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ABBREVIATIONS

DNM	Designated National Member of IRSA
IRSA	International Radio Sailing Association
MNA	Member National Authority of WS
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing
WS	World Sailing

DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases have these definitions in this document.

Member	A DNM, an Associate Member, or a Provisional Member.
Party	A competitor, race official, organiser, club, or venue.
<i>rule</i>	As defined in the RRS "Definitions".
will/shall	In this document, the word "will" specifies an intention and "shall" specifies a mandatory action.

NOTE

Unless the context indicates otherwise, where not explicitly stated in this document it is understood that "events" are Radio Sailing events undertaken under the authority of IRSA and/or the IRSA Membership.

INTRODUCTION

Recent international developments have led to the situation where almost all countries where sailing takes place are affiliated to World Sailing and have agreed, as Member National Authorities, that World Sailing is the international authority for sailing throughout the world.

In turn, IRSA is affiliated to World Sailing as the authority for World Radio Sailing, where the Designated National Members of IRSA are World Sailing MNAs or their delegates, and almost every country where radio sailing takes place is affiliated to IRSA.

IRSA understands that there is increasing interest by persons, regardless of affiliation, in supporting, promoting, and entering IRSA events.

POLICY ON INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION

To accompany the IRSA Policy on Eligibility and Prohibited Events, IRSA is pleased to announce its Policy on Inclusion and Participation. This policy is to welcome, support, and reconcile all parties who wish to participate in IRSA events, and to assist event organisers to promote events which conform to the Racing Rules of Sailing.

For a period of two years with effect from 1 January 2018, the Policy on Inclusion and Participation:

1. Requires that an organising authority (conforming to RRS 89.1) and/or a race committee appointed by an organising authority will accept the eligibility and participation of any party to any event run in accordance with the *rules*:
 - (a) without questioning or investigating whether that party may have previously participated in a Prohibited Event, and
 - (b) if it learns of the possibility that a party may have previously participated in a Prohibited Event, to disregard such possibility for the purposes of establishing that party's eligibility or ability to participate.
2. Requires that a party advantaged by this Policy on Inclusion and Participation who or which participates in an event run in accordance with the *rules* shall not thereafter participate in a Prohibited Event.