



RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADOPTION AND CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

1. ISAF-RSD INTERNATIONAL RECOGNISED AND CLASSIC CLASSES

1.1 Classes which satisfy the respective criteria set out below may be designated as ISAF-RSD International, Recognised or Classic Classes.

A Classic Class may be established for yachts which have a tradition of international competition extending back many decades. While acknowledging the traditional aspects of these classes they are not eligible for designation as an International Class.

1.2 *Obtaining designation as an International, Recognised or Classic Class*

1.2.1 To be designated as an International, Recognised or Classic Class, a class shall be recommended by one or more Division Members and must receive a majority vote of the PC.

1.2.2 In order to be so designated a Class must have:

- (a) an Active Class Association,
- (b) a Constitution passed by a pre-existing Class Association and approved by the Organisation & Policy Committee containing at least:
 - (i) the name of the class,
 - (ii) provision for control by a Class Association,
 - (iii) an elected directing board,
 - (iv) an executive committee, including at least the executive officers,
 - (v) a statement of the objectives of the class.
- (c) a set of Class Rules based on the Equipment Rules of Sailing conforming to the ISAF Standard Class Rules format, or an alternative format, and approved by the Technical Committee,
- (d) demonstrated, either by confirmation from the requisite number of Division Members set out below or a listing of registered boat owners, that it is “actively racing”,
 - (i) in the case of International Classes, in at least 6 Division Members which are from at least 3 continents with at least 50 boats per country and a total of 300 worldwide.
 - (ii) in the case of Recognised Classes, in at least 4 Division Members or at least 3 Division Members which are from 2 continents with at least 30 boats per country and a total of 100 boats worldwide.

(iii) in the case of Classic Classes, in at least 3 Division Members with at least 25 boats per country and 75 boats worldwide.

(e) The requirements of 1.2.1(d) may be waived by the PC when considering a class which serves a unique aspect of sailing. In the case of the Classic Class to be so designated the Class must have previously held either International or Recognised status.

(f) A maximum draught limit restricted to no more than 700 mm.

For the purpose of these regulations "continent" means any one of Europe, North America, South America, Asia, Africa and Oceania.

1.3 **Provisional status**

1.3.1 The PC may grant provisional status to classes seeking International or Recognised Class status. A class which has been granted provisional status by ISAF-RSD shall hold a World Championship in the period between the receipt of a fully documented application for such status and the granting of full International or Recognised Class Status.

1.3.2 Where a World Championship of a Class granted provisional status is held, an ISAF-RSD appointed representative shall be present to assess the class, both in terms of participation and organisation. The expenses of the appointed representative shall be defrayed by the event organisers.

1.3.3 If the election of Class Officers, as required by 1.2.1, has not taken place, it must be done during this World Championship, prior to final ISAF-RSD approval being granted.

1.4 **Regulations on Administering International, Recognised or Classic classes**

1.4 To maintain its ISAF-RSD designation an International, Recognised or Classic Class shall:

1.4.1 Be known as the International, Recognised or Classic XYZ Class and should use the approved ISAF-RSD Classes Logo in all Class publications, advertising or promotions;

1.4.2 Properly administer its affairs and maintain its objectives in accordance with its Constitution, Class Rules, and its Agreement with ISAF-RSD and these Regulations;

1.4.3 Provide ISAF-RSD with up-to-date copies of all Class publications including the Constitution, Class Rules, Measurement forms, Certificates, One Design Specifications and Class Newsletter, if any, and unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, the Class shall be responsible for regular updating and publishing all of the above mentioned publications and ensuring that updated Class Rules are published before any rule amendments come into effect;

1.4.4 Send ISAF-RSD the dates for the next year's major championships (world and continental) by August 1 each year. No alteration in the championship dates are to be allowed after the November ISAF-RSD meeting without the approval of the ISAF-RSD, the host Division Member and the Class Association;

1.4.5 Send the ISAF-RSD a complete annual report on the activities of the Class, success in maintaining its objectives, current membership, boat registration and financial status prior to January each year (Third party ratification may be required to substantiate these

