

INTERNATIONAL iQFOiL CLASS ASSOCIATION - CONSTITUTION

1. NAME, INSIGNIA, JURISDICTION & LANGUAGE

1.1 The official name of the class association is the "International iQFOiL Class Association", otherwise known as the "iQFOiL Class Association" or "iQFOiL Class".



1.2 The iQFOiL Class Insignia shall be

1.3 The iQFOiL Class is a non-profit sports association and a class member of the International Windsurfing Association (IWA), both currently resident in the UK.

1.4 The IWA is structured in accordance with the law of England and Wales, with a registered office in the UK.

1.5 The official language of the class and all its publications is English. In this constitution the word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive

2. AIMS

2.1 To encourage, promote and develop iQFOiL Class competition throughout the world.

2.2 Maintain the one-design character of the iQFOiL Class.

2.3 Organise International, Continental and World Championship events.

2.4 Manage class activities through the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee and the iQFOiL Class Manager.

2.5 Represent the interests of the owners and their National Class Associations at World Sailing.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The iQFOiL Class is an association of its Members.

3.2 Full Membership may be granted to those National iQFOiL Class Associations (NCA) established in a country, and recognised as such by the World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA) for that country.

3.3 In the absence of a NCA, Full Membership may be granted to an MNA controlling the iQFOiL Class activity in a country.

3.4 Individual Membership may be granted by the class committee to individuals that are not represented by either a NCA or an MNA.

3.5 Only iQFOiL Class Full Members are entitled to vote at General Meetings.

3.6 Membership of the iQFOiL Class is a requirement for entry to iQFOiL Class Championship and other sanctioned events.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES

4.1 Each member shall pay annual fees, as set by the General Assembly.

4.2 All subscriptions are due on 1 January each year, and shall be paid by 28th February.

4.3 A Full Member who has not paid annual fees will not be entitled to any rights or privileges of membership.

5. ORGANISATION

5.1 The iQFOiL Class is governed by its Full Members through its convened General Assembly and its elected Executive Committee.

5.2 The Executive Committee shall report its activities to a General Assembly.

6. GENERAL ASSEMBLY & MEETINGS

6.1 The General Assembly shall be the authoritative body of the iQFOiL Class which will devolve such administrative and/or executive power to the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee it deems relevant.

6.2 The General Assembly shall consist of delegates appointed by the iQFOiL Class Full Members. Persons elected to the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee may attend and speak, but shall not vote.

6.3 Ordinary meetings of the General Assembly shall be held annually, usually at the class World Championships, or as decided by the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee.

6.4 An extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly shall be held on demand of 1/3rd of the current iQFOiL Class Full Members.

6.5 General Assembly meetings will be chaired by the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, those delegates present may elect an alternate by simple majority.

6.6 The Agenda for ordinary meetings of the General Assembly shall contain:

- approval of the Minutes of the last meeting;
- reports from the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee, including Chairman's report;
- presentation of Financial Statements, including the previous year's accounts and current budget;
- submissions from the iQFOiL Class Full Members and the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee;
- Election of iQFOiL Class Executive Committee Chairman;
- Election of iQFOiL Class Executive Committee.

6.7 Each iQFOiL Class Full Member delegate has one vote, but may represent no more than two other iQFOiL Class Full Members from whom he or she had received a proxy vote mandate. Alternatively, iQFOiL Class Full Members may submit their vote by e-mail. Proxy mandates and email votes shall be received by the iQFOiL Executive Secretary at least 24 hours before the date and time of the General Assembly as posted on the official class web site, and shall be signed by either the Chairman or Secretary of the iQFOiL Class Full Member.

6.8 The decisions of a General Assembly shall be by simple majority of votes, except the following which require a 2/3 (two thirds) majority of votes:

6.8.1 modification of the Constitution;

6.8.2 proposals to the WS for changes and/or modifications of iQFOiL Class Rules or Equipment Building Specifications;

6.8.3 termination of membership of National Class Association(s).

6.9 The Quorum at a General Assembly shall be delegates and postal votes, together representing a minimum of 1/3rd of the iQFOiL Class Full Members.

6.10 At least 45 days' notice of a General Assembly and its agenda shall be given. This will be by email to the iQFOiL Class Full Members and by posting it on the class website.

