

APPENDIX 2 – ANTI-DOPING CODE

INTRODUCTION

Preface

These Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented in accordance with World Sailing's responsibilities under the *Code*, and in furtherance of World Sailing's continuing efforts to eradicate doping in sport.

These Anti-Doping Rules are sport rules governing the conditions under which sport is played. Aimed at enforcing anti-doping rules in a global and harmonized manner, they are distinct in nature from criminal and civil laws. They are not intended to be subject to or limited by any national requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal or civil proceedings, although they are intended to be applied in a manner which respects the principles of proportionality and human rights. When reviewing the facts and the law of a given case, all courts, arbitral tribunals and other adjudicating bodies should be aware of and respect the distinct nature of these Anti-Doping Rules, which implement the *Code*, and the fact that these rules represent the consensus of a broad spectrum of stakeholders around the world as to what is necessary to protect and ensure fair sport.

As provided in the *Code*, World Sailing shall be responsible for conducting all aspects of *Doping Control*. Any aspect of *Doping Control* or anti-doping *Education* may be delegated by World Sailing to a *Delegated Third Party*, such as the International Testing Agency (ITA), however, World Sailing shall require the *Delegated Third Party* to perform such aspects in compliance with the *Code*, *International Standards*, and these Anti-Doping Rules. World Sailing has delegated its adjudication responsibilities and *Results Management* to the CAS Anti-Doping Division.

When World Sailing has delegated its responsibilities to implement part or all of *Doping Control* to the *Delegated Third Party*, any reference to World Sailing in these *Rules* should be intended as a reference to that *Delegated Third Party*, where applicable and within the context of the aforementioned delegation. World Sailing shall always remain fully responsible for ensuring that any delegated aspects are performed in compliance with the *Code*.

Italicized terms in these Anti-Doping Rules are defined terms in Appendix 1.

Unless otherwise specified, references to Regulations are references to Regulations in these Anti-Doping Rules.

Fundamental Rationale for the *Code* and World Sailing's Anti-Doping Rules

Anti-doping programs are founded on the intrinsic value of sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport": the ethical pursuit of human excellence through the dedicated perfection of each *Athlete's* natural talents.

Anti-doping programs seek to protect the health of *Athletes* and to provide the opportunity for *Athletes* to pursue human excellence without the *Use of Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

Anti-doping programs seek to maintain the integrity of sport in terms of respect for rules, other competitors, fair competition, a level playing field, and the value of clean sport to the world.

The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind. It is the essence of Olympism and is reflected in the values we find in and through sport, including:

- Health

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Radio-controlled boat	One mark to fit within a rectangle measuring 15% of hull length x 150mm	One mark not exceeding 50mm length	One mark to fit within a 50mm diameter circle
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(1) In this table, the word 'boat' does not include windsurfers, kiteboards or radio-controlled boats.

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Radio-controlled boat	40% of hull length	No Advertising	No Advertising	No Advertising
Boat selected by World Sailing as equipment at a future Olympic Sailing Competition	Greater of 1m or 25% of hull length	Not exceeding 20% of the boom length	One flag 750mm x 500mm	Jib - 60% of the sail area, Mainsail – No Advertising, Spinnaker – No Advertising

- (1) In this table, the word 'boat' does not include windsurfers, kiteboards or radio-controlled boats.
- (2) If the boat has no **backstay**, the notice of race may require that the flag is attached to a **shroud**.

When a boat has a bow or forward transom, Advertising shall be allowed on this space in addition to the **hull** area stated in the table above.

Table 2 – Manufacturer’s and Sailmaker’s Marks

Allowed marks - see Regulation 20.7.1

	Hull	Spars and Equipment	Sails and Kites
Boat Type or Size	On each side of the hull , and may include the name or mark of the designer or builder	On each side of spars and on each side of other equipment	On each side of sails and kites
Boat less than 2.5m hull length (1)	One mark to fit within a rectangle measuring 15% of hull length x 150mm	One mark not exceeding 300mm length	One mark to fit within a 150mm x 150mm square. Except on spinnakers, no part of the mark shall be placed farther than the greater of 300mm or 15% of foot length from the tack point
Boat between 2.5m to 20m hull length (1)	One mark to fit within a rectangle measuring 500mm x 150mm		
Boat over 20m hull length (1)	One mark to fit within a rectangle measuring 1000mm x 250mm	One mark not exceeding 500mm length	One mark to fit within a 300mm x 300mm square. Except on spinnakers, no part of the mark shall be placed farther than the greater of 1000mm or 15% of foot length from the tack point
Windsurfer	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction
Kiteboard	No restriction	Not applicable	No restriction

Table 1 - Event Advertising

Allowed Advertising - see Regulation 20.4.1

	Hull	Boom	Backstay and Kite line	Sails and Kites
Boat Type or Size	On each side of the hull , but not aft of the longitudinal distance stated from the foremost point on the hull	On the forward part of each side of the boom (<u>except if Regulation 20.4.1.4 applies</u>)	A flag, attached to a backstay or kite line, fitting in the following rectangle sizes (2)	On each side of the sails
Boat less than 2.5m hull length (1)	40% of hull length	Not exceeding 20% of the boom length	No Advertising	No Advertising (<u>except if Regulation 20.4.1.5 applies</u>)
Boat between 2.5m and 8m hull length (1)	Greater of 1m or 25% of hull length		One flag 750mm x 500mm	
Boat over 8m to 15m hull length (1)	Greater of 2m or 20% of hull length		One flag (or up to two in case of a boat without centreline backstay) 1900mm x 1400mm	
Boat over 15m hull length (1)	Greater of 3m or 15% of hull length		One flag (or up to two in case of a boat without centreline backstay) 2100mm x 1600mm	
Windsurfer	No Advertising	No Advertising	No Advertising	Not exceeding 0.4 sq m, placed between the sail numbers and the boom (wishbone) and aft of the foot median line (may cover the sailmaker's mark)
Kiteboard – non-foiling	Any 25% of the area of the top and bottom surfaces	Not applicable	Up to two flags 150mm x 150mm	No Advertising
Kiteboard – foiling	2 stickers 50cm x 10cm in the aft third of the bottom of the hull	Not applicable	Up to two flags 150mm x 150mm	No Advertising

