

Proposal Template: Regulations, Constitution and Policies

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General instructions:

- PDF submissions must be accompanied by a Word version.
- World Sailing strongly encourages early submission to allow for adequate review.
- World Sailing Regulation 7 governs the submission and processing of Proposals.
- Submitters should consult the latest version of the Regulations and relevant Policies before submitting a Proposal.
- Unless provided to the contrary in the Constitution or Regulations, Proposals must be made on the online portal established and operated by World Sailing.

Formatting:

- Use Arial font, size 11 pt throughout.
 - **Bold and underline** new wording.
 - Use ~~double strikethrough~~ for deletions.
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Name of Authorised Person:	
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Title of Proposal:	Procedure for Class Rules Interpretations
Subtitle:	New Policy D13
Related proposals:	

Proposal:

To add Policy D13: Procedure for Class Rules Interpretations

WORLD SAILING POLICY REGISTER PROCEDURE FOR CLASS RULES INTERPRETATIONS

1. Procedures

- 1.1. Valid requests for interpretations received by the Equipment Rules Sub-committee shall be considered by a panel comprising of:
 - (i) the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee;
 - (ii) the technical representative of the World Sailing Class Association; and
 - (iii) a member of World Sailing technical staff,
- 1.2. The panel may amend or consolidate the original questions to ensure clarity in the interpretation.
- 1.3. The validity of the interpretation shall be determined by a simple majority of the panel.
- 1.4. Interpretations shall be notified by World Sailing to the Class/owners Association, all Member National Authorities, all International Measurers, and all licensed builders.

Current position:

Regulations 15.10 to 15.15 address Class Rule Interpretations

15.10 Interpretations of the Class Rules of World Sailing Class Associations must only be made by World Sailing unless:

- (a) an alternative procedure is contained in contracts between World Sailing and the Class Association; or
- (b) World Sailing has otherwise approved a different procedure in writing.

15.11 Class Rule interpretations made by World Sailing or by the World Sailing Class Association must not be used to change an existing class rule. The Class Association must immediately advise World Sailing of any interpretations it has issued.

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- 15.12 Interpretations made by World Sailing must be made as follows:
- (a) Requests for interpretation will only be considered from:
 - (i) Member National Authorities;
 - (ii) the World Sailing Class Association;
 - (iii) the owners of any relevant intellectual property concerning the Class;
 - (iv) manufacturers of the Class; or
 - (v) International Measurers of the Class.
 - (b) A request for interpretation must be acknowledged with a copy sent to the World Sailing Class Association at the same time.
 - (c) A panel consisting of:
 - (i) the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee;
 - (ii) the technical representative of the World Sailing Class Association; and
 - (iii) a member of World Sailing technical staff, must first decide if the request is valid.
- 15.13 If the request is valid, it must be sent to the Equipment Rules Sub-committee for decision in accordance with the procedures set out in World Sailing policy.
- 15.14 If the request is not valid, the Chief Executive Officer must reject the request and explain the reasons of the panel to the requestor.
- 15.15 Class Rule interpretations have the same status as a class rule and, unless otherwise agreed in the contracts between World Sailing and the World Sailing Class Association, remain valid for:
- (a) a maximum period of two years; or
 - (b) until superseded by a class rule change.

Reasons:

1. Regulation 15.13 refers to procedures set out in World Sailing Policy. However, there is no such Policy.
2. The previous version of the regulations defined how to determine the validity of an interpretation, the current regulations rely on the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee for decision in accordance with procedures set out in WS Policy.
3. The current regulations replicate all remaining items of the procedure that was in place in the previous regulations.