

Audit Committee Improvements

Broadening Membership in the Audit Committee to enhance oversight

Barbados Sailing Association, Belize Sailing Association, Chilean Sailing Federation, Croatian Sailing Federation, Czech Sailing Association, Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico, Federación Dominicana de Vela, Federación Mexicana de Vela, Hellenic Sailing Federation, Hungarian Sailing Federation, Jamaica Yachting Association, Slovak Sailing Union, Virgin Islands Sailing Association and the International Lightning Class Association

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Audit

Recommendation to Council: Reject

The role of the Audit Committee (“the Committee”) is to provide assurance to the Board that appropriate financial reporting and internal control processes are in place and to monitor those processes. In addition, the Committee recommends to the Board the appointment, tenure and remuneration of the external auditor and also has a duty to review compliance with various financial, statutory and regulatory requirements. The Board may request the Committee to supervise any special investigations relevant to the Committee’s role and responsibilities or to examine any other matters referred to it by the Board.

In summary our role is one of a watchdog to oversee financial reporting and regulatory compliance. It is not the role of the Committee to advise on the financial management of World Sailing or to be involved in the management of the organisation’s finances.

Due to the nature of the Committee’s work, we work closely for, and report to, the Board. It would be inappropriate for the Committee to undertake investigations or other inquiries not commissioned by the Board.

The Committee recommends rejection of this submission and instead supports the Board’s proposal to put forward the following changes to the Committee:

- a) The Audit Committee shall consist of three members, who should have expertise in financial management and reporting and risk management.*
- b) One member shall be a Board member.*
- c) Two members, including the Chair shall be independent members (i.e. not a Board member nor a member of staff).*
- d) All three members shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Board.*
- e) The Committee shall continue to report to the Board, and also to Council and each Annual General Meeting.*

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Board

Opinion: Reject

The Board has made a recommendation not based on submission (see below).

Submission: 001-20

The Board accepts that changes could be made to the functioning of the Audit Committee to bring it in line with ASOIF's views on composition and prefers the following alternative proposal.

A submission should be prepared to make the following changes to the composition of the Audit Committee.

- a) The Audit Committee shall consist of three members, who should have expertise in financial management and reporting and risk management.*
- b) One member shall be a Board member.*
- c) Two members, including the Chair shall be independent members (i.e. not a Board member nor a member of staff).*
- d) All three members shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Board.*
- e) The Committee shall continue to report to the Board, and also to Council and to each Annual General Meeting.*

The submission should be put to Council for approval before the appointment of the next Audit Committee. The change to the composition will also allow World Sailing to score higher in the ASOIF Good Governance Audit.

Constitution

Opinion: Reject

Although the Committee's opinion was to reject the submission, the Committee noted that it has been a positive in the context of highlighting matters that should be considered further. The Board has recognised that in its Recommendation Not Based on Submission in respect of the Audit Committee.

Classes

Opinion: Reject

The World Sailing Classes Committee supports the principle of more financial transparency.

Financial Transparency

A Council Policy Regarding World Sailing Financial Transparency

Barbados Sailing Association, Belize Sailing Association, Chilean Sailing Federation, Croatian Sailing Federation, Czech Sailing Association, Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico, Federación Mexicana de Vela, Hellenic Sailing Federation, Hungarian Sailing Federation, Jamaica Yachting Association, Slovak Sailing Union, Virgin Islands Sailing Association, International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association, International Lightning Class Association, International Platu 25 Class Association and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

The Board considers that this policy would circumvent the provisions of Article 93 which govern access to information.

In any event, the Board is sending more detailed and clear budget and performance information to Council and MNAs, and at its latest meeting re-affirmed its commitment to do so.

The latest full report was distributed on 4 September sent to Council members and MNA Presidents and Secretaries General.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Audit

Opinion: No opinion

Classes

Opinion: Reject

The World Sailing Classes Committee supports the principle of more financial transparency.

A Policy for Nominations and Appointments to Committees and Sub-Committees

A Policy Decision to improve effectiveness of Committee and Sub-Committee Selection.

International Lightning Class Association

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

The Board has made a recommendation not based on submission.

The Board agrees that the nomination and appointment process for Committees and Sub-committees should continue the improvement process undertaken at the beginning of the current quad and put forward a comprehensive proposal in this area as part of the Governance Proposal.

