Question 1

The issue is whether the organizers of an ISAF Continental Championship, in this case a European Championship, have the authority to require individual membership in ISAF International or Recognized Class Associations as a condition of entry for the event.

Interpretation 1

The answer is yes.

The Eligibility Code at 21.2 requires ISAF eligibility for ISAF Continental Championships. The competitor may establish this eligibility by presenting a 'valid membership card' issued by a 'Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations', at 21.1.

Further, the RRS, Appendix J - Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, J1.1(4) provides the NOR shall include 'conditions of entry and any restrictions on entries'. Requiring individual membership in an ISAF Class racing event is a 'condition of entry' and also a 'restriction on entries' and is consistent with the RRS, Appendix J and the ISAF Eligibility Code.