



International Radio Sailing Association



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Motions being placed before the 2014 General Assembly

8th February 2014

- (1) No motions were received by the General Secretary from the Members by the due date of 25th January 2014.
- (2) The following motion has been submitted by the Executive Committee:
“That the General Assembly approves revisions to the Constitution as set out in paragraph (3) of this document.”

It will be the intention of the Chairman at the General Assembly to group together under one vote as many as possible of the sub-motions below. Any sub-motions subject to amendments notified by the Members prior to the 8th March will be dealt with separately.

The Agenda to be sent out to Members on or before 22nd March 2014 will set out the exact motions to be considered.

- (3) The proposed individual revisions to the constitution follow.

Sub-motion

1 Article 2.2 (iii)

The organisation, licensing and sanctioning of Continental and Regional Championships for IRSA Classes.

Change to

The organisation, licensing and sanctioning of World Championships authorised under ISAF Regulation 25.3, Continental and Regional Championships for all IRSA Classes.

2 Article 2.2 (v)

Delete this sub-article entirely. Incorporated in proposed article 2.2 (iii).

3 Article 3.1

The organisation of the Association shall consist of the Membership, the General Assembly, and the Executive Committee, Committees established by the Executive Committee, the International Class Associations.

Change to

The Association shall consist of the Membership, the Executive Committee, Sub Committees and the Class Associations.

4 Article 5.1

Membership may be granted to an ISAF Member National Authority (MNA) or to a national body delegated by the Member National Authority (DMNA). The Member National Authority has the right to terminate such delegation.

Associate Membership may be granted to any duly constituted International Class Association.

Change to

The membership of IRSA (the Members) shall comprise:

(a) National Members

National Membership may be granted to an ISAF Member National Authority or to a national body representing all forms of Radio Sailing delegated by the Member National Authority. The Member National Authority has the right to terminate such delegation.

(b) Associate Members

Associate Membership may be granted to any duly constituted Class Association having achieved full IRSA Status for their class.

(c) Provisional Members

Provisional Membership may be granted to a Class Association that has not yet achieved full IRSA Status for their class.

5. Article 5.5 (iii)

To prevent improper use or abuse of terms such as World, Continental or International which properly relate to activities recognised by the Association.

Change to

To prevent improper use or abuse of terms such as World, Continental or International which properly relate to activities authorised and recognised by the Association.

6 Article 5.6

Each Member and Associate Member shall pay an annual subscription, in accordance with the subscription group, determined by the Executive Committee. The General Assembly shall set the annual subscriptions. The Executive Committee may waive the annual subscription for any year should they so deem to be expedient. The Executive Committee may increase annual subscriptions by not more than 10 (ten) percent between General Assemblies.

Subscriptions become due on January 1st. New Members and associate Members joining after September 30th shall be entitled to membership to December 31st of the following the year.

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Subscriptions become due on January 1st. New Members joining after September 30th shall be entitled to membership to December 31st of the following year.

The subscription shall be remitted in the currency set by the Executive Committee from time to time, and shall be the net amount free from any bank, conversion and/or transfer charges or costs.

7 Article 6.2

A General Assembly may be participated in by the following:

- Members of the Executive Committee*
- Representatives of ISAF*
- Representatives of each Member*
- Representatives of each International Class Association*
- Observers from each Associate Member.*

The appointed representative of each Member shall be a national or a resident of the country concerned.

The Member shall give written notice of the appointed representative to the General Secretary prior to the appointed time for the start of the General Assembly. The written notice shall be signed by a Senior Officer of the Member.

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- Members of the Executive Committee
- Representatives of ISAF
- A Representative of each National Member
- A Representative of each Associate Member
- An Observer from each Provisional Member.

The appointed representative of each National Member shall be a national or a resident of the country concerned.

The Member shall give written notice of the appointed representative to the General Secretary prior to the appointed time for the start of the General Assembly. The written notice shall be signed by a Senior Officer of the Member.

8 Article 6.3

A General Assembly shall be held at intervals of not less than 78 (seventy eight) weeks and not more than 130 (one hundred thirty) weeks at a time nominated by the Executive Committee.

Change to

A General Assembly shall be held biennially and not later than 30th April at a date nominated by the Executive Committee.

9 Article 6.4 (ii)

Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly.

Change to

Review of the minutes of the last General Assembly, subject to the requirements of Article 6.11.

10 Article 6.4 (v)

To receive the Audited Accounts.

Change to

To receive the Accounts.

11 Article 6.6

Notice of the General Assembly, inviting the submission of motions and nominations for the Executive Committee shall be sent to all Members and International Class Associations 26 (twenty six) weeks prior to the date of the Assembly.

Change to

Notice of the General Assembly, inviting the submission of motions and nominations for the Executive Committee, shall be sent to all Members not later than 20 (twenty) weeks prior to the date of the General Assembly.

12 Article 6.7

Motions for a General Assembly shall be signed by a Senior Officer on behalf of an Member and shall reach the General Secretary not later than 12 (twelve) weeks prior to the General Assembly. All motions shall be sent to all Association Members and International Class Associations within the following 4 (four) weeks.

Change to

Motions for a General Assembly shall be signed by a Senior Officer on behalf of a National Member and shall reach the General Secretary not later than 12 (twelve) weeks prior to the General Assembly. All motions shall be sent to all Members within the following 2 (two) weeks.

13 Article 6.8

Any amendments to the motions shall reach the General Secretary not later than 8 (eight) weeks prior to the General Assembly and shall be included in the Agenda.

Change to

Any amendments to the motions shall reach the General Secretary not later than 6 (six) weeks prior to the General Assembly and shall be included in the Agenda subject to being seconded by another National Member.

