World Sailing Constitution

Non-Discrimination

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To update the provisions of the Constitution concerning non-discrimination in line with the Olympic Charter.

Proposal

1. Amend Aim(b) of the Constitution as follows:
   
   (b) to promote the sport of sailing in all its branches regardless of race, religion, gender, physical ability or political affiliation; colour, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status;

2. Amend Article 7 as follows:

   7. It shall be the obligation of all a Member National Authority, Associate Member and World Sailing Members to ensure that there shall be no discrimination on the grounds of race, religion or political affiliation set out in Aim (b) of the Constitution against any competitor or official representing a Member National Authority, further to prevent improper use or abuse of terms such as World, Continental, International or Regional that properly relate to activities recognized by the Federation and to co-operate in the collection and payment of the "International and Recognized Class Fees" payable to the Federation.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

1. There was informal agreement at the 2015 AGM that the non-discrimination clauses of the Constitution needed updating to include an updated list of protected characteristics. The new proposed list is taken from the Olympic Charter (see Fundamental Principle 6).