- (b) the displaying of such sponsor's Advertising is restricted to areas reserved to the Organizing Authority as detailed in Regulation 20.4 and Table 1; and
 - (c) the **boats** are only required to display such sponsor's Advertising at events at which that World Sailing Class or that Recognized System is the Organizing Authority, or at events for which that World Sailing Class or that Recognized System have executed a written agreement with the Organizing Authority permitting the **boats** to display such sponsor's Advertising.
- 20.6.2 The National Class association of an World Sailing Class or the national governing body of a Recognized System shall not, without the prior written consent of respectively the World Sailing Class Association or the international governing body, enter into a sponsorship contract requiring the **boats** to display Advertising.
- 20.6.3 A **boat**, whose Person in Charge has agreed with his own National Authority that such **boat** will display Advertising that would conflict with the sponsor's Advertising under Regulation 20.6.1, shall not be required to display such sponsor's Advertising.
- 20.7 Manufacturer's and Sailmaker's Marks
- 20.7.1 The display of the manufacturer's and sailmaker's marks is permitted at all times as detailed in Table 2 but not on areas detailed in Regulation 20.4 and Table 1 (with the exception of windsurfers where the sailmaker's logos may cover the area detailed in Table 1) and shall not constitute a limitation to the rights to display Advertising as set forth in the Code, in the **class rules** and in the rules of a System.
- 20.7.2 A manufacturer's mark may include the name, logo or other identification marks of the designer or manufacturer of the equipment.
- 20.7.3 A sailmaker's mark may include the name, logo or other identification marks of the sailmaker or of the **sail** cloth manufacturer or the pattern or model of the **sail**.
- 20.8 Fees
- 20.8.1 World Sailing or the National Authority, as appropriate, may charge a fee when granting authorization under Regulation 20.2.3.
- 20.8.2 When a Person in Charge of a **boat** chooses to display Advertising pursuant to Regulation 20.3.2, the National Authority of such Person in Charge, and not any other National Authority, may impose an annual fee for that **boat**.
- 20.8.3 A **boat** shall not be required to pay a fee for displaying Advertising pursuant to this Code except in accordance with this Regulation 20.8.
- 20.9 Protests
- 20.9.1 Protests alleging a breach of this Code shall be governed by Part 5 of the RRS.
- 20.9.2 When, after finding the facts at a protest hearing, the protest committee decides that a **boat** and/or Competitor is in breach of any provision of this Code, it shall:
- (a) warn the Person in Charge of the **boat** or the Competitor; or
 - (b) impose a penalty on the **boat** in the race or the series; or
 - (c) make any other arrangement deemed equitable which may be to impose no penalty.

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- 20.4.1.5 In accordance with the provisions of Table 1 there shall be no Event Advertising on sails except with the agreement of World Sailing for boats which have a low freeboard; in which case Event Advertising is permitted which does not exceed 1/8 of the sail area and which is placed on a sail in a position prescribed in the class rules.
- 20.4.2 When a **boat** or part thereof (e.g. **hull, spar, sails**) is supplied by the Organizing Authority, all Advertising permitted by this Code on the supplied **boat** or part thereof is available to the Organizing Authority.
- 20.4.3 At all World Sailing events and at the World Cup Final events a bib, or its equivalent, shall be worn by the Competitors in accordance with the notice of race and sailing instructions. Advertising displayed on such bib, or its equivalent, is reserved for World Sailing unless previously agreed otherwise with World Sailing in writing.
- 20.4.4 At all windsurfing and kiteboard events other than those indicated in Regulation 20.4.3 a bib, or its equivalent, shall be worn by the Competitors in accordance with the notice of race and sailing instructions. Advertising displayed on such bib, or its equivalent, is reserved for the Organizing Authority.
- 20.5 Class Rules and rules of a System
- 20.5.1 Except as provided for in this Regulation 20.5, the **class rules** and the rules of a System may prohibit or limit the right to display Advertising on the **boat** as set forth in Regulation 20.3. If the **class rules** or the rules of a System do not prohibit or limit the right to display Advertising, it shall be permitted.
- 20.5.2 In case of conflict between the applicable **class rules** and the rules of a System in respect of the right to display Advertising, the more limiting rules shall prevail.
- 20.5.3 The transitional provisions in this Regulation 20.5.3 shall cease to apply after 31st December 2012:
- When the **class rules** or the rules of a System in force on 31st October 2008:
- (a) prohibited the display of Advertising or did not prescribe about Advertising, such rules shall be deemed to prohibit Advertising until they prescribe otherwise in compliance with this Code;
 - (b) prescribed to limit the right to display Advertising, such rules shall be deemed to prescribe the same limitation until they prescribe otherwise in compliance with this Code.
- 20.5.4 The **class rules** of a **boat** selected by World Sailing as equipment at a future Olympic Sailing Competition shall not prohibit or limit in any way the right to display Advertising while Racing except it may limit or prohibit, where applicable, the right to display Advertising on the jib sail.
- 20.5.5 **Class rules** and the rules of a System may permit or require a **boat** to display the national flag and/or the name of the Competitor on the **mainsail** and shall state the size and location for each. Such permission or requirement shall not be deemed to constitute a prohibition or a limitation of the right of the Competitor to display Advertising.
- 20.6 Sponsor's Advertising of World Sailing Classes and Recognized Systems
- 20.6.1 A World Sailing Class and a Recognized System may enter into a contract with a sponsor which will require the **boats** of that World Sailing Class or certified under that Recognized System to display such sponsor's Advertising provided that:
- (a) the relevant Class Association or the governing body of the Recognized System, in accordance with its rules, has previously approved the principle of a sponsorship contract; and