6.11 iQFOiL Class Full Members and the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee shall inform the iQFOiL Class Executive Secretary by email, at least 30 days before a meeting of the General Assembly of:

- the items, including submissions, they wish to put on the agenda;
- the names of candidates for the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee in an election year.

6.12 The iQFOiL Class Executive Secretary shall publish no later than 15 days before the date of a General Assembly meeting the items, submissions and nominations received.

6.13 Inaugural Meeting of the General Assembly

6.13.1 At the Inaugural Meeting of the General Assembly, the incumbent iQFOiL Class Steering Committee, may propose a full or partial slate of candidates for election to the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee, each candidate supported by a Full Member.

6.13.2 At the Inaugural Meeting of the General Assembly, the incumbent iQFOiL Class Steering Committee, may put forward submissions, each submission being supported by a Full Member.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1 The iQFOiL Class Executive Committee shall be composed of a minimum 5 and a maximum 9 persons, excluding the iQFOiL Class Executive Secretary and iQFOiL Class Manager.

7.2 Candidates for the the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee are elected for a 4 year period, and may stand for re-election.

7.3.1 The iQFOiL Class Executive Committee shall be composed of:

- not more than 2 persons from the same iQFOiL Class Full Member;
- a minimum of 2 continents to be represented by an iQFOiL Class Full Member nominee;
- a minimum of 1/3rd from each gender;
- a minimum of 2 sailors representatives who are active iQFOiL athletes, one male and one female.
- A minimum of 1 person with responsibility for Sustainability

7.3.2 Candidates for the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee shall be nominated by an iQFOiL Class Full Member.

7.3.3 Each iQFOiL Class Full Member may nominate a maximum of two persons.

7.3.4 The Chairman of the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly

7.4 The iQFOiL Class Executive Secretary shall be the Executive Secretary of the IWA during iQFOiL membership of the IWA, and is a non-voting member of the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee.

7.5 The Election process for the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee shall follow the Executive Committee Election Procedure in Appendix 1.

7.6 In case of a vacancy the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee may co-opt a member until the appointment is confirmed at the next general assembly.

7.7 The iQFOiL Class Executive Committee is responsible for the management of the iQFOiL Class and all matters not delegated to other bodies by the general assembly.

7.8 Decisions of the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee shall be by a simple majority of votes, each member shall have one vote. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

7.9 Meetings may occur at major championship events, or by conference call, where a minimum of 4 present shall form a quorum. Normal business may be conducted by Email where a Quorum of 4 votes shall be the minimum.

8. CLASS MANAGER

8.1 The iQFOiL Class Executive Committee, in consultation with the IWA Executive Committee, may contract an iQFOiL Class Manager for such time, at such remuneration, upon such conditions and responsibilities as it may think fit.

8.2 The iQFOiL Class Manager shall be a non-voting member of the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee.

9. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

9.1 The iQFOiL Technical Committee consists of a minimum of 3, and maximum of 6, persons appointed by the iQFOiL Executive Committee, plus the iQFOiL Class Manager.

9.2 The iQFOiL Class Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman of the iQFOiL Class Technical Committee.

9.3 The iQFOiL Class Technical Committee acts under the control and responsibility of the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee to deal with matters relating to Race Management, Equipment Inspection & Measurement, and Judging.

9.4 The iQFOiL Class Technical Committee is responsible for recommending, to the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee, the appointment of class officials to class championships and nominations to World Sailing when requested.

9.5 The decisions of the iQFOiL Class Technical Committee shall be by simple majority.

10. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

10.1 Consultative Committees may be established by a General Assembly. Executive Committee.

10.3 Consultative committees shall report to the General Assembly.

10.4 Consultative committees may be established for a definite or an indefinite period.

11. DISSOLUTION

11.1 Dissolution of the iQFOiL Class shall take place by a resolution of an iQFOiL Class General Assembly, passed by two-thirds majority of those voting.

11.2 After confirmation by the IWA Executive Committee of payment of all liabilities, the agreed assets and funds shall be disposed of as directed by the iQFOiL Class General Assembly on a simple majority of those voting.

APPENDIX 1

IGM voting – see separate document

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