Class World Championship Regulations

Restructure of Regulations 18 and 26

A submission from the Chairmen of the Equipment Committee and the Events Committee

Proposal

Delete Regulations: 18.1 to 18.11.2 and insert the following:

18. ISAF AND OTHER EVENTS

ISAF approval of World Championships and other Events

18.1 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.

18.2 ISAF Classes

18.2.1 Each ISAF Class that meets the World Championships requirements in regulation 26.2.1(e) is automatically granted the right, subject to the notification requirements of Regulation 18.8, to hold one annual World Championship.

18.2.2 ISAF Class Associations have the sole right to hold world and continental championships of their class, these being class events as defined in Regulation 26.5(f).

18.2.3 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.

18.2.4 The title of the Championship should be: “The xxx Class World/Continent Championship” but other titles may be used. The title shall not include the term “ISAF” or “International Sailing Federation”.

18.2.5 The World Championship right granted in regulation 18.2.1 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 (male or female), age (youth or masters), or discipline (team racing, or slalom racing for windsurfing).

18.2.6 All fleets for which any World Champion titles are awarded shall race as separate fleets and meet the size and country spread in the table shown in regulation 26.4(b).

18.2.7 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.

18.3 Radio Sailing

ISAF Radio Sailing Division may hold one annual World Championship per ISAF - RSD Class up to a maximum of three World Championships.
18.4 Disabled Sailing

The International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) may hold IFDS World Championships as follows; subject to approval under Regulation 18.1:

(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 18.2.1(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 18.6(d).

18.5 ORC Classes

The ORC may hold an annual World Championship in the following classes:

(a) IMS 670, IMS 600, IMS 50, Maxi Class and IMS Offshore provided that:
   - Except for the Maxi Class, the minimum number of countries shall be four and the minimum number of entries plus countries shall be fourteen.
   - For the Maxi Class, the minimum number of entries shall be six and shall include at least one yacht from each of three different countries or two continents.
(b) The ORC may on behalf of ISAF, hold a 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 in 2006. The minimum requirement participating numbers shall be reviewed thereafter by ISAF.

18.6 Rating Systems

18.6.1 A designation as an international rating system shall not automatically entitle the rating system to hold a world championship.

18.6.2 Rating systems not covered in Regulation 18 shall apply to ISAF for approval to hold a world championship.

18.6.3 Qualification to hold a world championship shall include rating systems which are based on measurement and scientific formulation available to all certificate holders.
18.7 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)

18.8 ISAF Events Calendar
18.8.1 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.
18.8.2 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.
18.8.3 By 1 October, ISAF shall prepare a list of all World Championships approved under Regulation 18.2, 18.3, 18.4, 18.5, 18.6, 18.7, Continental Championships of ISAF Classes, Major Events and Recognized Events and events submitted under Regulation 18.8.2.
18.8.4 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.
18.8.5 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.

Renumber remaining Regulation 18 accordingly
Delete Regulation 28.3

28. ISAF INTERNATIONAL OR RECOGNIZED RATING SYSTEMS

World Championships
28.3 A designation as an international rating system shall not automatically entitle the rating system to hold a world championship.
Rating systems not covered in Regulation 18 shall apply to ISAF for approval to hold a world championship.
Qualification to hold a world championship shall include rating systems which are based on measurement and scientific formulation available to all certificate holders.

Delete Regulation 26.2.1 (d) and (e) and replace with the following (the remainder of regulation 26.2 remains unchanged):

26. ISAF INTERNATIONAL AND RECOGNIZED CLASSES

Obtaining designation as an International or Recognized Class
26.2.1
(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 the following minimum global spread:

(e)

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Delete Regulation 26.4 to 26.4.2 and replace with the following:

**World Championships for ISAF Classes granted provisional status**

26.4 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 26.5(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 the 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) Maintain average minimum participation as follows:

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ISAF will take the average across three consecutive events. 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.

Delete Regulation 27 and replace with the following

27. **ISAF CLASSIC YACHT CLASSES**

27.1 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.