- (e) the America's Cup and all qualifying events for the America's Cup;
and in such cases World Sailing may agree in writing any departure from provisions of the Code on a case by case basis;
- 20.2.3.2 is automatically granted to World Sailing Classes and Recognized Systems, unless subject to Regulation 20.2.3.1;
- 20.2.3.3 shall be subject to prior authorization of the relevant National Authority for all Classes, Systems and events that are within its jurisdiction and not subject to Regulation 20.2.3.1 or 20.2.3.2.
- 20.2.4 Any Advertising and anything advertised shall meet generally accepted moral and ethical standards. Any Advertising which is political, religious, racial or propaganda shall not be displayed on a **boat, personal equipment** or any other object on board a **boat** while Racing. Attention is also drawn to the laws of individual nations which may restrict Advertising within their territory or territorial waters.
- 20.2.5 A Competitor may choose not to display Advertising required under Regulations 20.4 or 20.6 which is for alcohol or tobacco, or which he genuinely objects to for substantive moral, political or religious reasons.
- 20.2.6 Advertising on **sails** shall be clearly separated from national letters and sail numbers and from Class insignia unless it is part thereof.
- 20.2.7 With the exception of Regulations 20.7 and 20.9, this Code shall not apply at events at which the International Olympic Charter applies, either directly (e.g. Olympic Games) or indirectly by reference to it made in the charter of the relevant organization (e.g. Regional Games as provided for in Regulation 25).
- 20.2.8 With the prior written approval of World Sailing and in accordance with such approval, the provisions of this Code, with the exception of Regulations 20.7 and 20.9, may be waived at Regional Games as provided for in Regulation 25.
- 20.3 Competitor's Advertising
 - 20.3.1 Each Competitor, with the agreement of the Person in Charge, may display Advertising on **personal equipment** except that bibs provided by the Organizing Authority shall be worn as detailed in Regulation 20.4.
 - 20.3.2 Subject to any limitations on Advertising in the applicable **class rules** or the rules of the relevant System, Advertising chosen by the Person in Charge may be displayed on a **boat** or part thereof, except on the areas detailed in Regulation 20.4 and Table 1.
- 20.4 Event Advertising
 - 20.4.1 Subject to the provisions of Regulation 20.6, the Organizing Authority may require that **boats** display the Advertising listed in this Regulation 20.4.1, provided that such requirement is stated in the notice of race and that the Organizing Authority provides the **boats** with the needed materials (stickers, flags, etc.):
 - 20.4.1.1 Bow Numbers at all times, and
 - 20.4.1.2 Advertising while Racing in accordance with the provisions of Table 1, and
 - 20.4.1.3 sponsor's flag(s) on the **backstay** or **shroud** at all times in accordance with the provisions of Table 1.
 - 20.4.1.4 Event advertising shall be displayed on the forward part of each side of the **boom** in accordance with Table 1 unless, the Class has prescribed in their class rules that Event Advertising shall instead be displayed on the aft part of each side of the **boom**.

APPENDIX 1 – ADVERTISING CODE

20. WORLD SAILING ADVERTISING CODE

20.1 Definitions

20.1.1 The following definitions shall apply to this World Sailing Advertising Code only:

"Advertising"	a name, logo, slogan, description, depiction, a variation or distortion thereof, or any other form of communication that promotes an organization, person, product, service, brand or idea so as to call attention to it or to persuade persons or organizations to buy, approve or otherwise support it
"Bow Number"	an identifier assigned to a boat by the Organising Authority which shall be displayed on the bow of that boat . It may be a combination of numbers and letters and may include Advertising
"Code"	this Regulation 20 including Table 1 and Table 2
"Competitor"	a person on board a boat while Racing (as defined below), but excluding persons placed on board by the Organizing Authority or by the race committee
"Racing"	the period of time defined in the RRS
"Recognized System"	any System (as defined below) recognized by World Sailing ¹
"Person in Charge"	the person designated in RRS 46
"System"	any handicapping and rating method that provides a correction method to rank unequal boats on the same ranking list

20.1.2 Unless defined above, capitalized words are defined at the start of the Regulations.

20.1.3 A definition in the singular includes the plural, in the masculine gender includes the feminine gender. A term used as defined in *The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)* is printed in **bold** type.

20.2 General

20.2.1 Advertising on a **boat**, **personal equipment** or any other object on board a **boat** shall be displayed in accordance with this Code, the applicable **class rules** and the rules of the relevant System. Advertising that is not specifically permitted under this Code is prohibited.

20.2.2 This Code applies to **boats** and Competitors while Racing and at all other times when so prescribed herein.

20.2.3 The right to display Advertising on a **boat**:

20.2.3.1 shall be subject to prior authorization of World Sailing in the following cases:

- (a) non-World Sailing Classes and non-Recognized Systems with scheduled racing in more than three countries;
- (b) Oceanic events;
- (c) series of events scheduled to take place in more than one country;
- (d) International Events with the same sponsor;

¹As of January 2017, World Sailing recognizes three Systems: ORC International, IRC and ORC Club.

- (a) a selected venue does not enter into a contract with World Sailing by a date specified by the Board;
- (b) a venue withdraws after selection by the Annual General Meeting; or
- (c) otherwise, there is no venue selected following the relevant Annual General Meeting,

then Council shall have the power to select an alternative venue on the recommendation of the Board.

40 TEMPORARY CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

40.1 Due to the postponement of the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition, the following provisions shall apply notwithstanding any other Regulation:

- (a) the Racing Rules Committee and Equipment Committee shall approve the final changes to the revised editions of The Racing Rules of Sailing or The Equipment Rules of Sailing (as appropriate) before the final text is submitted to World Sailing Executive Office;
- (b) the final, fully formatted copies of the revised editions of The Racing Rules of Sailing and The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall be made available by the Executive Office to all Member National Authorities and World Sailing Class Associations no later than 31 July 2020;
- (c) the revised edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing and The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall come into effect worldwide on 1 January 2021. However, if an event begins in 2020 and continues past 31 December, the effective date may be postponed by the notice of race;
- (d) the Chief Executive Officer may authorise, on request, that the class rules of an Olympic Class may continue to be governed by the 2017 – 2020 Equipment Rules of Sailing until 31 December 2021; and
- (e) the terms of office of the Chairman and members of the Athletes' Commission which would have expired in 2020 are extended by one year.

40.2 This Regulation will cease to apply on 1 January 2022.

Hearing and Determination of the Charge

- 36.16 Charge(s) shall be considered by and adjudicated upon by the Ethics Commission. Rules of Procedure published by the Commission shall apply to the conduct, determination and hearing of the charge and, in particular, may authorise a panel of at least three members of the Commission appointed by the Chairman to hear and adjudicate charges on behalf of the Commission (in which case Regulation 8.5.2 does not apply to such panel). Any challenge to the constitution of a panel shall be made in accordance with the time limits and procedure set out in the Rules of Procedure and shall be decided by the Chairman. There shall be no appeal against the decision of the Chairman.
- 36.17 The Ethics Commission may impose penalties set out in the Code following a proven charge of a breach of the Code. The Commission shall publish its decisions unless there is a good reason not to do so.