14 Article 6.9

The Agenda shall be sent to all Members, the Executive Committee and International Class Associations not later than 6 (six) weeks prior to the General Assembly.

Change to

The Agenda shall be sent to all Members and the Executive Committee not later than 4 (four) weeks prior to the General Assembly.

15 New Article 6.11

The Minutes of the General Assembly shall be sent to all Members within 8 (eight) weeks of the completion of the General Assembly. All National Members shall have a period of 4 (four) weeks to comment or approve the Minutes, which shall be subject to review at the next General Assembly.

16 Existing Article 6.11

Each Member shall be entitled to one vote. Associate Members may only vote on matters directly related to their class.

Decisions of the General Assembly and other meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast except for the amendment of this Constitution (Article 10).

In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the Assembly shall have a casting vote, except in the case of equality of votes relating to elections, which shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

Re-number to 6.12 and Change to

With the exception of the members of the Executive Committee, each National Member shall be entitled to one vote. Associate Members may only vote on matters directly related to their class.

Except for the amendment of this constitution (Article 10), decisions of the General Assembly and other meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast.

Except for votes relating to elections of office bearers, which shall be resolved by the toss of a coin, an equality of votes will result in the status quo remaining.

17 Article 7.1

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers who are:

- (i) *The Chairman*
- (ii) *The Vice - Chairman*
- (iii) *The General Secretary/Treasurer*
- (iv) *The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee*
- (v) *The Chairman of the Technical Committee*
- (vi) *The Chairman of the Organisation and Policy Committee*
- (vii) *The Publicity Officer*
- (ix) *The Regional Officers for Europe, the Americas and Oceania*

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- (i) The Chairman.
- (ii) The Vice Chairman.
- (iii) The General Secretary.
- (iv) The Treasurer (this position may be combined with The General Secretary).
- (v) The Chairman of the Racing Committee.
- (vi) The Chairman of the Technical Committee.
- (vii) The Chairman of the Organisation and Policy Committee.
- (viii) The Publicity Officer.
- (ix) The Regional Officers for Europe, the Americas and Oceania.

18 Article 7.7

There shall be a meeting of the Executive Committee at the conclusion of every General Assembly. The Executive Committee shall also meet at intervals of not less than 35 (thirty-five) weeks and not more than 70 (seventy) weeks and at such other time or times as a meeting may be convened.

The General Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Executive Committee on the instruction of the Chairman or, if requested to do so, by any five members of the Executive Committee.

Change to

There shall be a meeting of the Executive Committee at the conclusion of every General Assembly. There shall be an annual Executive Committee meeting and at such other time or times as a meeting may be convened. Discussion Forums may be ongoing throughout the year but decisions from those Forums shall be ratified at a formal meeting of the Executive Committee.

The General Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Executive Committee on the instruction of the Chairman or, if requested to do so, by any five members of the Executive Committee.

19 Article 7.8

Where the Chairman or in his absence the Vice Chairman, decides that an item of business is urgent he may authorise that such business is conducted by telephone and/or facsimile and/or electronic mail. A time scale for replies shall be set consistent with the urgency of the matter.

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20 Article 7.9

The Executive Committee shall cause proper books of account to be kept for all income and expenditure and all dealings with the assets of the Association and shall receive and circulate to Members and the ISAF, an annual income and expenditure account, together with an auditor's report thereon. The financial year shall end on October 31st . There shall be three authorised signatories for withdrawals from banking accounts, with two to sign at any one time. In the case where there are not three Executive Committee Members from a single country, then the Executive Committee may authorize other personnel from one country to sign on the account providing such expenditure has been approved by the Executive Committee .

Change to

The Executive Committee shall cause proper books of account to be kept for all income and expenditure and all dealings with the assets of the Association and shall receive and circulate to Members, and to ISAF if required, an Annual Statement of Income and Expenditure. The Statement of Account shall be signed by the Treasurer, the Chairman and one of the signatories to an Association bank account. The financial year shall end on December 31st.

Executive Committee approval shall be sought prior to any financial commitment being made.

The Executive Committee shall authorise a minimum of two signatories to operate on Association bank accounts. Payments and withdrawals may be made either by cheque or electronic transfer, with one bank account signatory required to process the transaction.

21 Article 7.10

Five members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum for the conduct of business.

Change to

Five members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum for the conduct of business. In the event that there is no quorum, the meeting should be reconvened within 2 (two) weeks of the original date.

22 Article 7.17

The minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be distributed to all Members, International Class Associations, and the Executive Committee.

Change to

The minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be distributed to all Members and the Executive Committee.

23 Article 8.3a

The Racing Rules Committee, which shall deal with all matters relating to the Racing Rules.

Change to

The Racing Committee, which shall deal with all matters relating to Racing including the Racing Rules.

24 Article 9**9 INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS**

9.1 The government of International, Recognised and Classic Classes recognised by the Association and ISAF may be delegated to an International Class Association. They shall be responsible for implementing the objects and decisions of the Association affecting their classes and may establish national class associations within Member National Authorities where there is no delegated Member National Authority.

9.2 One representative of each International Class Association may participate on behalf of his class at General Assemblies and shall be entitled to vote on technical matters relating to their class.

Change to**9 IRSA INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS**

9.1 The government of IRSA Classes may be delegated to an International Class Association. They shall be responsible for implementing the objects and decisions of the Association as they affect their classes and shall establish National Class Associations directly affiliated to their Member National Authorities where there is no Delegated National Member Authority.

9.2 One representative of each International Class Association may participate on behalf of his class at General Assemblies subject to the requirements of Clause 6.12.