordinary Meeting.

(d) To debate and resolve any submission from the Council or from an Officer or from a delegate and normally to refer such matters to the appropriate committees. Political matters shall not be debated unless of direct relevance to yachting, nor without prior reference to the Constitution Committee. The decision of the Chairman of the General Assembly as to whether a matter is political shall be final.

29. Decisions at any General Meeting (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any General Assembly) shall (save where otherwise required by the Acts or these Articles) be taken by a simple majority of votes of those present and entitled to vote except that no resolution for the amendment of the Memorandum of Association or these Articles shall be carried unless 75% of the votes cast shall be in favour of such resolution (but this provision shall not affect the right of the Council to vary the table contained in Schedule A in accordance with Article 40(b)). Voting on any resolution shall be by show of hands unless the chairman or not less than five of the delegates present request a secret ballot. Any such secret ballot shall take place and the result of the vote be announced before the close of the meeting. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a casting vote except in the case of equality of votes related to elections which shall be decided in accordance with the Regulations.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

30. The Annual General Meeting in 2012 and in every fourth year thereafter shall constitute and be known as a General Assembly:

31. The membership of the General Assembly shall consist of:
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(a) one delegate of each Member National Authority;
(b) the President and the Vice-Presidents, who may also speak and vote;
(c) the Treasurer, unless already a member of the General Assembly in some other capacity; and
(d) pursuant to Article 83, representatives of an ICA all of whom may speak but not vote.

32. The agenda for the meeting of the General Assembly shall include both the ordinary business required under the Acts to be tabled at Annual General Meetings and the following items:
   (a) Election of the following:
       (i) the President;
       (ii) the seven Vice-Presidents;
       (iii) the Officers of Honour.
   (b) To announce the appointed members of the Council.
   (c) To fix the date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly.
   (d) Any other business.

33. The chairman of Meetings of the General Assembly shall be the President of the Federation. A newly-elected President shall take the chair of the meeting immediately following the conclusion of the item on the agenda covering elections. If neither shall be present, the members of the General Assembly present shall choose one of the Vice-Presidents or failing them, one of their number, to be the chairman of the remainder of such meeting.

34. A General Assembly may authorize the attendance at its Meetings of committee chairmen, observers and technical advisers who shall not be entitled to vote. They may take part in the proceedings at the request of the Chairman.

35. The election of a delegate to the office of President or Vice-President shall give rise to a casual vacancy at any meeting at which he is appointed, which may provided due notice has been given to the Secretary General prior to the meeting be filled by a nominee of the Member National Authority whose delegate has been elected to the office.

THE COUNCIL

36.1 The Council of the Federation shall consist of:-
   (a) the President;
   (b) the seven Vice-Presidents;
   (c) not more than 30 members appointed by Member National Authorities;
   (d) the Chairman of the ISAF Oceanic and Offshore Committee;
   (e) a member appointed by and from the ISAF Classes Committee;
   (f) a member appointed by and from the Athletes' Commission;
   (g) a woman member appointed by:
       (i) Women Vice-Presidents
       (ii) Women members of Council, and
       (iii) The women of Committees or Sub-committees, the members of which are nominated by Member National Authorities;
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(h) the Treasurer who, unless already a member in some other capacity, shall be an ex-officio non-voting member.

37.1 Members of the Council will be appointed as follows:

(a) as a result of their election as President or Vice President;
(b) in accordance with Article 40(a), in which case the appointment shall be notified to the Secretary General and shall be valid only when received at least two weeks before the meeting of the Council; or
(c) under Article 36.1 (d), (e), (f) (g) or (h).

38. Members of the Council appointed to serve at, or at the time of, an Ordinary General Assembly Meeting shall hold office until the next following Ordinary General Assembly Meeting or they cease office.

39. Members of the Council shall be persons who are active in Yachting. Members of the Council shall be responsible for placing before the Council the views of the Member National Authorities by whom they were nominated or elected but in the exercise of their votes they shall have regard to the interest of the sport of yachting throughout the world as a whole.

40. (a) Members of the Council appointed by Member National Authorities shall be appointed by the Groups of Member National Authorities shown in the Table in Schedule A to these Articles. Each Group shall be entitled to appoint the number of members to the Council shown opposite its Group. The Member National Authorities of each group may nominate a candidate for each of the Council members to which its group is entitled. The candidate with the greatest number of nominations for each Council membership shall be appointed to the Council by the Group. The method of selecting those to be appointed for each Council membership from among those nominated shall be decided by the Group, provided that if there should be no agreement on the method of selection within four weeks of the first meeting of the Council, the method of selection shall be the same as for the President pursuant to Regulation 4.2 of the Regulations. The process of nomination and selection shall be made in accordance with any applicable provisions of Regulation 4 of the Regulations.

(b) The provisions of the table contained in Schedule A may be varied from time to time by the Council in its discretion by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Council (but any such variation may be reviewed by the General Assembly) or by resolution of the General Assembly, provided that if any National Authority ceases to be a Member National Authority on account of its replacement as a National Authority controlling the sport by some other authority or authorities in the Group concerned, the Council may at its discretion make such provision as it thinks fit for the purpose of preserving the regional basis of nomination but any such provision may be reviewed by the General Assembly.

(c) Appointed members shall hold office until the appointment of their successors at the next Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly unless the Council has made changes in Schedule A requiring new nomination and selection of Council members pursuant to Article 40(b) in which case the term of a Council member whose seat is subject to re-nomination shall cease at the time of the selection of his successor, if any. Appointed members shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(d) Appointments of candidates by Groups of Member National Authorities shall be notified to the Secretary General and shall be valid only when received at least two weeks before the Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly.
(e) In the event of two or more candidates for a Council Membership in any one Group receiving an equal number of nominations, and in the absence of any provision for breaking a tie, the President shall select one of such candidates to be a member for the ensuing term.

POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

41. The Council shall be responsible for:

(a) managing the sport of Yachting, including (notwithstanding the powers of the General Assembly) the receiving, consideration and determination of policy; and

(b) promoting and (subject to Article 68) carrying out the aims and objects of the Federation,

and shall have all necessary powers of the Federation to discharge such responsibilities, save for those powers that by the Act or by these Articles are required to be exercised by, or under the direction of, the Executive Committee (including those matters set out in Article 68) or at a General Meeting, and subject to:

(i) any Regulations in force that have been reviewed by the General Assembly,

(ii) the provisions of the Acts;

(iii) any Regulations prescribed by the Council, but not yet reviewed by a General Assembly, provided that failure of the General Assembly to review any such Regulation shall not invalidate retroactively acts by the Council done pursuant to such Regulation.

42. The Council may delegate any of its powers to such committees or sub-committees consisting of such person or persons as it thinks fit. The Council may provide by Regulation for the nomination and selection of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of committees or sub-committees (save that the President shall not be appointed as Chairman of any such committee or sub-committees other than the Executive Committee), and any committee or sub-committees so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations imposed on it by the Council. The meetings and proceedings of any such committee shall be governed by the provisions of the Articles for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Council so far as applicable and so far as the same shall not be superseded by any regulations made by the Council.

43. The Council shall have the power to make Regulations to carry out functions and/or to amend any existing Regulations provided that such Regulations shall not be in conflict with the aims and objects of the Federation or these Articles and shall be reported to and reviewed by the next meeting of the Member National Authorities. The Council may, where the subject of the Regulation affects racing and the Racing Rules of Sailing, pass the Regulation and may, in its discretion, direct that the Regulation shall be incorporated into the Racing Rules by reference. Where such Regulation has been incorporated into the Racing Rules by reference the particular rules found elsewhere in the Articles and Regulations regarding the initiation, deletion, amendment, changing or interpretation of the Racing Rules shall not apply.

44. The members for the time being of the Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

45. Decisions of the Council shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast with the following exceptions:
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(a) a decision on a resolution for the election or expulsion of a Member National Authority requires a two-thirds vote cast in favour of the resolution

(b) a decision on a change to the Racing Rules or Equipment Rules of Sailing with an effective date other than the 1st of January of the year following the year in which an Olympic Sailing Competition is held requires a 75% of the votes cast in favour of the motion; however, this provision shall not apply to Regulations incorporated by reference into the Racing Rules of Sailing.

(c) Decisions overturning a previous vote under ISAF Regulation 23 require such majority for the votes cast as is prescribed in Regulation 23

46. Voting shall be by show of hands or electronic means and may be by secret ballot as determined by the chairman. Three members present may request the holding of a secret ballot, which request shall be put to an open vote of the members present. In the event that a secret ballot is conducted by electronic voting, individual votes shall not be recorded and the Chairman of the Constitution Committee shall verify that such individual votes have not been recorded. Any such ballot shall be held before the meeting is closed. Each member present in person shall be entitled to one vote. The President shall have a second vote or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.

47. The quorum for meetings of the Council is twelve unless the Council see fit to increase its quorum which it may do in its discretion.

48. Any casual vacancy in the office of the President or of a Vice-President may be filled by the Executive Committee. Any casual vacancy in the membership of the Council may be filled by the Council. In the event of the death or incapacity for any reason of the President, the Executive Committee may designate one of the Vice-Presidents to serve as Acting President until the next meeting of the Council. Any person so appointed shall hold office until the commencement of the next following Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly, but shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination.

49. The election of a member of the Council to the office of President or Vice-President shall create a casual vacancy in the Council. If the member of Council elected to office of President or Vice-President causing a casual vacancy is a woman, the person appointed to fill the casual vacancy shall also be a woman.

50. Each nominated member of the Council may at any time appoint some other yachtsman from his Group or nominating body to be an Alternate member of the Council, and may at any time remove any Alternate member so appointed by him.

51. The President may appoint an Alternate in the event of a member being unable to attend and not having notified the Secretary General of an Alternate.

52. An Alternate shall be entitled to receive notices of all meetings of the Council and to attend at any such meeting at which the member appointing him is not personally present and is generally to perform all the functions of his appointor as a member during his absence.

53. An Alternate shall ipso facto cease to be an Alternate if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a member.

54. All appointments and removals of Alternates shall be effected by notice given to the Secretary General by the member making or revoking any such appointment.

55. The Council shall meet at least once in every calendar year and at such other time or times as a meeting may be convened. There shall be a meeting of the Council at the conclusion of each Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly. The Secretary General shall convene
a meeting of the Council on the instructions of the President or two Vice-Presidents or if requested so to do by any four members of the Council.

56. Political matters shall not be debated at meetings of the Council unless of direct relevance to yachting. The decision of the President or other person acting as Chairman of the relevant meeting of the Council as to whether a matter is political shall be final.

57. All acts bona fide done by any meeting of the Council or of any committee of the Council, or by any person acting as a member of the Council, shall, notwithstanding it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment or continuance in office of any such member or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed or had duly continued in office and was qualified to be a member of the Council.

58. The Executive Committee shall cause proper minutes to be made of all appointments made by the Council and of the proceedings of all meetings of the Federation and of the Council and of committees of the Council. All business transacted at such meetings, and any such minutes of any meeting, if purporting to be approved by the members of such meeting as detailed in Article 59, including the Chairman, shall be enough evidence without any further proof of the facts as written. Where Council or a committee later hold a different view to the minutes because of a change to policy or to a decision, this shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the change is considered; in this case, the original documents shall not be changed. Where minutes of meetings are proven incorrect (e.g. misspelling or incorrect reference), the formal documents of that meeting shall be changed.

59. A resolution in writing (which may be in counterparts) or a resolution transmitted by electronic means (or other written communication), including E-mail and fax, which has been sent to all the members of Council or any committee or sub-committee who are entitled to receive notice of a meeting, in the case of a resolution in writing signed by a majority or in the case of electronic means which is acknowledged and agreed to by the said electronic means by a majority of the members of the Council or any committee or sub-committee shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Council or of such committee or sub-committee duly convened or constituted. In this Article the term “a majority” shall mean the requisite majority pursuant to the Articles.

60. The President shall take the chair at meetings of the Council, but if he shall not be present the members present shall choose one of the Vice-Presidents or failing them, one of their number, to be the Chairman of such a meeting.

61. (a) The Council may authorize the attendance at its meetings of Observers and Technical Advisers who shall not be entitled to vote. They may take part in the proceedings at the request of the Chairman.

(b) Any member of the Council may participate in a meeting of the Council by means of telephonic, video conferencing or similar communications whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting in this manner shall be deemed to constitute presence in person at such meeting. The location of such meeting shall be deemed to be the place at which the Chairman of the meeting was located at the time of that meeting.

PROHIBITION OF DISTRIBUTIONS OR DIVIDENDS

62. (a) The income and property of the Federation shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the sport of sailing throughout the world and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members.
(b) Article 62(a) above shall be subject to the following proviso, namely: nothing in these Articles shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to the Secretary General or other servant of the Federation or to any member in return for any services actually rendered to the Federation, nor prevent the payment of interest at a normal rate on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any other member to the Federation.

(c) No member of the Council shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Federation or any office of the Federation paid by fees, and no remuneration or other benefit in money or money’s worth shall be given by the Federation to any member of the Council, except the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses and interest at a normal rate on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises let or demised to the Federation, or fees paid for acting as an ISAF Race Official.

(d) Payments to any company of which a member of the Council may be a member, and in which such member of the Council shall not hold more than one hundredth part of the capital shall be disregarded for the purposes of this Article 62 and such member of the Council shall not be bound to account to the Federation for any share of profits which he may receive in respect of such payment.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

63. The office of a member of the Council and/or the Executive Committee shall be vacated:
   (a) if he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
   (b) if he becomes of unsound mind;
   (c) if by notice in writing to the Secretary General Secretariat he resigns his office;
   (d) in the case of a member of the Executive Committee if he ceases to hold office by virtue of any provision of the Acts or he becomes otherwise prohibited by law from being a director of a company incorporated under the laws of the Isle of Man.

OFFICERS

64. The officers of the Federation shall consist of the President, the seven Vice-Presidents (two of whom shall be women), the Treasurer and the Secretary General. They shall be ex-officio members of all committees of the Federation and, save for the Treasurer and the Secretary General, shall be entitled to vote on committees to which they have been appointed by the Council.

65. The officers (save for the Treasurer and the Secretary General) shall be elected at a General Assembly and shall hold office until the election of their successors at the next Ordinary General Assembly and shall be eligible for re-election save as provided by Article 73.

66. Subject to Article 65 any person active in yachting shall be eligible for election to the office of President or Vice-President whether or not he is a delegate to the General Assembly or a member of the Council.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

67. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and the seven Vice-Presidents, and shall constitute the board of directors of the Federation. The Treasurer shall be an
ex-officio non-voting member of the Executive Committee, and also of the Constitution Committee and General Assembly, unless already a member in some other capacity.

68. The Executive Committee:
(a) shall be responsible for implementing the policy decisions of the Council and for taking all management and operational decisions on behalf of the Federation;
(b) has full responsibility for managing the corporate and financial affairs of the Federation;
(c) may seek such advice as it considers appropriate and
(d) shall work in close collaboration with the chairmen of committees established by The Council;
(e) shall, following each Executive Committee meeting, distribute a memorandum of the meeting’s decisions to the national authorities, members of The Council and committee chairmen; and
(f) shall, in all its actions and deliberations the Executive Committee shall report to The Council.

69. The Executive Committee shall nominate the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of committees of The Council, shall submit these nominations to The Council for ratification, and shall submit the names of proposed committee members to The Council in accordance with the Regulations.

70. The appointment of the Secretary General and the Treasurer shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

71. The Executive Committee may delegate any of its powers to any committee consisting of one or more members as they may determine. Any such delegation may be subject to such conditions as they may impose which may be revoked or varied. The proceedings of any such committee shall be governed by these Articles.

72.1 Members of the Executive Committee shall not be entitled to take their seats in the Executive Committee or join in any vote or other business of the Executive Committee until they have delivered to the Secretary General such documents as shall be required by him in order to enable the Federation to comply with the requirements under Isle of Man law as to the registration of directors and company administration.

72.2 Members of the Executive Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

73. No person shall be eligible for nomination as a candidate for the office of President if he has held that office for the immediate preceding continuous period of eight years, nor for the office of Vice-President if he has held that office for the immediate preceding continuous period of eight years. If more than two Vice-Presidents would thereby become ineligible, this provision shall affect those two Vice-Presidents having the longest period of continuous service; if two or more have equal seniority, then in the absence of agreement between them, all of those having equal seniority shall be eligible for nomination, and a vote of the General Assembly shall be taken before the votes for Vice-President to determine which of them shall stand for re-election as Vice-President.

74. Five or more Member National Authorities may nominate any eligible person as a candidate for such offices provided that such nominations are received by the Secretary General at least eight weeks before the commencement of the meeting.
ELECTION COMMITTEE

75. Not less than eight weeks before a Meeting of the General Assembly, the Council shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of not more than five members.

76. The Election Committee shall:
   (a) determine whether or not a nominated candidate is eligible for election;
   (b) publish a list of eligible candidates nominated in accordance with Article 74 together with the names of their nominating Member National Authorities for distribution with the agendas of Council
   (c) be responsible for the conduct of the election and the votes taken for the candidates during the meeting of the General Assembly.

REVIEW BOARD

77. Constitution of the Review Board
   (a) There shall be a Review Board appointed by the Council at its first meeting after each Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly. Should a vacancy occur, among the appointed members or there be a need for more members, the Council may appoint a replacement or more members at the next meeting. The Review Board shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and not less than ten and not more than twenty five members.
   (b) The Review Board shall, for the purpose of deciding matters referred to the Board, operate by review panels of three or five members (no more than two of which shall be from the same country) appointed by the Chairman of the Review Board, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman.

78. Membership
   In appointing members to the Review Board, the Council should note the following requirements:
   (a) Members shall be proficient in the English language,
   (b) At least one-third of the members shall have a legal background,
   (c) Members shall have a substantial yachting and sports background,
   (d) Members shall be persons of the highest integrity from the world yachting community.

79. Authority and Functions
   The Review Board will decide on:
   79.1 As to questions of Eligibility
   (a) A request by a Member National Authority or the ISAF Executive Committee for review and confirmation, revision, modification or annulment of its own decision affecting a competitor's ISAF eligibility; and
   (b) Any appeal which a competitor or prospective competitor files with the Review Board, concerning his or her eligibility under the Articles, the Regulations, the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Equipment Rules of Sailing; or the Constitution, Regulations or Rules adopted by International Classes and Recognised Classes designated as such in accordance with the Regulations; and
   (c) Any appeal which a competitor is entitled to make to the Review Board concerning:
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(i) the Competitor’s ISAF Eligibility under the Regulations, the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Equipment Rules of Sailing, or

(ii) Concerning the competitor’s ISAF Class eligibility under the Classes’ Constitution or Regulations (or equivalent thereof), or

(iii) Concerning the competitor’s ISAF or other eligibility under the Constitution, By-laws, Regulations, Rules or governing documents of any kind made, adopted or acknowledged by any governing body or authority in respect of any Special Events or Class Events as defined in the Regulations.

In these Articles, the Regulations and any sailing activities governed by them, eligibility means the status required to enter events as generally set out in the Eligibility Code contained in the Regulations or in any documents governing any Class or Event which are of a similar nature and intent.

79.2 Generally, any appeal by any person or organization where these Articles of the Regulations specifically authorize that person or organization to make such an appeal.

80. Procedure

The Review Board shall establish its own rules and procedure. The Board may require those applying or requesting a review or causing costs of the Board or one of its panels to exceed normal costs to pay such fee as it may determine.

A copy of the rules and procedure of the Review Board as adopted from time to time shall be furnished promptly to each National Authority.

81. Decisions of the Review Board:

(a) Shall be by simple majority,

(b) May confirm, revise, modify or annul the decision which is the subject of the appeal, or order the body that made the decision to hear or rehear the case. Except in a case which is the subject of an appeal in accordance with Article 82, its decision shall be final and binding upon all bodies that are subject to the Federation’s Articles, Regulations, and Rules and upon any competitors or persons to whom they apply.

82. Appeal of a Review Board Decision

Notwithstanding Article 81, there shall be a right of appeal by any of the parties from any decision of the Review Board:

(a) In any case involving accredited Olympic Competitors, in which the Court of Arbitration for Sport has properly established its jurisdiction under the Olympic Code for Sports,

(b) In any other case in which a competitor consents to the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in respect of the appeal.

INTERNATIONAL AND RECOGNIZED CLASS ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS

83. One representative of each ICA member and each Affiliate Member shall be entitled to attend and speak on behalf of his class or organization at Meetings of the General Assemblies, but shall not be entitled to vote.

84. ICA members and affiliate members shall be entitled to such representation on committees as may be specified in the Regulations made by the Council from time to
OFFICERS OF HONOUR

85. On a proposal made by the President, the General Assembly may, as a mark of respect or of appreciation for past services to the Federation, elect any distinguished yachtsman to an Office of Honour. Offices of Honour may include that of President of Honour, or Vice-President of Honour, or such other title of Honour as the General Assembly may at the time of the election prescribe.

86. Unless otherwise prescribed by the General Assembly at the time of the election, an individual person elected to an Office of Honour shall hold such Office for the remainder of his life.

87. On election to an Office of Honour he shall be deemed to have retired from the office or position in the Federation previously held by him. An Officer of Honour shall nevertheless be entitled to attend and to participate in the deliberations of all meetings of the General Assembly, the Council and its committees, but shall not be entitled to vote unless specifically appointed to a committee. (For the avoidance of doubt, an Officer of Honour shall not, unless otherwise specifically appointed to such position, be a director or other executive officer of the Federation.)

SECRETARY GENERAL

88. Subject to the provisions of the Acts the Secretary General shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for such time at such remuneration and upon such conditions as it may think fit, and any Secretary General so appointed may be removed by it. The provisions of section 19 Companies Act 1982 shall apply and be observed. The Executive Committee may from time to time by resolution appoint an assistant or deputy Secretary General, and any person so appointed may act in place of the Secretary General if there be no Secretary General or no Secretary General capable of acting.

89. Subject to the supervision of the Executive Committee the Secretary General shall be responsible for the maintenance of a secretariat adequate to deal with the affairs of the Federation. The Secretary General shall cause proper minutes to be kept of all proceedings of the General Assembly, the Council and other committees.

DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

90. (a) The Council may establish Divisions or Sections of the Federation comprising members having an interest in a particular form of sailing or in an activity associated with any form of sailing. Any such Division or Section shall be constituted and its affairs shall be conducted in accordance with Regulations made by the Council under Article 43. Such Regulations shall define the functions of the Division or Section and may make provisions concerning such matters as:

(i) the election of a Divisional or Sectional Council;
(ii) the election of a Chairman and other officers of the Division or Section;
(iii) the finances of the Division or Section.

(b) The Council shall not delegate to a Division or Section any function the exercise of which would derogate from the rights of the Member National Authorities of the Federation.

(c) The Council may if it thinks fit require members of a Division or Section to pay an additional subscription to meet the costs of the Division or Section.
(d) The Council may dissolve any Division or Section at any time, subject to full prior consultation with its members.

ACCOUNTS

91. The Executive Committee shall cause accounting records to be kept in accordance with the requirements of the Acts.

92. The accounting records shall be kept at the Office, or, subject to the provisions of the Acts, at such other place or places as the Executive Committee shall think fit, and shall always be open to the inspection of the Officers of the Federation.

93. The Executive Committee shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounting records of the Federation or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being officers of the Federation, and no member (not being an officer) shall have any right of inspecting any accounting records or other book or document of the Federation except as conferred by statute or authorized by the Executive Committee or by the Federation in General Meeting.

94. At the Annual General Meeting in every year the Executive Committee shall in accordance with the provisions of the Acts lay before the Federation an income and expenditure account for the period since the last preceding accounting reference date together with a proper balance sheet made up as at the same date. Every such balance sheet shall be accompanied by proper reports of the Executive Committee and the Auditors, and copies of such account, balance sheet and reports (all of which shall be framed in accordance with any statutory requirements for the time being in force) and of any other documents required by law to be annexed or attached thereto or to accompany the same shall, not less than twenty-one clear days before the date of the meeting at which they are to be laid, be delivered or sent by post to the Auditors and to all other persons entitled to receive notice of General Meetings in accordance with section 11 Companies Act 1982 in the manner in which notices are hereinafter directed to be served. The Auditors' report shall be open to inspection and be read before the meeting as required by section 15 Companies Act 1982.

AUDIT

95. In accordance with the provisions of the Acts once at least in every year the accounts of the Federation shall be examined and the correctness of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified Auditor or Auditors.

96. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Acts, the members of the Executive Committee being treated for all purposes as the Directors mentioned in those provisions.

THE SEAL

97. (a) The seal of the Federation shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority and in the presence of at least two members of the Executive Committee and of the Secretary General, and the said members and Secretary General shall sign every instrument to which the seal shall be so affixed in their presence, and in favour of any purchaser or person bona fide dealing with the Federation such signatures shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the seal has been properly affixed.

(b) The Federation may exercise the powers conferred by the Act
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(i) with regard to having an Official Seal for use abroad and such powers shall be vested in the Executive Committee; and

(ii) to dispense with the need for a Seal pursuant to Section 29A Companies Act 1931.

NOTICES

98. A notice may be served given by the Federation upon any Full or other Member or members of the Council or the Federation, either personally or by sending it by post, facsimile or e-mail to that party at their registered address or to the address or electronic address, if any, supplied to the Federation for the giving of notices to that party. Notices sent by facsimile or e-mail shall be deemed to have been effected immediately.

99. Any notice, if served by post, shall be deemed to have been served on the seventh day following that on which the letter containing the same is put into the post, and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put into the post office as a prepaid first class airmail letter.

WINDING UP

100. If upon winding up of the Federation there remains, after the satisfaction of the Federation’s debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Federation but be transferred by way of gift to some other institution or institutions which in the opinion of the Executive Committee (subject to the approval of the Member National Authorities obtained at a meeting of the Member National Authorities called for such purpose prior to a winding up of the Federation) has objectives similar to those of the Federation and which institution or institutions shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income or property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as those restrictions place upon the Federation by virtue of the provisions of Article 62. In so far as effect cannot be given to the provisions of this Article 100 by want only of a suitable institution to receive the said property, such property shall be distributed to any institution selected by the Executive Committee which would be regarded under the law of the Isle of Man as being charitable in nature.

INDEMNITY

101. Every member of the Executive Committee or other officer of the Federation shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Federation against all losses or liabilities which he may sustain or incur in or about the execution of the duties of his office or otherwise in relation thereto, and no member of the Executive Committee or other officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Federation in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto, but this Article shall only have effect in so far as its provisions are not avoided by Section 151(a) Companies Acts 1931. The Executive Committee shall have power to purchase and maintain for any member of the Executive Committee, officer or auditor of the Federation insurance against any such liability as is referred to in Section 151(a) Companies Acts 1931.
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PROVISIONS RELATING TO GENERAL MEETINGS

1. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Member National Authorities, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or at such other place as the Executive Committee may determine.

2. The President of the Federation shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting, but if at any meeting he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, or shall be unwilling to preside, the Member National Authorities present shall choose some member of the Council, or if no such member be present, or if all the members of the Council present decline to take the chair, they shall choose some representative of a Member National Authority who shall be present to preside.

3. The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time, and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

Whenever a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner as of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid, the Member National Authorities shall not be entitled to any notice of an adjournment, or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

4. Subject to the provisions of the Acts, a resolution in writing signed by the duly authorized delegates of all the Member National Authorities for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at General Meetings shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a General Meeting of the Federation duly convened and held.

5. Save as expressly provided in these Articles, no member other than the properly appointed delegate of a Member National Authority, which shall have paid every subscription and other sum (if any) which shall be due and payable to the Federation in respect of its membership, shall be entitled to vote on any question at any General Meeting.

6. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

7.1 Votes may be given on a poll only by a properly appointed delegate.

7.2 A corporation may only vote by its duly authorized delegate appointed in accordance with these Articles.

8. The instrument appointing a delegate shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or its attorney duly authorized in writing, or if such appointor is a corporation under its common seal or under the hand of some officer duly authorized in that behalf.

9. The instrument appointing a delegate and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified or office copy thereof shall be deposited at the Office or with the Secretary General not less than twenty-four hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or before the time appointed for the taking of a poll, and in default the person so named shall not be entitled to vote in respect thereof. No instrument
of appointment shall be valid after the expiration of twelve months from the date of its execution.

10. A vote given shall be valid notwithstanding the previous revocation of the appointment of the relevant delegate, provided that no intimation in writing of the revocation as aforesaid shall have been received the Secretary General before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the appointment is used.

11. Any instrument appointing a delegate shall be in the following form or as near thereto as circumstances will admit:-

'We,     ,
'of     ,
'a Member National Authority of the Federation,     ,
'hereby appoint     ,
'of     ,

as our delegate to vote for us on our behalf at the '[Annual/Extraordinary] General Meeting of the
'Federation to be held on     20 ,
'and at any adjournment thereof.
'Signed on     20 .'

The instrument appointing a delegate shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret vote or poll.
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   3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Celtic House  
   Victoria Street  
   Douglas  
   Isle of Man IM1 2SJ

___________________________________  
For an on behalf of Fort Street Nominees Limited

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For and on behalf of Jordan Nominees (I.O.M.) Limited

Dated: 28 June 1996

Witness to the above signatures:  
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<td>Where the context so admits, 'boat' shall include sailboard, windsurfer, kiteboard and other sailing device.</td>
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<td>Class</td>
<td>A Class of boat includes boats which conform to a physical specification intended to allow competitive racing among their Class under the Racing Rules of Sailing. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Classes include boats with one-design, restricted, and developmental specifications as these terms are applied generally.</td>
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<td>A National Class for the purposes of this Regulation is a class where the National Authority has substantial authority in the direction or management of the Class.</td>
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### ISAF Representative
For the purposes of these regulations an ISAF Representative is a person who is elected, appointed or requested to act on behalf of ISAF in any capacity. Specifically excluded are the ISAF Officers of Honour.

### Media Rights
Media Rights, as they apply to Regulation 25 are defined in Regulation 25.11.

### Member
Other than a Full Member, as defined in Article 1.1.

### Member, Full
As defined in Article 1.1.

### Notice
Any communication sent to ISAF addressed to and sent in the manner set out in ISAF Regulation 15.2.

### Oceanic
For the purposes of these Regulations, Oceanic is ‘Any offshore race over 800 miles’.

### Offshore Racing
Racing in any boats capable of complying with the requirements of Category 4 of the Offshore Special Regulations.

### Rating or Handicap Systems and Class Associations
Groups with a supporting management and Owners Associations.

### Racing Rules and RRS
The racing rules are the rules in the current book called *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. A particular racing rule, such as racing rule 10, On Opposite Tacks, is referred to as ‘RRS 10’.

### Regulations
As defined in Section 1 of the Articles.

### Submission
A Submission is a request for Council to take action in the form and manner and at the times set out in Regulation 15.

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Words that are defined in the ISAF Articles have the same meaning in the ISAF Regulations.
SECTION 1 - ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNAL GOVERNANCE

PART I - Membership and Council

1. ISAF MEMBERSHIP – FULL, ASSOCIATE AND CONTINENTAL

1.1 An applicant for membership shall apply by completing the application form and questionnaire supplied by ISAF in a suitably complete manner with all supplementary documents.

1.2 The applicant shall pay the required subscription (subject to any remission sanctioned by ISAF).

Where there is only one Applicant for Membership that is an existing National Organization representing sailors (Case 1)

1.3 Where there is only one applicant for membership pursuant to Article 5.1 that is, an existing National Organization representing Sailors, the applicant organization shall meet all of the following criteria:

   The applicant:
   (a) shall be organized on a national basis and capable of exercising its mandate wherever there is significant sailing activity;
   (b) shall be recognized by the National Sports Authority if there is one, whether it be government sponsored or not;
   (c) shall be recognized, either at the time of the application or within three months of becoming an ISAF Member, by the National Olympic Committee if there is one;
   (d) represents officially through membership or affiliation, a significant majority of the yacht or sailing clubs and other sailing organizations of the country;
   (e) while not mandatory, it is expected that an applicant National Authority shall be a member of regional sailing organizations for which it is eligible;
   (f) while not mandatory, participation in international racing is desirable and encouraged.

Challenging the Eligibility for Membership of a National Authority who is applying for Membership (Case 2)

1.4 Where an organization claiming to be exercising the authority to regulate and manage the sport of sailing in one country is seeking membership in the Federation or in the case of two or more such organizations seeking membership in respect of the same country, before the membership of any of such applicant is accepted by the Council:

   (a) if the Notices calling a pending meeting the Council have been mailed, the Council; or
   (b) if such Notices have not been mailed, the Executive Committee shall determine whether there is a valid competition between organizations to become a Full Member for that country. The purpose of such determination is to ensure that only organizations having a valid claim to being a National Authority are given status as parties to the determination of competing applications.

1.5 The Executive Committee or the Council, whichever has the carriage of the matter, shall direct the applicants to meet the criteria of being a National Authority. The Secretary General on the completion of his information gathering shall report to the Executive Committee or to the Council as the case may be his opinion as to which, if any, of the
organizations are qualified as applicants. The Executive Committee or the Council shall examine the material collected by the Secretary General and shall make a determination as to which applicants shall be determined to be Applicants with status in the process of determining the organization, if any, that shall be accepted as a Full Member representing the Country in question.

1.6 Once the number of Applicants has been determined, if there is only one Applicant it shall proceed as in the case of an uncontested application for Full Membership under Article 5.1 and Regulation 1.3.

1.7 If there is more than one Applicant the process is a Contested Application and the procedure set forth in Regulations 1.30 to 1.40 shall be followed with such changes as are necessary to suit the case. In particular, an Applicant’s submission shall be in two parts: (a) an application to become a Full Member, and (b) a submission challenging any or all of the other Applicant’s submissions. For the purposes of the procedure in Regulations 2.30 to 2.40, part (b) of each Applicant’s submission shall be treated as a submission challenging the other Applicant’s part (a) submission pursuant to Regulation 2.31.

1.7.1 In determining a Contested Application the Applicant parties, and any official or body of the ISAF considering Applications or any material arising there from shall consider the criteria set forth in 2.3 and 2.9.

Cases where there is either no Established National Organization meeting the above criteria or where there is a Contested Application (Case 3)

1.8 The suggestions in this section will comprise the criteria for all other cases. These will principally be:

(a) cases where there is not a National Authority covering the nation (such as a Club or an organization or one or more clubs who organize racing for themselves or others);

(b) where there are competing bodies claiming jurisdiction over sailing in general or particular kinds of sailing;

(c) cases where government authority have attempted or succeeded in forcing sailors into a government-sponsored organization but where there are independent organizations of sailors existing.

1.9 In general it will not be possible to require all of the criteria necessary in Case 1 for cases in Case 2. The overriding principle will be to choose the organization which represents the most sailors, or the most active sailors, and can best provide the services expected of a Member National Authority. It will be of paramount concern that the organization is organized to provide adequate representation of the club or sailor members:

(a) In Case 3 described in 2.8(a) and 2.8(b), it is assumed there will be one or more competently organized sailing organizations in the nation. It will be necessary to balance the degree of representation of sailing activity and the capability to provide adequate services in deciding what organization should be recognized. It should be recognized that in some situations ISAF should encourage a reorganization of sailing within a country and that no membership should be accepted until a reasonable solution is found. It should also be recognized that separate organizations which govern only one aspect of sailing can apply for affiliate membership without being the Member National Authority;

(b) Recognition by the National Sports Authority will be a major positive criteria for acceptance as a member but not absolutely mandatory;
(c) Recognition by the International Olympic Committee will also be a major positive criteria for acceptance and, except in unusual cases (such as inability to afford contesting in the Olympics), would be mandatory;

(d) Criteria 1.2(e) and 1.2(f) of Case 1 would be less important in Cases 1.8(a) and 1.8(b);

(e) Cases described in 1.8(c) are probably not capable of having specific mandatory criteria applied in advance. The criteria in Cases 1.3(a) to (f) and 1.10 would need to be considered. While great consideration should be given to a body which is recognized by either the national sports organization and/or the International Olympic Committee, it should be recognized that this alone is not necessarily sufficient. It should be recognized that where there is existing conflict between organizations purporting to represent sailors as a national authority, ISAF may wish to make suggestions to allow a membership to be accepted.

Specific Requirements (applies to all applications under Regulations 1.3-1.9 inclusive)

1.10. In addition to the criteria set out in Regulations 1.12 to 1.15, an applicant shall have a Constitution which has been passed by a majority of the members at a meeting duly called for that purpose. The Constitution shall provide, among other things, for:

(a) reasonable representation of all sailing bodies which are members. Without limiting the foregoing, members shall include yacht and sailing clubs, multi-sport clubs which provide sailing, class associations, specialized sailing and sailing associations; and

(b) at least one annual meeting of members for which notice is provided of the meeting and the business to be conducted at the meeting;

1.10.1 However, where the circumstances in the country concerned are such that the provisions of paragraph 1.10.1 are not practical, ISAF shall be satisfied that such other arrangements have been made that represent the best interests of every class of members referred to in it. Where practical to do so, the Constitution or documents witnessing such other arrangement shall be approved by the members at a meeting duly called for that purpose.

1.11 The Constitution or the document witnessing such other arrangements shall be approved by the Constitution Committee and referred to the Executive Committee for its approval and then to the Council for final approval.

1.12 Where the Constitution Committee considers that the applicant’s constitution or other document does not meet either the requirements of Regulations 1.10.1 or 1.10.2 or where the Executive Committee or Council considers that for any other valid reason the applicant does not meet the requirements for full membership, the Executive Committee may recommend to the applicant that it becomes an Associate Member of ISAF, in which case ISAF shall provide the applicant with such advice and assistance as will enable it to apply for full membership in due course.

1.13 Reserved for future use

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Associate Membership

1.16 Pursuant to Articles 4 and 5.1, there shall be a membership category for National Authorities called Associate Membership. Associate Membership will generally be available to smaller National Authorities for whom the expense of Full Membership would
be a burden or that find it difficult to comply with all the requirements of Regulations 1.3 and 1.10.

1.17 Associate Members will receive different benefits to ISAF Full Members, and should focus on the development of sailing. Associate Members shall be entitled to:

(a) hold ISAF Training Programmes (i.e. Race Officials, Learn-To-Sail Training Programmes);
(b) receive specified ISAF Publications;
(c) receive ISAF Mailings and Circulars;
(d) participate in ISAF Events, World and Continental Championships, and Regional Games, with the approval of the ISAF Council;
(e) attend open meetings of the ISAF General Assembly and the ISAF Annual and Mid-Year Meetings as an observer.

1.18 Associate Members shall not be entitled to:

(a) any services or information from ISAF, apart from those detailed above, or as publicly available on the ISAF website;
(b) make submissions to ISAF;
(c) appoint ISAF Council Members;
(d) nominate individuals for the position of ISAF President or Vice-President, or ISAF Committees;
(e) be represented at the ISAF General Assembly;
(f) participate in the Olympic Sailing Competition, unless payment of past subscriptions are received.

1.19 Countries approved as Associate Members shall:

(a) pay an annual subscription or as alternatively fixed by the Board of Directors;
(b) be entitled to be an Associate Member for a maximum of three years only, after which continuing membership will be at the discretion of the ISAF Council, following recommendation by the ISAF Executive Committee.

1.20 Application for Associate Member status shall be made to the Secretary General who shall place it before the ISAF Council. The ISAF Council shall take into consideration the status of the sport in the country and of the constitution of the National Authority making the application.

1.21 The ISAF Executive Committee may suspend and Council may cancel the membership of an Associate Member which has failed to pay its subscription for a period of at least 12 calendar months after the due date or in the opinion of the ISAF Council has failed to comply with its or his membership obligations in a material respect..

Continental Associations

1.22 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 countries in its area; and
(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 Member National Authorities that are members;
(ii) at least one annual general meeting each year; and
(iii) the election of officers.
(e) 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.

1.23 Applications for Continental Affiliate Membership shall be made to the Secretary General who shall place it before the Executive Committee who will make a recommendation to Council.

1.24 Continental Affiliate Members shall pay an annual subscription of such sum as shall be designated by the ISAF Executive Committee from time to time.

1.25 The ISAF Council may suspend or cancel the membership of a Continental Affiliate Member on the following grounds:

(a) that in the opinion of the ISAF Council it has failed to comply with the objects set out in Regulation 1.22;
(b) that its membership no longer comprised two-thirds of the member national authorities existing in the Continent it represents;
(c) that another organization exists that better represents the sport of sailing in the continent concerned and that can better comply with the criteria set out in Regulation 1.22.

1.26 The Executive Committee may suspend or cancel the membership of a Continental Affiliate Member on the grounds that it has failed to pay its subscription for a period of at least 12 calendar months after the due date.