Appeals against the decisions of the Commission

- 36.18 The Ethics Officer or a Party hereby agree to respect and be bound by the decision of the Ethics Commission, subject only to the right of appeal set out below.
- 36.19 There is a right of appeal from a decision of Ethics Commission to the Judicial Board which shall be heard under Part G of Regulation 35 (except that the Judicial Board shall appoint an Independent Appeal Panel to hear and adjudicate on the appeal).

37 BETTING AND ANTI-CORRUPTION CODE (see Appendix 5)

38 SAFETY REPORTING

- 38.1 Member National Authorities, World Sailing Classes and Rating Systems shall report within 30 days to World Sailing any incident of which they become aware and which:
- (a) occurs at an event using the RRS;
 - (b) which falls within their jurisdiction; and
 - (c) falls within the scope of an incident reporting system established by the Board from time to time.
- 38.2 The bodies listed in Regulation 38.1 shall give all reasonable assistance to World Sailing if it conducts an investigation into an incident.

39 LOCATION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 39.1 The location of the Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting held two years prior to the relevant year (except that the 2016 Annual General Meeting may determine the locations of the 2017 and 2018 Annual Conferences).
- 39.2 The Board shall invite bids from interested venues and shall publish in advance the criteria against which the Board will assess any bids received.
- 39.3 The Executive Office will undertake site visits to such candidate venues as the Board shall determine. The Board will then assess bids against the published criteria and shall recommend up to three eligible bids to the Annual General Meeting. Each bidder may present to the Annual General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting will then vote to decide which bid is successful. The presentation and voting procedure shall be determined by the chairman of the meeting.
- 39.4 All successful bids shall be subject to concluding a suitable contract with World Sailing by a date specified by the Board. In the event that:

- (e) a recording or a transcript of an interview shall be provided to the Party upon request within a reasonable time following its conclusion (at the Party's own cost).
- 36.7 All Parties and World Sailing must take all reasonable measures to assist an Ethics Officer in the collection of evidence. This includes attending interviews under Regulation 36.5. If an Ethics Officer requests the production of evidence from any person that person shall (subject to considerations of legal professional privilege or other legal entitlement) be under an obligation to provide it. Failure to comply with an Ethics Officer's request may be reported as Misconduct under Regulation 35.
- 36.8 Parties shall be determined to be immediately available at the most current postal or email address held by World Sailing or by a National Authority.
- 36.9 Any notice delivered to a Party shall be deemed to have been received by the Party on the date of delivery to such an address recorded in the confirmation of delivery provided by any courier or postal service. Any other method of secure and confidential communication may be used including email and fax but the burden of proving delivery in such circumstances shall rest with the person delivering the document.
- 36.10 Following the investigation, the Ethics Officer shall:
 - (a) take no further action; or
 - (b) issue a warning to any Party in the report, and thereafter take no further action; or
 - (c) charge any Party with a breach of the Code.
- 36.11 The decision of the Ethics Officer shall be communicated to the Party and the complainant at the first reasonable opportunity. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the Chairman of the Ethics Commission.
- 36.12 In the event that the Ethics Officer has decided to take no further action, within seven days of receipt of the decision, the complainant may make a written request to the Chairman of the Ethics Commission that a second Ethics Officer be appointed independently to investigate the complaint. If such a request is made the Chairman may, within 14 days of the request, appoint a second Ethics Officer to investigate and make a decision in accordance with Regulation 36.10. This process may only be applied once in relation to any complaint.

Procedures relating to Charging

- 36.13 If a charge is issued against a Party, as soon as practicable a written notice of the charge shall be provided to the Participant and to the Ethics Commission, which shall:
 - (a) state briefly the nature of the alleged breach;
 - (b) identify the provision(s) of the Code alleged to have been breached; and
 - (c) provide copies of documents or other material referred to in the charge.
- 36.14 A single charge may be issued against a Party in respect of more than one breach, but the charge shall state separately the nature of each alleged breach and the provision(s) alleged to have been breached and shall have effect as separate charges.
- 36.15 Where the subject matter of or facts relating to a charge or charges against one or more Party(s) are sufficiently linked (including, but not limited to, where a breach is alleged to have been committed at the same time or place or where there is common evidence), the Ethics Officer may consolidate the proceedings so that they are conducted together and determined at a joint hearing, subject to the Ethics Commission appointed deciding upon some alternative procedure.

SECTION 4 - OTHER**35 MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE (see Appendix 6)****36 ETHICS*****Establishing and amending the Code of Ethics***

- 36.1 There shall be a body of rules concerning the ethical behaviour and standards known as the World Sailing Code of Ethics ("the Code").
- 36.2 World Sailing and each of its members, any candidate for election to a World Sailing office or MNA office, members of its Council and its Committees, Commissions and working parties, World Sailing Race Officials, or any person, official or body subject to the World Sailing Constitution or World Sailing Regulations, all other World Sailing Representatives, Organising Committees of any World Sailing events and World Sailing Classes ("Parties") shall be bound by, respect and comply with the World Sailing Code of Ethics.
- 36.3 The Code shall be adopted by Council from time to time.

