

Mid-Year 2026 meeting Report from Dimitris Dimou, Chairman of the Equipment Rules SC Cross Representative to the Equipment Committee (EQ)

The two main areas of activity of the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee are the Class Rule approvals (new rules and changes), and the development and updating of the ERS. The former is also connected with the Standard Class Rules project, which includes the updating of the template.

The two main tasks for the ERSC in the period between the Annual Conference 2025 and the Mid-Year meeting have been: the full review of the class rule change proposals received within the Q4 2025 and Q1 2026 periods, with one decision-making meeting done at the end of January 2026 and the next one coming up at the end of April 2026, and the review of the class rules of the current candidate class for WS status, the WASZP. More details on these tasks will be given by the Office.

Ideally, Class Rules should be reviewed not only when a change proposal is received, but also periodically as part of the Equipment Committee class review program. This is especially important not only because many existing rules include non-standard items or make reference to obsolete versions of other rules/regulations, but also because many new class rules are based on such similar class rules which include non-standard items or don't follow properly the SCR. This has been the case time and time again when new Classes are making applications to WS. Classes are more than welcome to seek advice from the ERSC in developing or re-drafting their rules, easing the workload of the office and making the final class rule change review process easier and quicker. The policy must be also clarified, enabling the ERSC and the EQ to enforce such updates when needed.

The ERS development project is the next project to start after the Mid-Year meeting, targeting the normal updating of these rules and the addition of new/missing items. This is the task for the full sub-committee without the formulation of a specialist working party as in the past. In addition, priority must be given to the cleaning up/improvement of the technical/equipment related RRS, with a view to the 2029-2032 edition of these Rules. This must happen by cooperating with the WS Classes Committee and of course the Racing Rules Committee.

The SCR template update project is finally starting now, with some work done already by the Office, the target being the main part of the work to start by the end of May 2026 and a final version to be presented in November at the Annual Conference meeting.

Finally, a proposal for a new Policy dealing with Class Rules Interpretations (CRI) has been submitted, filling the missing part of the CRI procedure.

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