

WORLD SAILING (WS)

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT 2021

The Constitution Committee appointed for this quad has a majority of new members and it is encouraging to see the number of persons putting themselves forward to contribute to the work of this committee. The Committee, like other Committees, has been unable to meet in person, however, we have had good attendance at electronic meetings.

The Committee has considered and assisted World Sailing in respect of a number of matters, including the following:

1. Advising in respect of Constitution and Regulations generally to members, the Board, Committees and the Office.
2. Regulation 23 and procedural changes as a result of the IOC intimations relating to the Olympic 2 person Offshore Keelboat Event.
3. Reviewing Class Constitutions for the purpose of recommendations for new membership.
4. Giving interpretations (7 in all) of the Constitution and Regulations, including in respect of Regulation 35 (misconduct and discipline), Regulation 23 (events and equipment), Regulation 16 (right to request an interpretation).

The Committee is empowered under Regulation 16 to be the sole body responsible for interpreting the World Sailing Constitution, including any ancillary documents and Regulations.

It is interesting to note that this is the largest number of requests for interpretations made in any particular year since the recording of them commenced in 2002.

5. Assisting the Board and Office in the drafting of proposed regulatory changes.
6. Reviewing of new, and amendments to existing MNA Constitutions.
7. Advising submitters in respect of the drafting process for submissions to the Council.
8. Reviewing of submissions received for the 2021 Annual meetings.

The Committee is also involved at the present time in:

1. Housekeeping work to make the Articles and Regulations gender neutral.
2. Conducting in association with the Office, an MNA Council Group review.
3. In addition, the Chairman has provided considerable advice to stakeholders during the year concerning Constitution and Regulatory matters and governance reform.

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