Complaints under the Code

- 36.4 Any complaint, allegation or report that a breach of the Code has been or may have been committed by a Party (a "Complaint") shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, who shall refer it to an Ethics Officer. Any Complaint received prior to 19 May 2019 which has already been referred to the Ethics Commission shall be governed by the Regulations in force immediately prior to that date (unless the Parties to the Complaint agree otherwise with the approval of the Commission).
- 36.5 An Ethics Officer is an official appointed by the Ethics Commission who is responsible for one or more of the following:
- (a) the investigation of Complaints;
 - (b) any decision to charge a Party with a breach of the Code;
 - (c) the prosecution of such cases before the Ethics Commission;
 - (d) any decision to appeal a decision of the Ethics Commission; and
 - (e) the prosecution of such appeals before an Independent Appeal Panel.
- An Ethics Officer cannot be a World Sailing committee or commission member, World Sailing employee, World Sailing officer or World Sailing Race Official or Judicial Board member.
- 36.6 An Ethics Officer shall have the right to conduct interviews with any Party in furtherance of investigation of the Complaint (or any potential breach of the Code of Ethics brought to his attention during the investigation) subject as follows:
- (a) the date and time of interviews shall be determined by the Ethics Officer with reasonable allowances made for the Party's commitments and schedules;
 - (b) the Party has the right to be accompanied to an interview (including by counsel at his own cost);
 - (c) interviews will be recorded and recorded interviews shall be used for transcription and evidentiary purposes and thereafter will be retained by World Sailing for a minimum of 3 years in a secure place;
 - (d) the Party has the right to request an interpreter (the interpreter shall be arranged by the Participant and provided at his own cost); and

- 33.7 If part of a country such as an associated state, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence and becomes a new country or is incorporated into or is associated with another country, and if that country becomes the territory of a Member National Authority, the designation of a World Sailing Race Official who acquires a new nationality as a result shall be changed to the new country. If the country does not become the territory of a Member National Authority, the World Sailing Race Official shall cease to be such unless he qualifies under Regulation 33.4(a), in which case the requirement as to notice shall be waived.
- 33.8 In all cases not expressly addressed in this regulation, the Board may make such designation as it considers the fairest in all the circumstances having considered any recommendations made by the Race Officials Committee.
- 33.9 A World Sailing Race Official may appeal to the Judicial Board against any decision of and in respect of any unreasonable delay by World Sailing or by a Member National Authority in which case the Race Officials Committee shall be a party to the appeal. If the Judicial Board considers that the appeal is justified, it shall refer the matter to the Board which shall act in accordance with Regulation 33.8.
- 33.10 The designated Member National Authority of each race official shall be printed in the World Sailing Yearbook.

34. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 34.1 A conflict of interest exists when a World Sailing Race Official has, or reasonably appears to have, a personal or financial interest which could affect the official's ability to be impartial.
- 34.2 When a World Sailing Race Official is invited to serve at a regatta he/she shall consult the "Race Officials Committee Guidelines for Assessing a Conflict of Interest for Race Officials" as published on the World Sailing website and act in accordance with these guidelines, which may be to decline the invitation.
- 34.3 When the World Sailing Race Official has any doubt, on the action to take he/she shall promptly consult World Sailing, prior to accepting the invitation and be bound by its decision.
- 34.4 When, at an event, a World Sailing Race Official becomes aware of a conflict of interest, the official he/she shall disclose the potential conflict to the International Jury which shall take appropriate action in accordance with the "Race Officials Committee Guidelines for Assessing a Conflict of Interest for Race Officials" as published on the World Sailing website.
- 34.5 All World Sailing Race Officials appointed to the events listed in Regulations 25.8.10 and 25.8.11 shall declare any conflict of interest to the Chief Executive Officer and update their declaration when relevant. A conflict of interest declaration from a race official shall include the information necessary to assess in accordance with the "Race Officials Committee Guidelines for Assessing A Conflict of Interest for Race Officials" whether the race official in question has a conflict of interest in relation to a specific event.
- 34.6 The Race Officials Committee shall develop and maintain a register of conflict of interest declarations from World Sailing Race Officials. The information, contents and administration of the register shall be described by the Race Officials Committee, approved by the Board and be published on the World Sailing website.

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- 32.10 When a decision is made under this Regulation, the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee shall report it to the Board.
- 32.11 If the recommendation is that the appointment be terminated, the matter shall be referred to the Board which shall be the only body with authority to terminate an appointment. The Board may also direct that the Race Official concerned is ineligible to be appointed as an World Sailing Race Official for such period of time as it thinks fit.
- 32.12 A Race Official may appeal against any sanction imposed under Regulation 32, except a report to the Chief Executive Officer under Regulation 35, to the World Sailing Judicial Board. Any appeal must be lodged in writing with the Chief Executive Officer within thirty days of being notified of a written decision under this Regulation. Appeals to the Judicial Board shall be governed by its rules of procedure. Until the determination of any appeal, the decision made under this Regulation shall remain in force.
- 32.13 The submitter of a report shall be informed of the actions taken by World Sailing, unless the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee decides that this is inappropriate. After a decision has become final, it shall be published by the Chief Executive Officer, unless the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee decides that this inappropriate to do so.

33. DESIGNATED NATIONALITY OF WORLD SAILING RACE OFFICIALS

- 33.1 This regulation applies to all World Sailing Race Officials.
- 33.2 The designated Member National Authority of a World Sailing Race Official shall be that of the country of his nationality unless provided otherwise in this regulation. If that country is not within the territory of a Member National Authority he shall not be entitled to be appointed as a World Sailing Race Official.
- 33.3 If a World Sailing Race Official is appointed as a World Sailing Race Official in more than one discipline, his designated Member National Authority shall be the same for each appointment at all times.
- 33.4 On first application:
- (a) a candidate who is a national of two or more countries; or
 - (b) a candidate who has been ordinarily resident in a country other than that of his nationality for three or more years; or
 - (c) a candidate who has been ordinarily resident for three or more years in a part of a country where that part is represented by a different Member National Authority to the rest of that country shall specify the Member National Authority which he wishes to be his designated Member National Authority.
- 33.5 A World Sailing Race Official may apply to change his designation in the same circumstances as those specified in Regulation 33.4. However if he intends to change on the ground set out in Regulation 33.4(a) he shall give to World Sailing three years' notice in writing; if he intends to change on the ground set out in Regulation 33.4(b) or (c) he shall give to World Sailing one year's notice in writing which may be given before the expiration of the required three years of ordinary residence.
- 33.6 World Sailing Race Officials shall comply with the requirements of their designated Member National Authority. A World Sailing Race Official who elects to change his designated Member National Authority shall comply with the requirements for World Sailing Race Officials of the new Member National Authority and shall attach to his application the written consent of the Member National Authority. However such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed by the Member National Authority.

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conduct clearly below the level required for appointment as an World Sailing Race Official in the relevant discipline.