- figures). Failure to file a comprehensive annual report will automatically result in a review of the ISAF-RSD recognition of that class;
- 1.4.6 Not permit the event organisers to amend, suspend or override the Class Rules in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions for Class events without the prior approval of ISAF-RSD;
- 1.4.7 Organise its measurement procedures to properly maintain the objectives of the Class Rules and shall:
- (a) appoint a technical and/or measurement committee,
 - (b) appoint a technical representative who is a member of the class technical/measurement committee and who is authorised to discuss class technical matters with the ISAF-RSD,
 - (c) maintain a register of all class measurers' names and addresses, a copy of which shall be supplied to the ISAF-RSD,
 - (d) require all class measurers to be members of their ISAF Member National Authority measurement network if one exists,
 - (e) keep all class measurers informed of class rule changes and interpretations, and, if practical:
 - (i) have sufficient ISAF-RSD recognised class International Measurers to represent the class regionally,
 - (ii) ensure that at least one class International Measurer attends the ISAF Measurement/Technical Symposiums,
 - (iii) have at least one class International Measurer present at the class World Championship,
 - (iv) organise regular class measurement seminars to train class measurers with the class International Measurers as instructors,
 - (v) authorise only class International Measurers to measure prototypes of moulded production boats.
- 1.4.8 Use its best efforts to ensure that each National Class Association is affiliated to the relevant ISAF-RSD Division Member. Class Associations shall require that individual boat owners shall be members of their National Class Association, if any, before racing.
- 1.4.9 When a licensed builder system is adopted, gain the approval of the ISAF-RSD and the relevant Division Member before appointing licensed builders.
- 1.4.10 Obtain the approval of the Division Member governing the proposed venue of its ensuing World Championship; and
- 1.4.11 Appoint an International Jury for the World Championships unless otherwise agreed with the ISAF-RSD.
- 1.4.12 In the case of the Classic Classes the requirement to host World or Continental Championships may be waived subject to the Class Association making an application to ISAF-RSD. Such applications shall be considered by the PC.

1.5 ***Class Rule Changes***

- 1.5.1 Unless otherwise stated in the agreement between the ISAF-RSD and the International or Recognised Class Association (“the Agreement”), ISAF-RSD shall approve all Class Rule changes in accordance with the following procedures;
- 1.5.2 All rule changes submitted shall have been approved by the International or Recognised Class Association in accordance with its Constitution and Class Rules;
- 1.5.3 Request to change the Class Rules shall be made in accordance with ISAF-RSD Regulation 1, Notices and Submissions. An International or Recognised Class Association making a rule change submission is entitled to two, and should have at least one, representative at the ISAF-RSD meeting at which a rule change concerning the class is discussed. (The Class Association representative should be prepared to answer questions and give additional information concerning the rule change);
- 1.5.4 When a change to the Class Rules is required between ISAF-RSD Meetings, a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman and the relevant Class Secretary of the RSD Technical Committee, and the Technical representative of the Class/Owners Association shall approve the rule change. If in the opinion of the sub-committee the ruling involves a matter of principle or on the request of the Class Association it shall consult all members of the ISAF-RSD Technical Committee, except those having personal involvement, before giving the ruling;
- 1.5.5 When a change has been approved, the ISAF-RSD shall advise the Class Association, International Measurers, licensed builders and the Division Members. A Class shall inform its membership of the approved changes;
- 1.5.6 All amendments to Class Rules shall be effective from 1 March following the decision unless otherwise stated in the class constitution or in the submission.

1.6 ***Class Rule Interpretations***

- 1.6.1 When sanctioned in the Agreement, the class may issue written Rule interpretations following a procedure specified in the class rule and/or constitution to clarify Class Rules but such interpretations changes shall not be used to change an existing rule. The class shall immediately advise ISAF-RSD of any interpretations issued.

1.7 ***Review of International, Recognised and Classic Status***

- 1.7.1 All International, Recognised and Classic Classes shall be subject to regular review by the Organisation & Policy Committee (at least once every three years). Classes granted provisional status also shall be subject to annual review.
- 1.7.2 In the review the Organisation & Policy Committee shall establish whether or not:
 - (a) the International, Recognised or Classic Class Association has fulfilled its Agreement with the ISAF-RSD, properly administered its affairs and maintained the agreed objectives, and whether the original reasons for granting international or recognised status still apply, and either:
 - (b) the class is actively racing pursuant to the relevant requirements of 1.2.1.(d) (The recommended guideline to ‘actively racing’ is considered to be at least the same number of registered boats as required for new classes in that category seeking designated status), or

- (c) is continuing to provide a significant contribution to the development of the sport, ,
and
 - (d) that the Class Rules continue to support the objectives of the class and provide a
framework for the technical control of the class.
- 1.7.3 If a Class fails to meet the above criteria, on the recommendation of the Organisation & Policy Committee, the Class will be reviewed by the PC, and its status as an International, Recognised or Classic Class may be withdrawn.
- 1.7.4 If a Class is to have its status reviewed by the PC, the Class Association shall be notified and entitled to representation in the PC meeting.
- 1.7.5 If International status is withdrawn from a class, it may be granted Classic status but cannot be granted Recognised status.