Membership: Subscriptions and Withdrawal of Privileges

1.27 When a Member National Authority has been in arrears on all or part of its subscription, fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary companies or any of their predecessors for a period of 30 days, upon certification of the same by the Secretary General, ISAF may suspend or cancel the Member National Authority’s right and the right of its members to participate;

(a) in ISAF events; or
(b) Regional Games sailing events.
1.28 When an ISAF Class has been in arrears on all or part of its subscription, fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary companies or any of their predecessors for a period of 30 days, upon certification of the same by the Secretary General, ISAF may suspend or cancel the ISAF Class’s right and the right of its members:

(a) to participate in ISAF events; or
(b) to hold a World Championship.

**Member National Authority Questionnaire**

1.29 In the second year following a General Assembly, the Secretary General shall undertake an audit of all Member National Authorities in order to collect relevant statistical and general sailing information. It shall be mandatory for each Member National Authority to complete and return the questionnaire to the ISAF Secretariat, within the timeframe determined by ISAF.

**Member Challenging the Membership of a Full Member**

1.30 No submission for the cancellation of the membership of a Full Member pursuant to Articles 15 and 16 shall be laid before the Council unless it is made in writing by an organization authorized to make such a submission pursuant to Article 15 and has first been examined together with the evidence, arguments and allegations cited in support thereof, by the Constitution Committee.

The purpose of such an examination shall be to ensure that irrelevant matters shall be excluded from the deliberations of the Council and that the Full Member concerned should have a proper opportunity to be informed and to answer the case that has been submitted in support of the cancellation of the membership of that Full Member.

The Constitution Committee may also advise as to the details of the procedure to be followed in dealing with the submission provided that such advice is not contrary to the Articles and Regulations governing these proceedings.

1.31 A submission for the cancellation of the membership of a Full Member under Article 15 shall:

(a) state the grounds upon which such cancellation is sought;
(b) include a summary of the allegations and evidence that will be cited in support of the submission; and
(c) include copies of any documentary evidence upon which it is intended to rely.

1.32 Notwithstanding Regulation 1.6, any such submission shall be submitted to the Secretary General so that it shall be received by him not less than ten weeks before the meeting of the Council at which the submission shall be considered.

1.33 The Secretary General shall forthwith send a copy of all material received by him in respect of the submission to the Full Member concerned by registered first class post.

1.34 The Full Member concerned shall submit to the Secretary General, within thirty days of having received the material referred to in Regulation 1.33, a reply to the submission which shall include a summary of the evidence and arguments which shall be cited against the submission, and copies of any documentary evidence upon which it is intended to rely.

1.35 The submission and reply (together with accompanying documents) shall be examined by the Constitution Committee which may direct that any arguments or evidence which is considers irrelevant for the purposes of the Council’s deliberations shall be excluded or
that documents shall be put forward in or accompanied by a summarized or abbreviated form.

1.36 The submission and reply (together with the accompanying documents) shall then, amended as necessary pursuant to the above examination by the Constitution Committee, be submitted to the Council. Each member of the Council shall be provided with copies of all the relevant documents at least seventy-two hours prior to the meeting at which the submission and the reply, if any, is to be considered.

1.37 At any such meeting of the Council the Full Member making the submission shall be given an opportunity to make an oral presentation (which may not introduce any new evidence or material not included in the written presentation or introduce any new argument not fairly raised in the written presentation), following which the Full Member which is the subject of the submission (the “Full Member concerned”) shall be given an opportunity to supplement its written reply and, in particular, to answer any of the points made in the said oral presentation.

1.38 A lawyer retained by the Federation shall be present at such meeting of the Council available to advise the Chairman upon procedural or legal matters that may arise during the course of the meeting. The Chairman may also call on the Chairman of the Constitution Committee (if he is a lawyer) or his nominee from among the legal members of the Constitution Committee to advise on matters arising out of the Committee’s participation in the process of preparing the submission. The Chairman shall rule on any procedural matters that may arise, and his ruling thereon shall be final and binding.

1.39 The procedure to be followed in respect of any review by the General Assembly of the cancellation of the membership of a Full Member shall be similar to the procedure prescribed above in relation to a cancellation of membership.

1.40 Any request by the Full Member concerned for a review by the General Assembly shall be treated in the same manner as a submission referred to in Regulation 1. The Full Member who made the original submission for cancellation of the membership of the Full Member concerned shall be entitled to receive all the relevant documents and to address the General Assembly, and the Full Member concerned shall be entitled to speak in reply.

2. REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL

2.1 Representation of Full Members on Council

2.1.1 ISAF shall publish from time to time its policy with regard to the representation on Council of the two genders and shall circulate Member National Authorities with the policy at the start of the nomination process.

2.2 To enable the distribution of seats of representatives of Full Members on the Council in accordance with the principle laid down in Regulation 2.1, the following system shall be used:

(a) There shall be six Regions from which representatives of Full Members shall be appointed to the Council, based on the numbers of members (individuals) associated or affiliated with the Full Members in each Region. The Regions are:
(i) Africa,
(ii) Asia,
(iii) Oceania,
(iv) Europe,
(v) North America and the Caribbean,
(vi) Central and South America.

(b) Within each Region one or more Groups of Full Members from within that Region shall be formed. Each Group shall have at least one and, except for an exceptional Group representing an unusually large number of sailors, not more than three representatives on the Council, based on the number of members (individuals) associated or affiliated with the Full Members in that Region. The total number of Groups per Region shall not exceed the number of seats of that Region on the Council.

(c) In exceptional cases a Full Member from within one Region can join a Group from within another Region. Any application for such re-allocation should be made by the Full Member to the ISAF in writing.

2.3 Groups of Full Members as described in Regulation 2.2(b) shall be formed on the basis of the following criteria (in order of priority):

(a) geography and Racing Co-operation;
(b) language;
(c) Regional Games;
(d) ethnic makeup;
(e) balance between large and small nations in a Group;
(f) economic interaction and co-operation; and
(g) any specific request of a Full Member made in writing.

2.4 Every four years, the representation of Full Members on the Council through the Groups as mentioned in Article 40(a) and (b) and Schedule A of the Articles of Association shall be reviewed by the Constitution Committee and any changes considered necessary shall be presented to the Council and the ordinary meeting of the General Assembly for their approval.

2.4.1 At any other time on the initiative of the Executive Committee or the Constitution Committee itself, the representation of the Full Members on the Council through the groups as mentioned in Regulation 2.1 may be reviewed by the Constitution Committee and any changes considered necessary shall be presented to the Council to be dealt with in accordance with Article 40(b).

2.4.2 If the provisions of Schedule A are changed by the Council pursuant to Article 40(b) in such a way that there are changes in the number of Groups or the number of the Council members assigned to any Groups, nominations by the Groups of Full Members to reflect the changes in Schedule A shall be notified to the Secretary General in the manner provided for in Article 40(c) for the next meeting of the Council after the Council has voted such changes in Schedule A.

2.4.3 Any changes to Schedule A which require the type of changes referred to in Regulation 8.3 pursuant to Regulations 2.1 to 2.3 shall be made at the next Council meeting after the meeting which made the changes and the term of the Council members so affected shall be changed accordingly as provided in Article 40(c).
2.5 In conducting a review of the Groups, the Constitution Committee shall proceed as follows:
(a) the relevant information from each Full Member shall be accumulated by means of a written questionnaire;
(b) the number of seats representing Full Members on the Council shall be re-allocated according to Regulation 2.2(a);
(c) the maximum number of Groups per Region shall be determined, and if necessary, recommendations for re-allocation of Full Members to Groups shall be drawn up;
(d) Full Members concerned shall be asked to express themselves concerning their possible re-allocation to Groups; and
(e) if the above mentioned actions result in any necessary changes, they shall be presented to the Council and the next ordinary meeting of the General Assembly for approval.

3. COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

3.1 Agenda

3.1.1 The agenda for Council meetings shall be settled by the President and shall include the following items:
(a) apologies;
(b) minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising;
(c) report on financial matters;
(d) submissions, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 15;
(e) committee Reports and Recommendations; and
(f) any Other Business.

3.1.2 Without restricting the power of Council to debate any matter it considers appropriate at any time, in normal circumstances the Mid-Year Meeting and other meetings of Council except the Annual Meeting shall be for Council to debate and vote on policy, and urgent matters.

3.1.3 The Annual Meeting shall be for all other matters.

3.2 Minutes

3.2.1 Minutes of each meeting shall be prepared by the Secretary General, whose draft shall be approved by the Chairman of the meeting. After such approval the draft will be circulated to all members of Council present at the meeting within three weeks of the meeting except in exceptional circumstances. Members of Council may propose amendments to any entry in the minutes which they do not consider constitute a fair and true representation of what took place at the meeting. The Chairman shall consider their objections but his decision as to the contents of the minutes to be published shall be final.

3.2.2 Council members wishing to propose amendments to the draft shall send them to the Secretary General within two weeks from the date the draft minutes were circulated to Council.
3.2.3 Once the Council minutes have been considered by Council and published, further amendments may only be proposed by a Council member and shall be put on the next Council agenda for consideration.

3.2.4 Except when a ballot is secret as provided in Article 46, any Full Member and any member of Council may request within twenty-eight days of the publication of the Council Minutes that a list of the names be published of Council Members who voted and how they voted on an issue specified in the request. That list shall be published by the Secretary General within fourteen days of the request being made and shall be attached to the minute dealing with the issue concerned.

3.3 Rules of Debate

3.3.1 Motions shall be proposed to the Council based on the submissions and recommendations received. Any matter proposed to the Council shall require to be seconded. The proposer will open the debate. At the end of this introduction, there will be an opportunity for questions to clarify any doubtful points.

3.3.2 Members of the Council will then be called upon to speak in turn. They shall address their remarks to the chair. Other members shall not interrupt. No member shall speak until called upon by the chair. Members, other than the proposer, will not normally be entitled to make more than one speech in each debate. There will be no fixed time limit but speeches are to be kept short.

3.3.3 When all members who wish to do so have spoken, the proposer will be given a chance to reply.

3.3.4 The Chairman shall state the final motion to be put to the vote.

3.3.5 The matter will then be voted on. A vote by members of the Council shall be made and in the case of a tie in votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

3.3.6 Article 46 of the Constitution deals with ballots.

3.3.7 Apart from minor amendments, which may be accepted at the proposer’s discretion, a matter will be passed, rejected or deferred. When a matter is deferred, the Council shall determine to which Committee the matter is deferred and the timeframe for the matter to be re-presented.

3.4 Attendance at Council Meetings

3.4.1 Committee Chairmen who cannot attend a meeting should arrange to be represented by a deputy, who shall normally be the Vice-Chairman.

3.4.2 A Council Member shall notify the Secretary General if he/she is unable to attend a Council meeting and may appoint an alternate in accordance Article 54 of the Constitution.

3.5 Financial or other interests

3.5.1 In a debate on any matter in which a member of the Council has a personal vested interest, whether financial or otherwise, the member shall advise the Chairman of that fact, and of the exact nature of the interest, if practicable in advance of the Council meeting, or otherwise at the earliest reasonable opportunity in the course of the debate. Notification of the reasons of the said interest shall be reported to the Council unless there are compelling grounds why such reasons should remain confidential. According to the exact nature of the interest, the Chairman or Council may require the member concerned
to leave the meeting for the whole or part of the debate. The Chairman may require the member to abstain from voting. The declaration and any decision by the Chairman shall be minuted.

3.6 Indemnity

3.6.1 The ISAF will maintain a professional indemnity insurance policy to cover members of its Council when acting in an official capacity.

3.7 General

3.7.1 In the event that these rules of procedure do not cover a particular situation or interpretation, the Chairman shall refer to general rules of procedure currently used in England.

PART II – Committees, Commission and Advisory Boards

4. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

4.1 When there are more candidates for election as President or as Vice-Presidents than there are places available, members of the General Assembly shall be provided with ballot papers listing alphabetically the names of all candidates nominated in accordance with Article 74 and certified to be eligible by the Election Committee in accordance with Article 76(a).

4.2 Election of the offices of President

(a) In an election for the office of President, a candidate must be elected by more than 50% of the votes and, if there are more than two candidates or a tie vote between two candidates, successive ballots may be necessary:

(i) the first ballot shall be taken and the members shall be directed to vote for one candidate only. The ballots shall be counted and the candidate with over 50% of the votes shall be declared the elected;

(ii) if no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes then a runoff vote will be held between the top two candidates. In the event there is a tie vote between the candidates in the second position, the runoff vote will be between the first candidate and those tied for second place;

(iii) in the runoff election, the candidate receiving more than 50% of the votes shall be declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, subsequent runoff elections will be held dropping out the person with the least number of votes until a candidate receiving more than 50% of the vote is declared elected.

(b) A ballot marked for more than one candidate shall be treated as an invalid ballot.

4.3 Election for Vice-Presidents

(a) In an election for Vice-Presidents, a candidate must be elected by more than 50% of the votes and, as there are seven offices to be filled, successive ballots shall be necessary:

(i) the first ballot shall be taken and the members shall be directed to vote for one candidate only. The ballots shall be counted and the candidate with over 50% of the votes shall be declared elected;
(ii) if no candidate received more than 50% of the votes then a runoff vote will be held between the top two candidates. In the event there is a tie vote between the candidates in the second position, the runoff vote will include all of them;

(iii) in the runoff election, the candidate receiving more than 50% of the votes shall be declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, subsequent runoff elections will be held dropping out the person with the least number of votes until a candidate receiving more than 50% of the vote is declared elected.

(b) Successive ballots shall be taken with the names of already elected candidates deleted or crossed out from the ballot. In each case the members shall be directed to vote for one candidate only. In each case the ballots shall be counted and the candidate with more than 50% of the votes shall be declared elected. If a candidate receives less than 50% of the vote then runoff elections shall be held according to 4.3(a)(ii) and (iii).

(c) If, after five Vice-Presidents have been elected and:

(i) there is not a woman elected as a Vice-President, the remaining men who are candidates shall become ineligible and a sixth and seventh ballot shall be taken among the women candidates only;

(ii) there has been at least one woman elected, the sixth ballot shall be taken with all the remaining unelected candidates eligible for the ballot;

(iii) there having been two women elected, the seventh ballot shall be taken with all remaining unelected candidates eligible for the ballot.

(iv) in the event that no woman candidate has been nominated or no woman is willing to stand for election, the Council shall appoint two women as Vice-Presidents and no further ballots shall be taken.

(d) A ballot marked for more than one candidate shall be treated as an invalid ballot.

4.4 All voting shall be by secret ballot.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

5.1 Nominations

(a) Except in the case of the Audit Committee, nominations of candidates for membership of Committees and Sub-committees may be made by Member National Authorities.

(b) The Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee but no employee of the ISAF or its subsidiary and associated companies shall be appointed. In making the appointment the Council will take into account the need for experience in matters of finance and/or investment.

5.1.1 In addition to provide for special representation required for organizations of sailors which are not directly represented through the process set out in Regulation 5.1 or for required specialty knowledge the following additional nominations may be made:

(a) ISAF Classes Committee

(i) An ICA Member may appoint one member to the ISAF Classes Committee. The ICA Members which have specific fleets for disabled sailing may appoint a second member to the ISAF Classes committee to represent the interests of disabled sailing. The names of these members shall be advised to the ISAF Secretariat in writing not less than fourteen days prior to any meeting of
(ii) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee shall be elected by the ISAF Classes Committee at the meeting held during the session of an ordinary meeting of the General Assembly or at any other time should a vacancy arise.

(iii) The Women referred to in Article 36.1(g) may select a women's representative for membership of the ISAF Classes Committee. The woman selected for this position shall be drawn from the women referred to in Article 36.1(g).

(iv) The ISAF Classes Committee may nominate candidates for membership of the Equipment, Events, Equipment Control, International Measurers Sub-committee, Class Rules Sub-committee and Windsurfing and kiteboarding Committees.

(b) Race Officials Committee

The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee may nominate candidates for membership in the Race Officials Committee and the International Judges, International Umpires, Race Management and International Measurers Sub-committees.

(c) Regional Games Committee

(i) Membership of the Regional Games Committee shall represent Regional Games organizations and specific geographic regions where Regional Games are likely to occur as defined from time to time by the Executive Committee.

(ii) The Member National Authorities represented as defined according to Regulation 5.1.1(c)(i) may collectively nominate candidates for membership in the Regional Games Committee, however only one nominee for each Regional Games Organization or Regional Organization may be recommended by the Executive Committee to the Council as provided by Regulation 5.2.1. The Member National Authorities from a particular Regional Games Organization or regional organization shall agree on their representative to be nominated. The process of such nomination is to be decided by the collective Member National Authority members of the particular organization.

(iii) Member National Authorities who are members of more than one Regional Games Organization or such regional organization as defined according to Regulation 5.1.1(c)(i) may participate in the selection of candidates in any of the organizations of which they are a member.

(iv) The foregoing provisions do not prevent additional members being nominated for the Regional Games Committee by the process in Regulation 5.1.

Nomination Process

5.1.2 All individuals nominated to an ISAF committee must sign, prior to their nomination being accepted, the following ‘release waiver’ as set out in on the ‘Committee Nomination Form’:

“In consideration of my appointment or election to the Executive Committee, Council or any ISAF committee, sub-committee, commission or working party (collectively, ‘ISAF committee’), and the payment of £1.00, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I assign and release to the International Sailing Federation (IOM) Ltd any
The forgoing assignment and release is irrevocable, and intended to be without restriction as to time or geography.

5.1.3 By signing the 'Committee Nomination Form' individuals also accept that the Federation may store their personal data electronically for use by the International Sailing Federation (IOM) Ltd and its subsidiaries.

5.1.4 All individuals nominated to an ISAF Committee must be able to communicate using e-mail.

5.1.5 All nominations for membership of Committees shall be received by the Secretary General not later than 1200 hours UTC 1 August in the year of the General Assembly save that nominations from the ISAF Classes Committee shall be received not later than the day before an Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly.

5.1.6 A Member National Authority may nominate an individual who is neither a national nor resident of the nominating country, but before doing so shall obtain the consent of the individual’s Member National Authority.

5.1.7 Nominating Member National Authorities must pay all the respective travel/accommodation cost for the Committee Member to attend ISAF Meetings or, as may be arranged between the Member National Authority and the delegate.

Appointment Process

5.2 The Secretary General shall submit to the Council (at its first meeting during the session of the General Assembly) an alphabetical list of candidates for membership of the Committees nominated in due time.

5.2.1 The Executive Committee shall, four days before the General Assembly, publish a list of recommendations for the appointment of members of Committees.

5.2.2 The Executive Committee shall, subject to any specific provisions in these regulations relating to a particular committee, so far as practicable follow the following guidelines:

(a) first consideration should be given to persons for their expertise rather than geographical location;
(b) not less than 25% of the members of each committee should be drawn from each gender;
(c) not less than 20% of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of all committee should be drawn from each gender;
(d) not more than two persons from any country should be included on any committee;
(e) there should not be a set number of members of any committee;
(f) there should not be a maximum period of time for any individual to sit on a particular committee; and
(g) consideration should be given to the relevant sailing experience of nominees.

5.2.3 Re-nominations, taken from those names nominated in due time under Regulation 5.1, 5.1.1 and 5.1.5 may be made by members of the Council in writing at least 30 hours before commencement of the General Assembly.
5.2.4 The New Executive Committee formed by the election of officers at the General Assembly shall, having considered any re-nominations, put its recommendations for the appointment of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and members of committees to the new Council within 60 days of the General Assembly. The ISAF Council via email vote shall confirm the recommendations.

5.2.5 The new Council may delete names from or add names to the list, provided that the names added had been nominated in accordance with Regulations 5.1, 5.1.1 and 5.1.5.

**Vacancies in Committee Membership**

5.3 A vacancy in a committee or sub-committee caused by resignation, lengthy inability to attend, incapacity or death may be filled at any Council meeting. The notification of the Secretary General referred to in Article 54 may be made at any time up to six weeks before the start of the next Council meeting.

5.3.1 The Secretary General shall prepare a list of those duly nominated to that committee or sub-committee at the last General Assembly, who are still willing to serve. The Secretary General shall provide that list to the Executive Committee and to Council. The Executive Committee shall choose from it a suitable nominee to fill each vacancy using the criteria listed in Regulation 5.2.2 and shall recommend the names of such candidates to Council.

5.3.2 The Council may approve the candidate or candidates submitted to fill the vacancy or may substitute the names of other nominees on the list.

**Responsibility of Committee Members**

5.4 Under Article 5.1, once appointed, a committee member becomes automatically an 'ISAF Member' and therefore a member of the Federation. The obligations of Articles 6 to 9 therefore apply. Committee members will also understand that he or she has been appointed in a voluntary capacity.

5.4.1 Any work undertaken in his or her capacity as a committee member shall belong to the Federation in accordance with Regulation 5.1.2.

5.4.2 A committee member will respect and keep confidential any information which he or she receives as a result of being a member of the Federation, at least until that information becomes public.

5.4.3 Any input by a committee member to the work of the Federation should be offered in the interests of the sport worldwide and, therefore, not nationally biased.

5.4.4 A committee member is expected to be at all properly scheduled meetings. Should two or more consecutive meeting be missed, the Executive Committee will review his or her membership.

5.4.5 A committee member is responsible for his or her own medical/travel insurance.

5.4.6 A committee member's appointment will be withdrawn if he or she is no longer a member of his/her respective Member National Authority, or a constituent member of a Member National Authority.

5.4.7 When it is brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that a committee chairman or vice-chairman is not fulfilling his or her obligations as chairman or vice-chairman the Executive Committee may make a recommendation to Council.
Sub-committees and Working Parties

5.5 A Committee may have one or more sub-committees appointed in accordance with Regulations 5.1, 5.1.1, 5.1.5 and Article 42.

5.5.1 Working parties

(a) A Committee may appoint working parties to deal with particular subjects.
(b) The appointing committee shall assign members of the committee to the working party, but may include any other person where it needs specific expertise.
(c) Council may appoint a joint working party from two or more committees with the consent of the Chairmen of those Committees.
(d) The appointing Committee shall select the working party for a set project or period. Unless dismissed earlier, membership of working parties automatically finishes in line with the term of appointment of the appointing committee.
(e) Working parties shall work under a standard terms of reference as follows:
   (i) members of the working party may work by e-mail;
   (ii) where meetings are necessary, working parties will use the offices of the ISAF Secretariat;
   (iii) at the first meeting of the appointing committee after the working party’s appointment, the members will present a defined set of objectives for their work; and
   (iv) the working party will present a record of its work at each subsequent meeting of the appointing committee.

5.5.2 Sub-committee and working parties shall not be entitled to financial or extra-ordinary assistance from the Secretariat without prior approval by the Executive Committee.

6 COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

6.1 Audit Committee

Constituting the committee

6.1.1 The Audit Committee shall consist of at least four members who shall include:

(a) a Chairman who shall be a person with experience in the work of the ISAF and who shall not be a member of the Executive Committee;
(b) the Treasurer;
(c) one Vice President; and
(d) one other member who may be a member of Council but not a member of the Executive Committee.

6.1.2 The Committee shall meet at least twice in every year and the quorum shall be two.

6.1.2.1 The President, the Secretary General and the External Auditor shall attend meetings when invited by the Committee. Other members of the Council may be invited to attend all or part of the Committee’s meetings.

6.1.2.2 The External Auditor shall attend at least one meeting a year at which meeting no part of the management of the ISAF shall be present.
6.1.3 The Committee is authorized to take all such steps as it deems appropriate to:

(a) investigate any activity of the ISAF and its subsidiaries within its responsibilities;
(b) seek and obtain any information that it requires from any employee of the ISAF or its subsidiaries; and
(c) obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice as it requires. Such advisors may attend meetings as the committee considers advisable.

Terms of reference

6.1.4 Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Committee shall be:

(a) to consider the appointment of the external auditor and assess independence of the external auditor;
(b) to discuss with the external auditor, the nature and scope of the audit and to review the auditors’ management letter and management response; to ensure that the provision of non audit services does not impair the external auditors’ independence or objectivity;
(c) to review the internal controls within the organization;
(d) to consider management’s response to any major external or internal control recommendations;
(e) to review the organization’s procedures for handling allegations from whistleblowers;
(f) to review management’s and auditor’s reports on the effectiveness of systems for financial control, financial reporting and risk management;
(g) to review, and challenge where necessary, the actions and judgements of management, in relation to the interim and annual financial statements before Submission to the Council, paying particular attention to:
   (i) critical accounting policies and practices, and any changes in them,
   (ii) decisions requiring a major element of judgement,
   (iii) the extent to which the financial statements are affected by any unusual transactions in the year and how they are disclosed,
   (iv) the clarity of disclosures,
   (v) significant adjustments resulting from the audit,
   (vi) the going concern assumption,
   (vii) compliance with accounting standards,
   (viii) compliance with legal requirements,
   (ix) reviewing the company’s statement on internal control systems prior to endorsement by the board and to review the policies and process for identifying and assessing business risks and the management of those risks by the company; and

(h) to consider other topics, as defined by the Council or the Executive Committee.

6.1.5 Reporting Procedures

(a) The Committee shall, after each meeting, report the Committee’s findings to the Executive Committee.
(b) The Committee members shall conduct an annual review of their work and these terms of reference and make recommendations to the Council.

(c) The Committee’s duties and activities during the year shall be disclosed in the annual financial statements.

(d) The Chairman shall attend Council meetings and the AGM and shall answer questions, through the President, on the Audit Committee’s activities and their responsibilities.

**Constitution Committee**

6.2 Constitution Committee

**Constituting the committee**

6.2.1 The Constitution Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.2.2 The Constitution Committee shall consist of 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.

**Terms of reference**

6.2.3 The Constitution Committee shall:

   (a) review the Constitution, Regulations, Structure and Terms of Reference of the Committees of the Federation and recommend such changes to the Council as may be necessary;
   (b) review all submissions affecting the Constitution and Regulations;
   (c) recommend the groupings of National Authorities and the assignment of Members to appropriate groups;
   (d) recommend the subscription categories into which each National Authority should fall, having regard to the active sailing and racing in the country represented by the National Authority and the latest National Authority Questionnaire issued by the Secretary General;
   (e) review items on the agendas of the Council and General Assembly dealing with political matters;
   (f) advise, in conjunction with counsel for the Federation, the President and the Council in the event of a proceedings under Article 14 of the Constitution;
   (g) provide liaison with any committees or working parties dealing with matters affecting the Constitution and Regulations;
   (h) be the sole body responsible for interpreting the Constitution and Regulations of the ISAF and ensure that the ISAF operates consistently within its Constitution and Regulations.

**Development and Youth Committee**

6.3 Development and Youth Committee

**Constituting the committee**

6.3.1 The Development and Youth Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.
6.3.2 The Development and Youth Committee shall consist of 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.

**Terms of reference**

6.3.3 The Development and Youth Committee shall:

(a) be responsible for the appointment and removal of *ISAF nominated experts to run ISAF technical courses for coaches;
(b) recommend to the Council the ISAF Development Plan, agree priorities and monitor progress;
(c) recommend to the Council strategic development issues, budget requirements and policy;
(d) ensure that the ISAF Development Plan is consistent with the ISAF Strategic Plan;
(e) ensure that the ISAF Development Plan and other Committee activities are focused on achieving the stated objectives of the Committee; and
(f) consult with other ISAF Committees and other organisations on issues relevant to Development.

*The list of ISAF nominated experts can be found in the Committees section of the ISAF Yearbook under Development and Youth Committee.*

**Equipment Committee and Sub-committees**

6.4 Equipment Committee

**Constituting the committee**

6.4.1 The Equipment Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.4.2 The Equipment 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.

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

(b) In addition, specialist expertise will be represented as follows:

(i) a representative of the Equipment Control 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.
6.4.3 The Chairman of the Equipment 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 Race Officials Committee.

**Terms of reference**

6.4.4 The Equipment Committee shall:

(a) be responsible for recommending to the Council planning and policy recommendations on equipment matters;

(b) consider submissions on equipment matters and make recommendations thereon to the Council;

(c) be responsible for recommending equipment policy with regard to the Olympic Sailing Competition and: at ISAF Events, conducting equipment trials or other evaluation, and making recommendations to Council on any change or evolution of Olympic Equipment, in accordance with the strategy and timescales in regulation 23;

(d) review applications by classes for ISAF Status and make recommendations thereon to the Council;

(e) maintain a liaison with and be responsible for the supervision of the constitutions of ISAF Classes and to develop the concept of these classes to help them promote world sailing;

(f) periodically review the ISAF Classes and make recommendations where thought appropriate for the withdrawal of ISAF status;

(g) liaise with other ISAF committees on matters affecting equipment.

6.4.5 Class Rules Sub-committee

**Constituting the committee**

6.4.5.1 The Class 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.

6.4.5.2 The Class 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 Special Regulations;

(iii) a representative of the ISAF Classes Committee;

(iv) a representative of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee;

(v) a representative of the Racing Rules Committee.

**Terms of reference**

6.4.5.3 The Class 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.

6.4.6 Equipment Control Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

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

6.4.6.2 The Equipment Control 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 Class Rules Committee;
   (ii) a representative of the Special Regulations Committee;
   (iii) a representative of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee;
   (iv) a representative of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee;
   (v) a representative of the ISAF Classes Committee;
   (vi) a representative of the Racing Rules Committee;
   (vii) a representative of the International Measurers Sub-committee.

6.4.6.3 The Chairman of the Equipment Control 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.

6.4.6.4 The Chairman of the Equipment Control Sub-committee shall appoint the members and chairman of the ERS Working Party.

Terms of reference

6.4.6.5 The Equipment Control Sub-committee shall:

(a) 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;

(b) 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;
(i) uniform format and working of class rules;

(d) keep under constant review:

(i) the ISAF Guide to Measurement;

(ii) the ISAF Standard Class Rules;

(e) 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;

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

(g) liaise with relevant ISAF committees in all matters affecting equipment control.

*Equipment Rules of Sailing Administration: See Section 2, Regulation 29*

### Events Committee and Sub-committees

6.5 Events Committee

**Constituting the committee**

6.5.1 The Events Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.5.2 The Events Committee shall consist of 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.

**Terms of reference**

6.5.3 The Events Committee shall:

(a) every four years, at the meeting immediately after the Olympic Games, provide to Council a review of the Olympic Sailing Competition, and identify possible opportunities for change to ISAF’s Olympic strategy, or to Olympic Sailing Events or Equipment;

(b) recommend to Council any change to Olympic Events, and any change or evolution of Olympic Equipment, in accordance with the strategy and timescales in regulation 23.1

(c) in conjunction with the President and Secretary General of ISAF recommend to Council the format of courses to be sailed at the Olympic Sailing Competition;

(d) recommend to Council the policy (and implementing actions) to be used in ISAF events and other major international events, including the Olympic Qualification system and events;

(e) recommend to Council the policy (and implementing actions) to be used concerning the ISAF Calendar and World Sailing Ranking Lists:

(f) in matters concerning Equipment, Olympic or otherwise, liaise with the Equipment Committee.

6.5.4 Sail Rankings Sub-committee

**Constituting the committee**

6.5.4.1 The Sail Rankings Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Events Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.
6.5.4.2 The Sail Rankings Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

**Terms of reference**

6.5.4.3 The Sail Rankings Sub-committee shall:

(a) monitor and develop World Sailing Ranking System;
(b) make recommendations to the Events Committee on how to administer and control the World Sailing Rankings;
(c) make recommendations to the Events Committee on how to promote the World Sailing Rankings;
(d) decide on the grading of events for the World Sailing Rankings.
(e) through the Secretary General, maintain a close liaison with sailors, organizers, Olympic Classes and Member National Authorities concerning World Sailing Ranking issues.

6.5.5 Team Racing Sub-committee

**Constituting the committee**

6.5.5.1 The Team Racing Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Events Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.5.5.2 The Team Racing Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

**Terms of reference**

6.5.5.3 The Team Racing Sub-committee shall:

(a) be responsible for the planning and approval for the conduct of the ISAF Team Racing World Championship;
(b) review and maintain the conditions and requirements for the selection of countries and venues to host the ISAF Team Racing World Championship;
(c) liaise with the Secretary General on matters regarding finance, sponsorship and the contractual arrangements with the host MNA, organizers and suppliers of equipment
(d) be responsible for developing and implementing strategies concerning the equipment to be used in the ISAF Team Racing World Championship;
(e) be responsible for promoting the ISAF Team Racing World Championship as the premier Team Racing event in order to encourage as many worldwide countries as possible to participate;
(f) keep under constant review the Championship Guidelines and other relevant information to maintain and improve the quality and standards of the ISAF Team Racing World Championship;
(g) make recommendations to the Events Committee on the promotion and co-ordination of team race sailing throughout the world; and
(h) monitor and develop all technical aspects of team race sailing organization in conjunction with relevant ISAF Committees and make any necessary recommendations to the Events Committee.

6.5.5.4 Team Racing Definition:
Team Racing is a discipline of sailing. Team Racing and Team Sailing have the same meaning. A team race consists of two or more boats sailing as a team against the same number of boats from an opposing team. The boats used by the competitors are of the same class and should be equalized to the highest possible standard.

6.5.6 Youth World Championship Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.5.6.1 The Youth World Championship Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Events Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.5.6.2 The Youth World Championship Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.5.6.3 The Youth World Championship Sub-committee shall:

(a) be responsible for the planning and approval for the arrangements of the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship (YSWC) each year;
(b) review and maintain the conditions and requirements for the selection of countries and venues to host the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship;
(c) liaise with the Secretary General on matters regarding finance, sponsorship and the contractual arrangements with the host MNA, organizers and suppliers of equipment;
(d) be responsible for developing and implementing strategies concerning the equipment to be used in the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship;
(e) be responsible for promoting the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship as the premier Youth Sailing Event in order to encourage as many countries as possible to participate; and
(f) keep under constant review the Championship Guidelines and other relevant information to maintain and improve the quality and standards of the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.

ISAF Classes Committee and Sub-committee

6.6 ISAF Classes Committee

Constituting the committee

6.6.1 The ISAF Classes Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.6.2 The ISAF Classes Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and one member that shall be appointed by each of the ISAF Classes from time to time.

Terms of reference

6.6.3 The ISAF Classes Committee shall:

(a) maintain a close liaison with all ISAF Classes and sailors;
(b) promote the welfare and growth of ISAF Classes;
(c) debate issues, excluding class rule matters, from ISAF class associations and make recommendations thereon;
(d) debate other matters that may be relevant to ISAF Classes' interests;
(e) review all relevant agenda items and comment to appropriate committees of the Council;

(f) propose members to the Equipment Committee, Events Committee, Equipment Control Sub-committee, Class Rules Sub-committee, International Measurers Sub-committee, Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee.

6.6.4 Olympic Classes Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.6.4.1 The Olympic Classes Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the ISAF Classes Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.6.4.2 The Olympic Classes Sub-committee shall consist of members appointed from time to time by the Classes selected as equipment for the next Olympic Sailing Competition. Each class may appoint one member. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be selected from the members by the Sub-committee.

Terms of reference

6.6.4.3 The Olympic Classes Sub-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, other than class rules, raised by the Olympic Classes and make recommendations thereon to the ISAF Classes Committee;
(d) debate other matters that may be relevant to the Olympic Classes’ interests;
(e) review all relevant agenda items and comment to appropriate committees of the Council.

Match Racing Committee and Sub-committee

6.7 Match Racing Committee

Constituting the committee

6.7.1 The Match Racing Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.7.2 The Match Racing Committee shall consist of 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.

Terms of reference

6.7.3 The Match Racing Committee shall:

(a) Promote and co-ordinate match racing throughout the world;
(b) be responsible for planning, promoting and approving the arrangement for the World Championships of Match Racing and the ISAF Nations Cup and, in liaison with the World Match Racing Tour Advisory Committee, the World Match Racing Tour;
(c) With the recommendation of the Match Race Rankings Sub-committee administer, promote and control the World Match Race Ranking System;
(d) monitor and develop all technical aspects of match racing organization in conjunction with relevant ISAF Committees.
(e) Liaise with the Events Committee regarding Olympic Match Racing;
(f) Through its Match Racing Rankings Sub-Committee and the Secretary General maintain a close liaison with sailors, organizers, classes and Member National Authorities concerning World Match Race Rankings and Qualification issues.

6.7.4 Match Race Rankings Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.7.4.1 The Match Race Rankings Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Match Racing Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.7.4.2 The Match Race Rankings Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.7.4.3 The Match Race Rankings Sub-committee shall:

(a) monitor and develop the Match Race Ranking System;
(b) make recommendations to the Match Racing Committee on how to administer and control the Match Race Rankings;
(c) make recommendations to the Match Racing Committee on how to promote the Match Race Rankings;
(d) decide on the grading of events for the Match Race Rankings.
(e) through the Secretary General, maintain a close liaison with sailors, organizers and Member National Authorities concerning World Match Race Ranking issues.

Oceanic and Offshore Committee and Sub-committee

6.8 Oceanic and Offshore Committee

Constituting the committee

6.8.1 The Oceanic and Offshore Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.8.2 The Oceanic and Offshore Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, the Chairmen of its sub-committees and not more than 14 other members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42. Members shall have expertise in Oceanic or Offshore racing, and shall have relevant experience and current involvement in such racing or its administration. The Chairmen of the International Regulations and Sailor Classification Commissions shall also be members of the committee.

6.8.3 The Committee shall have the following Sub-committees, namely the Special Regulations and Empirical Handicap.

6.8.4 The Chairman of the Committee shall appoint a group of the committee’s members to work with the secretariat as the Oceanic Panel.

6.8.5 The Chairman shall appoint the members of groups or working parties to liaise with Offshore Classes, rating systems and cruising groups and clubs.

Terms of Reference

6.8.6 The Committee shall:

(a) be responsible to Council for planning and policy recommendations on Oceanic and Offshore matters.
(b) promote Oceanic and Offshore racing and cruising throughout the world.

(c) monitor safety experience in Oceanic and Offshore racing and cruising.

(d) on behalf of the Council adopt and publish the ISAF Special Regulations.

(e) set criteria for designation as International or Recognised Rating Systems and Offshore Classes, review applications and make recommendations on them to Council. Promote dual-purpose cruiser/racer boats in competition.

(f) promote and maintain a calendar of Oceanic and Offshore Events and races within the overall ISAF Calendar, and assist organisers to achieve an orderly schedule.

(g) monitor the activities of all elements of Oceanic and Offshore Racing, conducted in one design or level rating classes of boats, as well as under handicap or rating systems, and report to Council making any appropriate recommendations.

6.8.7 Empirical Handicap Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.8.7.1 The Empirical Handicap Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.8.7.2 The Empirical Handicap Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.8.7.3 The Empirical Handicap Sub-committee shall:

(a) encourage research and development in the application of empirical methods for performance handicapping of sailboats and monitor the use of such methods;

(b) develop and promote standard parameters and notations for boat descriptions to facilitate global exchange of boat data between empirical handicapping systems;

(c) establish and promote criteria for best practices for empirical handicapping systems based on liaison with administrators of such systems worldwide;

(d) maintain liaison with Member National Authorities and relevant ISAF committees and sub-committees.

6.8.8 Special Regulations Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.8.8.1 The Special Regulations Sub-committee has been established as a Sub-committee of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.8.8.2 The Special Regulations Sub-committee shall comprise as follows:

(a) Chairman and not more than eight members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42; and

(b) a representative of the Offshore Racing Congress.

Terms of reference

6.8.8.3 The Special Regulations Sub-committee shall:

(a) be responsible for the maintenance, revision and changes to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations governing offshore racing, under licence from ORC Ltd. Such changes be biennial with revised editions published in January of each even year, except that matters of an urgent nature affecting safety may be dealt with by changes to the Regulations on a shorter time scale;
(b) monitor developments in offshore racing relative to the standards of safety and seaworthiness.

Race Officials Committee and Sub-committees

6.9 Race Officials Committee

Constituting the committee

6.9.1 The Race Officials Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.9.2 The Race Officials Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, the Chairmen of its Sub-committees and the number of other members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

6.9.3 The Race Officials Committee shall have the following Sub-committees: International Judges, International Umpires, International Measurers and Race Management Sub-committee as provided in Regulations 6.9.7, 6.9.8, 6.9.9 and 6.9.10.

6.9.4 The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee shall, together with the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee, appoint the members of the Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel and the chairman of the panel.

6.9.5 The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee may, for the purposes of communication and cooperation, appoint himself/herself or another member of the Committee or its Sub-committees as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Racing Rules Committee. Such appointee shall, if not already a member of the Race Officials Committee, be an ex-officio, non-voting member of that committee.