- (c) Category C: A significant report which is considered to allege inadequate conduct or competence so serious that it requires urgent action, which may include immediate suspension of the World Sailing Race Official concerned while the report is being investigated.
- 32.4 Where a report is categorized as Category A, no further action shall be taken.
- 32.5 Where a report or complaint is categorized as Category B, the World Sailing Race Official concerned shall receive an allegation based on the report. The Race Official can either accept the allegation or request an investigation. If the Race Official accepts the allegation, the Chairmen of the Race Officials Committee and all its Sub-committees shall make a decision in accordance with Regulation 32.9. If the Race Official requests an investigation, formal action by World Sailing shall be taken.
- 32.6 Where a report is categorized as Category C, formal action by World Sailing shall be taken. The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and a Vice President may suspend the Race Official pending the formal action.
- 32.7 Where formal action is to be taken, the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee shall appoint a panel of three people to investigate the report. The panel shall include two members who will be members of the Race Officials Committee or its sub-committees and may include one member of other World Sailing committees, sub-committees, commissions or the Judicial Board, if appropriate.
- 32.8 The panel shall investigate the report and make a recommendation in accordance with Regulation 32.9. The panel may extend or vary the allegations based on information discovered during the investigation. The Race Official concerned shall be informed of the investigation at its inception and be supplied with the report and all relevant documents. He shall be entitled to answer the initial and any extended or varied allegations in writing within a reasonable time set by the panel. If sanctions are recommended they shall be specified. The Chairmen of the Race Officials Committee and all its Sub-committees shall review the recommendation and decide either to confirm it or that the sanction to be imposed shall be less than that recommended.
- 32.9 Recommendations and decisions under this Regulation may be that no further action is taken, that sanctions shall be imposed or that a report shall be made to the Chief Executive Officer under Regulation 35. The following are examples of sanctions that may be imposed:
- (a) a formal warning shall be given;
 - (b) a reprimand shall be given;
 - (c) the World Sailing Race Official shall not be appointed to or approved for events of a specified grade or type;
 - (d) the World Sailing Race Official shall be supervised when attending an event;
 - (e) the World Sailing Race Official shall attend a seminar before attending a further event;
 - (f) the World Sailing Race Official shall be re-assessed in his discipline, if assessment is a requirement before appointment in that discipline;
 - (g) the World Sailing Race Official shall take a test in the discipline concerned;
 - (h) the World Sailing Race Official shall be suspended from his appointment for a specified period of time followed by a re-evaluation prior to reinstatement or termination of appointment; or
 - (i) the appointment of the World Sailing Race Official shall be terminated.

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- 31.14.1 If a candidate for first appointment due to special circumstances (which cannot be medical in nature) does not meet the requirements for principal events, the Race Officials Committee may appoint the candidate for a full four year term.
- 31.14.2 If a candidate for re-appointment due to medical or other special circumstances does not meet all the requirements, the Race Officials Committee may:
- (a) re-appoint the candidate for a full four year term ; or
 - (b) extend the existing appointment for 12 months.
- 31.14.3 The Race Officials Committee may publish guidelines for the application of these exceptions, which may include applying them to groups of race officials.
- 31.15 A World Sailing Race Official whose appointment has ended within the last 12 months may re-apply and be considered as a candidate for re-appointment (that is having to meet the requirements for re-appointment and not first appointment). After 12 months, the Race Official must apply as a candidate for first appointment.
- 31.16 While appointed, an International Measurer shall not be employed by, nor act as a consultant to or regular official measurer at, a builder for his associated classes or Rating Systems.

Grouping

- 31.17 The Race Officials Committee may develop and implement processes for the grouping of World Sailing Race Officials. The procedure for such processes shall be approved by the Board and shall be published on the World Sailing website.

Termination of Appointment and Appeals

- 31.18 A candidate for appointment or a World Sailing Race Official may appeal against the decision of the Race Officials Committee regarding his application or termination of an appointment. There is no right of appeal against results of examinations, assessments or references.
- 31.19 Appeals shall be decided by the Judicial Board under its rules of procedure.

32. RACE OFFICIALS PERFORMANCE

- 32.1 World Sailing shall use the following procedure when it receives a report alleging inadequate conduct or competence of a World Sailing Race Official.
- 32.2 To be considered under this Regulation, a report shall be in writing, and the submitter of the report shall accept that his identity is disclosed to the World Sailing Race Official concerned. A report may be submitted by a race official, competitor, technical delegate, Member National Authority or authorized member of the organizing authority or class association. However, the Chief Executive Officer may in his discretion decide that a report from another source is to be considered under this Regulation.
- 32.3 When World Sailing receives a report alleging inadequate conduct or competence of a World Sailing Race Official, it shall be considered by the Chief Executive Officer and if it needs further action it shall be referred to the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and a Vice President who shall place it in one of the following three categories:
- (a) Category A: An insignificant report which is considered not to disclose any inadequate conduct or competence of the World Sailing Race Official concerned.
 - (b) Category B: A significant report which is considered to allege inadequate conduct or competence of the World Sailing Race Official concerned. A report will be categorized as Category B if it describes a level of competence or

- 31.8 A candidate for first appointment shall be endorsed by his Member National Authority no later than the deadline for application. However, the Race Officials Committee may waive this requirement if the endorsement is unreasonably withheld or delayed by the Member National Authority. The candidate shall request any waiver within fourteen days of being notified that there is, or will be, no endorsement and shall provide the Committee with all relevant documentation.
- 31.9 World Sailing shall inform a Member National Authority of all applications for re-appointment received from its World Sailing Race Officials.
- 31.10 By applying for appointment or participating in a World Sailing activity required for appointment, a candidate or World Sailing Race Official agrees that, if aggrieved, he will resort only to the remedies referred to in these Regulations, and whether those remedies are exhausted or not, shall not resort to any court or other tribunal.
- 31.11 Where a candidate is required to have served at an event outside of his Group or Member National Authority the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) if the event is the Olympic Sailing Competition or an event listed in Regulation 25.8.10, it will qualify as such an event even if it has taken place inside his Group or Member National Authority; and
 - (b) if the candidate is from Groups A - H, the event shall be outside his Group, and if the candidate is from Groups I - Q, the event shall be outside his Member National Authority.