27.2 The numerical requirements for ISAF class status in regulation 26.2.1(e) will be used as a guideline but the Equipment Committee may recommend dispensation to, for example, a Class which has been selected as equipment at a past Olympic Sailing Competition or other leading international competition prior to 1980 and no longer meets the numerical requirement.

27.3 ISAF Classic Yacht classes are subject to all other rights and requirements of ISAF Classes.

In all instances where an International Class Association or Recognised Class Association is mentioned within the ISAF regulations replace with “ISAF Class Association”.

Current Position
See current regulations.

Reason

ISAF recognises and provides services to a wide range of classes and equipment – from kiteboard to Maxi. These services include promotion, technical support and administration, and the right to hold World Championships, as defined in Regulations 18 and 26. Over time there have been many piecemeal additions to these regulations; they have become “a coat of many patches”.

The changes in this submission are essentially house-keeping. The changes are designed to simplify the regulations, make them more consistent, and improve how they serve Classes and the sport of sailing.

The primary goals of the changes are:

1. to simplify the regulations, and eliminate inconsistencies;
2. to promote the “ISAF” brand rather than generic labels such as “international” and “recognized”;
3. to ensure it is simple for classes to join within the ISAF family, and to encourage and recognize growth in boat numbers, global spread, and championship fleet sizes;
4. to build the status of, and establish criteria for, Classes entitled to hold World Championships;
5. to clarify responsibilities and processes for adherence to regulations, calendar co-ordination, and class / MNA / ISAF liaison

Explanation of Changes

- Moving the ISAF class requirements section of regulation 18 to regulation 26 and grouping all class requirements together make the regulations governing classes clearer. Regulation 18 then details the World Championship rights only. The renumbered regulations have a clearer structure.
- Removing the categories of International and Recognised Class and establishing a single category of “ISAF Class” means consistency of fees across classes.
- Setting the minimum distribution entry requirement for ISAF class status at a similar level to that of current Recognised class status numbers makes it easy for classes to join ISAF and introducing a slightly higher distribution requirement (including MNA support on more than 1 continent) promotes the status of the entitlement to a World Championship.
- Structuring the minimum participation requirements for World Championships using the same hull length and boat type requirements as the entry requirements reduces the participation numbers for keelboats over 7.6m to match the level of participation from current ISAF yacht classes.
- Clarifying the subsidiary World Championship rights in proposed 18.2.5 by giving the same rights for subsidiaries to all ISAF classes, including those that are currently Recognised and did not have that right. Opening up the Women’s Youth World Championship category in current regulation 18.3(b) to simply any Youth World Championship and clarifying that only one World Champion title shall be awarded per fleet; subsidiary titles may be awarded, but only if they are raced for as a separate fleet of the required size.
• Moving International and Recognised Rating System’s World Championship rights into regulation 18 together with all others’ rights.

• Removing Provisional status altogether. It is proposed that applying classes should not be granted ISAF status until they have fulfilled the requirements of Regulation 26 and signed and complied with the ISAF class agreement (e.g. purchasing plaques for boats etc.)

• Preserving Classic class status and enabling those classes that are of ISAF historic significance to remain ISAF classes. Giving Classic classes the same relationship with ISAF in terms of class rules, plaque fees and class reporting, etc. as other ISAF classes. It is proposed outside of this regulation to transfer the existing 3 ISAF Classic Classes to ISAF Classes without a joining fee and, if they do not meet ISAF Class numerical or other requirements, including signing of an ISAF/class agreement, give them 2 years grace to meet them.

Note to this submission and submission 065-10

A second submission proposes further simplification with the removal of fleet size requirements for an event to be called a “World Championships”, and for a Class to be able to continue to hold World Championships. This second submission has been separated from this submission to enable the issue of Class Worlds to be debated separately from this essentially “housekeeping” submission. As the second submission has been drafted based on the regulations structure and content in this submission, it will have to be withdrawn if this submission is not passed.