Terms of Reference

6.9.6 The Race Officials Committee shall:

(a) be responsible for the certification of ISAF Race Officials to the highest caliber for the sport of sailing;

(b) be responsible for the education of International Judges, International Umpires, International Race Officers and International Measurers;

(c) maintain an oversight management of its four Sub-committees: the International Judges, the International Umpires, the Race Management and the International Measurers Sub-committee;

(d) (working together with the Racing Rules Committee) publish on the ISAF website the ISAF Racing Rules Questions and Answers;

(e) develop a relationship with organizations that have resources and ISAF Associations and make recommendations to the Council on matters relating to the training and certification of Race Officers;

(f) liaise with such other ISAF committees as may be beneficial for achieving Committee goals;

(g) determine whether or not there is a conflict of interest in response to a request for clarification from Race Officials;

(h) in conjunction with the Executive Committee deal with reports about the conduct and competence of ISAF Race Officials and make commendations and administer sanctions where appropriate.
6.9.7 International Judges Sub-committee

Constituting the committee

6.9.7.1 The International Judges Sub-committee, which shall administer the International Judges programme, has been established by the Council as a Sub-committee of the Race Officials Committee pursuant to Article 42.

6.9.7.2 The International Judges Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.9.7.3 The International Judges Sub-committee shall:

(a) administer the International Judges Programme;
(b) recommend to the Race Officials Committee the appointment of International Judges in accordance with these regulations;
(c) disseminate information to and communicate with International Judges and Member National Authorities;
(d) be responsible for the instruction and evaluation of International Judges and candidates to become International Judges, which shall include:
   (i) the development and conduct of seminars to train and qualify International Judges and candidates to become International Judges; and
   (ii) the formulation of the examinations which applicants must pass to qualify as International Judges and, if required, the establishment of the criteria for a performance assessment and its administration;
(e) assist Member National Authorities in training and in developing national judges programmes;
(f) recommend policies regarding the conduct of International Judges and International Juries;
(g) administer programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules and other ISAF documents by International Judges;
(h) propose rule changes and submit interpretations of the Racing Rules to the Racing Rules Committee, the Race Officials Committee and other appropriate bodies;
(i) develop and administer a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Judges according to their abilities and to place them in groups based on agreed criteria;
(j) update International Judges Sub-committee documents, such as the Judging Manual, the International Judge application form and International Judges' Reference Form;
(k) address questions from International Judges;
(l) deal with such matters as any ISAF Committee may request.

International Judges Programme Administration: See Part VI, Regulation 31

6.9.8 International Measurers Sub-committee
Constituting the committee

6.9.8.1 The International Measurers Sub-committee (IMSC), which shall be responsible for administering the International Measurers Programme, has been established by the Council as a Sub-committee of the Race Officials Committee (ROC) pursuant to Article 42.

6.9.8.2 The International Measurers Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

Terms of reference

6.9.8.3 The International Measurers Sub-committee shall:

(a) administer the International Measurers Programme including the review and maintenance of high standards of equipment inspection and uniform application of ISAF standards by International Measurers at events;

(b) recommend to the Race Officials Committee the appointment of International Measurers in accordance with these regulations;

(c) with the help of the Chief Measurer / Secretary General, disseminate information to and communicate with International Measurers and Member National Authorities;

(d) be responsible with the relevant classes for the instruction and evaluation of International Measurers and candidates to become an International Measurer, which shall include:
   (i) the development and conduct of seminars, related manuals and materials to train and qualify International Measurers and candidates to become International Measurers; and
   (ii) the formulation of the examinations which applicants must pass to qualify as International Measurers and, if required, the establishment of the criteria for a performance assessment and its administration;

(e) assist Member National Authorities in training and in developing national measurer / equipment inspector programmes;

(f) recommend policies regarding the conduct of International Measurers;

(g) administer programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules of Sailing and other ISAF documents by International Measurers;

(h) propose rule changes and submit interpretations of the Racing Rules and the Equipment Rules of Sailing to the Racing Rules Committee, the Race Officials Committee and the Equipment Control Sub-committee and other appropriate bodies;

(i) develop and administer a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Measurers according to their abilities and to place them in groups based on agreed criteria;

(j) update International Measurers Sub-committee documents, such as the Championship Equipment Inspection Report, the International Measurers Manual and the International Measurer application form and comment to the relevant committee on any ISAF document;

(k) address questions from International Measurers;

(l) deal with such matters as any ISAF Committee may request.
6.9.9 International Umpires Sub-committee

**Constituting the committee**

6.9.9.1 The International Umpires Sub-committee, which shall administer the International Umpires programme, has been established by the Council as a Sub-committee of the Race Officials Committee pursuant to Article 42.

6.9.9.2 The International Umpires Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

**Terms of reference**

6.9.9.3 The International Umpires Sub-committee shall:

(a) administer the International Umpires Programme;

(b) recommend to the Race Officials Committee the appointment of International Umpires in accordance with these regulations;

(c) disseminate information to and communicate with International Umpires and Member National Authorities;

(d) be responsible for the instruction and evaluation of International Umpires and candidates to become International Umpires, which shall include:
   
   (i) the development and conduct of seminars to train and qualify International Umpires and candidates to become International Umpires; and
   
   (ii) the formulation of the examinations and establishment of the criteria for the performance assessment which applicants must pass to qualify as International Umpires;

(e) assist Member National Authorities in training and in developing national umpires programmes;

(f) recommend policies regarding the conduct of International Umpires;

(g) administer programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules and other ISAF documents by International Umpires;

(h) propose rule changes and submit interpretations of the Racing Rules and calls for match racing and team racing to the Racing Rules Committee;

(i) develop and administer a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Umpires according to their abilities and to place them in groups based on agreed criteria;

(j) update International Umpires Sub-committee documents, such as the Umpiring and Match Racing Manual, the Umpiring and Team Racing Manual, Performance Assessment forms and the International Umpire application form;

(k) address questions from International Umpires;

(l) deal with such matters as any ISAF Committee may request.
6.9.10.1 The Race Management Sub-committee, which shall administer the International Race Officers programme has been established by the Council as a Sub-committee of the Race Officials Committee pursuant to Article 42.

6.9.10.2 The Race Management Sub-committee shall consist of a Chairman and the number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided by Article 42.

**Terms of reference**

6.9.10.3 The Race Management Sub-committee shall:

(a) administer the International Race Officers Programme;
(b) recommend to the Race Officials Committee the appointment of International Race Officers in accordance with these regulations;
(c) disseminate information to and communicate with International Race Officers and Member National Authorities;
(d) be responsible for the instruction and evaluation of International Race Officers and candidates to become an International Race Officer, which shall include:
   (i) the development and conduct of seminars to train and qualify International Race Officers and candidates to become International Race Officers; and
   (ii) the formulation of the examinations which applicants must pass to qualify as International Race Officers and, if required, the establishment of the criteria for a performance assessment and its administration;
(e) assist Member National Authorities in training and in developing national Race Officers programmes;
(f) recommend policies regarding the conduct of International Race Officers;
(g) administer programmes to promote uniform application and consistent interpretation of the Racing Rules and other ISAF documents by International Race Officers;
(h) propose rule changes and submit interpretations of the Racing Rules to the Racing Rules Committee, the Race Officials Committee and other appropriate bodies;
(i) recommend to the Racing Rules Committee standards for the Notice of Race Guide, and the Sailing Instructions Guide to achieve a high and uniform standard;
(j) update International Race Officers Sub-committee documents, such as the Umpiring and Match Racing Manual, Performance Assessment forms and the International Race Officer application form;
(k) develop and administer a procedure for the grouping and classification of International Race Officers according to their abilities and to place them in groups based on agreed criteria;
(l) work towards standardization and improvement of sailing instructions;
(m) consider and propose race management policies for the Olympic Sailing Competition and ISAF Events;
(n) address questions from International Race Officers;
(o) deal with such matters as any ISAF Committee may request.

*Race Management Programme Administration: See Part VI, Regulation 31*
Racing Rules Committee

6.10 Racing Rules Committee

Constituting the Committee; Other Appointments

6.10.1 The Racing Rules Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article 42.

6.10.2 The Racing Rules Committee shall consist of 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. Members should have thorough knowledge of the Racing Rules and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.

6.10.3 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee shall appoint the members and chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee Working Party, the Case Book Working Party, the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party, the Match Racing Rapid Response Call Panel, and the Team Racing Rapid Response Call Panel.

6.10.4 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee shall, together with the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, appoint the members of the Racing Rules Q&A Panel and the chairman of the panel. At least one member of the Case Book Working Party and of the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party shall be on the panel.

6.10.5 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee shall appoint the Racing Rules Committee representatives to the Equipment Committee, the Class Rules Sub-Committee and the Equipment Control Sub-Committee.

6.10.6 The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee may, for the purposes of communication and cooperation, appoint himself/herself or another member of the committee as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Race Officials Committee.

Terms of Reference

6.10.7 The Racing Rules Committee shall:

(a) formulate, revise and publish *The Racing Rules of Sailing* every four years after approval by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 28.1.1;

(b) consider submissions that propose or suggest changes in the Racing Rules in accordance with Regulation 28.2.1;

(c) consider recommendations from and decisions of other committees that might affect the Racing Rules;

(d) include in the Racing Rules the following:

(i) the authority given to national authorities, organizing authorities, race committees, protest committees, umpires and measurers in the conducting of races;

(ii) procedures to be used when conducting races;

(iii) the responsibilities of boats, competitors and boat owners before, during and after racing;

(iv) rules that apply when boats meet;

(v) methods of dealing with breaches of rules and the imposition of penalties;

(vi) other disciplinary measures;

(vii) provisions for appealing decisions of protest committees; and

(viii) references to appropriate regulations, including the Eligibility, Advertising and Anti-Doping Codes.
(e) approve and publish interpretations of the Racing Rules and calls for match and
team racing submitted in accordance with Regulation 26.3;

(f) approve the sailing instructions for the Olympic Sailing Competition;

(g) (working together with the Race Officials Committee) publish on the ISAF website
the ISAF Racing Rules Questions and Answers;

(h) publish on the ISAF website the ISAF Match Racing Rapid Response Calls and the
ISAF Team Racing Rapid Response Calls;

(i) communicate and cooperate with other committees on matters related to the
Racing Rules;

(j) work for continued improvement of rule observance;

(k) work for standardization and improvement of notices of race and sailing
instructions;

(l) consider and debate other subjects related to the Racing Rules; and

(m) formulate and revise the Introductory Rules for Racing.

*Racing Rules Administration - See Part VI, Regulation 28.*

**Regional Games Committee**

6.11 Regional Games

*Constituting the committee*

6.11.1 The Regional Games Committee has been established by the Council pursuant to Article
42.

6.11.2 The Regional Games Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the
number of members that shall be appointed by the Council from time to time as provided
by Article 42.

*Terms of Reference*

6.11.3 The Regional Games Committee shall:

(a) encourage and promote:

(i) sailing at any Games that already include sailing in their sports programme;

(ii) the inclusion of sailing on the sports programme in all major Regional Games
and as many other Games as is feasible;

(b) use the inclusion of sailing in Regional Games to promote the sport of sailing
generally throughout the various regions;

(c) use the technical and instructional resources of the ISAF to maintain and improve
the standard of competitive sailing and the standards of technical supervision at
Regional Games to a level that these events could serve as qualifying events for
the Olympics;

(d) provide guidance on the format and programme of the Regional Games sailing
events and Regional Sailing Championships;

(e) encourage and promote the organization of Regional Sailing Championships in
addition to the Regional Games;
(f) encourage particularly the full participation of women and youth in all Regional Games sailing events.

Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

6.12 Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee

Constituting the committee

6.12.1 The Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee has been established by the Council on matters affecting the ISAF windsurfing and kiteboarding classes pursuant to Article 42.

6.12.2 The Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee shall consist of 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.

Terms of reference

6.12.3 The Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee shall:

(a) consider and make recommendations to the Council on matters affecting the ISAF Windsurfing Classes, kiteboarding and windsurfing;
(b) liaise with the Equipment Control Sub-committee and other committees on matters affecting windsurfing and kiteboarding classes;
(c) propose changes to the Windsurfing or kiteboarding Competition Rules to the Racing Rules Committee when appropriate; and
(d) monitor and develop all technical aspects of windsurfing and kiteboarding in conjunction with relevant ISAF Committees.

7. COMMITTEE RULES OF PROCEDURE

7.1 Meetings

7.1.1 All ISAF committees and sub-committees shall meet at least once a year. Commissions and working parties shall meet as required and in accordance with their terms of reference. Additional meetings may take place by electronic means if appropriate. In this regulation, where the context so permits, references to committees shall include sub-committees, commissions and working parties.

7.1.2 Committees shall meet to discuss matters within their terms of reference and shall delegate to such sub-committees or working parties as may be determined in accordance with the ISAF regulations all matters within the terms of reference of those sub-committees.

7.1.3 Committee chair shall report twice yearly to Council, if not in attendance at a meeting of Council then in writing.

7.2 Agenda

7.2.1 The agenda for Committee meetings shall, so far as is possible, comprise the following items:

(a) apologies.
(b) minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising;
(c) submissions that are allocated to it as ‘reporting committee’ or ‘other committee’;
(d) work in progress;
(e) other issues within the Committee’s terms of reference; and
(f) any other business.
7.2.2 The agenda for Committee meetings shall be closed at such time as shall be determined by the Secretary General, which shall normally be four weeks before the meeting. The Committee Chairman and Secretary General shall prepare the Agenda with the Secretary General having final authorisation for publication. Committee Members may propose items for the agenda to the Chairman, but his decision as to what items shall be included shall be final.

7.3 Minutes

7.3.1 Minutes of each meeting shall be prepared by the Secretary General, whose draft shall be approved by the Chairman of the meeting. After such approval the draft will be circulated to all Committee Members present at the meeting within three weeks of the meeting except in exceptional circumstances. Committee Members may propose amendments to any entry in the minutes which they do not consider constitutes a fair and true representation of what took place at the meeting. The Chairman of the meeting shall consider their proposals but his decision as to the contents of the minutes to be published shall be final at that stage and shall be circulated.

7.3.2 Committee Members still wishing to propose amendments shall send them to the Secretary General within two weeks from the date they were circulated. The proposed amendments shall be put on the agenda of the next Committee meeting for consideration.

7.3.3 Any notes of the occurrences at meetings made by or on behalf of the Secretary General whether electronic or otherwise shall be retained by him until the end of the next meeting of the Committee and the Secretary General shall disclose them to any Committee Member who wishes to propose amendments in accordance with Regulation 7.3.2.

7.4 Committee Decisions

7.4 Except where a Committee is empowered by its terms of reference to make decisions on its own authority, the function of a Committee is to advise Council as to the action Council should take.

7.5 Rules of Debate

7.5.1 In debate members of the Committee may speak in turn. They shall address their remarks to the chair. Other members shall not interrupt. No member shall speak until called upon by the chair. Members will not normally be expected to make more than one speech in each debate. There will be no fixed time limit but speeches are to be kept short.

7.5.2 The Chairman shall state the final motion to be put to the vote.

7.5.3 The matter will then be voted on. A vote by members of the Committee shall be made and in the case of a tie in votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

7.5.4 At the request of a Committee Member the minutes shall detail the names of the Committee Members who voted for or against, or abstained from, the motion except when Regulation 7.5.5 has been invoked.

7.5.5 At the request of a Committee Member, and if duly seconded and passed, a vote may be taken by secret ballot.

7.6 Attendance at Committee Meetings
7.6.1 In the event that the Chairman cannot attend a meeting, the Vice-Chairman shall automatically take the chair. If the Vice-Chairman is not available, it shall be the responsibility of the ISAF President to appoint an alternate.

7.6.2 Committee Members shall notify the Secretary General if they are unable to attend a Committee Meeting. If a Committee Member does not attend two consecutive Committee Meetings without proper reason, then his/her Committee membership will be reviewed in accordance with Regulation 5.4.4.

7.6.3 In the case of a member of a committee or a sub-committee being unable to attend a meeting, the appointment of Alternates may only be made with the approval of the Executive Committee or the President. In the case of a vacancy in a committee or sub-committee caused by resignation, lengthy inability to attend however caused, or incapacity, the Chairman of such committee or sub-committee shall advise the Secretary General of the vacancy which may be filled in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 5.3.

7.6.4 The quorum for meetings of a Committee is one third of the number of members of that Committee, except the Executive Committee for which the quorum is one half of its members entitled to vote and if a meeting takes place by electronic means (see Regulation 7.1.1) any decision shall be determined by the votes of the majority of members who respond within the timescale prescribed by the Chairman of that Committee which shall be not less than 7 days.

7.7 Financial or other interests

7.7 In a debate on any matter in which a member of the Committee has a personal vested interest, whether financial or otherwise, the member shall advise the Chairman of that fact, and of the exact nature of the interest, if practicable in advance of the Committee meeting, or otherwise at the earliest reasonable opportunity in the course of the debate. Notification of the reasons of the said interest shall be reported to the Committee unless there are compelling grounds why such reasons should remain confidential. According to the exact nature of the interest, the Chairman or the Committee may require the member concerned to leave the meeting for the whole or part of the debate. The Chairman may require the member to abstain from voting. The declaration and any decision by the Chairman shall be minuted.

8. COMMISSIONS - GENERALLY

8.1 Commissions are specialized bodies created to advise the Executive Committee on specific areas of professional or technical expertise. Although a Commission may be created for a temporary period this would not normally be for an anticipated period of less than eighteen months.

8.2 Subject to the provisions of Regulations 8.3 and 8.4 below, the creation, mandate (including terms of reference), operation of commissions, the appointment of its members and changes in commission membership are the responsibility of the Executive Committee.

8.3 The Executive Committee may recommend to Council for its approval the creation of a commission for a temporary or permanent period and a duration to be specified.

8.4 The purposes of the Commission shall be expressed by Terms of Reference which shall also be recommended to the Council. On acceptance by the Council of the Executive Committee's recommendation for the establishment of the commission and its terms of reference, the Commission is created either for a specified or indefinite period.
8.5 The Commission shall report directly to the Executive Committee, and inform other committees. The Executive Committee shall decide how to act on such reports. Reports from Commissions shall, at the Executive Committee’s discretion, be confidential until such time as the Executive Committee deems them in the public domain.

Medical Commission

8.6 Medical Commission

**Constituting the Commission**

8.6.1 The Medical Commission has been established and appointed by the Executive Committee in accordance with this Regulation 8 to provide medical advice on sailing matters.

8.6.2 Reserved for future use

8.6.3 Reserved for future use

8.6.4 Reserved for future use

8.6.5 Reserved for future use

**Terms of Reference**

8.6 The Medical Commission shall:

(a) inform and advise the ISAF Executive Committee in respect of the implications and implementation of World Anti-Doping Code, and all its provisions;

(b) ensure that such annual changes as are made to the World Anti-Doping Code List of Prohibited Substances and Methods are published and made known to Member National Authorities, so that these may be disseminated to competitive sailors worldwide;

(c) advise and assist the Executive Committee in the practical enforcement of the World Anti-Doping Code;

(d) consider and process, via the ISAF Secretariat, requests from competitors for dispensation for ATUE and TUE in accordance with the procedures in the World Anti-Doping Code International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, and to issue such Certifications of Approval and notify the Executive Committee;

(e) forward requests for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, suitably validated by the Executive Committee, for competitors seeking to compete in the Olympic Sailing Competition, to the IOC Medical Commission, and to act on behalf of such competitors in confidential negotiations with the IOC Medical Commission;

(f) consider and advise the Executive Committee on Medical matters affecting all branches of sailing served by the International Sailing Federation;

(g) if requested by the Executive Committee, make investigations into aspects of sailing which have or may have an effect upon the physical or mental health of sailors.

International Regulations Commission

8.7 International Regulations Commission

**Constituting the Commission**
8.7.1 The International Regulations Commission has been established and appointed by the Executive Committee in accordance with this Regulation 8 to provide advice on matters related to the regulation of recreational boats or craft by government actions or otherwise.

8.7.2 Reserved for future use

8.7.3 Reserved for future use

8.7.4 Reserved for future use

8.7.5 Reserved for future use

**Terms of Reference**

8.7.6 The Commission shall be responsible to the Executive Committee.

8.7.7 The Commission shall:

(a) monitor any legislation or actions by international or national institutions and national Governments or other similar bodies which affect the navigation, manning, construction, equipment, safety and use of recreational craft or the environment and take (in conjunction with National Authorities and other bodies representative of the users of all types of recreational craft) appropriate action in regard thereto;

(b) represent the interest of ISAF, its member National Authorities and all users with IMO and other international or national Institutions which concern navigation, manning, construction, equipment, safety and use of recreational craft in conjunction with, if appropriate, National Authorities and other bodies representative of the users of all types of recreational craft;

(c) liaise with relevant ISAF committees in all matters affected by its work; and

(d) request Member National Authorities to report annually:

(i) whether the conditions for the free exercise of sailing have been changed;

(ii) the actions that should be taken to improve the situation.

8.8 Reserved for future use

**Athletes’ Commission**

8.9 The Athletes’ Commission

**Constituting the Commission**

8.9.1 The Athletes’ Commission has been established and appointed by the Executive Committee in accordance with this Regulation 8.

8.9.2 Reserved for future use

8.9.3 Reserved for future use

8.9.4 Reserved for future use

8.9.5 Reserved for future use

**Terms of Reference**
8.9.6 The Athletes’ Commission shall be responsible to the Executive Committee.

8.9.7 The Athletes’ Commission shall:

(a) be a non-political consultative body to offer advice and assistance to ISAF on matters and issues of relevance to athletes and act as a link between the Olympic athletes and ISAF;

(b) present the Olympic athletes’ points of view to the Executive Committee through recommendations and proposals;

(c) promote respect of the rights of the athletes within the sport and draw up recommendations to that effect;

(d) promote high standards of sportsmanship and ethical performance when competing and participating;

(e) reflect the views of the Olympic athletes competing and participating at the highest level and establish relationships to promote feedback to the Executive Committee on matters concerning Olympic athletes; and

(f) liaise with the Executive Committee on ISAF Events to help ISAF respond to the needs of the Olympic athletes.

Sailor Classification Commission

8.10 The Sailor Classification

Constituting the Commission

8.10.1 The Sailor Classification Commission has been established and appointed by the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 8 to provide technical advice on Regulation 22, the ISAF Sailor Classification Code.

8.10.2 Reserved for future use

8.10.3 Reserved for future use

8.10.4 Reserved for future use

8.10.5 Reserved for future use

Terms of Reference

8.10.6 The Sailor Classification Commission shall be responsible to the Executive Committee.

8.10.7 The Sailor Classification Commission shall:

(a) inform and advise the ISAF Executive Committee in respect of the implications and implementation of the ISAF Sailor Classification Code, and all its provisions;

(b) present proposed changes to the ISAF Sailor Classification Code to the ISAF Executive Committee for approval;

(c) ensure approved changes to the ISAF Sailor Classification Code are published and made known to Member National Authorities, so that these may be disseminated to competitive sailors worldwide;

(d) liaise with events and classes that use the ISAF Sailor Classification Code;

(e) consider and process and manage, via the ISAF website, applications and appeals form competitors for Classification and to assign such Certifications of Classification Group;
(f) liaise with other ISAF Committees to ensure the correct application of the Classification Code;

(g) maintain a list of Sailors and their assigned Classification Group on the ISAF Website;

(h) be convened annually, when necessary, in order to consider any issues or proposed changes to the ISAF Classification Code; and

(i) publish and maintain up to date on the ISAF website a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to assist sailors in understanding the Code and its interpretations. It may be changed at any time.

**Coaches Commission**

8.11 Coaches Commission

**Constituting the Commission**

8.11.1 The Coaches Commission has been established and appointed by the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 8.

8.11.2 The Coaches Commission shall be responsible to the Executive Committee.

8.11.3 Reserved for future use

8.11.4 Reserved for future use

8.11.5 Reserved for future use

**Terms of Reference**

8.11.6 The Coaches Commission shall:

(a) maintain a close liaison with coaches in the sport;

(b) debate coaching issues and make recommendations there on to the ISAF Executive Committee. Inform and advise the ISAF Executive Committee in respect of the implications and implementation of an ISAF Coaches’ Code of Conduct, and all its provisions;

(c) shall present and consider proposed changes to the ISAF Coaches’ Code of Conduct to the ISAF Executive Committee for approval;

(d) inform and advise the ISAF Executive Committee in respect of the implications and implementation of educational material for coaches; and

(e) debate other matters that may be relevant to the coaches’ interest;

(f) develop educational materials for coaches.

**Information Technology and Tracking Commission**

8.12 Information Technology and Tracking Commission

**Constituting the Commission**

8.12.1 The Information Technology and Tracking Commission has been established and appointed by the Executive Committee in accordance with this Regulation 8.

8.12.2 Reserved for future use

8.12.3 Reserved for future use

8.12.4 Reserved for future use
8.12.5  Reserved for future use

**Terms of Reference**

8.12.6  The Information Technology and Tracking Commission shall be responsible to the Executive Committee.

8.12.7  The Information Technology and Tracking Commission shall:

(a) inform and advise the ISAF Executive Committee in respect of Information and Communication Technologies issues affecting the sport of Sailing generally; and

(b) recommend Technology-based methods and processes to gather and publish information about Sailing Regattas; and

(c) inform and advise the ISAF Executive Committee on Tracking Technology, for the purpose of the presentation of the Sport of Sailing;

(d) inform and advise the ISAF Executive Committee on Tracking Technology, for the improvement of Race Management (in cooperation with the Race Management Sub-Committee).

**Review Board**

8.13  Review Board

*Note:* The Review Board is authorized by, and its functions and procedures are provided for in Articles 77-82. It does not therefore operate under a delegation of power from the Council. This is appropriate because it exercises quasi-judicial functions.

9.  **WOMEN’S FORUM**

**Constituting the Forum**

9.1  The Women’s Forum has been established by the Council pursuant to its power of delegation.

9.2  The membership of the Women’s Forum shall consist of a Chairman who shall be the women’s representative on the Council from time to time, and all women who are from time to time members of ISAF Committees, Sub-committees and Commissions.

9.3  Reserved for future use

9.4  Reserved for future use

9.5  Reserved for future use

**Objectives**

9.6  The Women’s Forum shall:

(a) promote participation by women in all aspects of sailing and sailing administration;

(b) act as an advisory group to all ISAF committees on issues relating to women;

(c) facilitate open discussion on issues relating to women arising from submissions, proposals and the agendas of ISAF committees, then report any conclusions and recommendations to the committees and the Council;

(d) maintain a close liaison with all women sailors and administrators;

(e) keep updated on activities and initiatives affecting women arising from the International Olympic Committee, International Federations, MNAs, ISAF Classes, ISAF Affiliate Members and other internal and external organizations;
(f) identify and encourage women to serve on ISAF committees and sub-committees;
(g) educate and otherwise assist women in the work they do for ISAF and its members;
(h) provide for discussion and exchange of ideas on matters of expertise, experience, interests and support between all women members of ISAF committees;
(i) disseminate information affecting women in all areas of the sport, relating to the training, promotion and empowerment of women in sailing; and develop and propose policies and best practice on issues relating to women in all areas of the sport.

PART III – Classes and Rating Systems

10. ISAF CLASS-ASSOCIATIONS

10.1 Classes which offer a high standard of international competitive sailing and satisfy the respective criteria set out below may be designated as an ISAF Class Association.

Obtaining designation as an ISAF Class Association

10.2 To be designated as an ISAF Class Association, a class shall be recommended for designation by the Equipment Committee, and for Offshore Racing Classes also by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee to the Council and must receive a majority vote of the Council.

10.2.1 In order to be so designated a Class must be able to meet the following criteria, detailed in an application to the Secretary General, for consideration by the ISAF Council at the next scheduled meeting,

(a) an active Class/Owners Association;
(b) a Constitution passed by a pre-existing Class/Owners Association and approved by the Equipment Committee and the Constitution Committee containing at least:

(i) the name of the class,
(ii) provision for control by a Class/Owners Association,
(iii) an elected Board and Executive Committee,
(iv) an Executive Committee, including at least the Executive Officers, and
(v) a statement of the objectives of the class;
(c) a set of class rules in the ISAF Standard Class Rules format, and adopting the Equipment Rules of Sailing, approved by the Equipment Committee. The Equipment Committee may approve an exemption to either requirement if in its opinion the class rules are satisfactory and well established;
(d) demonstrated, either by confirmation from the requisite number of Member National Authorities (MNAs) set out below or a list of registered boat owners, that it is ‘actively racing’ with at least the following global distribution:
(e) Designation as an ISAF Class Entitled to World Championship Category according to Hull Length

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(f) the requirements of 10.2.1(e)(ii) may be waived by the Council, upon recommendation of the Equipment Committee, when considering a class which serves a unique aspect of sailing.

For the purposes of these regulations “continent” means any one of Europe, North America, South America, Asia, Africa and Oceania.

(g) paid an application fee as established by the Council from time to time;

(h) its constitution and class rules available on the ISAF website or with a link from the ISAF website.

10.3 There shall be an executed agreement between the ISAF Ltd., the Class/Owners Association and where relevant the Trademark, Trade Name and the Copyright Owner. This agreement shall include at a minimum the following matters:

(a) define, if any, the ownership of the Copyright, Trade Name and Trademark and establish the rights granted and the responsibilities, obligations and restrictions that apply to the use of such rights generally and among the parties to the agreement;

(b) where a licensed builder system is to be adopted, establish the procedure for granting licences and the control of the licensed builders;

(c) agree on the amount of the ISAF fee for each boat which is based on 0.4% on the first £20,000 then 0.2% on the next £70,000 and 0.1% on the amount above £90,000 of the average retail price of a complete new boat without sails as a guideline for negotiation;

(d) define the method of issuing and using ISAF plaques, if any, Sail numbers, Measurement forms, Measurement certificates, changes to class rules and any other documentation affecting the ownership and the use of the boat; and

(e) provide that the Class organization and members of the class shall act in accordance with the ISAF Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

**World Championships for ISAF Classes**

10.4 To maintain the right to hold a World Championship, a class that holds a world championship shall:
(a) Send a report on that championship to the ISAF Secretariat prior to February in the following year, including information required by ISAF. This report may be included in the annual report from the class required under regulation 10.5(e). Failure of a class to submit this report will result in ISAF reviewing the class’s right to hold world championship, notwithstanding other regulations below. The information required by ISAF shall include:

(i) the number of entries, countries, and continents represented
(ii) a full set of results;
(iii) all world champions designated where more than one world champion is declared at an event (such as age or gender) and the number of entries, countries and continents eligible to compete for each title;
(iv) a report on the event organization, the overall quality of the event and he standards of the racing;
(v) a report on the nature and quality of support supplied by ISAF and ISAF officials
(vi) the suitability of the venue (ashore and afloat) for future world championship;
(vii) any recommendations for the class or for ISAF when organizing future world championship.

(b) Meet or exceed the following participation levels for two of the last three World Championships (except that for multihull boats up to 6.0m, the required number of entries is 25):

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If a Class has failed to meet this requirement for two of their last three World Championships, it may only call its next such event a World Championships and award World Champion titles if the participation levels at that event meet this requirement.

Before ISAF rescinds any right to host a world championship, the Class shall be given notice in writing and shall be offered the right to appeal any decision to Council.

**Regulations on Administering ISAF Classes**

10.5 To maintain its ISAF designation, an ISAF Class shall:

(a) Use the approved ISAF Classes Logo in all Class Rules (it may also use the logo in other class publications, advertising or promotions);
(b) properly administer its affairs and maintain its objectives in accordance with its Constitution, Class Rules, its Agreement with the ISAF and these Regulations;

(c) provide the ISAF with up-to-date copies of all Class publications including the Constitution, Class rules, Measurement Forms, One Design Specifications and Class Newsletter, if any, and unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, the Class shall be responsible for regular updating and publishing all of the above mentioned publications and ensuring that updated class rules are published before the rule amendments come into effect;

(d) send the ISAF the dates for the next year’s major championships (world and continental) by 1 August each year. No alteration in the championship dates are to be allowed after the Annual ISAF Meeting without the approval of the ISAF, the host National Authority and the Class/Owners Association;

(e) send the ISAF a completed annual report on the activities of the Class, success in maintaining its objectives, current membership, boat registration and financial status prior to February each year (third party ratification may be required to substantiate these figures). Failure to file a complete annual report shall automatically result in a review of the ISAF recognition of that class;

(f) not permit the organizers to amend, suspend or override the Class Rules in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions for Class events without the prior approval of the ISAF, a Class event being an event initiated and controlled by the Class/Owners Association without any alteration to the Class rules;

(g) ensure that its equipment control procedures properly maintain the objectives of the class rules and shall:

(i) appoint a technical and/or equipment control committee;

(ii) appoint a technical representative who is a member of the class technical/equipment control committee and authorized to discuss class technical matters with ISAF;

(iii) maintain a register of the names and addresses of all Official Measurers approved for the class, a copy of which shall be supplied to ISAF;

(iv) request all Official Measurers approved for the class to be members of both their National Authority and class equipment control networks if these exist; and

(v) keep all Official Measurers approved for the class informed with respect to class rule changes and interpretations, and, if practical:

1. have sufficient ISAF recognized class International Measurers (see Regulation 35) to represent the class regionally;

2. ensure that at least one class International Measurer attends each ISAF Equipment Inspection Symposium;

3. have at least one class International Measurer present at the class World Championships;

4. organize regular class Equipment Inspection Seminars to train class Equipment Inspectors with the class International Measurers as instructors; and

5. ensure only class International Measurers to measure prototypes of moulded production boats.

10.6 Use its best efforts to ensure that the National Association is affiliated to the relevant National Authority. Class/Owners Associations shall:
(a) require that the boat owner(s) and/or the sailor(s), as prescribed by the relevant Class Rules, shall be members of their relevant National Class Association, if any, before racing, and

(b) annually charge, or cause their relevant National Class Associations to charge, as appropriate, the boat owner(s) and/or the sailor(s) only in accordance with the relevant Class Rules or regulation(s) of that ISAF Class.

10.7 When a licensed builder system is adopted, gain the approval of the ISAF and the relevant Member National Authority before appointing licensed builders.

10.8 Require that all new boats shall have paid a class fee to ISAF in accordance with the requirements agreed with ISAF, such payment to be evidenced by affixing an ISAF plaque to the boats or such other methods of evidencing the payment as shall be agreed by ISAF;

10.8.1 require the organizing authority organizing its world championship to include in the Notice of Race a provision that no boat over 25ft LOA first registered ten years or less before 1 January of the year in which the event is held shall be registered as an entry unless she produces evidence of such payment by display of a plaque or otherwise;

10.8.2 require that the organizing authority agrees to reject or cancel any entry if such evidence is not provided.

10.9 Obtain the approval of the Member National Authority governing the proposed venue of its ensuing World Championships.

10.10 Appoint an International Jury for the World Championships unless otherwise agreed with ISAF.

Class Rule Changes

10.11 ISAF Class Associations shall change their Class Rules in accordance with the following procedures (unless otherwise approved by ISAF and provided for in the agreement defined in Regulation 10.3):

10.11.1 Before applying to ISAF for approval, the Class/Owners Association is encouraged to consult with the Secretary General who shall respond in a timely manner and shall have approved the changes in accordance with its constitution and its class rules.

10.11.2 Then the Class/Owners Association shall apply for approval of the changes in writing to the Secretary General and the application shall include:

(a) the changes required;
(b) a statement of the reasons for requiring the change;
(c) a certificate that the changes have been duly approved by the Class/Owners Association; and
(d) the date when the changes are to take effect.

10.11.3 When the application is received by the Secretary General, in the case of changes not relating to a modification of the Advertising Code, he shall consider it as soon as practicable.

10.11.4 The Secretary General may in consultation with the Class Rules Sub-Committee approve or reject the changes using processes determined by the Class Rules Sub-committee or return them to the Class/Owners Association with comments for revision. However before rejecting them the Secretary General shall report back to the Class/Owners Association,
who shall be entitled to comment on such views within thirty days of such report. Any such comments shall be considered before a final decision is made.

10.11.5 If an application is rejected the Class/Owners Association may request that the application is referred to the Class Rules Sub-committee for further review. If the Class Rules Sub-committee reject the application the Class/Owners Association may require that the application is referred to Council for review. Council’s decision shall be final.

10.11.6 Once a change has been approved, ISAF shall notify the Class/Owners Association, all Member National Authorities, all International Measurers and all licensed builders. The Class/Owners Association shall inform its members.

10.11.7 The Secretary General shall present a report of the changes approved each month to the Class Rules Sub-committee and a report to the Equipment Committee on the changes approved since the previous Equipment Committee meeting.

10.11.8 Class Rules shall not modify the Advertising Code. In the case of an application for prohibited or limiting advertising in accordance with Regulation 20.5.1 the procedure required above shall apply except that the Executive Committee shall take the place of the Secretary General and the Class Rules Sub-committee.

10.11.9 Changes to manufacturing/building specification shall be handled as per Class Rule changes except that for equipment with a confidential building specification the change shall be handled by the Secretary General after consultation with the Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-committee (or if he is conflicted, another committee member).

Class Rule Interpretations

10.12 ISAF Class Association rule interpretations shall be made in accordance with the following procedures unless otherwise provided for in the agreement defined in Regulation 10.3. Any alternative procedure shall be approved by the ISAF. Such interpretative changes shall not be used to change an existing rule. The Class shall immediately advise ISAF of any interpretations issued.

10.12.1 ISAF may only make interpretations in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) requests for an interpretation may be made to ISAF from the following sources only: Member National Authorities, ISAF Class/Owners Associations, Copyright Owners, Trade name and Trademark Owners, Manufacturers of ISAF Class Associations and International Measurers;

(b) an interpretation shall only clarify an existing class rule and shall not change the class rules;

(c) a request received by ISAF from one of those sources shall be acknowledged and immediately sent to the Class/Owners Association;

(d) the validity of the interpretation or any alternative interpretation shall be decided by a panel formed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Class Rules Sub-committee, the technical representative of the Class/Owners Association and a nominated member of the ISAF Technical Staff;

(e) interpretations of the Class rules made by the Sub-committee shall be distributed by ISAF as provided in Regulation 28.11.6; and

(f) rule interpretations shall have the status of a class rule and, unless otherwise sanctioned in the Agreement, shall remain valid for a maximum period of 2 years or until superseded by a Class Rule change or modification carried out following the procedures of this Regulation.
Review of ISAF Class Association Status

10.13 ISAF Class Associations shall be subject to regular review by the Equipment Committee (at least once every three years).

10.13.1 In the review the Equipment Committee shall establish whether or not:

(a) the ISAF Class Association/Owners Association has fulfilled its Agreement with ISAF, properly administering its affairs and maintained the agreed objectives, and whether the original reasons for granting ISAF Class Association Status still apply; and either

(b) the class is actively racing pursuant to the relevant requirements of 10.2.1(d) (The recommended guidelines to ‘actively racing’ is considered to be at least the same number of registered boats as required for the new classes in that category seeking designated status); or

(c) is continuing to provide a significant contribution to the development of the sport, e.g. technical innovation; and

(d) that the class rules continue to support the objectives of the class and provide a reasonable framework for the technical control of the class.

10.13.2 If a Class fails to meet the above criteria, on the recommendation of the Equipment Committee, the Class shall be reviewed by the Council, and its status as an ISAF Class may be withdrawn.

10.13.3 If a Class is to have its status reviewed by the Council, the Class/Owners Association shall be notified and entitled to representation at the Council meeting.

Existing Agreements

10.14 In the case of agreements between ISAF and ISAF Class Associations and Licensed Builders and Trademark, Trade name and Copyright Owners in existence prior to 30 November 1993, nothing shall be deemed to change the effect or validity of such agreements until the agreements are amended or replaced between the relevant parties, except that the review of Classes shall be carried out in accordance with the provision of Regulation 10.13 herein and the ISAF Status may be withdrawn.

Television Rights

10.15 Media Rights granted to ISAF Classes are detailed in Regulation 25.11.

10.16 When an ISAF Class has been in arrears on all or part of its subscription, fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary companies or any of their predecessors for a period of 30 days, upon certification of the same by the Secretary General, ISAF may suspend or cancel the ISAF Class's right and the right of its members:

(a) to participate in ISAF events; or

(b) to hold a World Championship.

Fees

10.17 Pursuant to Article 10, the Executive Committee shall set the Annual Class fees which ISAF Class Associations shall pay. Such fees shall accrue from the date that the class’s application for ISAF Class Association Status is received at the ISAF Secretariat, but such accrued fees shall not be payable until the earlier of the date when the ISAF status is granted or until the next annual class fees are payable.

10.17.1 Pursuant to Article 13, and as an alternative to the penalties for ISAF Class Associations in arrears of payments due provided for in Article 13, the Executive Committee may
suspend any or all of the rights of such Class to hold World Championships or be selected for an ISAF event.