This submission takes parts of the Governance Proposal, but changes part of it. The Board prefers that World Sailing adopt the system researched and proposed by the Governance Commission, which was based on feedback from MNAs and other interested parties.

Instead, a submission should be prepared by World Sailing to adopt the Committee and Sub-committee appointment process which was recommended by the Governance Commission.

The submission can be made to Council in 2021 and shall take effect for the committee appointment process due to commence in 2024.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Constitution

Opinion: Reject

The Committee notes that this submission is similar to changes proposed by the Governance Commission. This would require a complete re-draft of the Regulation, and could not be implemented in this quad.

Classes

Opinion: Approve

World Sailing Constitution

Accounting Records - Article 93

Barbados Sailing Association, Chilean Sailing Federation, Federación Dominicana de Vela, Federación Mexicana de Vela, Hungarian Sailing Federation, International Lightning Class Association, Jamaica Yachting Association and the Virgin Islands Sailing Association

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

The Constitution already provides for access to records subject to the Board's requirements.

There is no such category of membership as an "Individual Full Member".

Recommendation from Other Committees: Constitution

Opinion: Reject

The Constitution already provides for access to records (subject to the Board's requirements). It is also important to ensure that confidential and commercially sensitive information of World Sailing is protected, and it is not consistent with normal commercial practice adopted by similar organisations.

Classes

Opinion: Reject

The World Sailing Classes Committee supports the principle of more financial transparency.

Submission: 005-20

World Sailing Constitution

Accounting Records - Article 93

Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:
Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

See Submission 004-20.

Recommendation from Other Committees:
Constitution

Opinion: No opinion

See comments on Submission 004-20. Subject to policy.

As it is a special resolution, this has been placed on the Annual General Meeting agenda.

World Sailing Classes Making Individual Nominations to Committees and Sub Committees

Allowing Classes to make individual nominations of qualified people to Committees and Sub Committees

International Lightning Class Association

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

MNAs, as full members of World Sailing, should support have the ability to determine if they support individuals who are members of their MNA and who are nominated serve on committees. There is nothing stopping a Class Association from asking an MNA to support a nomination.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

The Committee noted Regulation 5.1.7 whereby “the Nominating Member National Authorities must pay all the respective travel/accommodation cost for the Committee Member to attend World Sailing meetings or, as may be arranged between the Member National Authority and the delegate”. A question arises about who would pay for the costs of a World Sailing Class Association nominee to attend World Sailing meetings.

Classes

Opinion: Approve

Treasurer for World Sailing

Appointment of a Treasurer

Sail Canada and US Sailing

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

All members of the Board, as company directors, have a legal responsibility for the finances of the Federation. Having an individual as Treasurer may lead to Board members feeling they have less responsibility. An appointment of a Treasurer from outside the elected board could promote a political appointment.

In addition, the Board believes that its members (who are directly elected by MNAs) and not an appointed Treasurer should have primary responsibility for finances.

The Board notes this would not be a constitutional position and the submission does not state what the role or responsibilities of the Treasurer would be.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Audit

Opinion: No opinion

Constitution

Opinion: Reject

Subject to policy.

The Committee noted that all directors are responsible for the financial management of the company.

Training & Development Budget

Establish a base budget for World Sailing Training and Development Programs

Chairman of Development & Regions Committee, Sail Canada and US Sailing

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

The Board supports the concept and it would be preferable to ensure a fixed percentage is devoted to training and development which is a crucial area. However, the present financial situation means the Board could not adopt this policy without adverse consequences for other vital areas.

Overall, the funding of training and development is a decision for the next Board to take forward as part of the World Sailing Strategy.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Development & Regions

Opinion: Approve

Training and Development are the foundation of our sport. The Training and Development Department requires stable funding not only to deliver its programs and services, but also to be able to plan for at least one quadrennial. The Committee recognizes the constraints and the unpredictability of the financial context within which World Sailing now operates, but believes that World Sailing's commitment to Training and Development should be reflected in a budget policy that protects the funding for key Training and Development programs.

