

Building Specification Change **Chubanga Fuselage Kitefoil V4**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the 2025 Annual Conference, the Equipment Committee considered a request from Chubanga seeking approval for a change to the building specification of their V4 foil glider (fuselage area).
- 1.2 The decision of the Equipment Committee was to approve the building specification change request for prototypes and evaluation (see 1.4).
- 1.3 This document presents the supporting documentation collected to date for the Equipment Committee to take a decision at the Mid-Year Meeting.
- 1.4 The decision approved by the Equipment Committee in November 2025 was:
 - (a) *To approve the building specification change request for prototypes and evaluation, subject to the conditions below, and to direct the office to make the necessary changes and decisions to implement this approval;*
 - (i) *Mark I will no longer be produced,*
 - (ii) *Any Mark I broken under warranty shall only be replaced with Mark II foils,*
 - (iii) *Any Mark I repaired by the manufacturer shall have the Serial Number removed so they are no longer legal for IKA Formula Kite events,*
 - (iv) *Mark II shall only be approved following successful prototype evaluation by the class and WS. With the Equipment Committee deciding no later than at their Mid-Year meeting in 2026,*
 - (v) *the Class shall manage and conduct the evaluation of the prototypes and present a report and recommendation to the Equipment Committee no later than for their 2026 Mid-Year meeting,*
 - (vi) *The Equipment Committee shall decide no later than the 2026 Mid-Year Meeting whether to confirm full approval of the building specification change or to reject the change and revoke prototype approval,*
 - (vii) *Mark I may continue to be eligible throughout 2026 but shall not be eligible for the Olympic Event or its qualification events,*
 - (viii) *Chubanga's V3 model (from the previous quad) remains eligible for licensing,*
 - (ix) *The Office shall direct the manufacturer to comply with and facilitate the requests and conditions set by the class in their letter.*

2. Status Update

- 2.1 In November 2025, the Equipment Committee approved prototype testing following the Building Specification Change request submitted by Chubanga under Policy D11.
- 2.2 The equipment was approved for use at the Fortaleza Test Event and the Trofeo Princesa Sofia to evaluate its performance under racing conditions.
- 2.3 The Formula Kite Class has submitted its recommendation, along with the documentation listed in Section 3 ("Supporting Documentation"), based on the Equipment Committee's November 2025 recommendation. The Office collected the required supporting documentation and shared it with the Equipment Committee On-Going Business Task Team for review.
- 2.4 Following consultation with the EQ Task Team, the Office will circulate its recommendation

ahead of the Mid-Year Meeting to the Equipment Committee Members.

- 2.5 A final decision will be considered by the Equipment Committee at the Mid-Year Meeting.

3. Supporting documentation

- 3.1 The Office has received and circulated the following documentation from the IKA Formula Kite Class:
- (a) IKA Class approval letter
 - (b) Agreement between the IKA Class and Chubanga regarding distribution and replacement
 - (c) Athletes' reports
- 3.2 In addition, the Office has received the following technical documentation, which has not been circulated but is available on record:
- (a) Updated layup
 - (b) Updated CAD file
 - (c) Production serial numbers
 - (d) Commitment from Class and Manufacturer that 10 Mark II Gliders will be made available to World Sailing to be scanned to update the reference blueprint.
- 3.3 The Office also received a number of submissions through the online form "Equipment Hotline Feedback", which have been circulated accordingly.

4. Recommendation from the Office

- 4.1 Policy D11.2.4 states that: *The Office will make recommendations for the Building Specification Change to the Equipment Committee for final approval*
- 4.2 At the time of writing this paper, the Office is in consultation with the EQ Task Team, to present its recommendation for circulation ahead of the Mid-Year Meeting to the Equipment Committee Members.
- 4.3 The Office notes the following implications: If the building specification change is not approved, competitors will have to rely on the remaining options in the market, estimated 85% to 90% of the fleet will have to change to another brand or the older v3 model from Chubanga.'