11. ISAF CLASSIC CLASSES

11.1 ISAF Classic Class status is available to existing ISAF classes of historical importance that have shown exceptional significance in sailing through competition or equipment development, and still maintain active International Racing.

11.2 The Equipment Committee may recommend a Class that does not meet the requirements in 10.2.1(e) for Classic Class status based upon the contribution of the class as described in Regulation 11.1.

11.3 ISAF Classic Classes are subject to all other rights and requirements of ISAF Classes.

12. ISAF INTERNATIONAL OR RECOGNIZED RATING SYSTEMS

Obtaining Designation as an International or Recognized Rating System

12.1 To be designated an international or recognized rating system, the applicant shall be recommended for designation by the ISAF Oceanic and Offshore Committee to the ISAF Council and must receive a majority vote of the ISAF Council.

12.2 In order to be so designated the rating system must have:

(a) an active structure which represents the interests of the certificate holders;

(b) the capability of operating and managing the rating system without financial assistance from ISAF;

(c) a constitution or similar document reviewed by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and the Constitution Committee and approved by ISAF. This document shall contain at least:

(i) the name of the rating system;

(ii) provision for control by the members;

(iii) an elected board and executive committee, including at least the executive officers; and

(iv) a statement of the objectives of the organization;

(d) a set of rules detailing the operation of the rating system, reviewed by the ISAF Oceanic and Offshore Committee and agreed by ISAF. Any changes to the rules of the rating system must be notified to ISAF for inclusion in the relevant files and publication on the ISAF website; and

(e) met the requirements set out below by confirmation from the requisite number of Member National Authorities:

(i) in the case of international rating systems, the use of the rating system in events in which at least 25 yachts are actively racing with current valid certificates from each of six Member National Authorities on a minimum of three continents have participate;

(ii) in the case of recognized rating systems, the use of the rating system in events in which at least 25 yachts are actively racing with current valid certificates from each of six Member National Authorities have participated.
13. **ORC LIMITED (OFFSHORE RACING CONGRESS)**

13.1 ISAF recognizes the ORC Ltd as the sole authority to manage and administer:

(a) the ORCi International Rating System
(b) the ORC Club International Rating System
(c) the IMS Rule and the IMS Regulations
(d) the IOR Rule
(e) additional Measurement or Rating Rules or Systems that the ORC may develop or administer now or in the future
(f) the ORC GP Rules and ORC GP Classes
(g) the ILC Rule and the ILC Classes
(h) ORC Classes established under ORC Rules or Systems
(i) championship rules for ORC Classes (being those listed under (f), (g) and (h) above);
(j) the ORCi International Rating System World Championship
(k) the Biennial ISAF Offshore Team World Championship provided that: each event is subject to approval by ISAF. There shall be at least four teams representing four different nations or countries.

13.2 In addition to the classes authorized in 13.1 the ORC may organize classes utilizing its rules and submit them, pursuant to regulation 10 & 25, through the Equipment Committee, to the ISAF Council for approval as ISAF/ORC Classes providing that:

(a) The Oceanic and Offshore Committee shall be consulted regarding such submissions and shall provide its recommendation to Council.
(b) Such classes, on Council approval, shall be known as ISAF/ORC Classes and shall be subject to all obligations, rights, and privileges applying to other ISAF Classes except that the ORC itself shall serve as the Class Owners Association.
(c) Not more than 5 ISAF/ORC Classes shall exist at any time.
(d) the ORC are responsible for administration of their 5 nominated ISAF/ORC classes.
(e) Racing in ISAF/ORC classes shall be without time correction and no boat shall be eligible to compete in the same year in more than one ISAF/ORC Class.
(f) ORC shall pay ISAF an annual fee, as established by the Executive Committee from time to time, for each ISAF/ORC Class that holds a World Championship in that year (Regulation 10.3 shall not apply). This fee does not apply to an ISAF Offshore Team World Championship which utilizes ISAF and/or ISAF/ORC Class boats.

14. **Reserved for future use**
PART IV - Administration

15. **NOTICES AND SUBMISSIONS**

15.1 Submissions may be made by:

   Member National Authorities, ISAF Class Associations, the Executive Committee, the Chairmen of Committees established by Council, International or Recognized Rating Systems, the Chairman of the Women’s Forum and the President.

15.2 A notice, submission, proposal or nomination to the ISAF shall be addressed to the Secretary General at the address of the ISAF Secretariat and shall be delivered in writing by hand, post, fax or Email, and be deemed to have been given or made on the date of receipt by the Secretariat.

15.3 A submission from a Member National Authority shall be signed by the President, Vice-President, Chairman or Secretary of that Member.

15.4 A submission from an ISAF Class Association shall be signed by the President, Chairman or Secretary of the Class Association.

15.5 A submission or proposal shall first state its purpose or objective, set out the proposal, the current position, if any, identify any Article, Regulation or Rule considered to be affected and the reasons for the proposal. In a submission or proposal to change any Article, Regulation or Rule, the current Article, Regulation or Rule shall also be set out in full, with the proposed changes including the exact words to be inserted and/or deleted.

15.6 Submissions or proposals must be received at the ISAF Secretariat in respect of:

   (a) the Annual ISAF Meeting, by 1200 hours UTC on 1 August except Class rule change submissions, which shall be received by 1200 hours UTC on 1 September.

   (b) the Mid-Year meeting or other meetings, not less than eight weeks before the meeting at which it is considered. Only urgent submissions may be considered at a Mid-Year meeting. The Executive Committee shall determine whether a submission is urgent. (The provisions of this section do not apply to submissions or proposals brought forward under Regulation 15.8 and 23.1.2);

15.6.1 Notwithstanding Regulation 15.6.1 above, submissions made by the Executive Committee arising out of their September meeting shall not be late submissions provided they are included in the November Conference mailing.

15.7 A late submission may only be considered upon the approval of the President or in his absence of one of the Vice-Presidents and then only when he considers that a matter of urgency is involved.

15.8 Any other late submission shall be placed on the agenda for the next available meeting of the General Assembly, Council, or Committee (as the case might be), if the person or body which made the submission so requests.

15.9 The Council shall not resolve any matter or substance unless it is based upon a submission which has been received in accordance with these regulations or is otherwise on the agenda of a committee of the Council.

15.10 All submissions or proposals complying with Regulation 1 shall be placed on the agendas of the appropriate Committees.
15.11 The procedure for deciding on submissions as received will be as follows:

(a) during their meeting the ‘reporting committee’ shall allow representatives from those responsible for the submission to speak to it;
(b) those submissions which affect ISAF regulations and articles will be included on the agenda of the Constitution Committee who will be required to give their input on any such changes;
(c) before the Council meeting, the ISAF staff will prepare a ‘recommendations paper’ detailing the recommendations on each submission from the reporting committee and the opinions from the ‘other committees’. The Chairman of each committee will be asked to authenticate that the ‘recommendation paper’ shows an accurate record of the committee’s discussion on submissions allocated to their committee;
(d) in making recommendations on submissions, committees may not recommend a substantial change;
(e) the chairman of the reporting committee for a submission will be invited to give their verbal recommendation to Council on the submission;
(f) the opinions of ‘other committees’ will be received in writing as part of the ‘recommendations paper’.

15.12 The procedure for deciding on submissions as received and summarized as in Regulation 15.13 will be as follows:

(a) recommendations that are either pending from previous Committee Meetings or new items deemed urgent and requiring an immediate Council decision may be presented to Council;
(b) Council may decide to make a decision on such recommendations or defer the matter to the next Council meeting;
(c) any recommendations from the Constitution Committee which bring about a change to the Regulations may be deferred to the following Mid-Year or Annual meeting by the Council.

15.13 Submissions to change or add a Regulation which are approved by Council without changes to the text as recommended to the Council by the Constitution Committee shall be effective on the date of approval unless a later date is stated in Council’s decision.

15.13.1 In the event that Council’s decision changes the text as recommended to the Council by the Constitution Committee, the Regulation shall not be effective until such text shall have been resubmitted to the Constitution Committee for its recommendation and is approved by Council at its next meeting. The effective date of the approved text shall be as stated in Regulation 15.13.1 above.

15.13.2 Where appropriate, the Chairman of the Constitution Committee may certify that the changes to the text have been approved either:

(a) where there is sufficient time to do so, by the members of the Constitution Committee after discussion by email or other electronic means; or
(b) where a change is proposed at a Council Meeting, by those members present at that meeting.

15.14 The Secretary General shall keep a register of addresses of all members of the ISAF, the members of the Council and members of the Committees. Notices from the ISAF shall be deemed to be properly delivered if dispatched by post, fax or Email to the appropriate registered address. Notices to be given by the Secretary General shall be dispatched not less than one calendar month before the meeting to which they relate, provided that under exceptional circumstances failure to dispatch a notice in proper time shall not invalidate
such notice or preclude the subject matter of such notice being placed on an agenda and resolved, if the General Assembly, Council or Committee (as the case might be) so decides.

15.15 All notices and circulars sent to Members shall be sent to the members of the Council for information.

16. INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION BY CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

16.1 The interpretation of the ISAF Constitution, including any ancillary documents, and Regulations shall be the sole responsibility of the Constitution Committee.

16.2 Any Member National Authority, Class, Officer or Committee Chairman or Vice-Chairman may submit a request in writing for an interpretation of the Constitution or Regulations. Such requests shall be sent to the Secretary General who shall send them to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Constitution Committee promptly. Such requests shall be considered by the Constitution Committee and a written opinion on the interpretation of the Constitution and/or the Regulations in the context of the circumstances of the request shall be provided to the requestor.

16.3 Any other member of a Member National Authority, Class, Committee or Sub-committee may submit such a request through a Member National Authority, Class, Officer or Committee Chairman or Vice-Chairman as seems appropriate. Any such body or person through which a request is submitted is bound to forward it to the Secretary General promptly but may state that the body or the person does not have an interest in the outcome of the request. Otherwise it may provide its own opinion on the request.

16.4 Before considering any such request, the Constitution Committee shall:
   (a) provide a copy of the request to any committee(s) whose terms of reference are substantively and directly relevant to the request;
   (b) permit the committee(s) reasonable time to comment, having regard to when the Constitution Committee would expect or be expected to issue that interpretation

16.5 Notwithstanding regulation 16.2 above, where there is an urgency in obtaining an opinion the Chairman of the Constitution Committee may issue a provisional interpretation either orally or in writing, but if orally it shall be confirmed in writing as soon as possible. Such provisional interpretation shall be submitted to the Constitution Committee as soon as it reasonably can be. Such provisional interpretation shall be confirmed unless sixty per cent or more of the Constitution Committee vote against confirmation.

16.6 The existence of an urgency shall be in the sole discretion of the Chairman of the Constitution Committee. The Chairman may delegate the giving of an opinion to the Vice-Chairman or other legally trained member of the Constitution Committee. Such written opinions, when duly confirmed, shall be posted on the ISAF Website and may be distributed in any other manner.

17. APPLICATION OF ENGLISH LAW

17.1 Any disputes relating to the validity or construction of the ISAF Constitution or Regulations or any other rules or regulations made thereunder (together, the 'ISAF Regulations'), and
any disputes relating to the application of the ISAF Regulations or the exercise of powers thereunder, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales and their principles, and shall be governed by English law, excluding English choice of law principles.

17.2 For specific events, after consultation with the Chairman of the Constitution Committee, the Executive Committee may waive the whole or part of a regulation, provided that such waiver is reported to Council at the next meeting.

17.3 Except in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Executive Committee, all references in the Regulations to specific amounts of money shall be expressed in Pounds Sterling. In the event that it is inappropriate to use Pounds Sterling in a given instance, the next choice shall be Euros.

18. EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

18.1 ISAF Full Members, ISAF Members, ISAF Race Officials, ISAF Representatives and competitors shall not resort to any court or tribunal until exhaustion of all administrative remedies.

SECTION 2 - EVENTS AND COMPETITION RULES

19. ELIGIBILITY CODE (See Appendix 3)

20. ADVERTISING CODE (see Appendix 1)

21. ANTI-DOPING CODE (See Appendix 2)

22. ISAF SAILOR CLASSIFICATION CODE (See Appendix 4)

23. OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION

Classes and Equipment

23.1 Classes and Equipment

23.1.1 ISAF’s vision for the Olympic Sailing Competition is that it is a pinnacle event, every 4 years, that showcases the skills and diversity of the best sailors from all parts of the world. Olympic Events, Equipment and formats are chosen to present the sport of sailing as a challenging but accessible and rewarding sport for participants from all countries, and as an engaging experience for spectators and remote audiences.

23.1.2 In choosing its Olympic Events and Equipment, ISAF shall seek to ensure that each Event at the Olympic Sailing Competition is, and will be likely to remain, the pinnacle Event for that discipline or area of sailing. In addition, the Olympic Events and Equipment taken together shall seek to:

(a) demonstrate the diversity of skills required to race various types of small boats, and minimise the overlap between Events;

(b) place an emphasis on athlete skill rather than equipment development, and limit the impact of equipment on performance;

(c) demand a high level of athletic ability as well as excellent sailing skills;
(d) be attractive and accessible to young athletes from all continents, and of different size and weight, with a clear pathway from ISAF Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment;

(e) maximise the participation of the world’s best sailors and showcase the diversity of the sport;

(f) provide an effective platform for promotion of the sport, and elite sailors, between Olympics;

(g) progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in;

(h) avoid unnecessary or excessive equipment costs, development costs, measurement costs, coaching costs, race organisation and race official costs, and television and other media costs;

(i) offer continuity of Events and evolution of Equipment to give MNAs and sailors a dependable pathway into Olympic competition with continuity of investment;

(j) provide suitable Events and Equipment for Regional Games and other regattas;

(k) minimise environmental impact.

23.1.3 The Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in regulation 23.1.4. Any change to regulation 23.1.4 shall be made according to the process below.

(a) Change to Olympic Events
   A decision to introduce a new Event, or remove an Event, shall be made no later than November of the year six years before the Olympic Sailing Competition. The requirements and other criteria for the choice of Equipment for any new Event shall be specified at the same time.

(b) Change to Olympic Equipment for a Retained Event
   A decision to consider change or evolution of the Equipment for a retained Event shall be made no later than November of the year six years before the Olympic Sailing Competition. The requirements and other criteria for the choice of new or evolved Equipment shall be specified at the same time.

(c) Selection of New Equipment (for both a New or Retained Event)
   New Equipment shall only be selected following Equipment trials or other evaluation against the specified criteria, and shall be decided no later than November of the year four years before the Olympic Games.

(d) Evolution of Retained Equipment (for a Retained Event)
   Equipment evolution shall be decided no later than November of the year four years before the Olympic Sailing Competition following liaison between ISAF and the relevant Class organisation and manufacturers.

(e) Submissions to Change Olympic Events or Olympic Equipment
   A submission to change Olympic Events or Equipment shall propose a complete set of Olympic Events equal in number to the number of sailing Events at the Olympic Games, and shall include any Core Events or Equipment already selected for that Olympic Sailing Competition.

   For each Event proposed, the submission shall specify whether:
   (i) the current Equipment is to be retained; or
   (ii) the current Equipment is to be evolved; or
   (iii) the Equipment choice is to be subject to evaluation.

   If (ii) is specified for an Event, the decision on Equipment evolution shall be made separately in accordance with regulation 23.1.3(d). If (iii) is specified for an Event,
selection of Equipment for that Event shall be made separately in accordance with regulation 23.1.3(c).

23.1.4 Olympic Events and Equipment:

Men's Board and/or Kiteboard - RS:X / kiteboard evaluation
Women's Board and/or Kiteboard - RS:X / kiteboard evaluation
Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser
Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy - Finn
Men's Skiff - 49er
Women's Skiff - Evaluation
Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470
Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470
Mixed Two Person Multihull - Evaluation

23.1.5 Core Events

(a) Council may decide, at its first meeting after an Olympic Sailing Competition, that an Event already selected for the next Olympic Sailing Competition in four years time is a “Core Event”, and as such is also selected for the Olympic Games in eight years time.

(b) Council may also at the same time select the current Equipment for a Core Event for the Olympic Games in eight years time.

(c) Any recommendation or decision to establish an Event as a Core Event, or on Equipment for a Core Event, requires at least two-thirds of votes cast to be in favour. At any time there shall not be more than eight Core Events.

(d) The voting system to be used by Reporting Committees for Core Events uses a single ballot paper with ten yes / no votes, one per Event, and the motion of each vote being that “Event xxx should be a Core Event and selected as an Olympic Event in 20xx”. In the event that more than eight Events receive the required two-thirds of votes cast, the eight with the highest number of votes in favour are selected as Core Events. In the event of a tie that needs to be broken, a run-off ballot is held.

(e) The voting system to be used by Reporting Committees for Equipment for Core Events is that for each Core Event, a vote is held on the proposal to select the current Equipment. To be selected, a vote in favour of two-thirds of votes cast is required.

23.1.6 Olympic Equipment contracts shall be agreed between ISAF and the appropriate Classes and / or manufacturers by May 1st in the year four years before the Olympic Sailing Competition. The contract shall require the Class to be an ISAF Class at the first opportunity thereafter, and, in any event, prior to the Olympic Games, and to remain an ISAF Class while it remains Olympic Equipment. In the event that ISAF is unable to agree the contract for particular Equipment, Council shall decide alternative Equipment in November of the year four years before the Olympic Sailing Competition from a list of Equipment options provided by the ISAF Executive.

23.1.7 Council may decide to change a specific part of regulation 23.1.4 closer in time to the Olympic Games than permitted in regulation 23.1.3 if at least 75% of votes cast are in favour of a motion to do so. In such an event, the timescales in regulation 23.1.3 shall not apply, and any subsequent voting process shall ensure that an Event or Equipment is de-
selected, or new Event or Equipment is selected, only after a vote of more than 50% of votes cast in favour of the decision.

23.1.8 ISAF shall review its Event and Equipment choices for the ISAF Youth World Championships, and for the Youth Olympic Games, following any change of Olympic Events or Equipment, to ensure that there remains a clear, pathway for MNAs and sailors from Youth to Olympic.

**Olympic Entries**

23.2 Olympic entries shall only be approved from Members of the ISAF. If applications for membership are received between the meetings of the ISAF, these may be approved provided that the Officers and the ISAF’s legal advisers are satisfied that the application follows the ISAF’s normal guidelines. These applications shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting.

23.2.1 Entries for Olympic Qualification Events shall only be accepted from Full or Associate Members. It shall be the first Olympic Qualification event for all nations.

**Olympic Jury**

23.3 The President, Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee and Chairman of the Race Officials Committee shall select the Chairman of the Olympic Jury.

23.3.1 The President, Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee and Chairman of the Race Officials Committee shall agree on a Vice-Chairman and select the balance of the jury, subject to the following guidelines:

(a) a majority of the Jury shall be International Judges;
(b) there shall not be more than two members from any one country; and
(c) at least one member shall be from the nation organizing the Olympic Sailing Competition and at least one member shall be from the nation organizing the subsequent Olympic Sailing Competition.

**Olympic Media Rights**

23.4 Media Rights in respect of the Olympic Sailing Competition are the property of the International Olympic Committee and all monies derived from these rights allocated to ISAF is the property of ISAF.

**Appointment of Technical Delegates**

*Please refer to Regulation 25.13.7 and 8.*

24. **ISAF EVENTS**

**Selection of Classes for ISAF Events**

24.1 Only ISAF Classes shall be selected for ISAF events.

24.1.1 Notwithstanding Regulation 24.1, the Council may approve a non-ISAF Class boat for ISAF Match Racing and Team Racing events other than Olympic events.

24.1.2 Notwithstanding Regulation 24.1, the Council may approve the selection of a non-ISAF Class boat that has been recommended as a result of an ISAF Equipment Evaluation.

**ISAF Sailing World Championships**

24.2 The Name of the Championship shall be the ISAF Sailing World Championships (the Championships). If there is a title sponsor, the title sponsor name may be inserted in the Championships title, as approved by the ISAF Executive Committee.
24.2.1 The Championships shall be held once every four years, two years prior to the Olympic Sailing Competition.

24.2.2 Only the events and equipment included in the next Olympic Sailing Competition shall be included in the programme of the Championships.

24.2.3 The Championships shall be the Class World Championship of the equipment as stated in 24.2.2

24.2.4 The format of the event shall be decided by ISAF.

24.2.5 The start date for the Championships shall be in August, except that, if the start date of the Olympic Sailing Competition is in September, the start date for the Championships may also be in September but no later than the Olympic start date. The Executive may change this date when there is good reason.

24.2.6 The decision process and timelines for the selection of venue and contract award for the Championships are:

(a) Preliminary bids shall be received by ISAF from an ISAF Member National Authority by 1st November, 5 years before the Championships.

(b) Final bids shall be received by 1st March, 4 years before the Championships.

(c) The venue shall be decided by ISAF in May, 4 years before the Championships.

(d) The contract between ISAF and the Organizers shall be signed not less than 3 years before the Championships.

(e) The Qualification System shall be determined by ISAF not less than 2 years before the Championships.

(f) The Notice of Race shall be approved by ISAF not less than 1 year before the event.

However, for the Championships in 2014, the above schedule shall be amended so that preliminary bids are received by 15th October 2010, final bids are received by 1st December 2010, and the Executive Committee shall decide the venue in February 2011.

**ISAF Sailing World Cup Events**

*Regulation 24.3 shall be effective from 1 December 2012*

24.3 The name of the each event shall be covered by the title of the ISAF Sailing World Cup.

24.3.1 Only the events and equipment included in the next Olympic Sailing Competition shall be included in the programme of ISAF Sailing World Cup Events.

24.3.2 The format of the event shall be decided by ISAF and shall comply with the next Olympic Sailing Competition.

24.3.3 The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for all ISAF Sailing World Cup Events shall be consistent and approved by ISAF before the ongoing series.

24.3.4 Reserved for future use to cover all other aspects of ISAF Sailing World Cup Events.

**ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship**

24.4 The Name of the Championship shall be the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship (the Championship). If there is a title sponsor, the title may be ‘Sponsor’ Youth Sailing ISAF
24.4.1 The Championship shall be held annually.

24.4.2 To be eligible to participate in the Championship, all competitors shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December of the year of the Championship.

24.4.3 The following events shall be included in the programme of the Championship:

- Boy’s One Person Dinghy
- Girl’s One Person Dinghy
- Boy’s Two Person Dinghy
- Girl’s Two Person Dinghy
- Boy’s Windsurfer
- Girl’s Windsurfer
- Open High Performance Dinghy
- Open Multihull

24.4.4 The Championship shall start on the second Thursday of July and finish ten days later or on 27 December of the year of the Championship and finish ten days later.

24.4.5 The decision process and timelines for the Host Member National Authority for the Championship are:

(a) Bids should be received from an ISAF Member National Authority by 1 August, 5 years before the year of the event;

(b) The venue shall be decided by ISAF 4 years before the event;

(c) The equipment shall be decided by ISAF 3 years before the event;

(d) The contract between ISAF and the Organizers shall be signed not less than 2 years before the event; and

(e) The Notice of Race shall be approved by ISAF not less than 1 year before the event.

24.4.6 Classes listed in Regulation 24.4.9 shall not hold a World or Youth Continental Championship that clashes with the dates of the Championship.

24.4.7 Only Classes listed in Regulation 24.4.9, may be selected for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship. Member National Authorities applying to host a Championship shall indicate their intended classes in their bid document.

24.4.8 Boats, sails and equipment shall be provided for the competitors, free of charge.

24.4.9 The Classes for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship are:

- Boy’s One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
- Girl’s One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
- Boy’s Two Person Dinghy - 420
- Girl’s Two Person Dinghy - 420
- Boy’s Windsurfer - RS:X with the 8.5\(^{m}\) rig
- Girl’s Windsurfer - RS:X with the 8.5\(^{m}\) rig
- Open - 29er
- Open Multihull - Hobie 16 with spinnaker or Sirena SL16

Pursuant to Regulation 24.1.2, no class shall remain on the approved list for more than four years without obtaining ISAF Class status.
**Nationality Criteria**

24.5 When participating in an ISAF event a competitor must be a national of the country which enters the competitor or the competitor represents as determined under the guidelines set out below. However, the Notice of Race may specify that this Regulation does not apply to crew substitutes.

24.5.1 The following wording shall be included in the notice of race and sailing instructions:

“All any competitor in the championship must be a national of the country of the Member National Authority which is entering him/her or which he represents.”

24.5.2 All applications or disputes relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in the Championship shall be resolved by the ISAF Executive Committee.

24.5.3 Regulation 24.5 shall not apply to competitors participating in the ISAF Open Match World Racing Championship and the ISAF Offshore Team World Championship.

24.5.4 On application, the Executive Committee may give exemptions to 24.5 in case of a competitor being a permanent resident of the country he wishes to represent. The following conditions will apply:

(a) a competitor must have been an ordinary resident of the country for more than three (3) consecutive years and must be able to give proof of his residency for this period;

(b) a competitor must have been member of the relevant member national authority of the Federation (ISAF), or a club or other organization affiliated to the relevant national authority for at least three (3) consecutive years;

(c) a competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the Federation (ISAF), and who wants to represent another country, may represent this country provided that at least three (3) consecutive years have passed since the competitor last represented a different country in the events referred to above or the Executive Committee has reduced this period pursuant to Regulation 24.5.5(b).

**Nationality Criteria Guidelines**

24.5.5 Based on the criteria used by the IOC for the Olympic Games and ISAF policy, the following guidelines shall be used by the Executive Committee in assessing an application:

Nationality Criteria Guidelines for the Executive Committee in Assessing Applications to Participate in an ISAF Championship

(a) A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he/she may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Olympic Games, in ISAF events, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the ISAF, he may not represent another country unless he/she meets the conditions set forth in Regulation 24.5.5(b) that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

(b) A competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in ISAF events, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the ISAF, who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, shall not participate in any of the events referred to above in this paragraph to represent his new country until three years after such change or
acquisition. The Executive Committee may after taking into account the circumstances of each case, and with the agreement of the Member National Authorities concerned, reduce or even cancel this period.

(c) If a part of an existing country such as an associated state, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence and becomes a new country or is incorporated into or is associated with another country recognized by the IOC, Regulations 24.5.5(a) and (b) shall not apply and a competitor may:

(i) continue to represent the former country if he remains a national of that country; or

(ii) represent the new country of the country into which the newly independent territory has been incorporated provided that country has a Member National Authority and the competitor becomes or applies to become a national of that country; and

(iii) the choice provided for in this paragraph may only be made once in respect of such change in national status.

(d) In all cases not expressly addressed in these guidelines, in particular those cases in which a competitor would be in a position to represent a country other than that of which he/she is a national, or to have a choice as to the country which he/she intends to represent, the ISAF Executive Committee may take all decisions of a general or individual nature, and in particular issue specific requirements relating to nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of the competitors, including the duration of any waiting period.

(e) In the instance of applications which need to be decided in haste, possibly shortly before the start of a championship, the Executive Committee shall nominate two individuals to settle applications/disputes in their name.

25. ISAF AND OTHER EVENTS

ISAF approval of World Championships and other Events

25.1 ISAF approval is required for any event that is described as a World Championship, uses the word “World” in the title of the event, or any of the promoters, organizers or any other organization officially connected with the event, represents or holds out in any way that the event is a World Championship or does the foregoing in such a way that the event is reasonably perceived to be a World Championship.

25.2 ISAF Classes

25.2.1 Each ISAF Class that meets the World Championships requirements in regulation 10.2.1(e) is automatically granted the right, subject to the notification requirements of Regulation 25.7, to hold one annual World Championship. Regulation 10.4 defines how this right is maintained or rescinded.

25.2.2 ISAF Class Associations have the sole right to hold world and continental championships of their class, these being class events as defined in Regulation 10.5(f).

25.2.3 ISAF Classes holding world and continental championships shall obtain the approval of the National Authority of the nation where the event is to be hosted.

25.2.4 The title of the Championship should be: “The xxx Class World Championship” or “The xxx Class <Name of Continent> Championship”, but other titles may be used. The title
shall not include the term "ISAF", “International Sailing Federation”, “Sailing” or “World Cup”.

25.2.5 The World Championship right granted in regulation 25.2.1 may be open, or may be restricted on the basis of gender or age. All ISAF Classes may also award the following subsidiary World Championship titles:

(a) one Women’s World Champion title

(b) one Youth World Champion title (which may be on the basis of gender), where youth crews are so defined by the Class.

(c) one further World Champion title on the basis of gender, age or discipline.

25.2.6 Those competing for a subsidiary World Championship shall race as a separate fleet. The number of participating entries in this fleet shall meet or exceed the number of entries shown in the table in regulation 10.4(b), and the fleet shall include entries from more than one continent.

25.2.7 However the above rights for a Class selected by ISAF to be equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition may be restricted or amended by the Olympic Classes Contract.

25.3 Radio Sailing

ISAF Radio Sailing Division may hold one annual World Championship per ISAF - RSD Class up to a maximum of three World Championships.

25.4 Disabled Sailing

The International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) may hold IFDS World Championships as follows; subject to approval under Regulation 25.1:

(a) up to a total of five IFDS World Championships per year are authorized;

(b) IFDS shall select the World Championships from the following disability event categories:

(i) One-Person Keelboat Open;
(ii) Two-Person Keelboat Mixed;
(iii) Three-Person Keelboat Open;
(iv) Multihull Open;
(v) One-Person Non-Technical Open;
(vi) Vision impaired (with sighted guides) Open;
(vii) Vision impaired (without sighted guides) Open, and;
(viii) Intellectually Disabled Open
(c) Regulation 10.4(b) does not apply to IFDS World Championships;

(d) IFDS may “Recognize” classes of boats or equipment as suitable for sailing by disabled sailors, in accordance with standards to be adopted by IFDS; and

(e) IFDS World Championships authorized in this Regulation shall be held in equipment recognized by IFDS as provided in 25.6(d).

25.5 Rating Systems

25.5.1 A designation as an international rating system shall not automatically entitle the rating system to hold a world championship.

25.5.2 Rating systems not covered in Regulation 25.5 shall apply to ISAF for approval to hold a world championship.

25.5.3 Qualification to hold a world championship shall include rating systems which are based on measurement and scientific formulation available to all certificate holders.

25.6 Other World Championships

ISAF may approve other events as World Championships upon written application made by a National Authority, Class Association or an organizing authority (as defined in RRS).

25.7 ISAF Events Calendar

25.7.1 The dates for all World and Continental Championships shall be presented to ISAF no later than 1 August for the following year including all Championship titles to be awarded at the event.

25.7.2 Organizers of other events may, after receiving the approval of the relevant Member National Authority, apply no later than 1 August for publication of the event on the ISAF International Events Calendar for the following year.

25.7.3 By 1 October, ISAF shall prepare a list of all World Championships approved under Regulation 25.2, 25.3, 25.4, 25.5, 25.6, 25.7, Continental Championships of ISAF Classes, Major Events and Recognized Events and events submitted under Regulation 25.7.2.

25.7.4 ISAF is the Authority to solve any disputes over clashes of dates in the international Calendar. All Member National Authorities shall notify ISAF of their International Events and proposed dates as soon as possible. Dates should be agreed with the ISAF Secretariat before 1 August of the preceding year to avoid possible clashes. In the event of a conflict in dates for events involving Classes selected by ISAF to be equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition, the ISAF Executive Committee shall resolve the conflict.

25.7.5 For the Classes selected by ISAF to be equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition the hierarchy of events shall follow the grading system for the ISAF Rankings.

Appointment of Race Officials in International Events

25.8 ISAF has the right to appoint Race Officials for the events which require them in order to ensure that for those events the Race Officials selected are fully trained and qualified for that event.
25.8.1 Except as provided in Regulations 10.10, 23.3 and 25.8, the right to appoint Race Officials is delegated to the Organizing Authority of the event.

25.8.2 When the ISAF has the right to appoint or approve the appointment of Race Officials pursuant to regulation 25.8 or otherwise and with the exception of the appointment of Olympic Juries pursuant to regulations 16.3 and 16.3.1, in the exercise of such right or obligation the Executive Committee shall appoint a working party to make the appointments or to give approvals. Any such working party shall consist of the following persons:

(a) an ISAF Vice-President;
(b) a retired ISAF Race Official;
(c) a suitable staff member of the ISAF Secretariat (non-voting).

The working party shall be appointed at the Annual ISAF Meeting after the Olympics and shall be appointed for a four-year period in line with the ISAF Committee's term of appointment. In respect of each event, the working party shall have power to add one other expert whose expertise is relevant or needed.

25.8.3 For appointments under Regulations 25.8.10, 25.8.12 and 25.8.14 ISAF shall only appoint or approve after consultation with the relevant ISAF Class/Owners Association (for class events) and the Member National Authority of the venue.

25.8.4 The Executive Committee may propose from time to time at its discretion to the Council the addition or deletion of events from the lists in Regulations 25.8.8 through 25.8.15. Upon the Council's approval of such a proposal, either as proposed or as amended, the lists in Regulation 25.8.8 through 25.8.15 shall be amended accordingly. The Executive Committee will categorize Regional Games into Category I and II after consultation with the Regional Games Committee.

25.8.5 If an ISAF Race Official is appointed or approved by ISAF to officiate in a Major Event, as defined by Regulation 25.8.15, from the date of acceptance of, whether or not he continues to act as a race official in that event, he shall not compete in it himself or advise or act in any capacity for a competitor or a competitor's team for that event.

25.8.6 When it is appropriate to remunerate Race Officials, ISAF shall exercise the right to appoint the Race Officials selected for these events and set the fees to be paid to ISAF for the services or shall negotiate the appropriate fees.

**Appointment or approval of the International Jury and the appointment of International Umpires**

25.8.7 ISAF shall not appoint or approve a Jury Chairman or Chief Umpire who is from the country of the Organizing Authority of the event.

25.8.8 When ISAF exercises its right to appoint a Chief Umpire, Jury Chairman, Chief Measurer, Course Representative or Principal Race Officer (Race Officer when one course area will be used) the appointee shall respectively be an International Umpire, International Judge, International Measurer or International Race Officer.

25.8.9 International Jury or International Umpire team

(a) When ISAF appoints or approves the International Jury it may, to the extent permitted by the Racing Rules of Sailing, in conjunction with the relevant class association and Organizing Authority, appoint / approve national judges

(b) When ISAF appoints or approves the Umpire Team, it may, in conjunction with the relevant Organizing Authority, appoint / approve national umpires to the extent
consistent with guidelines adopted by the International Umpires Sub-committee.

25.8.10 ISAF shall exercise the right to appoint the International Jury or the Umpire Team for the following events:

America's Cup Series, America's Cup Challenger Series, America's Cup Defender Series, America's Cup Match;
Grade One Match Racing Events
ISAF Events as follows:
  ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship
  ISAF Sailing World Championships
  ISAF Offshore Team World Championship
  ISAF Match Racing World Championship
  ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship
  ISAF Team Racing World Championship
...In addition, any other ISAF Events that are introduced.
World Championships of the Olympic Classes;
Olympic Qualifying Events;
The Olympic Sailing Competition (See Regulations 16.3 and 16.3.1);
Regional Games Category I
The Volvo Ocean Race.

25.8.11 ISAF shall approve the International Jury or the International Umpires when deemed necessary for the following events otherwise not covered by the Regulations above:

Regional Games Category II;
Paralympic Qualification Events;
Paralympic Games;
Special Olympics.

25.8.12 ISAF shall have the right to approve and/or appoint the International Jury or the Umpire Team when deemed necessary for the following events otherwise not covered by the Regulations above:

Global Ocean Races;
Grand Prix Match Racing Events;
ISAF World Sailing Rankings graded Events;
Professional Windsurfers Association Events (PWA)
Trans-Oceanic Races;
World Championships of non-Olympic ISAF Classes, when agreed with the ISAF as detailed in Regulation 10.9

Appointment or approval of Race Officers or Course Representatives

25.8.13 ISAF shall exercise the right to appoint the Race Officer(s) and/or Course Representatives for the following events:

ISAF Events as follows;
  ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship;
  ISAF Sailing World Championships;
  ISAF Offshore Team World Championship;
  ISAF Match Racing World Championship;
  ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship;
  ISAF Team Racing World Championship;
  ISAF Sailing World Cup
...In addition, any other ISAF Events that are introduced.
World Championships of the Olympic Classes;
Olympic Qualifying Events;
The Olympic Sailing Competition.

25.8.14 ISAF shall have the right to approve and/or appoint the Race Officer(s) and/or Course Representatives when deemed necessary for the following events otherwise not covered by the Regulations above:

ISAF World Sailing Rankings graded Events;
World Championships of non-Olympic ISAF Classes, when agreed with the ISAF

Appointment or Approval of Measurers

25.8.15 ISAF shall exercise the right to appoint the Measurer(s) for the following events;

ISAF Events as follows:
- ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship;
- ISAF Sailing World Championships;
- ISAF Offshore Team World Championship;
- ISAF Match Racing World Championship;
- ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship;
- ISAF Team Racing World Championship;
- …In addition, any other ISAF Events that are introduced.
The Olympic Sailing Competition.

25.8.16 ISAF shall have the right to approve and/or appoint the Measurer(s) when deemed necessary for the following events otherwise not covered by the Regulations above:

ISAF World Sailing Rankings graded Events;
World Championships of ISAF Classes, when agreed with the ISAF.

25.8.17 Major and Recognized Events
(a) Major Events are as follows:
- America’s Cup Series, America’s Cup Challenger Series, America’s Cup Defender Series, America’s Cup Match;
- Global Ocean Races;
- Grade 1 Match Racing Events;
- Grand Prix Match Racing Events;
ISAF Events as follows:
- ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship;
- ISAF Sailing World Championships;
- ISAF Offshore Team World Championship;
- ISAF Match Racing World Championship;
- ISAF Women’s Match Racing World Championship;
- ISAF Team Racing World Championship;
- … And any other ISAF Events that are introduced,
Events of the Olympic Classes (at the discretion of the ISAF Executive Committee);
World Championships of the Olympic Classes;
Olympic Qualifying Events;
The Olympic Sailing Competition;
Professional Windsurfers Association Events (PWA);
Trans-Oceanic Races;
Regional Games Category I;
Volvo Ocean Race.

(b) Recognized Events are as follows:
Events of the Olympic Classes not covered under (a) (at the discretion of the ISAF Executive Committee);
Regional Games Category II,
World Championships of non-Olympic ISAF Classes, unless otherwise agreed with the ISAF, as detailed in Regulation 10.9;
Paralympic Sailing Competition (including Paralympic Qualification Events);
Special Olympics.

Appointment of Race Officials in International Events
25.8.18 ISAF shall publish a list of all appointments made under this regulation no later than 30th June of each year and shall update the list no later than the end of each calendar year.

Appointment of Technical Delegate in International Events
25.9 The ISAF Executive Committee shall appoint ISAF Technical Delegates for all 'ISAF Events' and Regional Games events including the Olympic Sailing Competition. The Executive Committee shall consult the Regional Games Committee on the appointment of ISAF Technical Delegates to Regional Games events.

25.9.1 The appointment of technical delegates to events organized outside the ISAF Events, Regional Games and Olympic Sailing Competition will be left to the Member National Authority of the country in which the event is being held.

25.9.2 The ISAF Technical Delegate should be appointed as soon as possible after the confirmation of sailing’s inclusion in the specific Regional Games. A list of ISAF appointed Technical Delegates will be maintained on the ISAF website.

25.9.3 ISAF Technical Delegates appointed to Regional Games shall only be those certified by ISAF as an ISAF Race Officer or International Judge.

25.9.4 ISAF shall not appoint or approve an ISAF Technical Delegate, other than ISAF staff, who is from the country of the Organizing Authority of the event. All ISAF Technical Delegates will report to and through the Executive Committee.

25.9.5 The ISAF Technical Delegate will be appointed subject to the following guideline as to their qualifications:

(a) an intimate knowledge of the ISAF Rules and Regulations;
(b) experience of event organization;
(c) skills in diplomacy;
(d) the ability to work with all people connected with the event (competitors, officials, media etc); and
(e) the geographic location of the appointed delegate in respect of funding available from ISAF and other sources to enable he/she to undertake the role.

25.9.6 The responsibilities of the ISAF Technical Delegate will include:

(a) assisting Event Organisers in the development and planning of the event;
(b) giving advice regarding the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions before the event;
(c) approving any alterations to the Sailing Instructions and other rules relating to the event;
(d) co-ordinating the ISAF Course Representatives and the Race Officers (appointed by the Event Organising Committee) where such officials have been appointed;

(e) carrying out such other functions as the ISAF Executive Committee may decide; and

(f) submitting a report to the ISAF if visits are made.

