

Constitutional Amendments

Membership amendments

A submission from the Executive Committee of the iQFOiL International Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To change the membership structure from MNA/NCA to individual – empowering the athletes to have more direct involvement with the decisions that affect them, but still allowing the option for national federations/class associations to continue to be members and be involved in the class.

Proposal

To delete the following:

- ~~3.2 — Full Membership may be granted to World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA) or National Class Association (NCA) who have delegated authority to govern the Class in each respective country.~~
- ~~3.3 — Individual Membership may be granted by the class Executive Committee to individuals coming from a country where a NCA does not exist or MNA is not a member of iQFOiL Class.~~
- ~~3.4 — Only iQFOiL Class Full Members are entitled to vote at General Meetings.~~

To insert and amend the following:

- 1.4 The iQFOiL Class may, upon the vote of its Full **Members through the Delegates** (who have the right to vote as described in Article 6.2), be affiliated to other bodies, or contract other bodies for management/secretarial services as it sees fit.

[...]

- 3.1 The iQFOiL Class is an association of its members.
- 3.2 To be eligible to race in any International iQFOiL regatta – the sailor, individually shall be a member ("**Full Member**") of the Association.
- 3.X Any country may, upon application to the President, be granted membership as a National Class Association or Member National Authority ("**National Member**") provided it satisfies the following requirements of membership to the General Assembly:
 - (a) that it has formed a duly constituted National Class Association, recognised by their country's Member National Authority (MNA), for the development of racing iQFOiL members within the country;
 - (b) that it has a duly elected committee, including such officers as it will determine necessary and requisite, and

(c) that there is no other Association in their country already accredited by the General Assembly.

- 3.X If a National iQFOiL Class Association is not formed in any country then the World Sailing Member National Authority will become the official point of contact for the iQFOiL class in that country.
- 3.X Each application to the President for National Membership shall include a copy of their National Class Association constitution, together with a current list of the members of that National Class Association.
- 3.X Each application shall be accompanied by a membership fee in such amount as shall from time to time be fixed by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

Reason: This is the machinery which enables individual membership as default. This mechanism allows NCAs/MNAs to be part of the association.

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To delete the following:

~~6.2 The General Assembly shall consist of delegates appointed by the iQFOiL Class Full Members. Persons elected to the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee may attend and speak, but shall not vote.~~

To insert the following:

6.2 The General Assembly will consist of the members of the Executive Committee and of one representative delegate of each nation that has registered Full Members with the Association ("**Delegate**"). The Delegate will be nominated by the Full Members of the nation it is representing.

**Reason: This defines who makes up the General Assembly.**

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To insert the following:

6.7.X Only those Delegates as per 6.2 and the members of the Executive Committee will be entitled to vote at a meeting of the General Assembly. The number of votes to be cast by each nation in any ballot in meetings of the General Assembly will be in accordance with the number of iQFOiL Full Members registered with the International Class Association for its country as follows:

- 1 to 10 – 1 vote
- 11 to 50 – 2 votes
- 51+ – 3 votes

Members of the Executive Committee will have one vote each.

Reason: This sets out the weighting for votes based on how many registered members there are in each nation. NB: the Executive Committee have one vote each under this system. The 49er Class Constitution, where this text has directly been lifted from, allows two votes to each EC member, but we have reduced this to one.

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To amend the following:

7.2.2 Candidates for the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee shall be nominated by ~~a Delegate.~~  
~~iQFOiL Class Full Member.~~

7.2.3 Each iQFOiL Class ~~Full Member~~ Delegate may nominate a maximum of two ~~persons~~  
~~candidates.~~

**Reason: Necessary amendment to account for other amendments made above.**

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To amend the following, if Submission 1 has been approved by General Assembly:

- 4.2 The Annual Fees shall be paid each year between 1st January and 28th February and, in any case, before the first Championship of the year where a sailor intends to compete. A National ~~Member Class Association~~ or an Individual Member not having paid the Annual Membership Fee may have their rights and benefits granted by the Constitution suspended following a decision of the Executive Committee. A National ~~Member Class Association~~ or an Individual Member with outstanding fees shall automatically recover their rights and benefits once the Class has received payment of all the Annual Membership Fees due.

Reason: To update wording following changes from Submission 1.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

As above.