WORLD SAILING REGULATIONS

(Effective from 2 November 2020)

1. Regulations

1.1 Until 1 November 2020, the World Sailing Regulations as published on the World Sailing website continue to apply. These are the Regulations approved by Council in the usual manner.

1.2 These Regulations apply from 2 November 2020. They are divided into two Parts:
   (a) Part I – Governance Regulations
   (b) Part II – Interim Regulations

1.3 Part I is set out in this document.

1.4 Part II is contained in the document called “The Interim Regulations”. These are the World Sailing Regulations as of 1 September 2019 containing:
   (a) the deletion of Regulations which are already covered by the new Constitution or Part I of this document; and
   (b) for all other Regulations, only the essential amendments to enable the current situation to continue under the new governance structure (i.e. no policy or substantial changes).

1.5 The Interim Regulations will be amended to reflect any changes to the Regulations made by Council prior to 1 November 2020.

1.6 Unless changed under Regulation 1.7, on 2 November 2020 the Interim Regulations will come into force.

1.7 From 4 November 2019 to 1 November 2020, the Interim Regulations will be reviewed under previous Regulation 40. Following review, they will be re-written and a draft published for consultation. Following consultation and any amendments, the Board will approve:
   (a) the proposed changes and additions to this document; and
   (b) the deletion of the relevant parts of the Interim Regulations.

1.8 From 4 November 2020, where a situation is not covered by the Regulations, the Board shall determine the matter having due regard to the provisions of the Regulations prior to November 2020.
PART I - GOVERNANCE REGULATIONS

2. **Membership**

2.1 An applicant for membership shall apply by completing the application form and questionnaire supplied by World Sailing in a suitably complete manner with all supplementary documents.

2.2 The applicant shall pay the required subscription (subject to any remission sanctioned by World Sailing) at the time of application fee.

2.3 In the second year following a General Assembly, the Chief Executive Officer shall undertake an audit of all Full Members in order to collect relevant statistical and general sailing information. It is mandatory for each Full Member to complete and return the questionnaire to Executive Office, within the timeframe determined by World Sailing.

2.4 The procedure for challenging the membership of an existing Member is as follows:
   
   (a) A proposal to cancel the membership of an existing Member must be made by an existing Member in writing to the Chief Executive Officer.

   (b) The proposal must contain all matters relied upon and shall, in particular:

       (i) state the grounds upon which such cancellation is sought;

       (ii) include a summary of the allegations and evidence that will be cited in support of the submission; and

       (iii) include copies of any documentary evidence upon which it is intended to rely.

   (c) The Chief Executive Officer shall refer the proposal to the Governance Commission for review. The Governance Commission may exclude from the proposal any irrelevant matters. The Commission must then give notice to the challenged Member of the proposal and send a copy of the proposal.

   (d) The challenged Member may submit to the Chief Executive Officer, within thirty days of having been sent the proposal, a reply to the proposal which shall include all evidence and arguments relied on, and copies of any documentary evidence upon which it is intended to rely.

   (e) The reply shall be reviewed by the Governance Commission. It may exclude from consideration any irrelevant matters.

   (f) The Governance Commission shall make a recommendation to the Board. The Board shall consider the recommendation and then make a recommendation to the General Assembly for a decision on the proposal. The General Assembly shall be provided with copies of the proposal and the reply as approved by the Governance Commission. The challenged Member has the right under Article 12 to address the General Assembly prior to its decision.

3. **Appointments**

3.1 The Board shall not appoint to the Audit Sub-committee any employee of the Federation or its subsidiary or associated companies.

3.2 All individuals nominated to a Council, Board Sub-committee, Committee, Sub-committee, or Working Group must, prior to being appointed, sign a declaration in a form decided by the Chief Executive Officer. If appointed, individuals agree:

   (a) to comply with the obligations in Articles 11.1(a) to (d) of the Constitution;

   (b) to act in a voluntary capacity;

   (c) that any work undertaken during their appointment belongs to the Federation;
(d) to respect and keep confidential any information which he or she receives during their appointment (until that information becomes public);

(e) to work in the interests of the sport worldwide and not in the interests of any particular Member;

(f) to attend all properly scheduled meetings; and

(g) to be responsible for their own medical and travel insurance.