Para World Sailing

Opinion: Defer

The PWSC notes its strong support for 008-20 in concept and principle, but recommend to defer to mid-year meeting

Regulation 25.8

Event Appointments Working Party

International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association, and the
Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Proposals to appoint a race official who also serves on the EAWP are not common. There are very clear conflict of interests procedures currently in place which work effectively to exclude anyone from considering their own position.

Overall the Board needs an EAWP which has a knowledge of WS Race Officials and the current environment in which they work. If this restriction was introduced, the Board considers that it would face an almost impossible task to persuade those with the right skills and knowledge to volunteer to serve on the EAWP.

Additionally, this proposal would link the appointment of the EAWP to the Regulations governing Committees. This includes the hard deadline of 1 August 2020. World Sailing did not receive any nominations for the EAWP and therefore could not proceed to appoint anyone to the EAWP for 2021-2024 if this was approved.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Constitution

*Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
Subject to policy.*

When making appointments that affect Olympic Classes, the Event Appointments Working Party shall respect the terms of the Olympic Classes Contract, particularly:

- a For the 2022 Sailing World Championship or the Sailing World Cup, to not appoint or approve any race official unless it has given due consideration to any list submitted by the Class Association of its preferred Race Officials;**
- b For other events, consult with the Class Association if it proposes to appoint different officials from the Class' Association's nominated list before any appointment is made;**
- c If replacement appointments are made, the costs shall be equal or less than those of the original ~~nominee~~ appointed person.**

The Committee also approves the amendments suggested by the World Sailing Classes Committee and notes they are necessary in order to make the submission workable.

Race Officials

Opinion: Reject

See ROC recommendation not based on submissions.

Submission: 009-20

Classes

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1:

The working party shall be appointed at the same time as the World Sailing committees for a four-year period in line with the World Sailing committee's term ~~and procedures of nominations and~~ appointment. The World Sailing Race Officials stated in (a) and (b) above should cover a range of race official disciplines, if possible and may be retired. Casual vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the above principles.

Reason: As the 2020 nomination deadline has already passed, this is not actionable and should be inserted in a later year (but before 2024).

Proposal 2:

Replace "2022 Sailing World Championship" with "2023 Sailing World Championship"

Reason: Housekeeping

The WSCC supports the sentiments and conclusions of the EAWP End Of Term Report (received via email during the meeting), that "a full review of appointment procedures by the Board with reference to future World Sailing and Race Officials Strategy including a newly formed World Sailing Event Strategy" is undertaken, involving all stakeholders, to define EAWP process and policies that satisfies the needs of all involved.

World Sailing Governance

Maintaining the World Sailing Ethics Commission under a new Constitution

Swiss Sailing

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

There is no proposal to change the Ethics Commission at this Conference – the Board notes this is a submission from earlier in the year which has not been withdrawn.

The proposal from the Governance Commission is well thought out and includes an Ethics Commission just under a different name. It would have separated the appointment process to the Commission from the 'patronage' of the Board.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Constitution

Opinion: Reject

This submission is redundant as there is no new Constitution currently being proposed.

Advertising Code

Manufacturers' Marks

Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:
Board

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Recommendation from Other Committees:
Classes

Opinion: Approve

Constitution

*Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
Subject to policy.*

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 **(with the exemption exception of Windsurfers where the sailmaker's logos may cover the area detailed in 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.

Equipment

Opinion: Approve

Racing Rules

Opinion: No opinion

World Sailing Committees

Nominations and Appointments to Committees and Sub-Committees - Regulation 5

Hellenic Sailing Federation, International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association, International Formula Kite Class Association, and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:
Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

See comments to Submission 003-20.

Proposal 2 would be significantly challenging to implement within the timeframe stated.

Recommendation from Other Committees:
Constitution

*Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
Subject to policy. However, the Committee noted there will be a significant
resource implication for the Executive Office to implement this change.*

5.1.2 The Nominations Panel will assess the nominations against the specification and criteria and make a recommendation to the Board. In making its recommendations, the Nominations Panel shall, if **reasonably** possible, ensure that the Committee or Sub-committee has:

...

5.7.3 The timelines set out in new regulation 5 may be amended **by the Board** to allow proper appointment of the Nominations Panel and their recommendation for appointment.