Appointments

- 31.12 The Race Officials Committee shall decide whether to appoint a World Sailing Race Official after considering the recommendations of the following committee, sub-committee or working party that is responsible for the discipline concerned:
- (a) the Para Sailing Committee for International Classifiers;
 - (b) the Board or Regional Games Sub-committee (as appropriate) for International Technical Delegates;
 - (c) the World Sailing Classes Committee for International Expression Judges;
 - (d) the International Judges Sub-committee for International Judges;
 - (e) the International Measurers Sub-committee for International Measurers;
 - (f) the International Umpires Sub-committee for International Umpires; and
 - (g) the Race Management Sub-committee for International Race Officers.
- 31.13 When a committee, sub-committee or working party makes a recommendation on an application, and the Race Officials Committee makes a decision on it, each shall consider the following:
- (a) whether the candidate has complied with the general and additional requirements for the discipline;
 - (b) any comments received by means of regatta report forms;
 - (c) any other reports on the candidate's performance held by the Executive Office;
 - (d) the candidate's relevant experience in other disciplines; and
 - (e) any other information as it may consider relevant.
- 31.14 If a candidate does not meet all the requirements for appointment, the following provisions shall apply:

SECTION 3 - OFFICIALS**31. WORLD SAILING RACE OFFICIALS ADMINISTRATION**

31.1 The provisions of this Regulation affect all World Sailing Race Officials, who consist of:

- (a) International Classifiers
- (b) International Expression Judges
- (c) International Judges
- (d) International Measurers
- (e) International Race Officers
- (f) International Technical Delegates
- (g) International Umpires

31.2 For the purposes of this Regulation, including any supporting documentation, references to “principal events” shall mean those events described generally or designated as principal events by the Race Officials Committee and published on the World Sailing website. This Regulation shall not require World Sailing to list each individual event.

31.3 A candidate who

- (a) attends a World Sailing race official seminar,
- (b) takes a World Sailing examination, or
- (c) participates in any other World Sailing activity required for appointment

agrees to be bound by the provisions of the World Sailing Regulations for a period of four years. Notice of this fact shall be given to the candidate in advance. For the purposes of Regulations 32, 34 and 35 they will be considered as WS Race Officials during that period.

Term of Appointment

31.4 The term of appointment for a World Sailing Race Official shall begin on the date of appointment by the Race Officials Committee and shall last until 31 December four years later.

31.5 World Sailing shall publish lists of World Sailing Race Officials and their designated Member National Authority in the World Sailing Yearbook.

31.6 If the Race Officials Committee defers consideration of an application, the four year term shall be calculated with reference to the date of the Race Officials Committee meeting at which the application was first considered.

Applications for Appointment and Re-appointment

31.7 A candidate for appointment shall:

- (a) meet the general qualifications for appointment as a World Sailing Race Official and the discipline-specific qualifications as published by World Sailing by 1 February each year; and
- (b) send an application on the official form so that it is received by the Executive Office by 1 September (for applications for re-appointment the Race Officials Committee may extend this deadline for up to two weeks if there is a good reason to do so).

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Interpretations to the Special Regulations by World Sailing shall be made only by the Chairman of the Special Regulations Sub-committee after consultation with Chairman of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and such other members of the Sub-committee as they believe appropriate. At the next meeting following such interpretation, the same shall be reviewed by the Sub-committee and the Sub-committee shall consider whether any amendment to the Special Regulations is necessary or desirable to add clarity. The Sub-committee may also recommend revocation of any such interpretation.

reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee or a member of the committee designated by the Chairman.

30. SPECIAL REGULATIONS ADMINISTRATION

30.1 Adoption and changes to Special Regulations

- 30.1.1 The ORC are the original authors of the Special Regulations and have licensed World Sailing to administer the same. The Special Regulations Sub-committee is responsible for advising on and making recommendations regarding the Special Regulations and all related subjects to which such regulations are concerned. Special Regulations shall be adopted or changed only by the Oceanic and Offshore Committee (on behalf of the Council) after considering recommendations from the Special Regulations Sub-committee.
- 30.1.2 In exception to Regulation 30.2.1 any change of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective on any designated date by 75% of the responding votes of both the Special Regulations Sub-committee and the Oceanic and Offshore Committee.
- 30.1.3 Further in exception to Regulations 30.1.1 and 30.2.1 the Chairmen of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and Special Regulations Sub-committee may together approve exceptions to Special Regulations for special international events in exceptional and particular circumstances. The Executive Office shall report the action taken under this regulation at the time to the Oceanic and Offshore Committee and shall circulate details to Member National Authorities.

30.2 Procedure for Changing Special Regulations

- 30.2.1 Changes in the Special Regulations shall take effect only once every two years on 1 January of an even year, except as provided in Regulation 30.1.2.
- 30.2.2 Proposals for changes and formal submissions may be made by any member of the Special Regulations Sub-Committee, any member of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee (through the Chairman of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee), International or Recognized Rating Systems or any Member National Authority. Submissions and proposals should be lodged with the Executive Office at least six weeks before any meeting of the Special Regulations Sub-Committee, and shall then immediately be distributed to members thereof who shall, by e-mail and any other means that the Chairman thereof deems appropriate, convene working parties to consider the various proposals and submissions.
- 30.2.3 The Special Regulations Sub-committee shall at its meeting determine those submissions which it proposes to recommend to the Oceanic and Offshore Committee for approval together with the relevant date upon which such change shall become part of the Regulations. It shall further determine those proposed submissions which it recommends for rejection. The Sub-committee shall defer any submissions which either require amendment (unless of a minor nature) or further review and refer them to a working party either of the whole committee or such other working party as it determines, which shall report to the Oceanic and Offshore Committee with its recommendation within four months of the meeting at which such submission was deferred.
- 30.2.4 Those making proposals for discussion and submissions should, unless the change is of a minor nature, submit either an explanation or a paper giving the background and the necessity for such change. Where there are two or more proposals or submissions of a similar nature, the authors thereof shall be immediately advised thereof and be invited to co-ordinate with a view to agreeing a common submission or proposal prior to the next meeting of the Sub-committee.

30.3 Interpretations to the Special Regulations

with changes from the previous edition clearly identified for translators, shall be made available by the Executive Office to all Member National Authorities and World Sailing Class Associations by 30 June of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.