25.9.7 At least two ISAF Technical Delegates will be appointed for the Olympic Sailing Competition, subject to the following guidelines:

(a) one ISAF Technical Delegate will be a member of the ISAF Executive Committee;

(b) one ISAF Technical Delegate will be an ISAF staff appointee;

(c) the ISAF Technical Delegates will be appointed no later than three years before the start of the Olympic Sailing Competition; and

25.9 The ISAF Executive Committee shall approve the IFDS Technical Delegate for the Paralympic Sailing Competition (including Paralympic Qualification events).

**Commercial Rights**

25.10.1 ISAF exclusively owns and controls all commercial rights in and to the ISAF Events, such commercial rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:

(a) audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these Regulations);

(b) sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;

(c) ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and

(d) other rights to commercialise the ISAF Events (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorise the taking of bets on the ISAF Events.

25.10.2 ISAF shall be entitled to exploit the commercial rights in such manner as it considers appropriate, including granting licences in respect of the same (or part thereof) to relevant Member National Authority or other third party(ies) from time to time.

**Media Rights**

25.11 Definition

For the purpose of this Regulation, Media Rights shall mean:

(a) the right to communicate or interact via the Internet, or other system with information including, but not limited to, statistics, rules, bulletins, calendars, news, and results; and

(b) the right to transmit thereon audiovisual and/or audiovisual live and/or delayed coverage of an event.

Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, the term ‘Media Rights’ includes any such rights to information which is stored, reproduced or transmitted in digital or analogue form or by digital or analogue methods or by use of any protocol.

25.11.1 Ownership
The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) is the first owner of all media rights of any event using *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

As detailed in Regulation 23.4, media rights in respect of the Olympic Sailing Competition are the property of the International Olympic Committee and all monies derived from these rights allocated to the ISAF is the property of the Federation.

### 25.11.2 Licensing

No club, Class Association, organization, entity or person or any combination thereof, may negotiate or enter into or benefit from any agreement or transaction of any kind by which cash or other consideration is received for the grant of any media rights in respect of any such event except with the express written consent of ISAF. No consent is required in respect of the following events:

(a) ISAF Class Association World Championships and Continental Championships and other World Championships Approved by ISAF

Unless otherwise agreed with ISAF, ISAF Classes shall be automatically licensed by ISAF, without fee, to such media rights for their ISAF approved Class World Championships and Continental Championships, and other classes in respect of other World Championships approved by ISAF.

(b) National Events

Member National Authorities shall be automatically licensed, without fee, to the media rights to such events held in the Member National Authority's country. The Member National Authority may sub-license such media rights to the Event Organizing Authority of the event.

(c) An International Event taking place in one country

(i) ISAF Graded Events

On application to ISAF, the media rights may be licensed to the Member National Authority, without fee. The Member National Authority may sub-license the media rights to the Event Organizing Authority of the event.

(ii) Other Events

Unless Otherwise Agreed with ISAF, on application to ISAF, the media rights shall be licensed to the Member National Authority without fee. The Member National Authority may sub-license the media rights to the Event Organizing Authority of the event.

(d) Notwithstanding (a), (b) and (c), a fee may be charged only if such events regularly produce a significant amount of revenue.

(e) An International Event taking place in more than one country

On application to ISAF, the media rights may be licensed to the Member National Authority of the Event Organizing Authority. A fee may be charged. The Member National Authority may sub-license the media rights to the Event Organizing Authority.

(f) Major Events/Events of Classes/ISAF Events

On application to ISAF, any media rights ISAF may have for Major Events, Events of Classes and ISAF Events, may be licensed to the Event Organizing Authority or other organization at ISAF Executive Committee’s discretion. No additional fee shall be charged. See Regulation 25.12.3.

### Event Fees

#### 25.12 Grading and Advertising Fees
(a) For Major Events, Events of Classes and ISAF Events the ISAF shall administer an Event Advertising System and/or Individual Advertising System (see Regulation 25.12.4).

(b) For ISAF Open Match Racing World Championships (ISAF MRWC) and Open Graded Match Racing Events, the following fees apply:

(i) Grading Fees
   ISAF MRWC €1,500
   Grade 1 €1,200
   Grade 2 €600

(ii) Advertising Fees
   ISAF MRWC €3,100
   Grade 1 €3,100
   Grade 2-5 €1,500 for events with:
   Cash or cashable prizes, appearance payments, individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €15,500 or the equivalent.

   The fee is regardless of the level of advertising.

(iii) The above fees shall apply to Women’s Match Racing events when the event offers cash or cashable prizes, appearance payments, individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise, any/or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €15,500 or the equivalent.

(c) The ISAF Executive Committee may adjust the fee under special circumstances.

**Payment for Umpires**

25.12.1 For Graded Match Racing Events, the following fees apply:

(a) the Executive Committee shall specify Umpire Daily Fees and Chief Umpire Daily Fees from time to time and such fees shall be payable to umpires as provided in this regulation;

(b) the fees payable for any event shall be the most recent that have been specified by the Executive Committee not less than 12 months before the start of the event;

(c) the fees receivable shall be calculated as follows:

   For ISAF Open Match Racing World Championships and Open Grade 1 events:
   Chief Umpires
   1 Chief Umpire Daily Fee for each day of the event scheduled for racing and other days of required attendance plus 2 additional such fees;
   Deputy Chief Umpires
   1 Chief Umpire Daily Fee for each day of the event scheduled for racing and the other days of required attendance plus 2 additional such fees;

   Other Umpires
   1 Umpire Daily Fee for each day of the event scheduled for racing and other days of required attendance plus 2 additional such fees.

   For Open Grade 2 – 5 Events and all Women’s Match Racing Events

   For events with:
Cash or cashable prizes, appearance payments, individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise, any/or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €15,500 or the equivalent, the following fees apply:

Chief Umpires
1 Chief Umpire Daily Fee for each day of the event scheduled for racing and other days of required attendance plus 2 additional such fees;

Deputy Chief Umpires
1 Chief Umpire Daily Fee for each day of the event scheduled for racing and the other days of required attendance plus 2 additional such fees;

Other Umpires
1 Umpire Daily Fee for each day of the event scheduled for racing and other days of required attendance plus 2 additional such fees;

(d) When a Women’s Grade 1 or 2 Match Racing event is combined with an Open Match Racing Grade 1 or 2 event then the event fees payable to the umpires include all race days of the combined event.

Approval Fees
25.12.2 Excluding those events detailed under Regulation 25.12.1, the organizing authority of an event with:

Cash or cashable prizes,
Appearance payments,
Individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise,

any/or other benefits of a similar nature totaling more than €15,500 or the equivalent may be required to pay an approval fee.

(a) National Events - The national authority of the venue may require such a fee.

(b) International Events - (i.e. open to entries other than those from the national authority of the venue) or any event organized in more than one country the ISAF shall require such a fee, as below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total Prize Money</th>
<th>Approval Fee</th>
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<tr>
<td>€15,500 - €19,999</td>
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<td>€20,000 - €24,999</td>
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<td>€25,000 - €29,999</td>
<td>€2,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>€30,000 - €34,999</td>
<td>€3,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>€35,000 +</td>
<td>10% of total prize money</td>
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(c) When there is prize money for a series of events, then regulation 25.12.2 will apply to the series in addition to regulation 25.12.1 applying to the individual events.

Media Right Fees
25.12.3 See Regulation 25.11.2 and Regulation 25.12.4.

Major Events, Events of Classes and ISAF Events
25.12.4 Fees due to ISAF from Major Events, Events of Classes and ISAF Events (see Advertising Code, Regulation 20.2.3) in respect of Advertising and Approval Fees
(Regulation 25.12 and 25.12.2) shall be negotiated as a single fee to cover all rights, including any Media Rights as defined by Regulation 25.11 owned by the ISAF.

**Non-Payment of Fees**

25.12.5 Where ISAF has the right to appoint Race Officials and

(a) where fees in respect of an event are payable under Regulation 25.12 and have not been paid by the day before the day of the first schedules race of the event; or

(b) where fees are unpaid in respect of:

(i) other events organised by the same organizing authority; or
(ii) other events organized or controlled by any body, organization or authority concerned with the current event,

ISAF may instruct Race Officials appointed to the event to refrain from officiating in the event or to withdraw from it.

25.13 Regional Games

25.13.1 ISAF shall encourage Member National Authorities, Continental Associations and other similar organizations to have sailing included in Regional Games where possible subject to the provisions of this paragraph 25.13.

25.13.2 ISAF will appoint the Technical Delegate for Regional Games Category I as soon as possible after the event’s dates and venue has been announced. The Organizing Authority shall prepare the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and other race documents in close cooperation with the Technical Delegate and shall send it to ISAF for approval. The Notice of Race shall be sent not less than eight months before the start of the Games, the Sailing Instructions not less than one month. ISAF shall publish the Notice of Race on its website or by such other means as it thinks fit and once published the provisions in the Notice of Race relating to the classes to race and the format of the races shall not be altered except with the consent in writing of ISAF.

25.13.3 When Regional Games are categorized by the Executive Committee into Category II, the Organizing Authority shall prepare the Notice of Race for approval by ISAF not less than eight months before the start of the Games. ISAF shall publish the Notice of Race on its website or by such other means as it thinks fit and once published the provisions in the Notice relating to the classes to race and the format of the races shall not be altered except with the consent in writing of ISAF. The Sailing Instructions and other race documents shall be prepared by the Organizing Authority for approval by the Technical Delegate appointed by ISAF.

25.13.4 Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Committee after consultation with the Events Committee and Regional Games Committee, where sailing is included in the Regional Games, the competition format, scoring, and race management procedures shall follow to the extent possible ISAF policies and the competition format, scoring and race management procedures for the Olympic Sailing Competition.

25.13.5 The equipment for all Regional Games shall be chosen from the following classes

- Windsurfing: Funboard, Formula, Mistral, RS:X
- Multi-Crewed Dinghy: 29er, 420, 470, Fireball, Flying Dutchman, Lightning, Snake, 49er
- Keelboat: Etchells, Flying Fifteen, H-Boat, J-22, J-24, Soling, Yngling, Sonar, Star
- Multihull: Hobie 16, Hobie Tiger, Tornado

However the Executive Committee may approve applications by Regional Games Organizers for the use of other equipment or the introduction of events restricted to specific age groups.

26. FLAGS AND EMBLEMS

26.1. When flags or emblems purporting to identify National Authorities or their competitors are used at international yachting events, they shall be limited to:

(a) a national flag or emblem, or a delegation flag or emblem where these differ from the national flag or emblem;
(b) a flag or emblem approved by the IOC; or
(c) a flag or emblem approved by the ISAF Executive Committee.

27. ISAF WORLD RANKINGS - GRADING CRITERIA FOR GRADED EVENTS

27.1 ISAF World Sailing Rankings

Criteria applying to all grades of events

27.1.1 Criteria applying to all grades of events

(a) Dates should be agreed with the ISAF Secretariat before 1 April of the current year (Southern Hemisphere) and 1 August of the preceding year (Northern Hemisphere) to avoid possible clashes (this will be strictly enforced in the case of World Championship Grade and Grade 1 events).

(b) The event shall be sailed broadly according to the principles applied in the current Olympic classes events format and shall be of a uniformly high standard.

(c) The Notice of Race shall be published at least 6 months before the event. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions shall comply with the Notice of Race Guide and the Sailing Instructions Guide in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the event shall be organised in accordance with the ISAF Race Management Policies.

(d) Within 24 hours of the last race results shall be entered into the ISAF website provided for this purpose, or faxed or emailed to the ISAF Secretariat, in a format as stipulated by the ISAF, so that they can be entered into the Rankings.

(e) Organizers of all graded events must ensure the publication on the event website of the daily results without delay using one of the following methods:

- updating of the organizer’s own webpages (hyperlinked on the ISAF event pages);
- using the e-mail function of the ISAF Regatta Package (as soon as available);
- e-mail transmission of HTML-edited results to the ISAF News Editor;
- e-mail transmission of result text files to the ISAF News Editor.

(f) In restricted entry events at least the top three competitors on the appropriate class ranking list immediately prior to the event shall be entitled to enter.
(g) High level of organization on the water as well as on shore is required.

27.1.2 World Championship Grade

Olympic Sailing Competition
ISAF World Windsurfing Championship
Olympic Class World Championships

Additional Criteria
As per ISAF Regulations.

27.1.3 Grade 1 Events

Foremost all-Olympic classes events
Top level Continental Championships

Additional Criteria
(a) A maximum of three Grade 1 events may be held per continent, plus when appropriate a grade 1 Continental Championship;
(b) 15 or more competitors from 3 nations in each class;
(c) ISAF compliant Notice of Race (NoR) to be used and distributed six (6) months before event;
(d) International Jury to be appointed and the Chairman shall be an International Judge, not from the host country;
(e) In order to be entered into the rankings at least three (3) races must be completed in the series;
(f) A well equipped press office should be available for the international press;
(g) TV coverage should be encouraged;
(h) Bow numbers, if used, should reflect competitors' positions on the World Sailing Rankings - The Official ISAF Rankings for Olympic Classes.

27.1.4 Grade 2 Events

All-Olympic Class events
Continental Championships (other than those included as Grade 1)
International Olympic Class events

Additional Criteria:
(a) a maximum of five grade 2 events may be held per continent, plus when appropriate a grade 2 Continental Championship;
(b) 15 or more competitors from at least 2 nations or 10 competitors from 3 nations;
(c) ISAF compliant Notice of Race (NOR) to be used and distributed six (6) months before event;
(d) where an International Jury cannot be established, the Chairman of the Protest Committee shall be an International Judge.

27.1.5 Grade 3 events

All-Olympic Class events
International Olympic Class events (other than those included as Grade 2)

Additional Criteria:
(a) 10 or more competitors from at least 2 nations;
(b) standard notice of race to be used and distributed six (6) months before event;
(c) where an International Jury cannot be established, the Chairman of the Protest Committee shall be an International Judge.

27.1.6 200-Point Events

Sailing World Cup events
Olympic Class World Championships
ISAF Sailing World Championships

Additional Criteria:
(a) the event shall take place either within the host continent’s window, or in the free window, in the ISAF calendar;
(b) bow numbers and seeding, if used, shall reflect competitors' positions on the ISAF Sailing World Rankings.

27.1.7 100-Point Events

Olympic Class World Championships (when non-compliant with 200-point criteria)
Olympic Class Continental Championships (other than those run as part of a 200-point event)
Other major international events using Olympic equipment

Additional Criteria:
(a) the event shall take place either within the host continent’s window, or in the free window, in the ISAF calendar (or shall be a Class World Championships);
(b) the event shall be either a World or Continental Championships, or shall meet the minimum fleet size and spread requirement for a 100-point event (which shall be specified by ISAF and may vary by class and continent), or shall be declared by ISAF to be a 100-point Event;
(c) where an International Jury cannot be established, the Chairman of the Protest Committee shall be an International Judge, not from the host country;
(d) three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

27.1.8 50-Point Events

Olympic Class Continental Championships (when non-compliant with 100-point criteria)
Other international events using Olympic equipment (when not 100-point Events)

Additional Criteria:
(a) the event shall meet the minimum fleet size and spread requirement for a 50-point event (which shall be specified by ISAF and may vary by class and continent), or shall be declared by ISAF to be a 50-point Event;
(b) where an International Jury cannot be established, the Chairman of the Protest Committee shall be an International Judge.

27.1.9 Transition

ISAF shall continue to run the 2009-2012 Rankings and Standings systems based on events graded according to regulations 27.1.2 to 27.1.5 until the end of the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition. ISAF shall start recording points for the new ISAF Sailing World Rankings based on events graded according to regulations 27.1.6 to 27.1.8 at the start of the 2012 ISAF Sailing World Cup, and shall switch to publishing Sailing World Rankings based on these events on 1 September 2012. Regulations 27.1.2 to 27.1.5 and 27.1.9 shall be deleted in November 2012, and regulations 27.1.6 to 27.1.8 shall be renumbered accordingly.

27.2 ISAF World Match Race Rankings
27.2.1 Ranking Divisions

There shall be two divisions - Open and Women. The Women’s Division is limited to events which specify that all crew members, including the skipper, shall be women. All other events are Open. Points scored in Women’s events shall count only towards the Women’s ranking list. Points scored by an all women team in an Open event shall count towards the Open list and the Women’s list, without any adjustment.

27.2.2 Administration

(a) Application for Grading

The official ISAF grading form is available for download from the ISAF website. The form shall be completed by the event organizer, endorsed by the relevant Member National Authority and received by the ISAF Secretariat at least four months prior to the event. This may be by electronic mail. An event grading will then be allocated by ISAF.

ISAF will publish the dates for WC events on or before 15 October the year before. All event organizers applying either for Grade 1 or Grade 2 are invited to submit their dates before 1 November the year before. ISAF will then establish a calendar of events.

Events dates will be allocated in the flowing order:

- WC events;
- Grade 1 events;
- Grade 2 events.

If two event dates clash and there is no possibility for one or both to select alternative dates, ISAF shall decide the matter in its sole discretion which may include downgrading one of them.

The allocation of gradings by the ISAF Secretariat will be checked on a sample basis, as directed by the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee. A report of event gradings will be made annually to the Match Race Committee.

(b) ISAF Event Report

The organizers shall submit an ISAF event report, including the results and other specified information, checked and signed by the Chief Umpire. The event report shall then be sent by fax or e-mail to the ISAF Secretariat. It shall be submitted within 5 days for events graded 3, 4 or 5, or within 24 hours for events graded 1 or 2.

(c) Re-grading of Events

Events may be re-graded retrospectively when there is clear reason to do so. An event applying to be up-graded retrospectively must satisfy ISAF that it clearly meets all the criteria of the higher grading.

Application for upgrading shall be made at the time of submission of the results and be accompanied by an application form completed in full. The application form will be similar to the initial application form appropriate to the grade of event.

An event will only be downgraded when it fails to meet the criteria by a substantial margin, or when it does not comply with the administration requirements. Such a decision does not change the previous requirements as per Regulation 25.12.
When an event does not comply with ISAF administrative procedures or fairness, the Match Race Rankings Sub-committee may recommend that ISAF shall remove the event from the ISAF Calendar.

An event which failed to meet the criteria, regardless if the event was downgraded or not, may be granted a lower Grade when it applies for the next edition of that event.

(d) Invitations and acceptances

A skipper accepting an invitation but withdrawing within two months of the event may be reported by the organizer to the ISAF. After review by ISAF late withdrawals may receive a "zero" score, which must be counted for the competitor's ranking.

A "zero" score penalty after review by ISAF may also apply to skippers who leave the event before the end of the event without the written approval from the organizing authority.

Invitations should be in writing and include the following statement:

"Should you accept this invitation and later withdraw within two months of the event or leave the event before the end without the written approval from the OA, it is possible for a zero score to be applied to your Ranking points for that event by ISAF."

(e) Umpire Insurance

In signing the Grading Form, Events confirm that all umpires will be covered by comprehensive liability insurance in an amount of not less than £480,000 per occurrence covering legal liability in respect of personal injury and property damage. The cover should include (but not be limited to) liability directly or indirectly arising from the ownership, possession or use of any watercraft in connection with the umpire's duties.

The organizing authority confirms with the signature on the grading form that it accepts responsibility to cover all expenses for the umpires and ISAF if the event is postponed or cancelled.

(f) ISAF Sailor ID

Results from Graded Match Race Events shall be sent to ISAF with Skippers ISAF Sailor ID’s included. Skippers may register for ISAF Sailor at: www.sailing.org/isafsailor

(g) Media Rights

ISAF Graded Events may be licensed as detailed in Regulation 25.11.2(c).

27.2.3 Grading of Events

Event grading will normally be based on the following criteria, but will take into account the overall event package. During the transition from the previous criteria a reasonable time shall be allowed for events to comply. Percentage calculations shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

(a) Grade 5 - Open and Women

Any match racing event using boats of the same design. When provided by the organizers each pair of boats shall be of equal performance. The notice of race shall be based on the current ISAF standard. The sailing instructions shall be based on the current ISAF standard. Matches shall be umpired.
The maximum average crew weight limit for open events is 87.5 kg. The maximum average crew weight limit for women’s events is 68 kg.

(b) Grade 4 - Open and Women
Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 5 event and: -
The boats shall have a minimum crew of three.
There shall be a minimum of eight skippers entered for the match racing.
There shall be a minimum of two days scheduled for racing.

(c) Grade 3 - Open and Women
Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 4 event and: -
The boats shall have a minimum 5.9 m LOA
There shall be a minimum of four boats available throughout the event, except when a boat that was available at the start of the event is subject to major breakdown or damage.
The boats shall be capable of carrying spinnakers.
Acceptable Race Committee practices.
Acceptable Race Committee and umpire boats.
The event shall be one of the following:

Either:
(i) The principal national championship - only one per nation per year
(ii) The principal youth national championship - one per nation per year
(iii) An international event with a minimum of 30% of the skippers of a different nationality than the host nation, or
(iv) an event, for countries whose Member National Authority is in Groups H to Q, where at least 30% of the skippers are either of a different nationality than that of the host nation, or are nationals of the host nation but have travelled more than 500 km from their ordinary place of residence to the event venue.

For national championships there shall be at least one International Umpire.
For international events there shall be at least two International Umpires.

(d) Grade 1 and Grade 2 - Open and Women
Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 3 event and complies with the ISAF Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Match Racing events as produced by the Match Racing Committee in consultation with the Race Officials Committee. In addition, the event shall meet the following requirements (O = Open, W = Women):
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Event Grade 2 - O</th>
<th>Event Grade 1 - O</th>
<th>Event Grade 2 - W</th>
<th>Event Grade 1 - W</th>
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<tr>
<td>Skippers - only top 12 minimum total points (* See below)</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>80</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skippers - max % from host MNA</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>40%</td>
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<td>Skippers - max % from same MNA except host.</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>Skippers - max % from host continent (except for Continental Championships)</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>85%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skippers – max % from host continent for Continental Championships</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>No of skippers to be invited from a qualifying event specified in the Notice of Race (max. grading of qualifying event is Grade 3)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Maximum average crew weight (kg.) (when boats are provided)</td>
<td>87.5</td>
<td>87.5</td>
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<td>Boats General</td>
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<td>Minimum number of boats (** See below)</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>6**</td>
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<td>Minimum overall length (metres)</td>
<td>6.8</td>
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<td>Boats - Provided by organizing authority</td>
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<td>Breakdown/spare service on the water</td>
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<td>Organization</td>
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<td>Format scheduled to include round robins and knock out semi-finals and finals</td>
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<td>Quarter finals may be round robin (preferred) or knock-out</td>
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<td>Knock out rounds to be scheduled to be the first to win minimum number of races</td>
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<td>Days of scheduled racing</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Min. number of scheduled practice hours per competitor</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Min. number of International Umpires - per match #</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>International Jury required</td>
<td>*R</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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* *Recommended

** For Grade 1 and 2 events the minimum number of boats should be 50% of the number of skippers.

# For Grade 1 Open and Women's events Umpires shall be appointed by ISAF. For details please see ISAF Regulation 18.12 Please e-mail umpires@isaf.co.uk for information

* As ISAF ranking list 4 months before the first day of the event:

For each skipper ranked 1 - 10 20 points
For each skipper ranked 11 - 20 15 points
For each skipper ranked 21 - 30 11 points
For each skipper ranked 31 - 40 8 points
For each skipper ranked 41 - 50 6 points
For each skipper ranked 51 - 60 5 points
For each skipper ranked 61 - 70 4 points
For each skipper ranked 71 - 80 3 points
For each skipper ranked 81 - 90 2 points
For each skipper ranked 91 - 100 1 point
The ranking position of women skippers on the ISAF Women’s Ranking List shall be used for Open events when determining Skipper Points for the event.

**America’s Cup Skipper Points**

Upon application top ISAF, Skippers involved in the previous America’ Cup may carry the following Skipper Points depending upon the stage that they reached in the competition:

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<tr>
<th>Stage of Event</th>
<th>America’ Cup Skipper Points</th>
<th>(2007 America’ Cup - example)</th>
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<tr>
<td>America’ Cup Finalist</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Team New Zealand - Alinghi</td>
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<td>Challenger Series Finalist</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Luna Rossa</td>
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<td>Challenger Series semi-finalist</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>BMW Oracle – Desafío Español</td>
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<tr>
<td>Round Robin</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>All other syndicates</td>
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Skipper Points are not cumulative for each round.

There may be only two registered skippers per America’ Cup syndicate. A list of registered skippers shall be published on the ISAF website.

America’ Cup Skipper Points may account for a maximum of 50% of the total Skipper Points required by an event.

(e) Grade - WC Open and Women

Meets all the criteria for an ISAF World Championship and particularly the ISAF Match Racing World Championship.

(f) Grade – ISAF Nations Cup Open and Women

Meets the criteria for the ISAF Nations Cup Regional or Grand Final. Regional Finals will score points equivalent to a Grade 2 event. Grand Finals will score points equivalent to a Grade 1 event.

27.2.4 Prize Money

Distribution of prize money shall be in accordance with ISAF Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Match Racing events as produced by the Match Racing Committee in consultation with the Race Officials Committee.

Appearance money is discouraged in favour of optimizing prize money.

28. **RACING RULES ADMINISTRATION**

**Adoption of and Changes to the Racing Rules**

28.1 The Racing Rules Committee is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Council regarding *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the various related subjects with which the Racing Rules are concerned, which include but are not limited to the rules that apply when boats meet, management of races, protests and appeals, and rule observance.

28.1.1 Racing Rules shall be adopted or changed only by the Council after considering recommendations from the Racing Rules Committee. Changes in the Racing Rules shall take effect only every four years, on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. Regulations 28.1.2, 28.1.3, 28.1.4 and 28.2.5 contain exceptions to this policy.

28.1.2 In exception to Regulation 28.1.1, any change of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective for any designated date by a 75% vote cast in favour of the change by the Racing Rules Committee and by the Council. The ISAF Secretariat shall
promptly report any action taken under this regulation to all Member National Authorities.

28.1.3 In exception to Regulation 28.1.1, the ISAF Executive Committee, after consulting with the chairman of the Racing Rules Committee, may, under RRS 86.2, approve changes to the Racing Rules for a specific international event, provided such changes are of clear necessity or pressing importance. The ISAF Secretariat shall promptly report any action taken under this regulation to the ISAF Council and Member National Authorities.

28.1.4 In exception to Regulations 28.1 and 28.2, the Council may, at any time and without consulting with the Racing Rules Committee, change the Eligibility, Advertising, Anti-Doping and Sailor Classification Codes (see RRS 5, 75.2 79 and 80).

Procedure for Changing the Racing Rules

28.2 A revised edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be published every four years, on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

28.2.1 Submissions and proposals for changes to the Racing Rules shall be made in accordance with Regulation 15. Submissions and proposals for changes to be included in the next edition shall be accepted until the closing date for submissions to the Annual ISAF Conference in November of the year preceding the Olympic Sailing Competition. After that date, no further new submissions or proposals will be accepted for that edition. However, previously accepted submissions or proposals may be changed and appendices may be revised until 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

28.2.2 In addition to submissions, the Racing Rules Committee shall also consider proposals and recommendations from:

(a) the Racing Rules Committee Working Party;
(b) the Race Officials Committee and its Sub-committees; and
(c) the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party, on issues affecting the Match Racing and Team Racing Rules.

28.2.3 The Racing Rules Committee Working Party shall finalize any rule changes by 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

28.2.4 A final, fully formatted copy of the revised edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing, with changes from the previous edition clearly identified for translators, shall be made available by the ISAF Secretariat to all Member National Authorities and ISAF Class Associations by 30 June of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

28.2.5 The Racing Rules in the new edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing shall come into effect worldwide on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. However, if an event begins in the year of the Olympic Sailing Competition and continues past 31 December, the effective date may be postponed by the notice of race and sailing instructions.

Interpretations of the Racing Rules

28.3 Interpretations of the Racing Rules by the ISAF shall be made only through publication of cases in The Case Book or of calls in The Call Book for Match Racing or The Call Book for Team Racing. The cases are authoritative interpretations and explanations of the rules for all racing and the calls are authoritative interpretations and explanations of the rules only for match or team racing.
28.3.1 The Racing Rules Committee shall study cases and calls submitted in accordance with Regulation 1, cases proposed by the Case Book Working Party or the Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel, and calls proposed by the Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party, and shall recommend to the Council those that it approves for publication in *The Case Book, The Call Book for Match Racing* or *The Call Book for Team Racing*.

28.3.2 Submissions or proposals for cases and calls, in English and including any necessary diagrams, shall be received at the ISAF Secretariat before the deadline in Regulation 15.6. If a submission or proposal duplicates a published case or call, the submission or proposal shall state why the proposed case or call is preferable.

28.3.3 The following are guidelines for publishing cases in *The Case Book*:

(a) a case shall significantly clarify an important meaning of a rule or increase the understanding of a complex rule;

(b) a case shall not duplicate one already published. When a case is an improvement on an existing case it shall be included and the existing case deleted.

28.3.4 The following are guidelines for publishing calls in *The Call Book for Match Racing* or *The Call Book for Team Racing*:

(a) a call shall illustrate the application of the rules or procedures, including the rules in the Match Racing Rules or the Team Racing Rules appendix, in a situation regularly occurring in match or team racing;

(b) a rule interpretation in a call shall be consistent with any cases that interpret the same rule;

(c) A call shall not duplicate one already published. When a call is an improvement on an existing call it shall be included and the existing call deleted.

28.3.5 The Case Book Working Party shall evaluate proposed cases and edit approved cases, including any changes approved by the Racing Rules Committee. It shall eliminate unnecessary text and use standard wording and format. The Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party shall handle proposed and approved calls in the same way. Following publication of a new edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the working parties shall promptly review and revise *The Case Book, The Call Book for Match Racing*, and *The Call Book for Team Racing*.

28.3.6 The Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel shall answer questions on the Racing Rules or race committee or protest committee procedures that are submitted to it by an ISAF International Race Official or a Member National Authority. The procedure that the panel will follow when answering such questions and the Questions and Answers that the panel decides to publish shall be posted on the Racing Rules Question and Answer Service page on the ISAF website, and a link to that page shall appear on both the Racing Rules and the Race Officials pages. Questions and Answers published during a four-year rulebook cycle will normally be removed from the website no later than 1 January in the year in which a revised rulebook is published. The panel may propose that a published Question and Answer be added to *The Case Book, The Call Book for Match Racing* or *The Call Book for Team Racing*.

28.3.7 The Match Racing and Team Racing Rapid Response Call Panels shall review proposed rapid response calls from an ISAF International Umpire or a member of the panel. The chief umpire at an event shall propose new calls made during the event that would benefit other events. The procedure that the panel will follow when reviewing calls and the calls that the panel decides to publish shall be posted on the Match Racing or the Team Racing Rapid Response Call page on the ISAF website, and a link to that page shall appear on
both the Racing Rules and the Race Officials pages. The Match and Team Racing Rules Working Party will submit calls published prior to 1 August of a given year for inclusion, as appropriate, in The Call Book for Match Racing or The Call Book for Team Racing.

28.3.8 Answers to questions provided by the Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel published on the ISAF website are not authoritative interpretations and explanations of the Racing Rules. However, they are the carefully considered opinions of an experienced panel whose members have a thorough knowledge of the Racing Rules and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.

Approval of Interpretations of the Racing Rules

28.4 Except for the publication of the ISAF case and call books, the ISAF shall not issue an authoritative interpretation or explanation of the Racing Rules unless it is first reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee or a member of the committee designated by the Chairman.

Appeals to the ISAF

28.5 Except as provided in the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.5, the ISAF shall not accept or decide an appeal from a decision of a Member National Authority.

Introductory Rules for Racing

28.6 The racing Rules Committee is responsible for the formulation and revision of the Introductory Rules for Racing. The Introductory Rules for Racing are a simplified set of rules intended for use when training people new to racing.

29. EQUIPMENT RULES ADMINISTRATION

Adoption and Changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing

29.1 The Equipment Control Sub-committee, after consultation with the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee, and Oceanic and Offshore Committee is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Council regarding The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and the various related subjects with which the ERS are concerned, which include but are not limited to certification control, certification and equipment inspection including sailing instructions concerning equipment inspection, and rules observance. Any such advice or recommendation shall be made through the chairman of the equipment committee.

29.1.1 The ERS shall be adopted or changed only by the Council after considering recommendations from the Equipment Control Sub-committee. Changes to the ERS shall be put into effect only every four years, effective as of 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. Regulation 29.1.2 contains exceptions to this policy.

29.1.2 In exception to Regulation 29.1.1, any change of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective for any designated date by a 75% vote cast in favour of the change by the Equipment Control Sub-committee and by the Council. The ISAF Secretariat shall promptly report any action taken under this regulation to all Member National Authorities.

Changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing

29.2 A revised edition of The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall be published every four years, on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.1 Submissions and proposals for changes to the ERS shall be made in accordance with Regulation 1. Submissions and proposals for changes to be included in the next edition
shall be accepted until the closing date for submissions to the Annual ISAF Conference in November of the year preceding the Olympic Sailing Competition. After that date, no further new submissions or proposals will be accepted for that edition. However, previously accepted submissions or proposals may be changed and appendices may be revised until 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.2 In addition to submissions, the Equipment Control Sub-committee shall also consider proposals and recommendations from

(a) the ERS Working Party;
(b) the Racing Rules Committee;
(c) The Equipment Committee;
(d) the Class Rules Sub-committee;
(e) the Oceanic and Offshore Committee, and;
(f) the Race Officials Committee.

29.2.3 The ERS Working Party shall finalize any rule changes by 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.4 A final, fully formatted copy of the revised edition of The Equipment Rules of Sailing, with changes from the previous edition clearly identified for translators, shall be made available by the ISAF Secretariat to all Member National Authorities and ISAF Class Associations by 30 June of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

29.2.5 The new edition of The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall come into effect worldwide on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. However, if an event begins in the year of the Olympic Sailing Competition and continues past 31 December, the effective date may be postponed by the notice of race and sailing instructions.

Interpretations of the Equipment Rules of Sailing

29.3 Interpretations of the Equipment Rules of Sailing by ISAF shall be made only through publication of cases in The ERS Case Book. The cases are authoritative interpretations and explanations of the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

29.3.1 The Equipment Control Sub-committee shall study cases submitted in accordance with Regulation 1 and shall recommend to the Council those that it approves for publication in the ERS Case Book. Any such recommendation shall be made through the chairman of the Equipment Committee.

29.3.2 Submissions or proposals for cases in English and including any necessary diagrams, shall be received at the ISAF Secretariat before the deadline in Regulation 15.6. If a submission or proposal duplicates a published case, the submission or proposal shall state why the proposed case is preferable.

29.3.3 The following are guidelines for publishing cases in The ERS Case Book:

(a) A case shall significantly clarify an important meaning of a rule or increase the understanding of a complex rule.

(b) A case shall not duplicate one already published. When a case is an improvement on an existing case it shall be included and the existing case deleted.

29.3.4 Where practical all interpretations shall be considered as possible changes to the ERS.
29.3.5 The Equipment Rules of Sailing Question and Answer Panel shall answer questions on the Equipment Rules of Sailing that are submitted to it by a class, a rating rule, an ISAF International Race Official, or a Member National Authority. The procedure that the panel will follow when answering such questions and the Questions and Answers that the panel decides to publish shall be posted on the Equipment Rules of Sailing Question and Answer Service page on the ISAF website, and a link to that page shall appear on both the Equipment Rules, ISAF Classes, Ratings and Handicap and the Race Officials pages. Questions and Answers published during a four-year rulebook cycle will normally be removed from the website no later than 1 January in the year in which a revised rulebook is published. The panel may propose that a published Question and Answer be added to The ERS Case Book.

29.3.6 Answers to questions provided by the Equipment Rules of Sailing Question and Answer Panel published on the ISAF website are not authoritative interpretations and explanations of the Equipment Rules of Sailing. However, they are the carefully considered opinions of an experienced panel whose members have a thorough knowledge of the Equipment Rules of Sailing and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.

Approval of Interpretations of the Equipment Rules

29.4 Except for the publication of the ERS Case Book, the ISAF shall not issue an authoritative interpretation or explanation of the Equipment Rules unless it is first reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Equipment Control Sub-committee or a member of the committee designated by the Chairman.

30. SPECIAL REGULATIONS ADMINISTRATION

30.1 Adoption and changes to Special Regulations

30.1.1 The ORC are the original authors of the Special Regulations and have licensed ISAF to administer the same. The Special Regulations Sub-committee is responsible for advising on and making recommendations regarding the Special Regulations and all related subjects to which such regulations are concerned. Special Regulations shall be adopted or changed only by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee (on behalf of the Council) after considering recommendations from the Special Regulations Sub-committee.

30.1.2 In exception to Regulation 30.2.1 any change of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective on any designated date by 75% of the responding votes of both the Special Regulations Sub-committee and the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.

30.1.3 Further in exception to Regulations 30.1.1 and 30.2.1 the Chairmen of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and Special Regulations Sub-committee may together approve exceptions to Special Regulations for special international events in exceptional and particular circumstances. The ISAF Secretariat shall report the action taken under this regulation at the time to the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and shall circulate details to Member National Authorities.

30.2 The Procedure for Changing Special Regulations

30.2.1 Changes in the Special Regulations shall take effect only once every two years on 1 January of an even year, except as provided in Regulation 30.1.2.

30.2.2 Proposals for changes and formal submissions may be made by any member of the Special Regulations Sub-committee, any member of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee (through the Chairman of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee), International or Recognized Rating Systems or any Member National Authority. Submissions and proposals should be lodged with the Secretariat of ISAF at least six weeks before any
meeting of the Special Regulations Sub-Committee, and shall then immediately be
distributed to members thereof who shall, by e-mail and any other means that the
Chairman thereof deems appropriate, convene working parties to consider the various
proposals and submissions.

30.2.3 The Special Regulations Sub-committee shall at their meeting determine those
submissions which it proposes to recommend to the Oceanic and Offshore Committee for
approval together with the relevant date upon which such change shall become part of the
Regulations. It shall further determine those proposed submissions which it recommends
for rejection. The Sub-committee shall defer any submissions which either require
amendment (unless of a minor nature) or further review and refer them to a working party
either of the whole committee or such other working party as it determines, which shall
report to the Oceanic and Offshore Committee with its recommendation within four
months of the meeting at which such submission was deferred.

30.2.4 Those making proposals for discussion and submissions should, unless the change is of a
minor nature, submit either an explanation or a paper giving the background and the
necessity for such change. Where there are two or more proposals or submissions of a
similar nature, the authors thereof shall be immediately advised thereof and be invited to
co-ordinate with a view to agreeing a common submission or proposal prior to the next
meeting of the Sub-committee

30.3 Interpretations to the Special Regulations

Interpretations to the Special Regulations by ISAF shall be made only by the Chairman of
the Special Reguation Sub-committee after consultation with Chairman of the Oceanic
and Offshore Committee and such other members of the Sub-committee as they believe
appropriate. At the next meeting following such interpretation, the same shall be reviewed
by the Sub-committee and the Sub-committee shall consider whether any amendment to
the Special Regulations is necessary or desirable to add clarity. The Sub-committee may
also recommend revocation of any such interpretation.

SECTION 3 - OFFICIALS

31. INTERNATIONAL RACE OFFICIALS ADMINISTRATION – INTERNATIONAL JUDGES,
UMPires, MEASURERS AND RACE OFFICERS

31.1 The provisions of this regulation affect all International Race Officials, namely International
Judges, International Umpires, International Measurers and International Race Officers,
referred to collectively in this Regulation as ‘International Race Officials.’

31.2 The Race Officials Committee shall appoint International Race Officials after considering
the recommendations of the sub-committee that is responsible for the discipline
concerned.

31.3 For the purposes of this regulation references to ‘Principal Events’ shall mean those
events described generally or designated as Principal Events by the Race Officials
Committee and published on the ISAF Website. This regulation shall not require the
Secretary General to list each individual event.

Term of Appointment

31.4 The term of appointment for an International Race Official shall begin on the date it is
made by the Race Officials Committee and,
(a) if the applicant is less than seventy years old on the date of approval by the Race
Officials Committee, the duration of the appointment shall be four years.
(b) if the applicant is seventy years old or older on the date of approval by the Race
Officials Committee, the duration of the appointment shall be two years.

In light of the decision by Council in November 2009 to modify the periods within which certain
requirements must be met, the Race Officials Committee will adopt a transitional plan for
applications for reappointment in 2010 through 2013 inclusive.