Classes

Opinion: Approve

Freedom of Information Policy

Principles to Govern a new Freedom of Information Policy for World Sailing

Barbados Sailing Association, Belize Sailing Association, Croatian Sailing Federation, Czech Sailing Association, Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico, Federación Mexicana de Vela, Jamaica Yachting Association, Slovak Sailing Union, Virgin Islands Sailing Association, and the International Lightning Class Association

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

As a policy the Board questions what this will actually achieve. Aside from sensitive, legal or commercially confidential information, World Sailing already publishes a great deal of information to the public and its members.

The “safeguards” proposed would still mean the Board is unable to discharge its corporate responsibilities if it can always be overridden by an independent reviewer who did not agree with the Board’s collective decision.

Board members, as directors, are legally responsible for information which is made public. This proposal would keep the legal responsibility with the directors but remove their control over it.

This policy would also be inconsistent with Article 93 which already governs access to information.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Constitution

Opinion: Reject

The proposal is far too broad and may breach contractual obligations, data protection legislation and confidentiality obligations. However, the Committee considers that the concept of an appropriate freedom of information policy being developed has merit.

Classes

Opinion: Approve

Making World Sailing More Relevant to Sailors

Reform of World Sailing Decision Making - Working Party creation and composition

Barbados Sailing Association, Federación Mexicana de Vela, Jamaica Yachting Association, Virgin Islands Sailing Association, International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association, International Lightning Class Association, International Platu 25 Class Association, and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

This is the same as submissions in previous years which Council did not approve.

It is for the next Board to decide the future of any governance reforms.

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Classes

Opinion: Approve

New Regulation 1.28

Suspended Members Register

International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association,
International Lightning Class Association, International Platu 25 Class Association,
and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Approve

This list is now published online.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Classes

Opinion: Approve

Para World Sailing Funding through 2024

To ensure financial support for Para Sailing

Sail Canada and US Sailing

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Board

Recommendation to Council: Reject

The Board supports the concept and it would be preferable to ensure a fixed percentage is devoted to Para Sailing which is a crucial area. However, the present financial situation means the Board could not adopt this policy without adverse consequences for other vital areas.

Overall, the funding of Para Sailing is a decision for the next Board to take forward as part of the World Sailing Strategy.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Para World Sailing

Opinion: Approve

The PWSC notes that while the Committee does not want to constrain new Board's capacity for financial management, Para Sailing requires a firm commitment of significant funding to maintain development activity and support of reinstatement of sailing in the Paralympic Sports program.

Development & Regions

Opinion: Approve

Training and Development are the foundation of our sport. The Training and Development Department and the Para Sailing Development Committee require stable funding not only to deliver their programs and services, but also to be able to plan for at least one quadrennial. The Committee recognizes the constraints and the unpredictability of the financial context within which World Sailing now operates, but believes that World Sailing's commitment to Training and Development should be reflected in a budget policy that protects the funding for key Training and Development programs.

World Sailing Regulations

Regulation 15.1

The Board

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:
Board

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Recommendation from Other Committees:
Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Submission: 018-20

2021-2024 Anti-Doping Code

New Regulation 21

The Board

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:
Board

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Recommendation from Other Committees:
Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

The Committee noted that it is a requirement of the World Anti-Doping Agency that the new Anti-Doping Code be implemented.

Submission: 019-20

Not used

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Submission: 020-20

Not used

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Submission: 021-20

Not used

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Submission: 022-20

Not used

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Submission: 023-20

Not used

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Regulation 6.7.4

Composition of the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee

International 470 Class Association, International Formula Kite Class Association,
and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Classes

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Board

Opinion: Approve

Constitution

*Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
Subject to policy.*

**6.7.4.5 Committee members shall only discuss ~~and vote on~~ matters that relate
to the Olympic Games of which the class they represent are part of.**

Oceanic & Offshore

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:

The Oceanic and Offshore Committee proposes that the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee includes a member appointed by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee to represent the Mixed Two Persons Offshore Keelboat event/class/discipline.

Events

Opinion: Approve

Equipment

Opinion: Approve

Comment: the Equipment Committee proposes that until a class/equipment is selected for the Mixed Two Persons Offshore Keelboat event, the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee includes a member appointed by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.

