

Class applications for World Sailing Class Status

Classes that offer a high standard of international competitive sailing and meet the criteria outlined below may be designated as a World Sailing Class Association. Applications must follow the updated **Policy D1** (effective 9 November 2024) and comply with the approval process set out in **Regulation 15** of the World Sailing Regulations.

In accordance with **Regulation 15**, the process for granting World Sailing Class Association status includes the following steps:

- **(15.1)** Applications must be submitted in the required format, accompanied by appropriate fee.
- **(15.2)** The Chief Executive Officer refers the application to the relevant committee:
 - The **Equipment Committee**, or
 - The **Oceanic & Offshore Committee** for rating systems and offshore classes.
- **(15.3)** The reviewing committee submits a recommendation to the Board.
- **(15.4)** The Board then makes a final recommendation to the General Assembly.
- **(15.5)** No recommendation is made to the General Assembly until the applicant has entered into all required contracts with World Sailing, including agreements concerning intellectual property where applicable.

To become a recognised World Sailing Class, a structured application process is required. A class must be recommended by the Equipment Committee and subsequently approved through the formal governance process, including review by the Board and final confirmation by the General Assembly. A valid application must demonstrate compliance with the following criteria under **Policy D1**:

- **(1.2a)** Have an active class/owners association with an elected board.
- **(1.2b)** Have a constitution approved by the Equipment and Governance Committees.
- **(1.2c)** Have class rules in World Sailing Standard format adopting the Equipment Rules of Sailing.
- **(1.2d)** Demonstrate minimum global distribution requirements. (e.g., 15 boats, 5 MNAs, 2 continents for boats up to 6.0m).
- **(1.2e)** Make the constitution and class rules available on the World Sailing website.
- **(1.2f)** Provide building specifications, measurement protocols, or equipment registration details.
- **(1.2g)** Include dates for world and continental championships for the following year.
- **(1.2h)** Provide any additional information requested by the Chief Executive Officer.

Policy D1 (1.3) states that exemptions to 1.2(d) may be granted for classes serving unique aspects of sailing.

Decision making and timeline

Although there are no specific deadlines for applications, the deadlines for recommendations of Reporting Bodies and Supporting Papers ahead of a Decision-Making Body meeting define the effective timeframes and deadlines.

As an example, to target the 2025 General Assembly meeting, the Equipment Committee set a deadline to provide its recommendations to the Board by **26 September 2025**.

The Board considered the recommendations before **10 October 2025**.

The Board's final recommendation to the General Assembly was only made once all requirements had been fulfilled and the necessary agreements with World Sailing were in place.

Recommendations from the Equipment Committee may include conditions, such as resolving outstanding issues or obtaining confirmation from the Executive Office or the ERSC regarding the accuracy and completeness of the submitted documentation.

Deferred applications from Classes that applied for WS Class status in 2025

WASZP Class

The WASZP Class submitted a new application for World Sailing Class status following the 2024 Annual Conference. This application has not yet been reviewed by the Equipment Committee. The following documentation has been submitted:

- **Application Letter:** Received
- **Application Fee:** Paid in full.
- **Class Constitution:** Approved by Governance Committee at the 2025 Annual Conference
- **Global Distribution:**

The WASZP Class has submitted event results, a global ranking and a summary of the distribution of boats by country for 2025. They have also provided letters from two National WASZP Class Associations (from New Zealand and Norway) confirming that there are more than 15 active boats in their country.

Under a strict application of Policy D.1.2(d), the relevant evidence is the 2025 WASZP Games (Weymouth). The event comprised 234 valid participants across 19 MNAs and 4 continents. The five MNAs with the highest participation were GBR (73), ITA (23), FRA (18), GER (18) and USA (16).

For classes under 6m, the policy requires a minimum of 15 boats per MNA in 5 countries covering at least 2 continents. Based on the consolidated event data, five MNAs meet this threshold across two continents. Accordingly, the event can be considered to meet the requirement under Policy D.1.2(d) when event results are used as evidence.

- **Active Class/Owners Association:** Confirmed

The class has organized multiple international and national events including:

- 7 International WASZP Games (2017–2025)
- 7 European Championships (2017–2024)
- 3 Americas Championships (2017–2024)
- 4 major events with 150+ competitors
- National events held in 26 countries, averaging 451 competitors per year
- **Class Rules:** pending few open points, document fundamentally approved by the ERSC.
- **Building Specifications:** Pending for an update on the building specification requested by the Office.
- **Future Championship Dates:** Provided. <https://racehub.waszp.com/events>
- **Agreement:** under Office review

Executive Office recommendation:

- ➔ The Executive Office recommends approval of the WASZP International Class application, subject to the ERSC's approval of the class rules, the submission of the building specifications required by the office, and the signing of the agreement.
- ➔ **Comment:** *If approved, the recommendation will be submitted to the Board noting that it must only be presented to the AGM once the class rules have been confirmed as approved by the ERSC and published, and the agreement has been signed.*