Applications for Appointment and Re-appointment

31.5 A candidate for initial appointment shall:
   (a) be nominated by the candidate’s Member National Authority, a Class/Owners
       Association or the Race Officials Committee;
   (b) be recommended by the candidate’s Member National Authority;
   (c) send the application on the official form so that it is received by the Secretary
       General by 1 September; and
   (d) meet the general qualifications and the additional qualifications for the discipline
       concerned.

31.6 A candidate for re-appointment shall:
   (a) apply directly to ISAF;
   (b) send the application on the official form so that it is received by the Secretary
       General by 1 September; and
   (c) meet the general qualifications and the additional qualifications for the discipline
       concerned.

31.7 ISAF shall inform the candidate’s Member National Authority of the application.

31.8 On applying for appointment or re-appointment, all International Race Officials shall agree
that, if aggrieved, they will resort only to the remedies referred to in this regulation, and
whether those remedies are exhausted or not, will not resort to any court or other tribunal

General Qualifications required of all International Race Officials

31.9 A candidate for appointment or re-appointment for any discipline shall:
   (a) except in the case of International Measurers, be an experienced racing sailor;
   (b) have a sufficient knowledge of the Racing Rules and a detailed knowledge of the
       rules, manuals and other requirements and publications relating to his discipline;
   (c) be proficient in the English language and have the skills to communicate both with
       other race officials and with competitors on matters relating to his discipline;
   (d) display the temperament and behaviour expected of an International Race Official
       at an event;
   (e) have the health and physical capacity to fulfil the requirements of his discipline;
   (f) have the observation skills necessary to perform the duties of his discipline;
   (g) agree to support the policies of ISAF and further its objectives, rules and
       regulations;
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(h) have unimpaired eyesight and hearing, natural or corrected, at a level to enable him to carry out the duties of his discipline; and

(i) be able to contribute to the development of the programme relating to his discipline.

31.10 Where a candidate is required to have served at an event outside of his Group or Member National Authority the following provisions shall apply:

(a) If the event is the Olympic Sailing Competition or a Major Event as designated by Regulations 25.8.17(a) it will qualify as such an event even if it has taken place inside his Group or Member National Authority;

(b) if the candidate is from Groups A-H, the event shall be outside his Group;

(c) if the candidate is from Groups I-Q, the event shall be outside his Member National Authority.

Additional Qualifications for Individual Disciplines

31.11 International Judge

31.11.1 A candidate for first appointment as International Judge shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October of the year of application, with the requirements of System 1, that is to say:

(a) have attended an ISAF Judging Seminar within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;

(b) have passed a written examination designed to show an intimate knowledge of the Racing Rules within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;

(c) have served as a member of a protest committee for at least three principal fleet racing events. At two of these three events the candidate shall have been a member of an International Jury. One of these three events shall have been outside the candidate’s Group or Member National Authority; and

(d) have obtained three completed IJSC reference forms from the relevant jury chairmen. Only IJSC forms completed by International Judges shall be valid for consideration.

Candidates who fail the examination may take a new examination, but not within six months after the first one, except in special circumstances. Candidates who fail the examination more than once shall be assessed on an individual basis.

31.11.2 A candidate for re-appointment as International Judge shall by 14 October of the year of application either comply with the requirements of System 1 set out in regulation 31.11.1 (except 31.11.1 (d)) with the exception of attending an ISAF Judging Seminar if they have previously done so or comply with the requirements of System 2, that is to say, within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application, have served as a member of a protest committee for at least six principal events, the majority of which shall be fleet racing events. At three of these six events the candidate shall have been a member of an International Jury. Two of these six events shall have been outside the candidate’s Group or Member National Authority.

31.12 International Umpire

31.12.1 A candidate for first appointment and re-appointment as an International Umpire shall:

(a) have raced recently, preferably match or team racing;
(b) have consistently demonstrated the following qualifications:

(i) be able to apply the relevant rules and make correct decisions within a few seconds under pressure;

(ii) anticipation skills based on an understanding of how boats manoeuvre in match and/or team racing;

(iii) be able to drive and position small powerboats; and

(iv) be fit and able to withstand several consecutive days on the water in small powerboats;

(c) in the case of applications for first appointment only, have attended an ISAF Umpiring Seminar within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;

(d) have passed the ISAF examination within the time scale and in accordance with the provisions of this regulation:

(i) candidates for first appointment must have taken the examination in the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;

(ii) candidates for re-appointment must have passed the examination in the three years prior to 14 October of the year of application. However, they may take the examination after 14 October on the following conditions:

1. candidates for re-appointment who have fulfilled all other requirements, but who have not passed the examination by 14 October, may be approved subject to passing the examination no later than 1 May of the following year;

2. candidates for re-appointment who do not pass the examination by 1 May the following year will, unless there are special circumstances, only be considered for appointment at the following Annual ISAF Meeting, and then, only as an applicant for first appointment;

(iii) an examination may only be used once to qualify, except for candidates who are seventy years of age or more at the time of first appointment or re-appointment;

(iv) candidates who fail the examination may take a new examination, but not within six months after the first one, except in special circumstances; and

(v) candidates who fail the examination a second time and request to take a new examination shall be assessed on an individual basis. The decision whether to allow this or not shall be made by the Chairman of the International Umpires Sub-committee. Candidates who fail the examination a third time may only reapply after a period of 2 years following the failing of the third examination and only if they fulfil all requirements for first appointment.

(e) In the case of applications for first appointment only, have passed the ISAF performance assessment at least one time in the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application. The ISAF performance assessment is designed to establish that the candidate has the qualifications listed in Regulation 31.12(b);

(f) have acted as an umpire in at least eight principal events in the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application. One of these events shall be outside the candidate’s Group for candidates from Groups A-H, or the candidate’s Member National Authority for candidates from Groups I-Q. The events shall include a range of grades;

(g) in the case of applications for first appointment only, have obtained a completed IUSC Reference Form from the Chief Umpire of at least three of the principal
events submitted in accordance with regulation 31.12(f). This regulation will not apply to events held before 7 November 2007;

(h) have contributed to development of the Umpiring Programme, and furthered the objectives, rules and regulations of ISAF; and

(i) have demonstrated contributions to umpiring on national level, such as umpiring at national level events, and training and development of umpires on national level.

31.13 International Measurer

31.13.1 The appointment is made for a specific Class or Rating System. For the purpose of this Regulation a Rating System, except where otherwise stated, shall be deemed to have the status of a Class.

31.12.2 An International Measurer can only be appointed to a maximum of three Classes except that the Race Officials Committee may authorize additional Classes if they are very similar to measure as a Class the International Measurer is already appointed to.

31.13. A candidate for appointment as International Measurer shall:

(a) have acted as an Equipment Inspector in at least two principle events (as defined by the International Measurers Sub-committee) of the Class he is applying for, within the last four years prior to 1 September of the year of application;

(b) have attended an ISAF International Measurer’s seminar within the last four years prior to 1 September of the year of application but not later than 14 October in that year; and

(c) have an intimate knowledge of the relevant Class rules and the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing.

(d) be recommended by the relevant class association or, for Rating Systems, by an ISAF Rating class and another International Measurer.

31.13.4 A candidate for re-appointment as International Measurer shall:

(a) have acted as an Equipment Inspector in two principle events (as defined by the International Measurers Sub-committee) within the last four years prior to 1 September of the year of application; one of the events shall be of the Class or Rating System he is applying for. As an alternative, one of the events may be substituted by one hull prototype measurement of the Class he is applying for;

(b) have an intimate knowledge of the relevant class or Rating System rules and the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing.

(c) be recommended by the relevant class association or Rating System.

31.13.5 An International Measurer applying for appointment to an additional Class shall:

(a) have acted as an Equipment Inspector in at least two principal events (as determined by the International Measurers Sub-committee) of the Class he is applying for, within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;

(b) have an intimate knowledge of the relevant class rules and the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing.

(c) be recommended by the relevant class association or, for Rating Systems, by an ISAF Rating class and another International Measurer.

31.13.6 Once appointed, an International Measurer shall not be employed by or act as a consultant to or regular official measurer at a builder for that class or Rating System.
31.14 International Race Officer

31.14.1 A candidate for first appointment as International Race Officer shall have complied in the 4 years prior to 14 October of the year of application with the following:

(a) have served as Race Officer responsible for the management of the races on the water in four principal events;

(b) have served as Race Officer responsible for the management of the races on the water in at least four other events;

(c) include with the application a letter of recommendation from a class association or organizing authority of a principal event at which the candidate was a race officer responsible for running the races;

(d) have knowledge of matters affecting the safety of competitors in respect of race management;

(e) have experience in race management training;

(f) have attended an ISAF Race Management Seminar and have passed the International Race Officers written test within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application; and

(g) be prepared to work with the Race Management Sub-committee on race management matters.

(h) have obtained three completed RMSC reference forms (on the water assessment) from International Race Officials.

31.14.2 A candidate for re-appointment as an International Race Officer shall comply with the requirements set out in Regulation 31.14.1 with the exception of 31.14.1(f) and (h).

Considerations for Appointment

31.15 Each sub-committee shall consider the following when deciding on an application:

(a) whether the candidate has complied with the requirements listed above;

(b) any comments received by means of Regatta Report Forms;

(c) the candidate’s relevant experience in other disciplines; and

(d) such other information as it may consider relevant.

31.16 Candidates for re-appointment who do not meet all the requirements for re-appointment, especially in respect of events attended, may, in special circumstances or on medical grounds, be recommended for re-appointment. In those cases, the Race Officials Committee may approve either:

(a) re-appointment of a candidate for a full 4 year term;

(b) extension of the existing appointment for 12 months;

31.17 Race Officials whose appointments have expired less than 12 months will be considered as candidates for re-appointment and shall meet the general and additional requirements for re-appointment for each discipline.

31.18 Race Officials whose appointments have expired for more than 12 months will be considered as candidates for initial appointment and they shall meet the general and additional requirements for initial appointment for each discipline.

Recognition and Designation

31.19 The Race Officials Committee and the Sub-committees may develop and subsequently act in accordance with written procedures for the grouping and classification
of International Race Officials but shall submit the procedures and any changes to the Executive Committee before they are implemented. The procedures submitted shall specify the nature of the groups to be selected. After approval they shall be published by ISAF.

31.20 The identity of the members of any grouping panel shall be published after the grouping process is completed but not later than the date specified in the written procedures approved by the Executive Committee in accordance with regulation 31.19 but will not be published earlier. Until that time the identity of the members of any grouping panel will not be known to the other members of the panel or to any other Sub-committee Chairman (except the chairman of the relevant Sub-committee, the Chairman of Race Officials Committee and the Secretary General). Accordingly panel members are required to keep their membership confidential.

31.21 Separate lists of International Race Officials shall be printed in the ISAF Yearbook with a designation indicating the designation of the Member National Authority of the official. However if an International Umpire is approved for re-appointment subject to passing the Umpires Examination before the 1st May and the examination is not passed before the 31 December, his name will not be included.

Termination of Appointment and Appeals

31.22 An International Race Official may appeal against the decision of the Race Officials Committee or any other body or person that affects the following:

(a) his initial appointment;
(b) his reappointment; or
(c) termination of his appointment or restriction of his status.
(d) any sanction imposed under regulation 32.10.

31.23 This appeal shall be decided by the ISAF Review Board or by an ISAF arbitration court established by the Review Board.

32. RACE OFFICIALS PERFORMANCE

32.1 The Race Official’s Committee shall consider any reports about the conduct and competence of ISAF Race Officials adopting the following procedure.

32.2 On receipt of a positive report concerning an ISAF Race Official’s conduct or competence he shall be informed of the content of that report.

32.3 Receipt of any other report concerning an ISAF Race Official’s conduct or competence will be considered by the Secretary General and if it needs further action it shall be referred to the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and a Vice President who shall place it in one of four categories, namely; insignificant, minor, major or urgent and serious on the following basis:

(a) Insignificant Reports – reports which are considered not to be of any significance in relation to the competence or conduct of the ISAF Race Official concerned.
(b) Minor Reports – reports which are relevant to the conduct or competence of the ISAF Race Official and which should be communicated to him to assist him in improving his technique, but which are not serious enough to warrant any sanction.
(c) Major Reports – reports which disclose a lack of competence or conduct serious enough to warrant a formal investigation and possible sanctions. These may
include a series of minor reports commenting on the same or similar problems. A report will be categorized as major if it describes a level of competence or conduct clearly below the level required for appointment as an ISAF International Race Official.

(d) Urgent and Serious Reports – reports which disclose a lack of competence or conduct so serious that it would be appropriate to consider immediate suspension of the ISAF Race Official and subsequent possible sanctions.

32.4 Reports will be categorized as insignificant, unless they are in writing and made by; a race official, competitor, Technical Delegate, a Member National Authority or authorized member of the organizing authority or class association.

32.5 Where a report or complaint is categorized as insignificant no further action shall be taken.

32.6 Where a report or complaint is categorized as minor, it shall be recorded by the Secretary General. At intervals of approximately six months ISAF Race Officials shall be sent copies or resumes of such reports relating to him, in a form where its source is disclosed. The purpose of doing so will primarily be to educate him. The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and a Vice President may request the race official to undertake appropriate action in order to improve his performance. If requested by the race official, further advice and assistance will be provided by ISAF to help overcome any problems that he may have. The Chairman of the relevant Sub-committee shall be supplied with all copies and resumes of minor reports and all requests to undertake action that are sent to race officials in its discipline.

32.7 Where a report or complaint is categorized as major or as urgent and serious, formal action by ISAF will be taken.

32.8 Where formal action is to be taken, the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee shall either appoint a panel of three people to investigate the report or act as a petitioner to the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 35.1. The panel, if appointed, shall include two members who will be members of the Race Officials Committee or its sub-committees and may include one member of other ISAF committees and sub-committees if appropriate.

32.9 The panel shall investigate the report and recommend to the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and all its Sub-committees either that no further action is taken, or that sanctions shall be imposed or that that matter shall be referred to the Executive Committee. The Race Official concerned shall be informed of the investigation at its inception and the complaints concerned shall be supplied with all relevant documents. He shall be entitled to answer the allegations in writing or before the panel as he elects. If sanctions are recommended they shall be specified. The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and its sub-committee chairmen shall confirm the recommendation or decide that the sanction to be imposed shall be less than that recommended. On confirmation the Chairman shall report the decision to the Executive Committee.

32.10 The panel may recommend an appropriate sanction, for example:

that a formal warning be given;
that a reprimand be given;
that the ISAF Race Official shall not be appointed to or approved for events;
of a specified grade or type;
that the ISAF Race Official be supervised when attending an event;
that the ISAF Race Official attend a seminar before attending a further event;
that the ISAF Race Official be re-assessed in his discipline, if assessment is a requirement before appointment in that discipline;
that the ISAF Race Official take a test in the discipline concerned;
that the ISAF Race Official be suspended from his appointment for up to one year; 
that the appointment of the ISAF Race Official be terminated.

32.11 If the recommendation is that the appointment be terminated, the matter will be referred to 
the Executive Committee which shall be the only body with authority to terminate an 
appointment and shall treat the recommendation as a grievance under regulation 35.

32.12 Except where regulation 32.11 applies, the Race Official can appeal against any sanction 
imposed under regulation 32 to the ISAF Review Board

33. DESIGNATED NATIONALITY OF INTERNATIONAL RACE OFFICIALS

33.1 This regulation applies to all ISAF International Race Officials.

33.2 The designated Member National Authority of an International Race Official shall be that 
of the country of his nationality unless provided otherwise in this regulation. If that country 
is not within the territory of a Member National Authority he shall not be entitled to be 
appointed as an International Race Official.

33.3 If an International Race Official is appointed as an International Race Official in more than 
one discipline, his designated Member National Authority shall be the same for each 
appointment at all times.

33.4 On first application:
(a) a candidate who is a national of two or more countries; or
(b) a candidate who has been ordinarily resident in a country other than that of his 
nationality for three or more years; or
(c) a candidate who has been ordinarily resident for three or more years in a part of a 
country where that part is represented by a different Member National Authority to 
the rest of that country

shall specify the Member National Authority which he wishes to be his designated 
Member National Authority.

33.5 An International Race Official may apply to change his designation in the same 
circumstances as those specified in Regulation 33.4. However if he intends to change on 
the ground set out in regulation 33.4(a) he shall give to ISAF three years’ notice in writing; 
if he intends to change on the ground set out in regulation 33.4(b) or (c) he shall give to 
ISAF one year’s notice in writing which may be given before the expiration of the required 
three years of ordinary residence.

33.6 International Race Officials shall comply with the requirements of their designated 
Member National Authority. An International Race Official who elects to change his 
designated Member National Authority shall comply with the requirements for International 
Race Officials of the new Member National Authority and shall attach to his application the 
written consent of the Member National Authority. However such consent shall not be 
unreasonably withheld or delayed by the Member National Authority.

33.7 If part of a country such as an associated state, province or overseas department, a 
country or colony acquires independence and becomes a new country or is incorporated 
into or is associated with another country, and if that country becomes the territory of a 
Member National Authority, the designation of an International Race Official who acquires 
a new nationality as a result shall be changed to the new country. If the country does not 
become the territory of a Member National Authority, the International Race Official shall
cease to be such unless he qualifies under Regulation 33.4(a), in which case the requirement as to notice shall be waived.

33.8 In all cases not expressly addressed in this regulation, the Executive Committee may make such designation as it considers the fairest in all the circumstances having considered any recommendations made by the Race Officials Committee.

33.9 An International Race Official may appeal to the Review Board against any decision of and in respect of any unreasonable delay by ISAF or by a Member National Authority in which case the Race Officials Committee shall be a party to the appeal. If the Review Board considers that the appeal is justified, it shall refer the matter to the Executive Committee which shall act in accordance with Regulation 33.8.

33.10 The designated member National Authority of each race official shall be printed in the ISAF Yearbook.

33.11 Any International Race Official who, at the time this regulation comes into force, comes within one of the circumstances specified in Regulation 33.4 shall elect to be designated to any of the relevant Member National Authorities but the election shall be made not later than the 1st November 2008.

34. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

34.1 A conflict of interest exists when an ISAF Race Official has, or reasonably appears to have, a personal or financial interest which could affect the official’s ability to be impartial.

34.2 When an ISAF Race Official is aware of a conflict of interest, he/she shall decline an invitation to serve at a regatta at which an International Jury is appointed.

34.3 When the ISAF Race Official has any doubt whether or not there is a conflict of interest, the ISAF Race Official shall promptly consult ISAF, prior to accepting the invitation and be bound by its decision.

34.4 When, at an event, an ISAF Race Official becomes aware of a conflict of interest, the official shall disclose the potential conflict to the International Jury which shall take appropriate action.

35. MISCONDUCT OF ISAF RACE OFFICIALS AND ISAF REPRESENTATIVES

35.1 When the ISAF Executive Committee receives a written report (i.e. a grievance) from a petitioner alleging that an ISAF Representative, may have committed a gross breach of good manners or ethics, or may have brought the sport of sailing into disrepute, whilst undertaking or acting in the role for which he/she has been requested to act as an ISAF Representative, it may conduct an investigation and when appropriate, in its discretion, call a hearing.

35.2 For the purposes of this Regulation a petitioner is defined as an Executive Committee member, a Council member, an ISAF Full Member (Member National Authority), ISAF Class Association, ISAF Race Official, an ISAF Technical Delegate or Chairman of the Race Officials Committee when acting in accordance with Regulation 32.8.

35.3 The ISAF Executive Committee will appoint the Hearing Committee, and its chairman, based upon the following standards:
(a) The Hearing Committee shall consist of a minimum of 5 members and no more than 7;  
(b) The majority of members shall have a legal background; and  
(c) No Hearing Committee member shall:
   (i) be a citizen or resident of a petitioning Member National Authority, or a member of a petitioning ICA member, or have a conflict of interest with the petitioning Race Official or Technical Delegate;  
   (ii) be a member of the same committee, sub-committee, commission, board or forum as the petitioner; or  
   (iii) be in a position where there is a conflict of interest between the interests of the member appointed or to be appointed and the interests of the respondent within the meaning of the term conflict of interest in Regulation 34.

35.4 The person (respondent) against whom the grievance is filed must be accorded the following rights:

(a) The right to have at least 30 days notice of the time and place of hearing and a complete copy of all grievance documents including all evidentiary documents must be made available. Notice of the hearing must be in written form with delivery verified;  
(b) The right to be present, with or without a representative who may be a lawyer, throughout the hearing of all the evidence and if necessary and on notice given in writing an interpreter; and  
(c) The right to call witnesses and to present any relevant evidence on his/her behalf, and the right to cross-examine any witnesses brought against him/her.  
(d) If the Respondent does not answer the notice of hearing or fails to attend the hearing, the Hearing Committee shall collect all available evidence and, when the allegations of the grievance seem justified, report to the Executive Committee with the Hearing Committee's recommendations.

35.5 The Hearing Committee may take any disciplinary action which, within its jurisdiction, it considers appropriate against the Respondent. The actions which may be taken by the Hearing Committee are an admonishment, reprimand or suspension of the Respondent’s official position with ISAF. Suspension may be permanent or for a specified period of time.

35.6 After the decision the Hearing Committee shall promptly notify the Executive Committee, the Respondent and the Petitioner in writing of their decision. Within 30 days of the receipt of the written decision of the Hearing Committee the Respondent may appeal the decision to the ISAF Review Board by filing a notice of appeal at the ISAF Secretariat. The Respondent has an additional 30 days from the filing of the appeal to perfect his/her appeal. The process of the appeal shall be those established by the Review Board allowing for any necessary changes due to the nature of this appeal. A copy of the Review Board’s rules and procedures shall be provided to the Respondent on request.

35.7 The Hearing Committee may reopen the hearing if it decides there has been a significant error or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.

35.8 In the case of a reprimand or a suspension, the ISAF Executive Committee shall, after all appeals or remedies have been exhausted, promptly notify all ISAF Full Members and ISAF classes.
APPENDIX 1 – ADVERTISING CODE

20. ISAF ADVERTISING CODE

20.1 Definitions

20.1.1 The following definitions shall apply to this ISAF Advertising Code only:

"Advertising" a name, logo, slogan, description, depiction, a variation or distortion thereof, or any other form of communication that promotes an organization, person, product, service, brand or idea so as to call attention to it or to persuade persons or organizations to buy, approve or otherwise support it

"Bow Number" an identifier assigned to a boat by the Organising Authority which shall be displayed on the bow of that boat. It may be a combination of numbers and letters and may include Advertising

"Code" this Regulation 20 including Table 1 and Table 2

"Competitor" a person on board a boat while Racing (as defined below), but excluding persons placed on board by the Organizing Authority or by the race committee

"Racing" the period of time defined in the RRS

"Recognized System" any System (as defined below) recognized by ISAF

"Person in Charge" the person designated in RRS 46

"System" any handicapping and rating method that provides a correction method to rank unequal boats on the same ranking list

20.1.2 Unless defined above, capitalized words are defined at the start of the Regulations.

20.1.3 A definition in the singular includes the plural, in the masculine gender includes the feminine gender. A term used as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) is printed in bold type.

20.2 General

20.2.1 Advertising on a boat, personal equipment or any other object on board a boat shall be displayed in accordance with this Code, the applicable class rules and the rules of the relevant System. Advertising that is not specifically permitted under this Code is prohibited.

20.2.2 This Code applies to boats and Competitors while Racing and at all other times when so prescribed herein.

20.2.3 The right to display Advertising on a boat:

20.2.3.1 shall be subject to prior authorization of ISAF in the following cases:

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As of 1 August 2010 ISAF recognizes three Systems: ORC International, IRC and ORC Club.
(a) non-ISAF Classes and non-Recognized Systems with scheduled racing in more than three countries;
(b) Oceanic events;
(c) series of events scheduled to take place in more than one country;
(d) International Events with the same sponsor;
(e) the America's Cup and all qualifying events for the America's Cup;

and in such cases ISAF may agree in writing any departure from provisions of the Code on a case by case basis;

20.2.3.2 is automatically granted to ISAF Classes and Recognized Systems, unless subject to Regulation 20.2.3.1;

20.2.3.3 shall be subject to prior authorization of the relevant National Authority for all Classes, Systems and events that are within its jurisdiction and not subject to Regulation 20.2.3.1 or 20.2.3.2.

20.2.4 Any Advertising and anything advertised shall meet generally accepted moral and ethical standards. Any Advertising which is political, religious, racial or propaganda shall not be displayed on a boat, personal equipment or any other object on board a boat while Racing. Attention is also drawn to the laws of individual nations which may restrict Advertising within their territory or territorial waters.

20.2.5 A Competitor may choose not to display Advertising required under Regulations 20.4 or 20.6 which is for alcohol or tobacco, or which he genuinely objects to for substantive moral, political or religious reasons.

20.2.6 Advertising on sails shall be clearly separated from national letters and sail numbers and from Class insignia unless it is part thereof.

20.2.7 With the exception of Regulations 20.7 and 20.9, this Code shall not apply at events at which the International Olympic Charter applies, either directly (e.g. Olympic Games) or indirectly by reference to it made in the charter of the relevant organization (e.g. Regional Games as provided for in Regulation 25).

20.2.8 With the prior written approval of ISAF and in accordance with such approval, the provisions of this Code, with the exception of Regulations 20.7 and 20.9, may be waived at Regional Games as provided for in Regulation 25.

20.3 Competitor's Advertising

20.3.1 Each Competitor, with the agreement of the Person in Charge, may display Advertising on personal equipment except that bibs provided by the Organizing Authority shall be worn as detailed in Regulation 20.4.

20.3.2 Subject to any limitations on Advertising in the applicable class rules or the rules of the relevant System, Advertising chosen by the Person in Charge may be displayed on a boat or part thereof, except on the areas detailed in Regulation 20.4 and Table 1.

20.4 Event Advertising

20.4.1 Subject to the provisions of Regulation 20.6, the Organizing Authority may require that boats display the Advertising listed in this Regulation 20.4.1, provided that such requirement is stated in the notice of race and that the Organizing Authority provides the boats with the needed materials (stickers, flags, etc.):
20.4.1.1 Bow Numbers at all times, and

20.4.1.2 Advertising while Racing in accordance with the provisions of Table 1, and

20.4.1.3 sponsor's flag(s) on the backstay or shroud at all times in accordance with the provisions of Table 1.

20.4.2 When a boat or part thereof (e.g. hull, spar, sails) is supplied by the Organizing Authority, all Advertising permitted by this Code on the supplied boat or part thereof is available to the Organizing Authority.

20.4.3 At all ISAF events and at the ISAF Sailing World Cup events a bib, or its equivalent, shall be worn by the Competitors in accordance with the notice of race and sailing instructions. Advertising displayed on such bib, or its equivalent, is reserved for ISAF unless previously agreed otherwise with ISAF in writing.

20.4.4 At all windsurfing and kiteboard events other than those indicated in Regulation 20.4.3 a bib, or its equivalent, shall be worn by the Competitors in accordance with the notice of race and sailing instructions. Advertising displayed on such bib, or its equivalent, is reserved for the Organizing Authority.

20.5 Class Rules and rules of a System

20.5.1 Except as provided for in this Regulation 20.5, the class rules and the rules of a System may prohibit or limit the right to display Advertising on the boat as set forth in Regulation 20.3. If the class rules or the rules of a System do not prohibit or limit the right to display Advertising, it shall be permitted.

20.5.2 In case of conflict between the applicable class rules and the rules of a System in respect of the right to display Advertising, the more limiting rules shall prevail.

20.5.3 The transitional provisions in this Regulation 20.5.3 shall cease to apply after 31st December 2012:

When the class rules or the rules of a System in force on 31st October 2008:

(a) prohibited the display of Advertising or did not prescribe about Advertising, such rules shall be deemed to prohibit Advertising until they prescribe otherwise in compliance with this Code;

(b) prescribed to limit the right to display Advertising, such rules shall be deemed to prescribe the same limitation until they prescribe otherwise in compliance with this Code.

20.5.4 The class rules of a boat selected by ISAF as equipment at a future Olympic Sailing Competition shall not prohibit or limit in any way the right to display Advertising while Racing.

20.5.5 Class rules and the rules of a System may permit or require a boat to display the national flag and/or the name of the Competitor on the mainsail and shall state the size and location for each. Such permission or requirement shall not be deemed to constitute a prohibition or a limitation of the right of the Competitor to display Advertising.

20.6 Sponsor's Advertising of ISAF Classes and Recognized Systems

20.6.1 An ISAF Class and a Recognized System may enter into a contract with a sponsor which will require the boats of that ISAF Class or certified under that Recognized System to display such sponsor's Advertising provided that:
(a) the relevant Class Association or the governing body of the Recognized System, in accordance with its rules, has previously approved the principle of a sponsorship contract; and

(b) the displaying of such sponsor's Advertising is restricted to areas reserved to the Organizing Authority as detailed in Regulation 20.4 and Table 1; and

(c) the boats are only required to display such sponsor's Advertising at events at which that ISAF Class or that Recognized System is the Organizing Authority, or at events for which that ISAF Class or that Recognized System have executed a written agreement with the Organizing Authority permitting the boats to display such sponsor's Advertising.

20.6.2 The National Class association of an ISAF Class or the national governing body of a Recognized System shall not, without the prior written consent of respectively the ISAF Class Association or the international governing body, enter into a sponsorship contract requiring the boats to display Advertising.

20.6.3 A boat, whose Person in Charge has agreed with his own National Authority that such boat will display Advertising that would conflict with the sponsor's Advertising under Regulation 20.6.1, shall not be required to display such sponsor's Advertising.

20.7 Manufacturer's and Sailmaker's Marks

20.7.1 The display of the manufacturer's and sailmaker's marks is permitted at all times as detailed in Table 2 but not on areas detailed in Regulation 20.4 and Table 1 and shall not constitute a limitation to the rights to display Advertising as set forth in the Code, in the class rules and in the rules of a System.

20.7.2 A manufacturer's mark may include the name, logo or other identification marks of the designer or manufacturer of the equipment.

20.7.3 A sailmaker's mark may include the name, logo or other identification marks of the sailmaker or of the sail cloth manufacturer or the pattern or model of the sail.

20.8 Fees

20.8.1 ISAF or the National Authority, as appropriate, may charge a fee when granting authorization under Regulation 20.2.3.

20.8.2 When a Person in Charge of a boat chooses to display Advertising pursuant to Regulation 20.3.2, the National Authority of such Person in Charge, and not any other National Authority, may impose an annual fee for that boat.

20.8.3 A boat shall not be required to pay a fee for displaying Advertising pursuant to this Code except in accordance with this Regulation 20.8.

20.9 Protests

20.9.1 Protests alleging a breach of this Code shall be governed by Part 5 of the RRS.

20.9.2 When, after finding the facts at a protest hearing, the protest committee decides that a boat and/or Competitor is in breach of any provision of this Code, it shall:

(a) warn the Person in Charge of the boat or the Competitor; or
(b) impose a penalty on the boat in the race or the series; or
(c) make any other arrangement deemed equitable which may be to impose no penalty.
### Table 1 - Event Advertising

Allowed Advertising - see regulation 20.4.1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Boat Type or Size</th>
<th>Hull</th>
<th>Boom</th>
<th>Backstay and Kite line</th>
<th>Sails and Kites</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Boat less than 2.5m hull length</strong> (1)</td>
<td>On each side of the hull, but not aft of the longitudinal distance stated from the foremost point on the hull</td>
<td>On the forward part of each side</td>
<td>A flag, attached to a backstay or kite line, fitting in the following rectangle sizes (2)</td>
<td>On each side of the sail, placed between the sail numbers and the boom (wishbone) and aft of the foot median line</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boat between 2.5m and 8m hull length (1)</td>
<td>40% of hull length</td>
<td>No Advertising</td>
<td>One flag 750mm x 500mm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Boat over 8m to 15m hull length (1)</td>
<td>Greater of 1m or 25% of hull length</td>
<td>Not exceeding 20% of the boom length</td>
<td>One flag (or up to two in case of a boat without centreline backstay) 1900mm x 1400mm</td>
<td>No Advertising</td>
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<tr>
<td>Boat over 15m hull length (1)</td>
<td>Greater of 2m or 20% of hull length</td>
<td>Greater of 3m or 15% of hull length</td>
<td>One flag (or up to two in case of a boat without centreline backstay) 2100mm x 1600mm</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Windsurfer</td>
<td>No Advertising</td>
<td>No Advertising</td>
<td>No Advertising</td>
<td>Not exceeding 0.4 sq m</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kiteboard</td>
<td>Any 25% of the area of the top and bottom surfaces</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Up to two flags 150mm x 150mm</td>
<td>No Advertising</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Radio-controlled boat</td>
<td>40% of hull length</td>
<td>No Advertising</td>
<td>No Advertising</td>
<td>No Advertising</td>
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(1) In this table, the word 'boat' does not include windsurfers, kiteboards or radio-controlled boats.

(2) If the boat has no backstay, the notice of race may require that the flag is attached to a shroud.

When a boat has a bow or forward transom, Advertising shall be allowed on this space in addition to the hull area stated in the table above.
Table 2 – Manufacturer’s and Sailmaker’s Marks

Allowed marks - see regulation 20.7.1

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<th>Hull</th>
<th>Spars and Equipment</th>
<th>Sails and Kites</th>
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<tr>
<td>Boat less than 2.5m <strong>hull length</strong> (1)</td>
<td><strong>On each side of the hull</strong>, and may include the name or mark of the designer or builder</td>
<td><strong>One mark to fit within a rectangle measuring 15% of hull length x 150mm</strong></td>
<td><strong>One mark to fit within a 150mm x 150mm square. Except on spinnakers, no part of the mark shall be placed farther than the greater of 300mm or 15% of foot length from the tack point</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Boat 2.5m or greater <strong>hull length</strong> (1)</td>
<td><strong>One mark to fit within a rectangle measuring 500mm x 150mm</strong></td>
<td><strong>One mark not exceeding 300mm length</strong></td>
<td><strong>One mark to fit within a 150mm x 150mm square. No part of the mark shall be placed farther than 20% of foot length from the tack point or 500mm from the clew point</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windsurfer</td>
<td><strong>No restriction</strong></td>
<td><strong>One mark not exceeding 300mm length</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kiteboard</td>
<td><strong>No restriction</strong></td>
<td><strong>Not applicable</strong></td>
<td><strong>No restriction</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Radio-controlled boat</td>
<td><strong>One mark to fit within a rectangle measuring 15% of hull length x 150mm</strong></td>
<td><strong>One mark not exceeding 50mm length</strong></td>
<td><strong>One mark to fit within a 50mm diameter circle</strong></td>
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APPENDIX 2 – ANTI-DOPING CODE

21. ANTI-DOPING CODE

INTRODUCTION

Preface
At the ISAF Annual Conference held in November 2008, the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) accepted the revised (2009) World Anti-Doping Code (the "Code"). These Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented in conformance with ISAF’s responsibilities under the "Code", and are in furtherance of ISAF’s continuing efforts to eradicate doping in the sport of sailing.

Anti-Doping Rules, like competition rules, are sport rules governing the conditions under which sport is played. Athletes and other persons accept these rules as a condition of participation and shall be bound by them. These sport-specific rules and procedures, aimed at enforcing anti-doping principles in a global and harmonized manner, are distinct in nature and, therefore not intended to be subject to or limited by any national requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal proceedings or employment matters. When reviewing the facts and the law of a given case, all courts, arbitral tribunals and other adjudicating bodies should be aware of and respect the distinct nature of the anti-doping rules in the Code and the fact that these rules represent the consensus of a broad spectrum of stakeholders around the world with an interest in fair sport.

Fundamental Rationale for the "Code" and ISAF’s Anti-Doping Rules

Anti-doping programmes seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport"; it is the essence of Olympism; it is how we play true. The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind, and is characterized by the following values:

- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- Health
- Excellence in performance
- Character and education
- Fun and joy
- Teamwork
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for self and other participants
- Courage
- Community and solidarity

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.

Scope

These Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to ISAF, each Member National Authority (MNA) of ISAF, and each participant in the activities of ISAF or any of its MNAs by virtue of the participant's membership, accreditation, or participation in ISAF, its MNAs, or their activities or events. Any person who is not a member of a MNA and who fulfils the requirements to be part of the ISAF registered testing pool, must become a member of the person’s MNA, and must make himself or herself available for testing, at least twelve months before participating in international events or events of his/her MNA.
It is the responsibility of each MNA to ensure that all national-level testing on the MNAs athletes complies with these Anti-Doping Rules. In some countries, the MNA will be conducting the doping control described in these Anti-Doping Rules. In other countries, many of the doping control responsibilities of the MNA have been delegated or assigned by statute or agreement to a National Anti-Doping Organization. In those countries, references in these Anti-Doping Rules to the MNA shall apply, as appropriate, to the MNAs National Anti-Doping Organization. These Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to all doping controls over which ISAF and its MNAs have jurisdiction.

Doping control is administered in order to uphold the requirement of RRS Fundamental Rule 5.

DEFINITIONS

Adverse analytical finding
A report from a laboratory or other approved testing entity that identifies in a sample the presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers (including elevated quantities of endogenous substances) or evidence of the use of a prohibited method.

Anti-Doping Organization
A signatory that is responsible for adopting rules for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the doping control process. This includes, for example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other Major Event Organizations that conduct testing at their events, WADA, International Federations, and National Anti-Doping Organizations.

Athlete
Any person who participates in sport at the international-level (as defined by each International Federation), the national level (as defined by each National Anti-Doping Organization, including but not limited to those persons in its registered testing pool), and any other competitor in sport who is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of any signatory or other sports organization accepting the Code. All provisions of the Code, including, for example, testing, and TUE’s must be applied to international and national-level competitors. Some National Anti-Doping Organizations may elect to test and apply anti-doping rules to recreational-level or masters competitors who are not current or potential national caliber competitors. National Anti-Doping Organizations are not required, however, to apply all aspects of the Code to such persons. Specific national rules may be established for Doping Control for non-international-level or national-level competitors without being in conflict with the Code. Thus, a country could elect to test recreational-level competitors but not require TUE’s or whereabouts information. In the same manner, a Major Event Organization holding an event only for masters-level competitors could elect to test the competitors but not require advance TUE or whereabouts information. For purposes of Regulation 21.2.7 (Administration or Attempted Administration) and for purposes of anti-doping information and education, any person who participates in sport under the authority of any signatory, government, or other sports organization accepting the “Code”.

Athlete Support Personnel
Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical paramedical personnel, parent or any other person working with treating or assisting an athlete participating in or preparing for sports competition.

Attempt
Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an anti-doping rule violation. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on an attempt to commit a violation if the person renunciates the attempt prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the attempt.
Atypical Finding
A report from a laboratory or other WADA-approved entity which requires further investigation as provided by the International Standard for Laboratories or related Technical Documents prior to the determination of an adverse analytical finding.

CAS
The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

“Code”

Competition
A single race, match, game or singular athletic contest. For example, a basketball game or the finals of the Olympic 100-metre dash in athletics. For stage races and other athletic contests where prizes are awarded on a daily or other interim basis the distinction between a competition and an event will be as provided in the rules of the applicable International Federation.

Consequences of Anti-Doping Rules Violations
An athlete’s or other person’s violation of an anti-doping rule may result in one or more of the following: (a) disqualification means the athlete’s results in a particular competition or event are invalidated, with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes; (b) ineligibility means the athlete or other person is barred for a specified period of time from participating in any competition or other activity or funding as provided in Regulation 21.10.9 (Status During Ineligibility); and (c) provisional suspension means the athlete or other person is barred temporarily from participating in any competition prior to the final decision at a hearing conducted under Regulation 21.8 (Right to a Fair Hearing).

Disqualification
See Consequences of Anti-Doping Rules Violations above.

Doping Control
All steps and processes from test distribution planning, through to ultimate disposition of any appeal including all steps and processes in between such as provision of whereabouts information, sample collection and handling, laboratory analysis, TUE’s, results management and hearings.

Event
A series of individual competitions conducted together under one ruling body (e.g., the Olympic Games, ISAF World Championships, or Pan American Games).

Event Period
The time between the beginning and end of an event, as established by the ruling body of the event.

In-Competition
For purposes of differentiating between In-Competition and Out-of-Competition testing, In-Competition is defined as that period of time between the scheduled time of the warning signal of the first race of the event, up to the closure of protest time following the final race of the event.

Independent Observer Programme
A team of observers, under the supervision of WADA, who observe and may provide guidance on the doping control process at certain events and report on their observations.

Individual Sport
Any sport that is not a team sport.
**Ineligibility**
See Consequences of Anti-Doping Rules Violations above.

**International Event**
An event where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation, a Major Event Organization, or another international sport organization is the ruling body for the event or appoints the technical officials for the event.

**International-Level Athlete**
Athletes designated by one or more International Federations as being within the registered testing pool for an International Federation.