Policy Decisions of Council

A Regulation to ensure policy decisions of Council are public, published and accessible

Barbados Sailing Association, Belize Sailing Association, Chilean Sailing Federation, Croatian Sailing Federation, Czech Sailing Association, Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico, Federación Dominicana de Vela, Federación Mexicana de Vela, Hellenic Sailing Federation, Jamaica Yachting Association, Slovak Sailing Union, Virgin Islands Sailing Association, International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association, International Lightning Class Association, International Platu 25 Class Association and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:
Constitution

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

World Sailing shall publish ~~and make accessible~~ on its website in a conspicuous place, ~~as it does for the Constitution and Regulations,~~ the Policy decision of Council referred to in Article 68(a).

The Committee also approves the amendment suggested by the Board, subject to the following amendment:

This Policy Regulation only applies to policy decisions made since November 2012.

Recommendation from Other Committees:
Board

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:

The Board agrees there should be a Register, but there needs to be a historical cut-off. Add to end of the Policy:

“This Policy only applies to policy decisions made since November 2012.”

Classes

Opinion: Approve

Improving Submissions to Council

Principles to be used to re-write the current Regulation 15 for Submissions

Barbados Sailing Association, Belize Sailing Association, Chilean Sailing Federation, Croatian Sailing Federation, Czech Sailing Association, Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico, Federación Dominicana de Vela, Federación Mexicana de Vela, Hellenic Sailing Federation, Hungarian Sailing Federation, Jamaica Yachting Association, Slovak Sailing Union, Virgin Islands Sailing Association, and the International Lightning Class Association

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Constitution

Recommendation to Council: Reject

The Committee acknowledged that the submission process needs to be reconsidered, and there are helpful aspects of the submission that the Board may wish to consider in the future. However, given the submission process is an integral part of the governance framework, careful consideration will need to be given to the matter and it would be helpful to have a draft Regulation to consider in the future.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Board

Opinion: Reject

The new submission process which was proposed by the Governance Commission was an integral part of the new governance structure. This is an example of why the Governance Proposal was to be passed as one package of reforms and not piecemeal.

Classes

Opinion: Approve

Regulation 35

Amendments to Regulation 35

The Board

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Constitution

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

35.2.4(f) not disclose **information which they know, or ought reasonably to know, is** confidential information without the consent of a person authorised to give it, or unless required by law to do so **or for the purposes of obtaining legal advice.**

Recommendation from Other Committees: Board

Opinion: Approve

Regional Games

Equipment for Men and Women Windsurfer Events

Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Development & Regions

Recommendation to Council: Approve

The Committee endorses the recommendation for approval from the Regional Games Sub-committee, and expresses the hope that consideration will continue to be given to the addition of non-Olympic classes with strength in the Regions.

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Equipment

Opinion: Approve

Regulation 25.13.4

Equipment for the Kiteboarding Event in Regional Games

International Formula Kite Class Association

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Development & Regions

Recommendation to Council: Approve

The Committee endorses the recommendation for approval from the Regional Games Sub-committee, and expresses the hope that consideration will continue to be given to the addition of non-Olympic classes with strength in the Regions.

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Equipment

Opinion: Approve

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Mixed Two Persons Keelboat Offshore – Olympic Equipment

Chairmen of the Equipment and Oceanic & Offshore Committees

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Equipment

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1 amended to read as follows:

2. Hull Length ~~7~~ 6.5 to 11 meters.

Comment:

If the amendment is not accepted by Council, the Committee still recommends approval

Recommendation from Other Committees: Events

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1 amended to read as follows:

2. Hull Length ~~7~~ 6.5 to 11 meters

Oceanic & Offshore

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1, Point 2 Hull length 6.5 to 11 meters

Regulation 10.5(f)(iii)

Requirements to Maintain World Sailing Class Designation

International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association,
International Lightning Class Association, International Platu 25 Class Association,
and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:
Equipment

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Recommendation from Other Committees:
Classes

Opinion: Approve

Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Race Officials

Opinion: Approve

Regulation 25.2.1

Approval of World Championships and other Events

International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association,
International Lightning Class Association and the Chairman of the World Sailing
Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:
Events

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Recommendation from Other Committees:
Classes

Opinion: Approve

Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Regulation 24.5.3

Equipment for the Kiteboarding event in the Youth World Championships

International Formula Kite Class Association

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Events

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Equipment

Opinion: Approve

Youth Sailing World Championships

Equipment for Windsurfer Events

Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Events

Recommendation to Council: Defer

The Events Committee recommended that the YESC leads an urgent piece of work looking at moving to foiling windsurfing equipment for the Youth Worlds including strategic implications, equipment options including using the Women's Olympic foiling equipment and investigate whether bring your own equipment is appropriate.