3.3 Any nomination must contain the consent of the individual’s MNA.

3.4 Nominating bodies must pay all travel and accommodation costs for their Delegates, Committee, Sub-committee and Working Group members to attend meetings (unless otherwise agreed between the nominating body and the individual).

3.5 The Board may refuse or remove an individual’s appointment if they are not a member of their respective MNA (or an affiliated body). The Board may also remove any individual who is not fulfilling their obligations, having first given them a reasonable opportunity to respond to any allegations.

4. Working Groups

4.1 The appointment of Working Groups is governed by Article 43. A joint Working Group may only be appointed with the agreement of the Board.

4.2 The terms of reference of a Working Group must be established by its appointing body when it is appointed. The Working Group must report to each meeting of its appointing body.

4.3 Working Groups shall meet electronically except with the agreement of the Board. Working Groups are not entitled to financial or other assistance from the Executive Office without the agreement of the Board.

5. Financial and Other Interests

5.1 The Board shall establish the World Sailing Conflicts of Interest Policy. Those governed by the Policy shall declare any interests to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Policy. The Chief Executive Officer shall maintain a register of interests and will publish it on the World Sailing website on a regular basis.

5.2 In any debate or decision on any matter in which a member of a body has an interest which should be declared in accordance with Policy, the member shall advise the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer (or his nominee) of that fact, and of the exact nature of the interest, if practicable in advance of the meeting, or otherwise at the earliest reasonable opportunity in the course of the debate. Notification of the reasons of the said interest shall be reported to the body unless there are compelling grounds why such reasons should remain confidential.

5.3 According to the exact nature of the interest, the Chair or the body itself may require the member concerned to leave the meeting for the whole or part of the debate. The Chair may require the member to abstain from voting. The declaration and any decision by the Chair shall be minuted.

6. Decision Making

6.1 Proposals to World Sailing to consider any issue, question or proposal may be made under this Regulation (“a Proposal”). This includes any proposed amendment to official World Sailing documents. Unless the Board agrees there is good reason not to do so, World Sailing must make decisions in accordance with this Regulation.
6.2 Proposals submitted under this process must be considered under this Regulation.

6.3 Proposals may be made by:
   (a) a Member National Authority;
   (b) a World Sailing Class Association;
   (c) a Continental Association;
   (d) an Associate Member;
   (e) the members of any Council, Committee or Sub-committee on behalf of that body; or
   (f) a World Sailing Race Official.

6.4 Proposals must be made on an online portal established and operated by World Sailing. The portal shall:
   (a) be accessible to the groups eligible to make Proposals;
   (b) show all Proposals and their date of submission;
   (c) the body(s) allocated to report on a Proposal;
   (d) the current status of a Proposal; and
   (e) the outcome of a Proposal.

6.5 On receipt, the Chief Executive Officer shall allocate the Proposal as follows:
   (a) For matters to be decided by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer shall refer the Proposal to the Board. The Board will then allocate the Proposal to appropriate bodies to report to the Board on the Proposal and set the timescale for doing so.
   (b) For matters decided under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Executive shall report the outcome of these decisions to the Board on a regular basis.
   (c) The Chief Executive Officer must follow any guidelines set by the Board in relation to the allocation of Proposals to reporting bodies. The Board may change the allocation of Proposals to reporting bodies at any time.

6.6 Proposals to the General Assembly shall:
   (a) be made via the portal by the relevant deadline;
   (b) be allocated to the Board or Olympic Council (as appropriate) to make a recommendation to the General Assembly;
   (c) the Board shall allocate the Proposal to any other bodies which must report to the Board or Olympic Council prior to making their recommendation to the General Assembly (and the timescale for doing so); and
   (d) no recommendation shall be made unless the Board or Olympic Council have received all reports due to be made to them on the Proposal.

6.7 The Chief Executive Officer shall report to the Board on a regular basis on the status of all pending or recently decided Proposals.

6.8 Before making any decision on a Proposal is made, the deciding body shall satisfy itself that, as far as practicable:
   (a) sufficient time has been given to consider the Proposal;
   (b) proper research and background information has been obtained on the Proposal;
   (c) an assessment of the implications of the Proposal has been completed (including time, money, resources and impact on World Sailing); and
(d) relevant Members and stakeholders have been consulted.

**PART II – INTERIM REGULATIONS**

[See the Interim Regulations]