

Class Rule Changes

International Fireball Class Association

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Amendment 1

Old.

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- c. Recording cameras and tracking devices affixed on the hull according to class rule 13, provided that data from such devices shall not be accessed on board when racing.

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Reasons:

There has been a desire from sailors over the past 2 years to have a camera and / or a tracking device on their Fireball while racing. Teams wish to either study their performance or in the case of a big event – make a memory.

At the World Championship held in 2025 at Circolo Vela Arco, Lake Garda, Italy the request was put to the FI council from the sailors. The Council approved the request unanimously at its annual meeting during the Championship.