Recommendation from Other Committees: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Equipment

Opinion: Defer

The Committee noted that more foiling options should be considered before including any particular one in the list.

To note the following typo: iQFOiL with 8.0m²

World Sailing Youth Games

Replacement for Postponed Youth Olympic Games

International Formula Kite Class Association and the Chairman of the World Sailing
Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:
Events

Recommendation from Other Committees:
Classes

Opinion: Approve

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Events & Equipment

Czech Sailing Association

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Events

Equipment

Recommendation to Council: Reject

No member of the Committee proposed the submission

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Constitution

Opinion: Invalid

The Submission is invalid because the submission seeks to change a Regulation that does not exist yet (as the events and equipment for the 2028 Olympic Games have not been determined). The submitters requested to delete the references to '2028' in order to save the submission however, the Committee does not consider that to be a 'minor' and 'not substantial' amendment. Further, Regulation 23 sets out a process for making decisions and it has not been followed.

2024 and 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition

Retain the 2020 Events and Equipment for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Hungarian Sailing Federation, Korea Sailing Federation, Serbian Sailing Association,
and the International RS:X Class Association

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Events

Recommendation to Council: Reject

No proposer or seconder.

Equipment

Recommendation to Council: Reject

No member of the Committee proposed the submission

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Board

Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

However, the Committee noted that the submission incorrectly refers to the RS:X. The submitters requested to amend the submission to refer to the iQFoil instead, however the Committee determined that it is not a 'minor and 'not substantial' amendment and is therefore not a permitted amendment.

World Sailing Race Officials Administration

Regulation 31

International 470 Class Association, International 420 Class Association and the International Platu 25 Class Association, and the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee: Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Recommendation from Other Committees: Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Classes

Opinion: Approve

World Sailing Race Officials Administration

Regulation 31.15

Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Racing Rules Q&A Service

Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel - Regulation 28.3.6

International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association,
International Lightning Class Association, and the Chairmen of the Racing Rules
Committee, Race Officials Committee and World Sailing Classes Committee

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee:

Racing Rules

Recommendation to Council: Approve

Recommendation from Other Committees:

Classes

Opinion: Approve

Constitution

Opinion: Approve

Subject to policy.

Race Officials

Opinion: Approve

Council Agenda Item 9(a) – Audit Committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

There are no recommendations not based on submissions from the Audit Committee.

Council Agenda Item 9(b) – Board

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

1 Audit Committee

The Board recommends to Council that a submission be prepared by World Sailing to make the following changes to the composition of the Audit Committee. The submission should be put to Council for approval before the appointment of the next Audit Committee.

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- c) Two members, including the Chair shall be independent members (i.e. not a Board member nor a member of staff).
- d) All three members shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Board.
- e) The Committee shall continue to report to the Board, and also to Council and to each Annual General Meeting.

The change to the composition will also allow World Sailing to score higher in the ASOIF Good Governance Audit.

2 Committees

The Board recommends to Council that a submission be prepared by World Sailing to adopt the Committee and Sub-committee appointment process which was recommended by the Governance Commission.

The submission shall be made to Council in 2021 and shall take effect for the committee appointment process due to commence in 2024.

3 Membership Application - Jordan

The Board recommends to Council that the Royal Jordanian Sports Federation be admitted as a Full Member of World Sailing and that it be assigned to Group I.

4 Membership Application - VDWS

The Board recommends to Council that the application for affiliate membership received from Verband Deutscher Wassersport Schulen be rejected.

Whilst the application meets the technical requirements for membership, the Board does not consider it appropriate that educational organisations which are not affiliated to MNAs should be admitted to affiliate membership of World Sailing. This is because such activities may conflict with the activities of Member National Authorities and this is one of the considerations for granting affiliate membership.

5 Ethics Commission: Vice-Chairman

The Board recommends to Council that Lorenz Walch (GER) be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Ethics Commission.

Council Agenda Item 9(c) – Constitution Committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

There are no recommendations not based on submissions from the Constitution Committee.

