

INTERPRETATION 006-18
REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION FROM THE IKA OPEN CLASS ASSOCIATION

Question 1

Are submissions to the 2018 AGM that seek to ignore World Sailing Policies established before the 2017 AGM (i.e. a submission that would propose 4 men's events and only 1 women's event for the 5 events currently under review) valid?

Answer 1

The policies decided by Council in November 2017, which are not contained in Regulations, do not affect the validity of motions or amendments made to a General Meeting.

Question 2

Please clarify the qualified majority for voting in the AGM according to Article 29 – "majority of votes of those present and entitled to vote".

If there are 100 registered delegates at the 2018 AGM and when voting on a motion, there are 80 valid votes and 20 abstentions, would the motion be approved with 51 "yes" votes or with 41 "yes" votes.

Answer 2

Article 29 states decisions are taken "by a simple majority of votes of those present and entitled to vote..." (emphasis added).

A "vote" is a vote for or against the motion by someone who is present and entitled to vote. An abstention or a failure to vote is not a vote and cannot be included in the calculation of the majority.

Therefore in your scenario a simple majority is 41 votes.

This is consistent with the Committee's Answer 3 in Interpretation 004-18.

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