

Equipment Committee - August 2026

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Equipment Related Governance Report

The Equipment Related Governance work committed to in the 2026 Work Plan for the Equipment Committee has progressed. In short, we've done what we said we'd do.

The work has been done in two stages.

Stage 1:

At the Mid-Year meeting in May 2026, Equipment Committee considered 7 proposals to change Regulations and Policies. These have progressed through the approval process and have been assigned to Council. It is expected that Council will consider these for approval at their meeting in September 2026.

CO-2026-009	 Proposal-Class rule interpretations.docx
CO-2026-010	 Proposal-Policy D1 revising standards for class constitutions.docx
CO-2026-011	 Proposal-Policy D2 licensed builder system.docx
CO-2026-012	 Proposal-Policy D4 licensed builder systems and changing constitutions.docx
CO-2026-013	 Proposal-Policy D6 correcting broken citations.docx
CO-2026-014	 Proposal-Policy D10 correcting broken citations.docx
CO-2026-015	 Proposal-Regulation 12 fixing dates conflicting with Policy D4.docx

Figure 1: The proposals from stage 1 of the Equipment Related Governance task.

Stage 2:

The task team looking at equipment related governance have considered a further 6 draft amendments to Regulations and Policies.

 Done
 Policy-D11 v2 - Policy for Building Specification Changes of Olympic Equipment.docx
 Policy-D3 v2 - World Championship Rights for WS Classes.docx
 Policy-D8 v5 - Equipment Rules Procedures.docx
 Policy-E4 v5 - Youth World Sailing Championships.docx
 Policy-M1 v5 - Racing Rules Procedures.docx
 Regulation 12.8 - Disputes over dates of international events.docx

Figure 2: The draft amended Regulations and Policies from stage 2 of the Equipment Related Governance task.

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These are:

1. **Policy D11** which is about building specific changes of Olympic equipment. The draft changes include:
 - a. Removing unnecessary preamble.
 - b. Administrative changes to a building specification as an eligible reason to submit a request under this policy.
 - c. Clarification that Building specification changes should align with WS standards and templates.
2. **Policy D3** which delegates authority to the Equipment Committee to approve other events as World Championships for World Sailing Classes.
3. **Policies D8 and M1** which are about equipment rules and racing rule procedures respectively. The draft changes include:
 - a. Clarification that a panel answering Equipment Rules Q&As must only answer questions relevant to those rules.
 - b. Clarification that a panel answering Racing Rule Q&As must only answer questions relevant to those rules.
4. **Policy E4** which is about Youth Sailing World Championships and similar. This was raised through a different path. The concern was about the Events and Equipment being considered under the Regulation 11.5 process for the events under review, and that they should have a strong pathway and clear link to youth sailing. This led to a review of the policy for the Youth Sailing World Championship which found that it allows variations that do not align with the Olympic sailing competition. This is to say, regardless of what happens in accordance with Regulation 11.5, there is already a misalignment between pathway Events and Equipment and the Olympic Sailing Competition. The draft changes include:
 - a. Changes to its heading to refer to other events
 - b. A correction to the name of the event; Youth Sailing World Championship.
 - c. Clarification that the policy principally applies to the Youth Sailing World Championship but also other events. These are such as the Youth Olympic Games and the Commonwealth Youth Games.
 - d. A correction to punctuation.
 - e. A change of terminology from classes to equipment.

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- f. Removal of events that are not directly aligned with the Olympic slate.
 - g. Clarification that the events and equipment must align with the Olympic slate.
 - h. Delegated authority to EC and EQ as appropriate in consideration of the Youth Events Committee's recommendations.
 - i. That changes to the events and equipment can be considered and approved.
5. **Regulation 12.8** which is about approving and resolving disputes over clashes of international events and World Championships. The draft changes include:
- a. Adding World Sailing Class Associations as bodies that need to notify World Sailing of international events and proposed dates.

These will be shared with the chairs of interested committees and converted to draft proposals. It is expected that they will be presented to the Equipment Committee on the agenda for the Annual Conference, at the latest.

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