Council Agenda Item 9(d) – Development and Regions Committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

There are no recommendations not based on submissions from the Development and Regions Committee.

Council Agenda Item 9(e) – Equipment Committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submission

RS21 Class

Recommendation to Council: Defer.

Comments: The Committee considered substantial changes are required to the class rules to adhere to the Standard Class Rule format. The Committee will re-assess the application once the class rules are updated.

IKA Arrows foil youth Class

Recommendation to Council: Approve subject to signing contract.

Comments: Although the class is not actively racing yet due to the pandemic, the Committee recognises that the equipment is already available and used in other events. The Committee noted that minor corrections are required in class rules.

IKA Snowkite Class

Recommendation to Council: Defer.

Comments: Although the Committee notes that the application meets the requirements from regulation 10, currently there is no reference within the regulations that confirms World Sailing as the governing body of the sport of sailing on snow, ice or land. The Committee would rather Council debates this matter through submissions addressing changes to the regulations to confirm whether World Sailing is the governing body of the sport on snow, ice or land rather than deciding through a particular class application. The Committee will re-consider this application once these policy decisions are made by Council.

L30 Class

Recommendation to Council: Reject.

Comments: The application does not meet the global distribution requirements. The Committee does not consider the class to serve a unique aspect of sailing to recommend waiving this requirement. The Committee will consider again the application once it meets the minimum global requirements.

The Laser Class

Recommendation to Council: Reject.

Comments: The Committee considered that not all the requirements of Regulation 10 were met or confirmed. The Committee noted that the ERSC review confirms that the class rules require updates to adhere to the Standard Class Rule format and to fully adopt the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

The Committee considered that unless equipment is significantly different to that of already existing World Sailing Class Associations, it shall not recommend new class applications for designation of World Sailing status.

iQFOiL Junior Class

Recommendation to Council: Approve subject to signing a contract.

Comments: The Committee noted that minor corrections are required in the class rules.

iQFOiL Class

Two applications were received by World Sailing for consideration by the Equipment Committee. Each application's submitter was given time to present to the Equipment Committee, as requested.

Recommendation to Council: Approve application received from the Steering Committee subject to signing a contract.

Comments: The Committee voted to accept the application submitted by the representatives of the successful tender selected by Council in 2019, supported by the iQFOiL class manager and the manufacturer which provides an independent Class Association in line with the agreement made in October 2019 between the tenderer, World Sailing and the IWA.

The Committee noted that the Class Association can contract the IWA to provide administrative services should the members of the class wish to.

The committee noted that this application met all the regulatory requirements.

iQFOiL Class application received from the IWA

Recommendation to Council: Reject.

Comments: No member of the Committee proposed the application.

Council Agenda Item 9(f) – Events Committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

Events Committee Agenda item 4.2: World Sailing Event Strategy: 2021 – 2028

Following a report from the Olympic Rankings WP, the Events Committee recommend that work recommence as a priority within the Executive Office, on the development of the new Rankings system.

Events Committee Agenda item 13.1: Match Racing Sub-Committee

The Events Committee support the Match Racing Sub-committee noting that in 2020 maintaining the Match Racing Rankings has been challenging. With budget issues, staff furlough and Covid-19 there are clear reasons for some of the issues. However, there are short-term and longer terms issues that need to be addressed. The MRSC recommends that the Board ensures that the necessary budget and resources are urgently put in place to help improve and manage the Match Racing Rankings.

Council Agenda Item 9(g) – Oceanic & Offshore Committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

1. Offshore Doubles

That World Sailing recognize a partnership between World Sailing and the Offshore Doubles Association to promote the Olympic Mixed Offshore Doubles Event and more broadly, the discipline of doublehanded offshore racing.

2. L-30 Class application:

Recommendation to Council: Reject.

The application does not meet the global distribution requirements. The Committee does not consider the class to serve a unique aspect of sailing to recommend waiving this requirement. The Committee will consider again the application once it meets the minimum global requirements.