**International Standard**
A standard adopted by WADA in support of the "Code". Compliance with an international standard (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the international standard were performed properly. International Standards shall include any Technical Documents issued pursuant to the International Standard.

**Major Event Organizations**
The continental associations of National Olympic Committees and other international multi-sport organizations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other International event.

**Marker**
A compound, group of compounds or biological parameter(s) that indicates the use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method.

**Metabolite**
Any substance produced by a biotransformation process.

**Minor**
A natural person who has not reached the age of majority as established by the applicable laws of his or her country of residence.

**National Anti-Doping Organization**
The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules, direct the collection of samples, the management of test results, and the conduct of hearings, all at the national level. This includes an entity which may be designated by multiple countries to serve as regional Anti-Doping Organization for such countries. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country's National Olympic Committee or its designee.

**National Event**
A sport event involving international or national-level athletes that is not an international event.

**Member National Authority (MNA)**
A national entity which is a member of or is recognized by ISAF as the entity governing the ISAF’s sport in that nation or country. As per ISAF Article 1.1

**National Olympic Committee**
The organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The term National Olympic Committee shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical National Olympic Committee responsibilities in the anti-doping area.
No Advance Notice
A doping control which takes place with no advance warning to the athlete and where the athlete is continuously chaperoned from the moment of notification through sample provision.

No Fault or Negligence
The athlete's establishing that he or she did not know or suspect, and could not reasonably have known or suspected even with the exercise of utmost caution, that he or she had used or been administered the prohibited substance or prohibited method.

No Significant Fault or Negligence
The athlete's establishing that his or her fault or negligence, when viewed in the totality of the circumstances and taking into account the criteria for no fault or negligence, was not significant in relationship to the anti-doping rule violation.

Out-of-Competition
Any doping control which is not In-Competition. When a doping control is conducted on the day of a competition in which the affected competitor has competed or is entered or expected to compete, the test shall be considered as In-Competition. All other unannounced doping control shall be deemed to be Out-of-Competition (OOCT).

Participant
Any athlete or athlete support personnel.

Person
A natural person or an organization or other entity.

Possession
The actual, physical possession, or the constructive possession (which shall be found only if the person has exclusive control over the prohibited substance/method or the premises in which a prohibited substance/method exists); provided, however, that if the person does not have exclusive control over the prohibited substance/method or the premises in which a prohibited substance/method exists, constructive possession shall only be found if the person knew about the presence of the prohibited substance/method and intended to exercise control over it. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on possession if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the person has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the person has taken concrete action demonstrating that the person never intended to have possession and has renounced possession by explicitly declaring it to an Anti-Doping Organization. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, the purchase (including by any electronic or other means) of a prohibited substance or prohibited method constitutes possession by the person who makes the purchase.

Prohibited List
The List identifying the prohibited substances and prohibited methods published and from time to time revised by WADA as described in Article 4.1 of the “Code”.

The 2012 Prohibited List is available online at: www.wada-ama.org/Documents/World_Anti-Doping_Program/WADP-Prohibited-list/2012/WADA_Prohibited_List_2012_EN.pdf

Prohibited Method
Any method so described on the Prohibited List.

Prohibited Substance
Any substance so described on the Prohibited List.

Provisional Hearing
For purposes of Article 7.6 of the “Code”, an expedited abbreviated hearing occurring prior to a
hearing under Regulation 21.8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) that provides the athlete with notice and an opportunity to be heard in either written or oral form.

Provisional Suspension. See Consequences above.]
Publicly Disclose or Publicly Report
To disseminate or distribute information to the general public or persons beyond those persons entitled to earlier notification in accordance with Regulation 21.14 (MNA’s Incorporation of ISAF Rules, Reporting and Recognition).

Registered Testing Pool
The pool of top level athletes established separately by each International Federation and National Anti-Doping Organization who are subject to both In-competition and Out-of-Competition testing as part of that International Federation’s or Organization’s test distribution plan. The purpose of the ISAF registered testing pool is to identify top-level international athletes who ISAF requires to provide whereabouts information to facilitate OOCT by ISAF and WADA

Retroactive TUE
As defined in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.

Sample
Any biological material collected for the purposes of doping control.

Signatories
Those entities signing the “Code” and agreeing to comply with the “Code”, including the International Olympic Committee, International Federations, International Paralympic Committee, National Olympic Committees, National Paralympic Committees, Major Event Organizations, National Anti-Doping Organizations, and WADA.

Specified Substances
As defined in Regulation 21.4.1(b).

Substantial Assistance
For purposes of Regulation 21.10.4(c), a person providing substantial assistance must: (1) fully disclose in a signed written statement all information he or she possesses in relation to anti-doping rule violations, and (2) fully cooperate with the investigation and adjudication of any case related to that information, including, for example, presenting testimony at a hearing if requested to do so by an Anti-Doping Organization or hearing panel. Further, the information provided must be credible and must comprise an important part of any case which is initiated or, if no case is initiated, must have provided a sufficient basis on which a case could have been brought.

Tampering
Altering for an improper purpose or in an improper way; bringing improper influence to bear; interfering improperly; obstructing, misleading or engaging in any fraudulent conduct to alter results or prevent normal procedures from occurring; or providing fraudulent information to an Anti-Doping Organization.

Target Testing
Selection of athletes for testing where specific athletes or groups of athletes are selected on a non-random basis for testing at a specified time.

Team Sport
A sport in which the substitution of players is permitted during a competition.

Testing
The parts of the doping control process involving test distribution planning, sample collection, sample handling, and sample transport to the laboratory.
**Trafficking**
Selling, giving, transporting, sending, delivering or distributing a prohibited substance or prohibited method (either physically or by any electronic or other means) by an athlete, athlete support personnel or any other Person subject to the jurisdiction of an Anti-Doping Organization to any third party; provided, however, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a prohibited substance used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification, and shall not include actions involving prohibited substances which are not prohibited in Out-of-Competition Testing unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate such prohibited substances are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes.

**TUE**
As defined in Regulation 21.2.5(a).

**TUE Panel**
As defined in Regulation 21.4.3(d).

**UNESCO Convention**
The International Convention against Doping in Sport adopted by the 33rd session of the UNESCO General Conference on 19 October 2005 including any and all amendments adopted by the States Parties to the Convention and the Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

**Use**
The utilization, application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any prohibited substance or prohibited method.

**WADA**
The World Anti-Doping Agency.

**Definition of Doping**
21.1 Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations as detailed in Regulation 21.2 of these Anti-Doping Rules.

**Anti-Doping Rule Violations**

**Athletes** and other persons shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods which have been included on the Prohibited List.

The following constitute anti-doping rule violations:

21.2 The presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in an athlete’s sample

(a) It is each athlete’s personal duty to ensure that no prohibited substance enters his or her body. Athletes are responsible for any prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found to be present in their samples. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing use on the athlete’s part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping violation under Regulation 21.2.

(b) Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation under Regulation 21.2 is established by either of the following; presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in the athlete’s A sample where the athlete waives analysis of the B sample and the B sample is not analyzed; or, where the athlete’s B sample is analyzed and the analysis of the athlete’s B sample confirms the presence of the prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers found in the athlete’s A sample.
(c) Excepting those substances for which a quantitative threshold is specifically identified in the Prohibited List, the presence of any quantity of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in an athlete’s sample shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

(d) As an exception to the general rule of Regulation 21.2, the Prohibited List or International Standards may establish special criteria for the evaluation of prohibited substances that can also be produced endogenously.

21.2.1 Use or attempted use by an athlete of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method

(a) It is each athlete’s personal duty to ensure that no prohibited substance enters his or her body. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, fault, negligence or knowing use on the athlete’s part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation for use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method.

(b) The success or failure of the use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method is not material. It is sufficient that the prohibited substance or prohibited method was used or attempted to be used for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.

21.2.2 Refusing, or failing without compelling justification, to submit to sample collection after notification as authorized in these Anti-Doping Rules or otherwise evading sample collection.

21.2.3 Violation of applicable requirements regarding athlete availability for Out-of-Competition Testing (OOCT) set out in the International Standard for Testing, including failure to file required whereabouts information in accordance with Article 11.3 of the International Standard for Testing (a ‘filing failure’) and failure to be available for testing at the declared whereabouts in accordance with Article 11.4 of the International Standard for Testing (a ‘missed test’). Any combination of three missed tests and/or filing failures committed within an eighteen-month period, as declared by ISAF or any other Anti-Doping Organization with jurisdiction over an athlete, shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

21.2.4 Tampering, or attempted tampering with any part of doping control.

21.2.5 Possession of prohibited substances and methods.

(a) Possession by an athlete In-Competition of any prohibited method or any prohibited substance, or possession by an athlete Out-of-Competition of any prohibited method or any prohibited substance which is prohibited in OOCT unless the athlete establishes that the possession is pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption (‘TUE’) granted in accordance with Regulation 21.4.3 (Therapeutic Use) or other acceptable justification.

(b) Possession by athlete support personnel In-Competition of any prohibited method or any prohibited substance, or possession by athlete support personnel Out-of-Competition of any prohibited method or any prohibited substance which is prohibited Out-of-Competition, in connection with an athlete, competition or training, unless the athlete support personnel establishes that the possession is pursuant to a TUE granted to an athlete in accordance with Regulation 21.4.3 (Therapeutic Use) or other acceptable justification.

21.2.6 Trafficking or attempted trafficking in any prohibited substance or prohibited method.

21.2.7 Administration or attempted administration to any athlete, In-Competition or any prohibited method or prohibited substance, or administration or attempted administration to any athlete Out-of-Competition of any prohibited method or any prohibited substance that is prohibited Out-of-Competition, or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up or
any other type of complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation or any attempted anti-doping rule violation.

**Proof of Doping**

21.3 Burdens and Standards of Proof

ISAF and its MNAs shall have the burden of establishing that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. The standard of proof shall be whether ISAF or its MNA has established an anti-doping rule violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation which is made. This standard of proof in all cases is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Where these Rules place the burden of proof upon the athlete or other person alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation to rebut a presumption or establish specified facts or circumstances, the standard of proof shall be by a balance of probability, except as provided in Regulation 21.10.3 and 21.10.5, where the athlete must satisfy a higher burden of proof.

21.3.1 Methods of Establishing Facts and Presumptions

Facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means, including admissions. The following rules of proof shall be applicable in doping cases:

(a) **WADA-accredited laboratories are presumed to have conducted sample analysis and custodial procedures in accordance with the International Standard for Laboratories.** The athlete or other person may rebut this presumption by establishing that a departure from the International Standard occurred which could reasonably have caused the adverse analytical finding.

If the athlete or other person rebuts the preceding presumption by showing that a departure from the International Standard occurred which could reasonably have caused the adverse analytical finding, then ISAF or its MNA shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the adverse analytical finding.

(i) Departures from any other International Standard or other anti-doping rule or policy which did not cause an adverse analytical finding or other anti-doping rule violation shall not invalidate such results. If the athlete or other person establishes that a departure from another International Standard or other anti-doping rule or policy which could reasonably have caused the adverse analytical finding or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, then ISAF or its MNA shall have the burden to establish that such a departure did not cause the adverse analytical finding or the factual basis for the anti-doping rule violation.

(ii) The facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of competent jurisdiction which is not the subject of a pending appeal shall be irrebuttable evidence against the athlete or other person to whom the decision pertained of those facts unless the athlete or other person establishes that the decision violated principles of natural justice.

The hearing panel in a hearing on an anti-doping rule violation may draw an inference adverse to the athlete or other person who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation based on the athlete’s or other person’s refusal, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in person or telephonically as directed by the tribunal) and to answer questions either from the hearing panel or from the Anti-Doping Organization asserting the anti-doping rule violation.
The Prohibited List

21.4 Incorporation of the Prohibited List

These Anti-Doping Rules incorporate the Prohibited List. ISAF will make the current Prohibited List available to each MNA, and each MNA shall ensure that the current Prohibited List is available to its members and constituents.

21.4.1 Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods Identified on the Prohibited List

(a) Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods

Unless provided otherwise in the Prohibited List and/or a revision, the Prohibited List and revisions shall go into effect under these Anti-Doping Rules three months after publication of the prohibited list by WADA without requiring any further action by ISAF. As described in Article 4.2 of the "Code", ISAF may request that WADA expand the Prohibited List for the sport of sailing, or certain disciplines within the sport of sailing. ISAF may also request that WADA include additional substances or methods, which have the potential for abuse in the sport of sailing, in the monitoring programme described in Article 4.5 of the "Code". As provided in the "Code", WADA shall make the final decision on such requests by ISAF.

(b) Specified Substances

For purposes of the application of Regulation 21.10 (Sanctions on individuals), all prohibited substances shall be ‘specified substances’ except (a) substances in the classes of anabolic agents and hormones; and (b) those stimulants and hormone antagonists and modulators so identified on the Prohibited List. Prohibited methods shall not be specified substances.

(c) New Classes of Prohibited Substances

In the event WADA expands the Prohibited List by adding a new class of prohibited substances in accordance with Article 4.1 of the Code, WADA’s Executive Committee shall determine whether any or all prohibited substances within the new class of prohibited substances shall be considered specified substances under Regulation 21.4.1 (b).

21.4.2 Criteria for Including Substances and Methods on the Prohibited List

As provided in Article 4.3.3 of the "Code", WADA’s determination of the prohibited substances and prohibited methods that will be included on the Prohibited List and the classification of substances into categories on the Prohibited List is final and shall not be subject to challenge by an athlete or other person based on an argument that the substance or method was not a masking agent or did not have the potential to enhance performance, represent a health risk or violate the spirit of sport.

21.4.3 Therapeutic Use

(a) Athletes with a documented medical condition requiring the use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method must first obtain a TUE. The presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers (Regulation 21.2), use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method (Regulation 21.2.1), possession of prohibited substances or prohibited methods (Regulation 21.2.5) or administration of a prohibited substance or prohibited method (Regulation 21.2.7) consistent with the provisions of an applicable TUE issued pursuant to the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation.

(b) Subject to Regulation 21.4.3(c), athletes included by ISAF in its registered testing pool and other athletes participating in any international event must obtain a TUE.
from ISAF (regardless of whether the athlete previously has received a TUE at the national level). The application for a TUE must be made as soon as possible (in the case of an athlete in the registered testing pool, this would be when he/she is first notified of his/her inclusion in the pool) and in any event (save in emergency situations) no later than 30 days before the athlete’s participation in the event. TUEs granted by ISAF shall be reported to the athlete’s MNA and to WADA. Other athletes subject to testing who need to use a prohibited substance or a prohibited method for therapeutic reasons must obtain a TUE from their National Anti-Doping Organization or other body designated by their MNA, as required under the rules of the National Anti-Doping Organization/other body. MNAs shall promptly report any such TUEs to ISAF and WADA.

(c) The ISAF Executive Committee shall appoint a panel of physicians to consider requests for TUEs (the "TUE Panel" - which shall consist of the current members of the ISAF Medical Commission). Upon ISAF's receipt of a TUE request, the Chair of the TUE Panel shall appoint one or more members of the TUE Panel (which may include the Chair) to consider such request. The TUE Panel member(s) so designated shall promptly evaluate such request in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions and render a decision on such request, which shall be the final decision of ISAF.

(i) In offshore races of more than 50 nautical miles, the use of any prohibited substance or prohibited methods for emergency medical treatment shall be recorded. The ISAF Medical Commission may retroactively approve such use and possession of such medications as might be reasonably required if the acute situation or exceptional circumstances are confirmed to the satisfaction of the Medical Commission.

(ii) If any prohibited substances carried on board are used, an explanation will need to be provided and the process for retroactive TUE will take place.

(iii) With the approval of the ISAF or a Member National Authority or National Olympic Committee (NOC), a Team Doctor or a Doctor who is responsible for sailing competitors, officials and others in the care of that Doctor, may carry and employ such medications as the circumstances may require and as might be properly used in the undertaking of the Hippocratic oath. The ISAF Medical Commission may retroactively approve such use.

(d) WADA, at the request of an athlete or on its own initiation, may review the granting or denial of any TUE by ISAF. If WADA determines that the granting or denial of a TUE did not comply with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions in force at the time then WADA may reverse that decision. Decisions on TUEs are subject to further appeal as provided in Regulation 21.13 (Appeals).

**Testing**

21.5  Authority to Test

All athletes under the jurisdiction of a MNA shall be subject to In-Competition testing (ICT) by ISAF, the athlete’s MNA, and any other Anti-Doping Organization responsible for testing at a competition or event in which they participate. All athletes under the jurisdiction of a MNA including athletes serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional suspension, shall also be subject to OOCT at any time or place, with or without advance notice, by ISAF, WADA, the athlete’s MNA, the National Anti-Doping Organization of any country where the athlete is present, the IOC during the Olympic Games, and the IPC during Paralympic Games. Target testing will be made a priority.

21.5.1 Responsibility for ISAF Testing
ISAF shall be responsible for drawing up a test distribution plan for the sport of sailing in accordance with Article 4 of the International Standard for Testing, and for the implementation of that plan, including overseeing all testing conducted by or on behalf of ISAF. Testing may be conducted by members of ISAF or by other qualified persons so authorized by ISAF.

21.5.2 Testing Standards

Testing conducted by ISAF and its MNAs shall be in substantial conformity with the International Standard for Testing in force at the time of testing.

(a) Blood (or other non-urine) samples may be used to detect prohibited substances or prohibited methods for screening procedure purposes or for longitudinal hematological profiling (“the passport”). If the sample is collected for screening only, it will have no consequences for the athlete other than to identify him/her for a urine test under these anti-doping rules. In these circumstances, ISAF may decide at its own discretion which blood parameters are to be measured in the screening sample and what levels of those parameters will be used to indicate that an athlete should be selected for a urine test. If however, the sample is collected for longitudinal hematological profiling (“the passport”), it may be used for anti-doping purposes in accordance with Article 2.2 of the Code.

21.5.3 Co-ordination of Testing

ISAF and MNAs shall promptly report completed tests through the WADA clearinghouse to avoid unnecessary duplication in testing.

21.5.4 Athlete Whereabouts Requirements

(a) ISAF has identified a registered testing pool of those athletes who are required to comply with the whereabouts requirements of the International Standard for Testing, and shall publish the criteria for athletes to be included in this registered testing pool as well as a list of the athletes meeting those criteria for the period in question. ISAF shall review and update as necessary its criteria for including athletes in its registered testing pool, and shall revise the membership of its registered testing pool from time to time as appropriate in accordance with the set criteria.

Each athlete in the registered testing pool (a) shall advise ISAF of his/her whereabouts on a semi-annual basis in the manner set out in Article 11.3 of the International Standard for Testing; (b) shall update this information as necessary, in accordance with Article 11.4.2 of the International Standard for Testing, so that it remains accurate and complete at all times; and (c) shall make him/herself available for testing at such whereabouts, in accordance with Article 11.4 of the International Standard for Testing.

(b) An athlete’s failure to advise ISAF of his/her whereabouts shall be deemed a filing failure for purposes of Regulation 21.2.3 where the conditions of Article 11.3.5 of the International Standard for Testing are met.

(c) An athlete’s failure to be available for testing at his/her declared whereabouts shall be deemed a missed test for purposes of Regulation 21.2.3 where the conditions of Article 11.4.3 of the International Standard for Testing are met.

(d) Each MNA shall also assist its National Anti-Doping Organization in establishing a national level registered testing pool of top level national athletes to whom the whereabouts requirements of the International Standard for Testing shall also apply. Where those athletes are also in ISAF’s registered testing pool, ISAF and the National Anti-Doping Organization will agree (with the assistance of WADA if required) on which of them will take responsibility for receiving whereabouts filings.
from the athlete and sharing it with the other (and with other Anti-Doping Organizations) in accordance with Regulation 21.5.4(e).

(e) Whereabouts information provided pursuant to Regulation 21.5.4(a) and (e) shall be shared with WADA and other Anti-Doping Organizations having jurisdiction to test an athlete in accordance with Articles 11.7.1(d) and 11.7.3(d) of the International Standard for Testing, including the strict condition that it be used only for doping control purposes.

21.5.5 Retirement and Return to Competition

(a) An athlete who has been identified by ISAF for inclusion in ISAF’s registered testing pool shall continue to be subject to these Anti-Doping Rules, including the obligation to comply with the whereabouts requirements of the International Standard for Testing unless and until the athlete gives written notice to ISAF that he or she has retired or until he or she no longer satisfies the criteria for inclusion in the ISAF’s registered testing pool and has been so informed by ISAF.

(b) An athlete who has given notice of retirement to ISAF may not resume competing unless he or she notifies ISAF at least six months before he or she expects to return to competition and makes him/herself available for unannounced Out-of-Competition testing, including (if requested) complying with the whereabouts requirements of the International Standard for Testing, at any time during the period before actual return to competition.

(c) MNAs/National Anti-Doping Organizations may establish similar requirements for retirement and returning to competition for athletes in the national registered testing pool.

21.5.6 Selection of athletes to be Tested

(a) At international events, ISAF shall determine the number of finishing placement tests, random tests and target tests to be performed.

The following athletes shall be tested for each competition at an international event.

(i) For events competed with single handed boats: Each athlete finishing in one of the top three placements in the competition, plus one other athlete in the competition selected at random.

(ii) For all other events: One athlete selected at random from each of the top three finishing teams, plus one athlete selected at random from any of the other teams in the competition.

(b) At National Events, each MNA shall determine the number of athletes selected for testing in each competition and the procedures for selecting the athletes for testing.

(c) In addition to the selection procedures set forth in Regulation 21.5.6(a) and 21.5.76(b) above, ISAF at International events, and the MNA at National events, may also select athletes or teams for target testing so long as such target testing is not used for any purpose other than legitimate doping control purposes.

(d) Athletes shall be selected for Out-of-Competition testing by ISAF and by MNAs through a process that substantially complies with the International Standard for Testing in force at the time of selection.

21.5.7 MNAs and the organizing committees for MNA events shall provide access to independent observers at events as directed by ISAF.

Analysis of Samples
Doping control samples collected under these Anti-Doping Rules shall be analyzed in accordance with the following principles:

21.6 Use of Approved Laboratories

ISAF shall send doping control samples for analysis only to WADA-accredited laboratories or as otherwise approved by WADA. The choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory (or other laboratory or method approved by WADA) used for the sample analysis shall be determined exclusively by ISAF.

21.6.1 Purpose of Collection and Analysis of Samples

Samples shall be analyzed to detect prohibited substances and prohibited methods identified on the Prohibited List and other substances as may be directed by WADA pursuant to the Monitoring Programme described in Article 4.5 of the "Code" or to assist ISAF in profiling relevant parameters in an athlete's urine, blood or other matrix, including DNA or genomic profiling, for anti-doping purposes.

21.6.2 Research on Samples

No sample may be used for any purpose other than as described in Regulation 21.6.1 without the athlete's written consent. Samples used (with the athlete's consent) for purposes other than Regulation 21.6.1 shall have any means of identification removed such that they cannot be traced back to a particular athlete.

21.6.3 Standards for Sample Analysis and Reporting

Laboratories shall analyze doping control samples and report results in conformity with the International Standard for Laboratories.

21.6.4 Retesting Samples

A sample may be reanalyzed for the purposes described in Regulation 21.6.1 at any time exclusively at the direction of ISAF or WADA. The circumstances and conditions for retesting samples shall conform with the requirements of the International Standard for Laboratories.

Results Management

21.7 Results Management for Tests Initiated by ISAF

Results management for tests initiated by ISAF (including tests performed by WADA pursuant to agreement with ISAF) shall proceed as set forth below:

(a) The results from all analyses must be sent to ISAF in encoded form, in a report signed by an authorized representative of the laboratory. All communication must be conducted in confidentiality and in conformity with ADAMS, a database management tool developed by WADA. ADAMS is consistent with data privacy statutes and norms applicable to WADA and other organizations using it.

(b) Upon receipt of an A sample adverse analytical finding, the ISAF Anti-Doping Administrator shall conduct a review to determine whether: (a) the adverse analytical finding is consistent with an applicable TUE or (b) there is any apparent departure from the International Standard for Testing or International Standard for Laboratories that caused the adverse analytical finding.

(c) In the following circumstances:

(i) The adverse analytical finding is for a Glucocorticosteroid, formoterol, salbutamol, salmeterol or terbutaline; and
(ii) The sample in question was provided by an athlete who is not in ISAF’s registered testing pool, during his/her participation in an International event for which (in accordance with Article 7.13 of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions and Regulation 21.4.3(c) of these Anti-Doping Rules ISAF does not require a TUE for asthma medication in advance;

then, before the matter is referred to ISAF under Regulation 21.7, the athlete shall be given an opportunity to apply to the TUE Committee for a retroactive TUE in accordance with Article 7.13 of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions. The result of that application shall be forwarded to ISAF for consideration in its review of the adverse analytical finding under Regulation 21.7(b).

(d) If the initial review of an adverse analytical finding under Regulation 21.7(b) does not reveal an applicable TUE or departure from the International Standard for Testing or the International Standard for Laboratories that caused the adverse analytical finding, ISAF shall promptly notify the athlete of: (a) the adverse analytical finding; (b) the anti-doping rule violated, (c) the athlete’s right to promptly request the analysis of the B sample or, failing such request, that the B sample analysis may be deemed waived; (d) the scheduled date, time and place for the B sample analysis (which shall be within the time period specified in the International Standard for Laboratories) if the athlete or ISAF chooses to request an analysis of the B sample; (e) the opportunity for the athlete and/or the athlete’s representative to attend the B sample opening and analysis at the scheduled date, time and place if such analysis is requested; and (f) the athlete’s right to request copies of the A and B sample laboratory documentation package which includes information as required by the International Standard for Laboratories. ISAF shall also notify the athlete’s National Anti-Doping Organization and WADA. If ISAF decides not to bring forward the adverse analytical finding as an anti-doping rule violation, it shall so notify the athlete, the athlete’s National Anti-Doping Organization and WADA.

(e) Where requested by the athlete or ISAF, arrangements shall be made for testing the B sample within the time period specified in the International Standard for Testing. An athlete may accept the A sample analytical results by waiving the requirement for B sample analysis. ISAF may nonetheless elect to proceed with the B sample analysis.

(f) The athlete and/or his representative shall be allowed to be present at the analysis of the B sample within the time period specified in the International Standard for Laboratories. Also a representative of the athlete’s MNA as well as a representative of ISAF shall be allowed to be present.

(g) If the B sample proves negative, then (unless ISAF takes the case forward as an anti-doping rule violation under Regulation 21.2.1) the entire test shall be considered negative and the athlete, his MNA, and ISAF shall be so informed.

(h) If a prohibited substance or the use of a prohibited method is identified, the findings shall be reported to the athlete, his MNA, ISAF, and to WADA.

(i) For apparent anti-doping rule violations that do not involve adverse analytical findings, ISAF shall conduct any necessary follow-up investigation and, at such time as it is satisfied that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, it shall then promptly notify the athlete of the anti-doping rule which appears to have been violated, and the basis of the violation.

21.7.1 Results Management for Atypical Findings
REGULATIONS

(a) As provided in the International Standards, in certain circumstances laboratories are directed to report the presence of prohibited substances that may also be produced endogenously as atypical findings that should be investigated further.

(b) If a laboratory reports an atypical finding in respect of a sample collected from an athlete by or on behalf of ISAF, the ISAF Anti-Doping Administrator shall conduct a review to determine whether: (a) the atypical finding is consistent with an applicable TUE that has been granted as provided in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, or (b) there is any apparent departure from the International Standard for Testing or International Standard for Laboratories that caused the atypical analytical finding.

(c) If the initial review of an atypical finding under Regulation 21.7.1(b) reveals an applicable TUE or departure from the International Standard for Testing or the International Standard for Laboratories that caused the atypical finding, the entire test shall be considered negative [and the athlete, his MNA, and ISAF shall be so informed].

(d) If the initial review of an atypical finding under Regulation 21.7.1(b) does not reveal an applicable TUE or departure from the International Standard for Testing or the International Standard for Laboratories that caused the atypical finding, ISAF shall conduct the follow-up investigation required by the International Standards. If, once that investigation is completed, it is concluded that the atypical finding should be considered an adverse analytical finding, ISAF shall pursue the matter in accordance with Regulation 21.7(c).

(e) ISAF will not provide notice of an atypical finding until it has completed its investigation and has decided whether it will bring the atypical finding forward as an adverse analytical finding unless one of the following circumstances exists:

(f) If ISAF determines the B sample should be analyzed prior to the conclusion of its follow-up investigation, it may conduct the B sample analysis after notifying the athlete, with such notice to include a description of the atypical finding and the information described in Regulation 21.7(d), (c) to (f).

(g) If ISAF receives a request, either from a Major Event Organization shortly before one of its International events or from a sports organization responsible for meeting an imminent deadline for selecting team members for an International Event, to disclose whether any athlete identified on a list provided but the Major Event Organization or sports organization has a pending atypical finding, ISAF shall so identify any such athlete after first providing notice of the atypical finding to the athlete.

21.7.2 Results Management for Tests Initiated During Other International events

Results management and the conduct of hearings from a test by the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, or a major event organization, shall be managed, as far as sanctions beyond disqualification from the event or the results of the event, by ISAF.

21.7.3 Results Management for Tests initiated by MNAs

Results management conducted by MNAs shall be consistent with the general principles for effective and fair results management which underlie the detailed provisions set forth in Regulation 21.7. Results of all doping controls shall be reported to ISAF and to WADA within 14 days of the conclusion of the MNAs results management process. Any apparent anti-doping rule violation by an athlete who is a member of that MNA shall be promptly referred to an appropriate hearing panel established pursuant to the rules of the MNA or national law. Apparent anti-doping rule violations by athletes who are members of another MNA shall be referred to the athlete’s MNA for hearing.
21.7.4 Results Management for Whereabouts Violations

(a) Results management in respect of an apparent filing failure by an athlete in ISAF’s registered testing pool shall be conducted by ISAF in accordance with Article 11.6.2 of the International Standard for Testing (unless it has been agreed in accordance with Regulation 21.5.4(d) that the MNA or National Anti-Doping Organization shall take such responsibility).

(b) Results management in respect of an apparent missed test by an athlete in ISAF’s registered testing pool as a result of an attempt to test the athlete by or on behalf of ISAF shall be conducted by ISAF in accordance with Article 11.6.3 of the International Standard for Testing. Results management in respect of an apparent missed test by such athlete as a result of an attempt to test the athlete by or on behalf of another Anti-Doping Organization shall be conducted by that other Anti-Doping Organization in accordance with Article 11.7.6(c) of the International Standard for Testing.

(c) Where, in any eighteen-month period, an athlete in ISAF’s registered testing pool is declared to have three filing failures, or three missed tests, or any combination of filing failures or missed tests adding up to three in total, whether under these Anti-Doping Rules or under the rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization, ISAF shall bring them forward as an apparent anti-doping rule violation.

21.7.5 Provisional Suspensions

(a) If analysis of an A sample has resulted in an adverse analytical finding for a prohibited substance that is not a Specified Substance, and a review in accordance with Regulation 21.7(b) does not reveal an applicable TUE or departure from the International Standard for Testing or the International Standard for Laboratories that caused the adverse analytical finding, ISAF shall Provisionally Suspend the athlete pending the hearing panel’s determination of whether he/she has committed an anti-doping rule violation.

(b) In any case not covered by Regulation 21.7.4(a) where ISAF decides to take the matter forward as an apparent anti-doping rule violation in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Regulation 21.7, the ISAF Executive, after consultation with the ISAF Anti-Doping Administrator, may provisionally suspend the athlete pending the hearing panel’s determination of whether he/she has committed an anti-doping rule violation.

(c) Where a provisional suspension is imposed, whether pursuant to Regulation 21.7.5(a) or Regulation 21.7.5(b), the athlete shall be given either (a) an opportunity for a provisional hearing before imposition of the provisional suspension or on a timely basis after imposition of the provisional suspension; or (b) an opportunity for an expedited hearing in accordance with Regulation 21.8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) on a timely basis after imposition of a provisional suspension. MNAs shall impose provisional suspensions in accordance with the principles set forth in this Regulation 21.7.5.-

(d) If a provisional suspension is imposed based on an adverse analytical finding in respect of an A sample, and any subsequent analysis of the B sample analysis does not confirm the A sample analysis, then the athlete shall not be subject to any further provisional suspension on account of a violation of Article 2.1 of the Code (Presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers). In circumstances where the athlete (or the athlete’s team as provided in the rules of ISAF) has been removed from a competition based on a violation of Regulation 21.2 and the subsequent B sample analysis does not confirm the A sample finding, if, without otherwise affecting the competition, it is still possible for the athlete or team to be reinserted, the athlete or team may continue to take part in the
21.7.6 Retirement from Sport

If an athlete or other person retires while a results management process is underway, ISAF retains jurisdiction to complete its results management process. If an athlete or other person retires before any results management process has begun and ISAF would have had results management jurisdiction over the athlete or other person at the time the athlete or other person committed an anti-doping rule violation, ISAF has jurisdiction to conduct results management.

21.8 Right to a Fair Hearing

When it appears, following the results management process described in Regulation 21.7 (Results Management), that these Anti-Doping Rules have been violated, the athlete or other person involved shall be brought before a disciplinary panel of the athlete or other person's MNA for a hearing to adjudicate whether a violation of these Anti-Doping Rules occurred and if so what consequences should be imposed. The hearing process shall respect the following principles:

(a) a timely hearing;
(b) fair and impartial hearing panel;
(c) the right to be represented by counsel at the person's own expense;
(d) the right to be informed in a fair and timely manner of the asserted anti-doping rule violation;
(e) the right to respond to the asserted anti-doping rule violation and resulting consequences;
(f) the right of each party to present evidence, including the right to call and question witnesses (subject to the hearing panel's discretion to accept testimony by telephone or written submission);
(g) the person's right to an interpreter at the hearing, with the hearing panel to determine the identity, and responsibility for the cost of the interpreter; and
(h) a timely, written, reasoned decision, specifically including an explanation of the reason(s) for any period of Ineligibility.

21.8.1 Hearings pursuant to this Regulation shall be completed expeditiously and in all cases within three months of the completion of the Results Management process described in Regulation 21.7 (Results Management). Hearings held in connection with events may be conducted by an expedited process. If the completion of the hearing is delayed beyond three months, ISAF may elect, if the athlete is an international-level athlete, to bring the case directly to a single arbitrator from the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The case before the Court of Arbitration for Sport shall be handled in accordance with the Court of Arbitration for Sport appeal procedure without reference to any time limit for appeal. If the completion of the hearing is delayed beyond three months, and the athlete is not an international-level athlete, ISAF may elect to bring the case directly to the national level appellate body referenced in Regulation 21.13.1(b). In either case, the hearing shall proceed at the responsibility of and the expense of the MNA. In either case the appeal from such decision shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

21.8.2 MNAs shall keep ISAF fully informed as to the status of pending cases and the results of all hearings.

21.8.3 ISAF shall have the right to attend hearings as an observer.
21.8.4 The athlete or other person may forego a hearing by acknowledging the violation of these Anti-Doping Rules and accepting consequences consistent with Regulations 21.9 - (Automatic Disqualification of Individual Results), and 21.10 (Sanctions on Individuals) as proposed by the MNA. The right to a hearing may be waived either expressly or by the athlete's or other person's failure to challenge the MNA's assertion that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred within 30 days. Where no hearing occurs, the MNA shall submit to the persons described in Regulation 21.13.1(c) a reasoned decision explaining the action taken.

21.8.5 Decisions by MNAs, whether as the result of a hearing or the athlete or other person's acceptance of consequences, may be appealed as provided in Regulation 21.13 (Appeals).

21.8.6 Hearing decisions by the MNA shall not be subject to further administrative review at the national level except as provided in Regulations 21.13 (Appeals) or as required by applicable national law.

**Automatic Disqualification of Individual Results**

21.9 A violation of these Anti-Doping Rules in individual sports in connection with an ICT automatically leads to disqualification of the result obtained in that competition with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

**Sanctions on Individuals**

21.10 Disqualification of Results in Event During which an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Occurs

An Anti-Doping Rule violation occurring during or in connection with an event may lead to disqualification of all of the athlete's individual results obtained in that event with all consequences, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes, except as provided in Regulation 21.10(a).

(a) If the athlete establishes that he or she bears no fault or negligence for the violation, the athlete's individual results in the other competition shall not be disqualified unless the athlete's results in a competition other than the competition in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the athlete's anti-doping rule violation.

21.10.1 Ineligibility for Presence, Use or Attempted Use, or Possession of prohibited substances and prohibited methods

The period of ineligibility imposed for a violation of Regulation 21.2 (presence of prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers), Regulation 21.2.1 (use or attempted use of prohibited substance or prohibited method) or Regulation 21.2.5 (possession of prohibited substances and methods) shall be as follows, unless the conditions for eliminating or reducing the period of Ineligibility, as provided in Regulation 21.10.3 and 21.10.4, or the conditions for increasing the period of ineligibility, as provided in Regulation 21.10.5, are met:

First violation: Two (2) years' ineligibility.

21.10.2 Ineligibility for Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations

The period of ineligibility for violations of these Anti-Doping Rules other than as provided in Regulation 21.10.1 shall be as follows:

(a) For violations of Regulation 21.2.2 (refusing or failing to submit to sample collection) or Regulation 21.2.4 (tampering with doping control), the ineligibility period shall be two (2) years unless the conditions provided in Regulation 21.10.4, or the conditions provided in Regulation 21.10.5, are met.
For violations of Regulation 21.2.6 (trafficking) or Regulation 21.2.7 (administration of prohibited substance or prohibited method), the period of ineligibility imposed shall be a minimum of four (4) years up to lifetime ineligibility unless the conditions provided in Regulation 21.10.4 are met. An anti-doping rule violation involving a minor shall be considered a particularly serious violation, and, if committed by athlete support personnel for violations other than specified substances, shall result in lifetime ineligibility for such athlete support personnel. In addition, significant violations of such Regulations which also violate non-sporting laws and regulations, shall be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.

For violations of Regulation 21.2.3 (filing failures and/or missed tests), the period of ineligibility shall be at a minimum one (1) year and at a maximum two (2) years based on the athlete's degree of fault:

21.10.3 Elimination or Reduction of the Period of Ineligibility for Specified Substances under Specific Circumstances

Where an athlete or other person can establish how a specified substance entered his or her body or came into his or her possession and that such specified substance was not intended to enhance the athlete’s sport performance or mask the use of a performance-enhancing substance, the period of ineligibility found in Regulation 21.10.1 shall be replaced with the following:

First violation: At a minimum, a reprimand and no period of ineligibility from future events, and at a maximum, two (2) years of ineligibility.

To justify any elimination or reduction, the athlete or other person must produce corroborating evidence in addition to his or her word which establishes to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel the absence of an intent to enhance sport performance or mask the use of a performance enhancing substance. The athlete or other person's degree of fault shall be the criterion considered in assessing any reduction of the period of ineligibility.

21.10.4 Elimination or Reduction of Period of Ineligibility Based on Exceptional Circumstances

(a) No Fault or Negligence

If an athlete establishes in an individual case that he or she bears no fault or negligence, the otherwise applicable period of ineligibility shall be eliminated. When a prohibited substance or its markers or metabolites is detected in an athlete’s sample in violation of Regulation 21.2 (Presence of prohibited substance), the athlete must also establish how the prohibited substance entered his or her system in order to have the period of ineligibility eliminated. In the event this Regulation is applied and the period of ineligibility otherwise applicable is eliminated, the anti-doping rule violation shall not be considered a violation for the limited purpose of determining the period of ineligibility for multiple violations under Regulation 21.10.6.

(b) No Significant Fault or Negligence

If an athlete or other person establishes in an individual case that he or she bears no significant fault or negligence, then the period of ineligibility may be reduced, but the reduced period of ineligibility may not be less than one-half of the period of ineligibility otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of ineligibility is a lifetime, the reduced period under this section may be no less than 8 years. When a prohibited substance or its markers or metabolites is detected in an athlete’s sample in violation of Regulation 21.2 (Presence of prohibited substance) or its metabolites...
or markers), the athlete must also establish how the prohibited substance entered his or her system in order to have the period of ineligibility reduced.

