World Sailing Regulations

Conflicts of Interest for Council and Committee Members

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To strengthen the procedures for identifying and managing conflicts of interest.

Proposal 1

1.1 Insert new Regulation 3.5.1 as follows and re-number accordingly:

3.5.1 The Board shall establish the World Sailing conflicts of interest policy and members of Council (including all Board members) 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 quarterly basis.

1.2 Amend current Regulations 3.5.1 and 7.7.1 as follows:

3.5.2 In a debate on any matter in which a member of the Council has a personal vested interest which should be declared in accordance with World Sailing’s conflict of interest policy, whether financial or otherwise, the member shall advise the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of that fact, and of the exact nature of the interest, if practicable in advance of the Council meeting, or otherwise at the earliest reasonable opportunity in the course of the debate. […]

1.3 Amend Regulations 3.1.1(a) and 7.2.1(a) to read:

(a) apologies and declarations of interests;

1.4 Insert new Regulation 7.7.2:

7.7.2 Regulation 3.5.1 applies to all committee members.

1.5 Insert new Regulation 8.5.1:

8.5.1 Regulation 7.7 applies to all commission members.

Proposal 2

Amend Regulation 5.1.2 as follows:

5.1.2 All individuals nominated to a World Sailing committee, sub-committee, commission or working party must sign, prior to their nomination being accepted, the following ‘release waiver’ as set out in on the ‘Committee Nomination Form’:
“In consideration of my appointment or election to the Executive Committee Board, Council or any World Sailing committee, sub-committee, commission or working party (collectively, World Sailing committee’), and the payment of £1.00, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I assign and release to the International Sailing Federation (IOM) Ltd World Sailing Limited any copyright or other rights I may have in Rules, Regulations, Class Rules, manuals, publications, or derivatives of any of these, to which I have contributed in my capacity as a member of an World Sailing committee.

I will comply with the Constitution, Regulations, Code of Ethics and policies of World Sailing.

I will comply with the World Sailing conflict of interest policy and I will freely and promptly declare the full extent of any interests in accordance with the policy and the Regulations.”

Current Position
As above.

Reason
As part of the review of World Sailing governance, the provisions concerning conflicts of interest can be strengthened in advance of the election and committee nomination process later this year.