Council Agenda Item 9(h) – Para World Sailing Committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

The Para World Sailing Committee, in close collaboration with the World Sailing Board, has worked hard to prepare a powerful case for the reinstatement of Para Sailing in the Paralympic Games. We are now at a point in the preparation process for LA 2028 inclusion where we need to engage the public, the International Paralympic Committee and the IOC, and we are convinced that we will need professional assistance moving the application forward. The PWSC therefore requests the support of Council with the following recommendation, unanimously approved by the committee in its meeting of 18 October 2020:

Recommendation:

That World Sailing secure the services of an external consultant to work with the PWSC and the Board in the finalization and promotion of the formal application to the IPC and its Board, the IOC, and the general public for the reinstatement of Para Sailing in the 2028 Paralympic Games sport program

Council Agenda Item 9(i) – Race Officials Committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

1 Event Appointments

The Committee recommends to Council that a Working Party be appointed by the Committee to review the current process for the appointment of race officials to events by World Sailing and, if necessary, propose a new process.

The terms of reference shall be approved by the current Chairman of the Race Officials Committee after consulting the Chairmen of the World Sailing Classes Committee and Olympic Classes Sub-committee. The Working Party shall include in its consideration the issues raised by Submission 009-20.

The working party shall be appointed before November 15 and complete the work before March 1, 2021.

The Working Party shall consist of:

- A former or current Board member who has been involved in event appointments
- A member of the 2017-2020 Event Appointment Working Party
- A member appointed by the Chairman of Race Officials Committee
- A member appointed by the Chairmen of the Race Officials Sub-committees
- A member appointed by the Chairman of Olympic Classes Sub-committee
- A member appointed by the Chairman of WS Classes Committee
- A member appointed by the Chairman of Regional Games Sub-committee
- A member appointed by the Chairman of Athletes Commission
- A member of the WS Executive Office appointed by the Chief Executive Officer.

2 IT Budget

World Sailing allocates budget in 2021 to develop an IT solution that provides functionality for creating and maintaining race official profiles and up-to-date event reporting and connects the two for making applications for appointment as WS race official.

Council Agenda Item 9(j) – Racing Rules Committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

There are no recommendations not based on submissions from the Racing Rules Committee.

Council Agenda Item 9(k) – Women’s Forum

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

There are no recommendations not based on submissions from the Women’s Forum.

Council Agenda Item 9(I) – World Sailing Classes Committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

There are no recommendations not based on submissions from the World Sailing Classes Committee.

Council Agenda Item 9(I) – Olympic Classes Sub-committee

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

OCSC Agenda Item 4: World Sailing Event Strategy: 2021 - 2028

The OCSC recommends that the Calendar Working Party is as flexible as possible for Class events from 2021-24 given the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to 2021 and The Hague Sailing World Championships to 2023.

Following the report made on the WS Ranking system, the OCSC recommends that until the WS Ranking system is developed and functioning to satisfaction, it should not be used for any event selection.

The OCSC recommends that along with the World ranking system, Sailors ID be developed to a level where it can be used to promote the sailors.

OCSC Agenda Item 6: Paris 2024 Olympic Games and OCSC 2019 meeting minutes (6.2) reminder:

The OCSC recommends that the: “New formats for the Olympic Games are tested well ahead of the Olympic Games at events such as Youth events or other events not impacting Olympic sailors’ campaigns.”

The OCSC recommends that 2024 Olympic qualifications are tailored to each event taking into account the quota and the development level of the class used in the event. For events considered as “universal” with larger quota “Regions” should be considered rather than “Continents”. Events with small quota could not have any Continental Qualification, or grouping of Continents should be considered. For events using new classes, the Olympic qualifications should be staged as late as possible in the quadrennial to allow sailors to get to the right level and equipment to be readily accessible by all teams around the world.

OCSC Agenda Item 7: The Hague 2023 Sailing World Championships

The OSCS requests that the World Sailing Executive Office and The Hague Organising Committee review the quotas for the Kiteboarding, One Person Dinghy and Skiff events.

OCSC Agenda Item 9: Race Officials

The OCSC recommends that race officials appointments in time of travel restriction be more flexible in term of judges geographic origin, and use available technology to enable remote judging, in order to optimise resources to validate international jury and events.

The OCSC, based on the EAWP End Of Term Report, recommends that “*a full review of appointment procedures by the Board with reference to future World Sailing and Race Officials Strategy including a newly formed World Sailing Event Strategy*” is undertaken, involving all stakeholders, to define a process and policies that work for all involved.