(c) **Substantial Assistance in Discovering or Establishing Anti-Doping Rule Violations**

The ISAF Executive Committee may, prior to a final appellate decision under Regulation 21.13 or the expiration of the time to appeal, suspend a part of the period of ineligibility imposed in an individual case where the athlete or other person has provided substantial assistance to an Anti-Doping Organization, criminal authority or professional disciplinary body which results the Anti-Doping Organization discovering or establishing an anti-doping rule violation by another person or which results in a criminal or disciplinary body discovering or establishing a criminal offense or the breach of professional rules by another person. After a final appellate decision under Regulation 21.13 or the expiration of time to appeal, ISAF may only suspend a part of the applicable period of ineligibility with the approval of WADA. The extent to which the otherwise applicable period of ineligibility may be suspended shall be based on the seriousness of the anti-doping rule violation committed by the athlete or other person and the significance of the substantial assistance provided by the athlete or other person to the effort to eliminate doping in sport. No more than three-quarters of the otherwise applicable period of ineligibility may be suspended. If the otherwise applicable period of ineligibility is a lifetime, the non-suspended period under this Regulation must be no less than 8 years. If ISAF suspends any part of the period of ineligibility under this Regulation, it shall promptly provide a written justification for its decision to each Anti-Doping Organization having a right to appeal the decision. If ISAF subsequently reinstates any part of the suspended period of ineligibility because the athlete or other person has failed to provide the substantial assistance which was anticipated, the athlete or other person may appeal the reinstatement pursuant to Regulation 21.13.1.

(d) **Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation in the Absence of Other Evidence**

Where an athlete or other person voluntarily admits the commission of an anti-doping rule violation before having received notice of a sample collection which could establish an anti-doping rule violation (or, in the case of an anti-doping rule violation other than Regulation 21.2, before receiving first notice of the admitted violation pursuant to Regulation 21.7) and that admission is the only reliable evidence of the violation at the time of admission, then the period of ineligibility may be reduced, but not below one-half of the period of ineligibility otherwise applicable.

(e) **Where an Athlete or Other Person Establishes Entitlement to Reduction in Sanction under More than One Provision of this Article**

Before applying any reductions under Regulation 21.10.4(b), 21.10.4(c) or 21.10.4(d), the otherwise applicable period of ineligibility shall be determined in accordance with Regulation 21.10.1, 21.10.2, 21.10.3 and 21.10.5. If the athlete or other person establishes entitlement to a reduction or suspension of the period of ineligibility under two or more of Regulation 21.10.4(b), 21.10.4(c) or 21.10.4(d), then the period of ineligibility may be reduced or suspended, but not below one-quarter of the otherwise applicable period of ineligibility.

21.10.5 **Aggravating Circumstances Which May Increase the Period of Ineligibility**
If ISAF establishes in an individual case involving an anti-doping rule violation other than violations under Regulation 21.2.6 (trafficking) and 21.2.7 (Administration) that aggravating circumstances are present which justify the imposition of a period of ineligibility greater than the standard sanction, then the period of ineligibility otherwise applicable shall be increased up to a maximum of four years unless the athlete or other person can prove to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel that he did not knowingly violate the anti-doping rule.

An athlete or other person can avoid the application of this Regulation by admitting the anti-doping rule violation as asserted promptly after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by ISAF.

21.10.6 Multiple Violations

(a) Second Anti-Doping Rule Violation

For an athlete’s or other person's first anti-doping rule violation, the period of ineligibility is set forth in Regulation 21.10.1 and 21.10.2 (subject to elimination, reduction or suspension under Regulation 21.10.3 or 21.10.4, or to an increase under Regulation 21.10.5). For a second anti-doping rule violation the period of ineligibility shall be within the range set forth in the table below.

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Definitions for purposes of the second anti-doping rule violation table:

RS (reduced sanction for specified substance under Regulation 21.10.3): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by a reduced sanction under Regulation 21.10.3 because it involved a specified substance and the other conditions under Regulation 21.10.3 were met.

FFMT (filing failures and/or missed tests): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned under Regulation 21.10.2(c)(filing failures and/or missed tests).

NSF (reduced sanction for no significant fault or negligence): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by a reduced sanction under Regulation 21.10.4(b) because no significant fault or negligence under Regulation 21.10.4(b) was proved by the athlete.

St (standard sanction under Regulation 21.10.1 or 21.10.2(a)): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by the standard sanction of two years under Regulation 21.10.1 or 21.10.2(a).

AS (aggravated sanction): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by an aggravated sanction under Regulation 21.10.5 because the Anti-Doping Organization established the conditions set forth under Regulation 21.10.5.

TRA (trafficking or attempted trafficking and administration or attempted administration): The anti-doping rule violation was or should be sanctioned by a sanction under Regulation 21.10.2(b).
(b) Application of Regulation 21.10.4(c) and 21.10.4(d) to second Anti-Doping Rule Violation

Where an athlete or other person who commits a second anti-doping rule violation establishes entitlement to suspension or reduction of a portion of the period of ineligibility under Regulation 21.10.4(c) or Regulation 21.10.4(d), the hearing panel shall first determine the otherwise applicable period of ineligibility within the range established in the table in Regulation 21.10.6(a), and then apply the appropriate suspension or reduction of the period of ineligibility. The remaining period of ineligibility, after applying any suspension or reduction under Regulation 21.10.4(c) and 21.10.4(d), must be at least one-fourth of the otherwise applicable period of ineligibility.

(c) Third Anti-Doping Rule Violation

A third anti-doping rule violation will always result in a lifetime period of ineligibility, except if the third violation fulfills the condition for elimination or reduction of the period of ineligibility under Regulation 21.10.3 or involves a violation of Regulation 21.2.3 (filing failures and/or missed tests). In these particular cases, the period of ineligibility shall be from eight (8) years to life ban.

(d) Additional Rules for Certain Potential Multiple Violations

(i) For purposes of imposing sanctions under Regulation 21.10.6, an anti-doping rule violation will only be considered a second violation if ISAF (or its MNA) can establish that the athlete or other person committed the second anti-doping rule violation after the athlete or other person received notice pursuant to Regulation 21.7 (Results Management), or after ISAF (or its MNA) made reasonable efforts to give notice, of the first anti-doping rule violation; if ISAF (or its MNA) cannot establish this, the violations shall be considered together as one single first violation, and the sanction imposed shall be based on the violation that carries the more severe sanction however, the occurrence of multiple violations may be considered as a factor in determining aggravating circumstances (Regulation 21.10.5).

(ii) If, after the resolution of a first anti-doping rule violation, ISAF discovers facts involving an anti-doping rule violation by the athlete or other person which occurred prior to notification regarding the first violation, then ISAF shall impose an additional sanction based on the sanction that could have been imposed if the two violations would have been adjudicated at the same time. Results in all competitions dating back to the earlier anti-doping rule violation will be disqualified as provided in Regulation 21.10.7. To avoid the possibility of a finding of aggravating circumstances (Regulation 21.10.5) on account of the earlier-in-time but later-discovered violation, the athlete or other person must voluntarily admit the earlier anti-doping rule violation on a timely basis after notice of the violation for which he or she is first charged. The same rule shall also apply when ISAF discovers facts involving another prior violation after the resolution of a second anti-doping rule violation

(e) Multiple Anti-Doping Rule Violations during an Eight-Year Period

For purposes of Regulation 21.10.6, each anti-doping rule violation must take place within the same eight (8) year period in order to be considered multiple violations.

21.10.7 Disqualification of Results in Competitions Subsequent to Sample Collection or Commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation
In addition to the automatic disqualification of the results in the competition which produced the positive sample under Regulation 21.9 - (Automatic Disqualification of Individual Results), all other competitive results obtained from the date a positive sample was collected (whether In-Competition or Out-of-Competition), or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, through the commencement of any provisional suspension or ineligibility period, shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be disqualified with all of the resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

(a) As a condition of regaining eligibility after being found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, the athlete must first repay all prize money forfeited under this Regulation.

Forfeited prize money shall be allocated first to reimburse the collection expenses incurred by the Anti-Doping Organization in order to perform the necessary steps to collect the prize money back, then to reimburse the expenses incurred by the Anti-Doping Organization in order to conduct results management in the case, with the balance, if any, allocated in accordance with ISAF’s specific rules.

21.10.8 Commencement of Ineligibility Period

Except as provided below, the period of ineligibility shall start on the date of the hearing decision providing for ineligibility or, if the hearing is waived, on the date ineligibility is accepted or otherwise imposed.

(a) Delays Not Attributable to the athlete or other Person

Where there have been substantial delays in the hearing process or other aspects of doping control not attributable to the athlete or other person, ISAF or the Anti-Doping Organization imposing the sanction may start the period of ineligibility at an earlier date commencing as early as the date of sample collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred.

(b) Timely Admission

Where the athlete promptly (which, in all events, means before the athlete competes again) admits the anti-doping rule violation after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by ISAF the period of ineligibility may start as early as the date of sample collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. In each case, however, where this Regulation is applied, the athlete or other person shall serve at least one-half of the period of ineligibility going forward from the date the athlete or other person accepted the imposition of a sanction, the date of a hearing decision imposing a sanction, or the date the sanction is otherwise imposed

(c) If a provisional suspension is imposed and respected by the athlete, then the athlete shall receive a credit for such period of provisional suspension against any period of ineligibility which may ultimately be imposed.

(d) If an athlete voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension in writing from ISAF and thereafter refrains from competing, the athlete shall receive a credit for such period of voluntary provisional suspension against any period of ineligibility which may ultimately be imposed. A copy of the athlete’s voluntary acceptance of a provisional suspension shall be provided promptly to each party entitled to receive notice of a potential anti-doping rule violation under Regulation 21.14.

(e) No credit against a period of ineligibility shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the provisional suspension or voluntary provisional suspension regardless of whether the athlete elected not to compete or was suspended by his or her team.
21.10.9 Status During Ineligibility

(a) Prohibition against Participation during Ineligibility

No athlete or other person who has been declared ineligible may, during the period of ineligibility, participate in any capacity in an event or activity (other than authorized anti-doping education or rehabilitation programmes) authorized or organized by ISAF or any MNA, or a club or other member organization of ISAF or any MNA, or in competitions authorized or organized by any professional league or any international or national level event organization. An athlete or other person subject to a period of ineligibility longer than four years may, after completing four years of the period of ineligibility, participate in local sport events in a sport other than sports subject to the jurisdictions of ISAF and its MNAs, but only so long as the local sport event is not at a level that could otherwise qualify such person directly or indirectly to compete in (or accumulate points toward) a national championship or international event.

An athlete or other person subject to a period of ineligibility shall remain subject to testing.

(b) Violation of the Prohibition of Participation during Ineligibility

Where an athlete or other person who has been declared ineligible violates the prohibition against participation during ineligibility described in Regulation 21.10.9(a), the results of such participation shall be disqualified and the period of ineligibility which was originally imposed shall start over again as of the date of the violation. The new period of ineligibility may be reduced under Regulation 21.10.4(b) if the athlete or other person establishes he or she bears no significant fault or negligence for violating the prohibition against participation. The determination of whether an athlete or other person has violated the prohibition against participation, and whether a reduction under Regulation 21.10.4(b) is appropriate, shall be made by ISAF.

(c) Withholding of Financial Support during Ineligibility

In addition, for any anti-doping rule violation not involving a reduced sanction for specified substances as described in Regulation 21.10.3, some or all sport-related financial support or other sport-related benefits received by such person will be withheld by ISAF and its MNAs.

21.10.10 Reinstatement Testing

As a condition to regaining eligibility at the end of a specified period of ineligibility, an athlete must, during any period of provisional suspension or ineligibility, make him or herself available for OCCT by ISAF, the applicable MNA, and any other Anti-Doping Organization having testing jurisdiction, and must comply with the whereabouts requirements of Article 11 of the International Standard for Testing. If an athlete subject to a period of ineligibility retires from sport and is removed from OCCT pools and later seeks reinstatement, the athlete shall not be eligible for reinstatement until the athlete has notified ISAF and the applicable MNA and has been subject to OCCT for a period of time equal to the longer of (a) the period set forth in Regulation 21.5.5(a) - (c) and (b) period of ineligibility remaining as of the date the athlete had retired. During such remaining period of ineligibility, a minimum of 2 tests must be conducted on the athlete with at least three months between each test. The MNA shall be responsible for conducting the necessary tests, but tests by any Anti-Doping Organization may be used to satisfy the requirement. The results of such tests shall be reported to ISAF. In addition, immediately prior to the end of the period of ineligibility, an athlete must undergo testing by ISAF for the prohibited substances and methods that are prohibited in OOCT. Once the period of an athlete’s ineligibility has expired, and the athlete has fulfilled the conditions of reinstatement, then
the athlete will become automatically re-eligible and no application by the athlete or by the athlete's MNA will then be necessary.

**Consequences to Teams**

21.11 If more than one crewmember of a boat has been notified of a possible adverse analytical finding under these Anti-Doping Rules in connection with an event, the crew of the boat shall be subject to target testing for that event.

21.11.1 If a crewmember of a boat, having a crew of more than three crewmembers on board, is found to have committed a violation of these Anti-Doping Rules during an event, the boat may be subject to such disciplinary action by the Protest Committee or Jury as it deems appropriate, provided that the boat shall not be subject to any disqualifications or any other form of competitive penalty in such event, unless there have been breaches of this Anti-Doping Code by more than one crewmember during such event and the Protest Committee or Jury is satisfied there has been a resulting material advantage to such boat in breach of Racing Rule of Sailing 2 (Fair Sailing), or such breaches have been organized or condoned by other crewmembers or those charged with managing the boat and/or its crewmembers.

**Sanctions and Costs Assessed Against Member National Authorities**

21.12 The ISAF Executive Committee has the authority to withhold some or all funding or other non financial support to MNAs that are not in compliance with these Anti-Doping Rules.

**Appeals**

21.13 Decisions Subject to Appeal

Decisions made under these Anti-Doping Rules may be appealed as set forth below in Regulation 21.13.1 through 21.13.3 or as otherwise provided in these Anti-Doping Rules. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise. Before an appeal is commenced, any post-decision review authorized in these rules must be exhausted (except as provided in Regulation 21.13(a)).

(a) **WADA Not Required to Exhaust Internal Remedies**

Where WADA has a right to appeal under Regulation 21.13 and no other party has appealed a final decision within the ISAF or its MNA’s process, WADA may appeal such decision directly to CAS without having to exhaust other remedies in the ISAF or its MNA’s process.

21.13.1 Appeals from Decisions Regarding Anti-Doping Rule Violations, Consequences, and Provisional Suspensions

A decision that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, a decision imposing consequences for an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision that no anti-doping rule violation was committed; a decision that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot go forward for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription); a decision under Regulation 21.10.9(b) (prohibition of participation during ineligibility); a decision that ISAF or its MNA lacks jurisdiction to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its consequences; a decision by any MNA not to bring forward an adverse analytical finding as an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision not to go forward with an anti-doping rule violation after an investigation under Regulation 21.7.3; and a decision to impose a provisional suspension as a result of a provisional hearing or otherwise in violation of Regulation 21.7.3 may be appealed exclusively as provided in this Regulation 21.13.1. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the only person that may appeal from a provisional suspension is the athlete or other person upon whom the provisional suspension is imposed.
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(a) **Appeals Involving International-Level Athletes**

In cases arising from competition in an international event or in cases involving international-level athletes, the decision may be appealed exclusively to the CAS in accordance with the provisions applicable before such court.

(b) **Appeals Involving National-Level Athletes**

In cases involving athletes who do not have a right to appeal under Regulation 21.13.1(a), each MNA shall have in place an appeal procedure that respects the following principles: a timely hearing, a fair and impartial hearing panel; the right to be represented by a counsel at the person’s expense; and a timely, written, reasoned decision. ISAF’s rights of appeal with respect to these cases are set forth in Regulation 21.13.1(c) below.

(c) **Persons Entitled to Appeal**

In cases under Regulation 21.13.1(a), the following parties shall have the right to appeal to CAS: (a) the athlete or other person who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) ISAF and any other Anti-Doping Organization under whose rules a sanction could have been imposed; (d) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and (e) WADA. In cases under Regulation 21.13.1(b), the parties having the right to appeal to the national-level reviewing body shall be as provided in the MNAs rules but, at a minimum, shall include the following parties: (a) the athlete or other person who is the subject of the decision being appealed; (b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered; (c) ISAF; and (d) WADA. For cases under Regulation 21.13.1(b), WADA and ISAF shall also have the right to appeal to CAS with respect to the decision of the national-level reviewing body.

21.13.2 **Failure to Render a Timely Decision by ISAF and its MNA’s**

Where, in a particular case, ISAF or its MNA’s fail to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by WADA, WADA may elect to appeal directly to CAS as if ISAF or its MNA had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping rule violation. If the CAS panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that WADA acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to CAS, then WADA’s costs and attorneys fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to WADA by ISAF or its MNA’s.

21.13.3 **Appeals from Decisions Granting or Denying a Therapeutic Use Exemption**

Decisions by WADA reversing the grant or denial of a TUE may be appealed exclusively to CAS by the athlete, ISAF, or National Anti-Doping Organization or other body designated by a MNA which granted or denied the exemption. Decisions to deny TUE’s, and which are not reversed by WADA, may be appealed by national-level athletes to CAS and by other athletes to the national level reviewing body described in Regulation 21.13.1(b). If the national level reviewing body reverses the decision to deny a TUE, that decision may be appealed to CAS by WADA.

When ISAF, National Anti-Doping Organizations or other bodies designated by MNA’s fail to take action on a properly submitted TUE application within a reasonable time, their failure to decide may be considered a denial for purposes of the appeal rights provided in this Regulation.

21.13.4 **Appeal from Decisions Pursuant to Regulation 21.12 (Sanctions and Cost assessed against MNAs)**
Decisions by ISAF pursuant to Regulation 21.12 may be appealed exclusively to CAS by the MNA.

21.13.5 Time for Filing Appeals

The time to file an appeal to CAS shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal or intervention filed by WADA shall be the later of:

(a) Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party in the case could have appealed, or

(b) Twenty-one (21) days after WADA’s receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

Member National Authorities Incorporation of ISAF Rules, Reporting and Recognition

21.14 Incorporation of ISAF Anti-Doping Rules

All MNAs shall comply with these Anti-Doping Rules. These Anti-Doping Rules shall also be incorporated either directly or by reference into each MNAs Rules. All MNAs shall include in their regulations the procedural rules necessary to effectively implement these Anti-Doping Rules. Each MNA shall obtain the written acknowledgement and agreement, in the form attached as Annexe 1, of all athletes subject to doping control and athlete support personnel for such athletes. Notwithstanding whether or not the required form has been signed, the Rules of each MNA shall specifically provide that all athletes, athlete support personnel and other persons under the jurisdiction of the MNA shall be bound by these Anti-Doping Rules.

21.14.1 Statistical Reporting

ISAF shall publish annually a general statistical report of its doping control activities during the calendar year with a copy provided to WADA.

21.14.2 Doping Control Information Clearinghouse

When an MNA has received an adverse analytical finding on one of its athletes it shall report the following information to ISAF and WADA within fourteen (14) days of the process described in Regulation 21.7(b) and 21.7(c): the athlete’s name, country, sport and discipline within the sport, whether the test was In-Competition or Out-of-Competition, the date of sample collection and the analytical result reported by the laboratory. The MNA shall also regularly update ISAF and WADA on the status and findings of any review or proceedings conducted pursuant to in Regulation 21.7 (Results Management), Regulation 21.8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) or Regulation 21.13 (Appeals), and comparable information shall be provided to ISAF and WADA within 14 days of the notification described in Regulation 21.7(i), with respect to other violations of these Anti-Doping Rules. In any case in which the period of ineligibility is eliminated under Regulation 21.10.4(a) (no fault or negligence) or reduced under Regulation 21.10.4(b) (No Significant Fault or Negligence), ISAF and WADA shall be provided with a written reasoned decision explaining the basis for the elimination or reduction. Neither ISAF nor WADA shall disclose this information beyond those persons within their organizations with a need to know until the MNA has made public disclosure or has failed to make public disclosure as required in Regulation 21.14.2 below.

21.14.3 Public Disclosure
(a) Neither ISAF nor its MNA shall publicly identify athletes whose samples have resulted in adverse analytical findings, or who were alleged to have violated other Regulations of these Anti-Doping Rules until it has been determined in a hearing in accordance with Regulation 21.8 (Right to a Fair Hearing) that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, or such hearing has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not been timely challenged or the athlete has been provisionally suspended. Once a violation of these Anti-Doping Rules has been established, it shall be publicly reported within 20 days. ISAF or its MNAs must also report within 20 days appeal decisions on an anti-doping rule violation. ISAF or its MNA’s shall also, within the time period for publication, send all hearing and appeal decisions to WADA.

(b) In any case where it is determined, after a hearing or appeal, that the athlete or other person did not commit an anti-doping rule violation, the decision may be disclosed publicly only with the consent of the athlete or other person who is the subject of the decision. ISAF or its MNA shall use reasonable efforts to obtain such consent, and if consent is obtained, shall publicly disclose the decision in its entirety or in such redacted form as the athlete or other person may approve.

(c) Neither ISAF nor its MNA’s or WADA accredited laboratory, or official of either, shall publicly comment on the specific facts of a pending case (as opposed to general description of process and science) except in response to public comments attributed to the athlete, other person or their representatives.

21.14.4 Recognition of Decisions by ISAF and MNAs
Any decision of ISAF or a MNA regarding a violation of these Anti-Doping Rules shall be recognized by all MNAs, which shall take all necessary action to render such results effective.

Recognition of Decisions by Other Organizations

21.15 Subject to the right to appeal provided in Regulation 21.13 (Appeals), the testing, TUEs and hearing results or other final adjudications of any signatory to the "Code" which are consistent with the "Code" and are within the signatory’s authority, shall be recognized and respected by ISAF and its MNAs. ISAF and its MNAs may recognize the same actions of other bodies which have not accepted the "Code" if the rules of those bodies are otherwise consistent with the "Code".

Statute of Limitations

21.16 No action may be commenced under these Anti-Doping Rules against an athlete or other person for a violation of an anti-doping rule contained in these Anti-Doping Rules unless such action is commenced within eight years from the date the violation occurred.

ISAF Compliance Reports to WADA

21.17 ISAF will report to WADA on ISAF’s compliance with the ‘Code’ every second year and shall explain reasons for any non-compliance.

Amendment and Interpretation of Anti-Doping Rules

21.18 These Anti-Doping Rules may be amended from time to time by the ISAF Executive Committee.

21.18.1 Except as provided in Regulation 21.17.4, these Anti-Doping Rules shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to existing law or statutes.
21.18.2 The headings used for the various Parts and Regulations of these Anti-Doping Rules are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of these Anti-Doping Rules or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

21.18.3 The INTRODUCTION and the DEFINITIONS shall be considered integral parts of these Anti-Doping Rules.

21.18.4 These Anti-Doping Rules have been adopted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the "Code" and shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with applicable provisions of the "Code". The comments annotating various provisions of the "Code" may, where applicable, assist in the understanding and interpretation of these Anti-Doping Rules.

21.18.5 Notice to an athlete or other person who is a member of a MNA may be accomplished by delivery of the notice to the MNA.

21.18.6 These Anti-Doping Rules shall come into full force and effect on 1 January 2009 (the "effective date"). They shall not apply retrospectively to matters pending before the effective date; provided, however that:

(a) Any case pending prior to the effective date, or brought after the effective date based on an anti-doping rule violation that occurred prior to the effective date, shall be governed by the predecessor to these anti-doping rules in force at the time of the anti-doping rule violation, subject to any application of the principle of lex mitior by the hearing panel determining the case.

(b) Any Regulation 21.2.3 whereabouts violation (whether a filing failure or a missed test) declared by ISAF under rules in force prior to the effective date that has not expired prior to the effective date and that would qualify as a whereabouts violation under Article 11 of the International Standard for Testing shall be carried forward and may be relied upon, prior to expiry, as one of the three filing failures and/or missed tests giving rise to an anti-doping rule violation under Regulation 21.2.3 of these Anti-Doping Rules. Unless otherwise stated by ISAF, however:

(i) a filing failure that is carried forward in this manner may only be combined with (post-effective date) filing failures;

(ii) a missed test that is carried forward in this manner may only be combined with (post-effective date) missed tests; and

(iii) a filing failure or missed test declared by any Anti-Doping Organization other than ISAF and a MNA prior to the effective date may not be combined with any filing failure or missed test declared under these Anti-Doping Rules.

(c) Where a period of ineligibility imposed by ISAF under rules in force prior to the effective date has not yet expired as of the effective date, the person who is ineligible may apply to ISAF for a reduction in the period of ineligibility in light of the amendments made to the Code as from the effective date. To be valid, such application must be made before the period of ineligibility has expired.

(d) Subject always to Regulation 21.10.6(e), anti-doping rule violations committed under rules in force prior to the effective date shall be taken into account as prior offences for purposes of determining sanctions under Regulation 21.10.6. Where such pre-effective date anti-doping rule violation involved a substance that would be treated as a specified substance under these Anti-Doping Rules, for which a period of ineligibility of less than two years was imposed, such violation shall be considered a reduced sanction violation for purposes of Regulation 21.10.6(a).
ANNEXE 1 - Acknowledgment and Agreement

I, as a member of [National Club] affiliated to [MNA] and/or a participant in a [MNA or ISAF] authorized or recognized event, hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I have received and had an opportunity to review the International Sailing Federation Anti-Doping Rules.

2. I consent and agree to comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the International Sailing Federation Anti-Doping Rules, including but not limited to, all amendments to the Anti-Doping Rules and all International Standards incorporated in the Anti-Doping Rules.

3. I acknowledge and agree that MNAs and the International Sailing Federation have jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided in the International Sailing Federation Anti-Doping Rules.

4. I also acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the International Sailing Federation Anti-Doping Rules, after exhaustion of the process expressly provided for in the International Sailing Federation Anti-Doping Rules, may be appealed exclusively as provided in Regulation 21.13 (Appeals) of the International Sailing Federation Anti-Doping Rules to an appellate body for final and binding arbitration, which in the case of international-level athletes is the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

5. I acknowledge and agree that the decisions of the arbitral appellate body referenced above shall be final and enforceable, and that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal.

6. I have read and understand this Acknowledgement and Agreement.

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Date      Print Name (Last Name, First Name)

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Date of Birth     Signature (or, if a minor, signature of legal guardian)
(Day/Month/Year)

Note: The World Anti-Doping Code Prohibited List of Substances and Methods is normally updated every year. The 2012 Prohibited List is available online at: www.wada-ama.org/Documents/World_Anti-Doping_Program/WADP-Prohibited-list/2012/WADA_Prohibited_List_2012_EN.pdf

Please always check the ISAF website - www.sailing.org/medical - in case there have been any emergency changes and to ensure you have the most recent information. This information is also available on the WADA website - www.wada-ama.org
19. ELIGIBILITY CODE

**ISAF Eligibility Rules**

19.1 A competitor whose ISAF eligibility has been suspended or revoked shall not engage in any competition in the sport of sailing.

19.2. To be eligible to compete in an event listed in 19.3, a competitor shall:

(a) be governed by the regulations and rules of ISAF;

(b) be a member of his/her Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. Such membership shall be established by the competitor:

(i) being entered by a national authority of the country of which the competitor is a national or ordinarily a resident; or

(ii) presenting a valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of identity and membership.

(c) Be registered as an ‘ISAF Sailor’ on the ISAF Website for those events listed under 19.3(a), (b) and (c), Olympic Qualification Events and ISAF Graded Match Racing Events.

19.2.1 In exceptional circumstances the Executive Committee may waive the requirements contained in Regulations 19.2.1 (b) and (c) for a sailor who, for good reason, is unable to comply with those requirements.

**Events Requiring ISAF Eligibility**

19.3 ISAF Eligibility is required for the following events:

(a) the Olympic Sailing Competition;

(b) the sailing events of Regional Games recognized by the International Olympic Committee;

(c) events including “ISAF” in their titles;

(d) world and continental championships of ISAF classes and world championships of the IMS, Major Events and other events approved by ISAF as a World Championship;

(e) any event at which the Organizing Authority, Member National Authority or ISAF has appointed an International Jury or International Umpires, International Race Officers, International Measurers or ISAF Technical Delegates to serve in their capacity for which they hold a Certificate of Appointment issued by ISAF;

(f) any event approved by a Member National Authority of ISAF as an Olympic qualifying event; and

(g) any event designated by a Member National Authority within its jurisdiction as requiring ISAF eligibility.

19.3.1 With the approval of the relevant Member National Authority, an Organizing Authority may also require ISAF eligibility for an event when so stated in the notice of race and sailing instructions.
Suspension of ISAF Eligibility

19.4 After proper inquiry by either the national authority of the competitor or the ISAF Executive Committee, a competitor’s ISAF eligibility shall be promptly suspended with immediate effect, permanently or for a specified period of time

(a) for any suspension of eligibility in accordance with RRS 69.2; or
(b) for breaking RRS 5; or
(c) for competing, within the two years preceding the inquiry, in an event that the competitor knew or should have known was a prohibited event.

19.4.1 A prohibited event is an event:

(a) permitting or requiring advertising beyond that permitted by the ISAF Advertising Code;
(b) with prizes or other benefits referred to in Regulation 25.12.2 that is a national event not approved by the national authority of the venue or an international event not approved by ISAF;
(c) that is described as a world championship or uses the word “world”, either in the title of the event or otherwise, and that is not approved by ISAF;
(d) that does not conform to the requirements of RRS 89.1 and is not otherwise approved by ISAF; or
(e) that has not paid the ISAF Event Fees.

Note: To ensure that sailors are fully informed of events, which have not paid the ISAF Event Fees, ISAF will maintain a list of outstanding Events with outstanding Event Fee payments on the ISAF website.

19.4.2 When an event described in regulation 19.3 has been approved as required, that fact shall be stated in the notice of race and the sailing instructions.

Reports; Reviews; Notification; Appeals

19.5 When a national authority suspends a competitor’s ISAF eligibility under regulation 19.4, it shall promptly report the suspension and reasons therefore to ISAF. The ISAF Executive Committee may revise or annul the suspension with immediate effect. ISAF shall promptly report any suspension of a competitor’s eligibility, or of its revision or annulment by the ISAF Executive Committee, to all National Authorities, ISAF Class Associations and other ISAF affiliated organizations, which may also suspend eligibility for events held within their jurisdiction.

19.5.1 A competitor whose suspension of ISAF eligibility has been either imposed by a national authority, or imposed or revised by the ISAF Executive Committee, shall be advised of the right to appeal to the ISAF Review Board and be provided with a copy of the Review Board Rules of Procedure.

19.5.2 A national authority or the ISAF Executive Committee may ask for a review of its decision by the ISAF Review Board by complying with the Review Board Rules of Procedure.

19.5.3 The Review Board Rules of Procedure shall govern all appeals and requests for review.

19.5.4 Upon an appeal or request for review, the ISAF Review Board may confirm, revise or annul a suspension of eligibility, or require a hearing or rehearing by the suspending authority.

19.5.5 Decisions of the Review Board may be appealed in accordance with Article 82.
19.5.6 ISAF shall promptly notify all Member National Authorities, ISAF Class Associations and other ISAF affiliated organizations of all Review Board decisions.

**Reinstatement of ISAF Eligibility**

19.6 The ISAF Review Board may reinstate the ISAF eligibility of a competitor who:

(a) applies for reinstatement;
(b) establishes substantial, changed circumstances justifying reinstatement; and
(c) has completed a minimum of three years of suspension.

**Class Eligibility**

19.7 Any competitor whose eligibility has been suspended, denied, or revoked by an ISAF Class may appeal that decision to the ISAF Review Board in accordance with Articles 79, 81 and 82 and ISAF Regulation 19.5.
22. ISAF SAILOR CLASSIFICATION CODE

General
The ISAF Sailor Classification Code exists as a service to provide Events and Classes with an international system of classification for sailors.

Events and Classes are not under any obligation to use a classification system but should they wish to do so the ISAF Code is the only system that shall be used. When using the Code, they are under an obligation to properly administer and implement the Code.

Events organized for boats currently selected as equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition shall not include any provision, whether in Class Rules, the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions preventing sailors from taking part, whatever their classification.

When the ISAF Sailor Classification Code is selected for an event it shall be stated in the Notice of Race unless already stated in the Class Rules.

The display of advertising on a boat or equipment does not influence the competitor’s classification in this Code.

The display of Advertising by the competitor in accordance with Regulation 20.3 even if payment is received for it, does not influence the sailor’s classification in this Code.

22.1 Definitions of this Code

In this Regulation defined words that have a specific meaning are shown in italics and their specific meanings can be found below.

Work includes:
employment, self-employment, and any ad-hoc activity whether full time, part time or occasional and whether in person or through a partnership, limited company or any other organization and including any services for which there is payment or financial benefit directly or indirectly.

Pay and its derivatives means:
the receipt by a sailor of; or the acceptance by a sailor of an offer to him to give money, money's worth, remuneration, fees, grants, gratuities, any financial benefit whether arising directly or indirectly or compensation in any form whether received by him or an associate, but not including Personal Expenses.

Personal Expenses means
a grant towards; or provision of; or reimbursement of money not exceeding the amount of reasonable expense incurred for entry fees, travel, accommodation and meals in connection with and necessary for a specific event.

Entrant means:
as the context requires, the boat, the person or organization that enters the boat (RRS 75) the person in charge (RRS 46) and the boat owner.

Racing means:
Taking part in races organized in accordance with RRS 89.1.
The Classification Authority:
is ISAF.

The Classification Date is:
the date when a classification or change of classification is requested, or, if later, the date when a classification is validly challenged by a protest or appeal.

The Qualification Period to become a Group 1 competitor or to change from a Group 3 competitor to a Group 1 competitor is:
the continuous period of 24 months before the Classification Date, during which the competitor has not been engaged in Group 3 activities

The Crew Deadline is:
the date stated in the Notice of Race or Class Rules by which time a complete crew list for each entrant shall be submitted.

The Classification Protest Limit Time is:
the time and date stated in the Class Rules, Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions after which a boat shall not protest a classification under regulation 22.5.1.

Competitor Classifications

22.2 The classifications of competitors are to be determined as follows:

22.2.1 Group 1

(a) A competitor who takes part in racing only as a pastime is a Group 1 competitor, unless within the qualification period he/she has undertaken one of the activities listed in Regulation 22.2.2 and is a Group 3 competitor.

(b) However:
(i) a competitor who is under 18 years of age is a Group 1 competitor; and
(ii) a competitor who is over 18 years of age, but under 24 years of age, is a Group 1 competitor provided that he/she has not engaged in any of the activities listed in Regulation 22.2.2 for more than 100 days (for the avoidance of doubt this is calculated on the total period of paid work) in the qualification period (excluding any activities undertaken before his/her 18th birthday).

22.2.2 Group 3

A Group 3 competitor is a competitor who, within the Qualification Period

(a) has been paid for work that includes competing in a race; and/or

(b) has been paid for work that includes managing, training, practising, tuning, testing, maintaining or otherwise preparing a boat, its crew, sails or performance enhancing equipment for racing, and then competed on that boat, or in a team competition, in a boat of the same team; or

(c) has been paid:
(i) to provide a boat or its sails for racing; or
(ii) services in connection with providing a boat or its sails; for racing and
(iii) then raced competed on that boat, or in a team competition, in a boat of the same team.

However a Group 1 competitor who, as an owner of a boat, is occasionally paid a charter fee to provide that boat for a racing competition shall remain a Group 1
competitor if he/she does not steer that boat in the competition. If the competition is a team event this dispensation shall only apply if he does not steer any boat in the same team as the boat chartered; or

(d) has been paid for work (except coaching), in a marine business or organization which require knowledge or skill:

(i) that is capable of enhancing the performance of a boat in a race; and

(ii) which can be utilized by the competitor whilst on board a boat when racing; or

(e) has been paid for work that includes the coaching of:

(i) any competitor, crew or team to prepare for or compete in any of the following:

- The Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Competitions and Qualifying Events
- Regional Games;
- America’s Cup Match, Acts and Series;
- Grade WC or Grade I Match Racing Events;
- World and Continental Championships of ISAF Classes;
- ISAF Events;
- Global and Trans Oceanic races; or

(ii) a National, State or Provincial Team; or

(iii) a Collegiate or University team where the work is the principal paid activity of the competitor; or

(f) has been paid for allowing his or her name or likeness to be used in connection with his or her sailing performance, sail racing results or sailing reputation, for the advertising or promotion of any product or service; or

(g) has publicly identified himself or herself as a Group 3 competitor or as a professional racing sailor.

22.2.3 Group 3

If a Group 3 competitor has raced in an Olympic Sailing Competition, a Volvo Ocean Race or any racing which forms part of the events connected with the America’s Cup (as determined by the Commission (which shall issue prior written notice of such determinations)), whether or not the competitor was Group 3 at that time, then:

(a) the competitor shall be a Group 3 competitor for a period of at least five years from that event notwithstanding that he may otherwise be entitled to a Group 1 classification during that time;

(b) at the end of the five year period, the normal Qualification Period shall be applied when assessing the competitor’s classification; and

(c) this Regulation shall not apply to any racing in the listed events by a competitor prior to 1st December 2011 and the Commission may on a transitional basis exempt certain racing from the effect of this Regulation.

22.3 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 A competitor applying for, or holding, a classification shall comply with the following requirements: He/she shall

(a) not hold, nor apply for, more than one classification;
(b) 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) at all times fully and freely disclose all relevant information to the Classification Authority (whether or not specifically asked for);

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

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

(f) if 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/her 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.

22.3.5 There is no fee. The Classification Authority shall review each form 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.

22.3.6 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 22.3.67.

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.

22.3.7 When a competitor does not agree with a decision made by the Classification Authority 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 decision-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 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 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 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 shall be binding on the competitor until the decision of the Appeal Panel is published.

(e) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 35, the decision of the Appeal Panel shall be final.

22.3.8 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.

22.3.9 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 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.

However when the Classification Authority makes a decision under Regulation 22.3.6 shortly before or during an event it may provide the Class Association and/or the Organizing Authority with a summary of the reasons for its decision.

22.4 Event Procedures

22.4.1 The entrant shall give to the Organizing Authority, no later than the Crew Deadline in the Notice of Race, a Crew List stating the ISAF User ID and classification of each competitor. The Crew List may comprise more competitors than will take part in any one race, in which case the entrant shall also give the Organizing Authority, no later than the Crew Deadline in the Notice of Race, a Crew List for each race.

22.4.2 An entrant wishing to use a competitor not included in the initial Crew List shall submit to the Organizing Authority a revised Crew List no later than the Crew Deadline when no change to the crew is permitted after that time, otherwise as soon as possible.

22.4.3 The Organizing Authority will display the latest Crew Lists on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after the Crew Deadline.

22.4.4 The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or Class Rules may alter these arrangements.

Protest Grounds and Procedures

22.5.1 After the Crew Deadline a boat may be protested on the grounds that:

(a) when classification for a competitor was applied for, information that should have led to a higher classification was not disclosed; or

(b) a competitor has, since being classified, engaged in activities incompatible with the classification

and that the boat would break the Crew Limitations in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or Class Rules were the classification to be corrected. The time limit for a boat to protest is the Classification Protest Time Limit, or, if later, 24 hours after the posting of a changed Crew List. The Sailing Instructions may state a different time limit.

22.5.2 When a protest is upheld, and:
(a) the boat has not yet raced in the event, the boat will not be penalize; but if
(b) the decision to uphold the protest is made after the boat has raced in the event, the boat shall be disqualified from all races already completed except when the protest arises from a report as set out in 22.5.6 in which case 22.5.6 shall apply.

The boat shall not race with that competitor as crew, unless the Sailing Instructions permit a change of crew after the Crew Deadline and then only when the Protest Committee is satisfied that the boat meets the Crew Limitations.

22.5.3 The protestee is entitled, on request, to present evidence of a personal or private nature in the absence of the protestor, and the Protest Committee shall not record that evidence in the protest decision. When the Protest Committee, on hearing the evidence, is not satisfied that it is of a personal or private nature, it shall disregard the evidence unless it is offered again in the presence of the protestor. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

22.5.4 When the Protest Committee is in doubt as to the classification of a competitor, it may refer its facts found to the Classification Authority and shall be governed by the decision by the Classification Authority on those facts.

22.5.5 The Protest Committee shall report within 14 days its decision to the Classification Authority. If a competitor has given evidence under Regulation 22.5.3 the Protest Committee shall also report within 14 days a summary of that evidence to the Classification Authority.

22.5.6 When the classification of a competitor has been changed, suspended or cancelled during an event in accordance with Regulation 22.3.6(b) the new classification may be backdated by the Classification Authority to the commencement of the event.

When as a result a boat may have broken a crew limitation rule, the Classification Authority shall report its decision in writing to the race committee which shall protest the boat. Any penalty shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

The ISAF Classification Code application form can be completed online at: www.sailing.org/classification

Any question can be sent to ISAF by email to classification@isaf.co.uk