- 29.2.5 The new edition of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* shall come into effect worldwide on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. However, if an event begins in the year of the Olympic Sailing Competition and continues past 31 December, the effective date may be postponed by the notice of race and sailing instructions.

Interpretations of the Equipment Rules of Sailing

- 29.3 Interpretations of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* by World Sailing shall be made only through publication of cases in *The ERS Case Book*. The cases are authoritative interpretations and explanations of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing*.
- 29.3.1 The Equipment Rules Sub-committee shall study cases submitted in accordance with Regulation 15 and shall recommend to Council those that it approves for publication in *The ERS Case Book*. Any such recommendation shall be made through the Chairman of the Equipment Committee.
- 29.3.2 Submissions or proposals for cases in English and including any necessary diagrams, shall be received at the Executive Office before the deadline in Regulation 15.6. If a submission or proposal duplicates a published case, the submission or proposal shall state why the proposed case is preferable.
- 29.3.3 The following are guidelines for publishing cases in *The ERS Case Book*:
- (a) A case shall significantly clarify an important meaning of a rule or increase the understanding of a complex rule.
 - (b) A case shall not duplicate one already published. When a case is an improvement on an existing case it shall be included and the existing case deleted.
- 29.3.4 Where practical all interpretations shall be considered as possible changes to the ERS-
- 29.3.5 The Equipment Rules of Sailing Question and Answer Panel shall answer questions on the Equipment Rules of Sailing that are submitted to it by a class, a rating rule, a World Sailing Race Official, or a Member National Authority. The procedure that the panel will follow when answering such questions and the Questions and Answers that the panel decides to publish shall be posted on the Equipment Rules of Sailing Question and Answer Service page on the World Sailing website, and a link to that page shall appear on both the Equipment Rules, World Sailing Classes, Ratings and Handicap and the Race Officials pages. Questions and Answers published during a four-year rulebook cycle will normally be removed from the website no later than 1 January in the year in which a revised rulebook is published. The panel may propose that a published Question and Answer be added to *The ERS Case Book*.
- 29.3.6 Answers to questions provided by the Equipment Rules of Sailing Question and Answer Panel published on the World Sailing website are not authoritative interpretations and explanations of the Equipment Rules of Sailing. However, they are the carefully considered opinions of an experienced panel whose members have a thorough knowledge of the Equipment Rules of Sailing and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.

Approval of Interpretations of the Equipment Rules

- 29.4 Except for the publication of *The ERS Case Book*, World Sailing shall not issue an authoritative interpretation or explanation of the Equipment Rules unless it is first

first reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee or a member of the committee designated by the Chairman.

Appeals to World Sailing

- 28.5 Except as expressly permitted by the Regulations, World Sailing shall not accept or decide an appeal concerning the Racing Rules from a decision of a Member National Authority.

Introductory Rules for Racing

- 28.6 The Racing Rules Committee is responsible for the formulation and revision of the Introductory Rules for Racing. The Introductory Rules for Racing are a simplified set of rules intended for use when training people new to racing.

29. EQUIPMENT RULES ADMINISTRATION

Adoption and Changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing

- 29.1 In addition to Regulation 29.1.1 to 29.1.2, the Equipment Committee is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Council regarding *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* (ERS) and the various related subjects with which the ERS are concerned, which include but are not limited to certification control, certification and equipment inspection including sailing instructions concerning equipment inspection, and rules observance.
- 29.1.1 The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall be adopted or changed only by the Equipment Committee or by Council acting in accordance Regulation 29.2. Changes to the ERS shall be put into effect only every four years, effective as of 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. Regulation 29.1.2 contains exceptions to this policy.
- 29.1.2 In exception to Regulation 29.1.1, any change to the Equipment Rules of Sailing of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective for any designated date by a 75% vote cast in favour of the change by the Equipment Committee and with the approval of the Board. The Executive Office shall promptly report any action taken under this regulation to all Member National Authorities

Procedure for changing the Equipment Rules of Sailing

- 29.2 Subject to Regulation 29.1, a revised edition of the *The Equipment Rules of Sailing* shall be published every four years, to take effect on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.
- 29.2.1 Under Regulations 6.5 and 29.1.1, the Equipment Committee is authorised to approve and change the Equipment Rules of Sailing on behalf of Council unless:
- (a) Regulation 29.1.2 applies;
 - (b) a decision of the Committee to change the ERS is referred to Council by the Board, a committee chairman, commission chairman or a member of Council. Any such referral shall be notified to the President in writing no later than the start of the Council meeting at the Annual Conference, or within 7 days of the decision being published (whichever is the earlier). All decisions of the Committee shall be promptly reported to Council.
- 29.2.2 Proposals for changes to the Equipment Rules of Sailing shall be made by submission in accordance with Regulation 15. i
- 29.2.3 The Equipment Committee shall approve the final Equipment Rules of Sailing changes by 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.
- 29.2.4 A final, fully formatted copy of the revised edition of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing*,

Interpretations of the Racing Rules

- 28.3 Except when Regulation 28.4 applies, interpretations of the Racing Rules by World Sailing shall be made only through publication of cases in *The Case Book* or *The Call Books*. The cases are authoritative interpretations and explanations of the rules. The calls are authoritative interpretations and explanations of the rules for the relevant discipline.
- 28.3.1 The Racing Rules Committee shall decide submissions for Cases and Calls. Such decisions may be referred to Council as provided for in Regulation 28.2.1(b).
- 28.3.2 Submissions or proposals for cases and calls, in English and including any necessary diagrams, shall be received at the Executive Office before the deadline in Regulation 15.6. If a submission or proposal duplicates a published case or call, the submission or proposal shall state why the proposed case or call is preferable.
- 28.3.3 The following are guidelines for publishing cases in *The Case Book*:
- (a) a case shall significantly clarify an important meaning of a rule or increase the understanding of a complex rule;
 - (b) a case shall not duplicate one already published. When a case is an improvement on an existing case it shall be included and the existing case deleted.
- 28.3.4 The following are guidelines for publishing calls in *The Call Books*:
- (a) a call shall illustrate the application of the rules or procedures, including the rules in any relevant appendix or additional rules, in a situation regularly occurring in that discipline;
 - (b) a rule interpretation in a call shall be consistent with any cases that interpret the same rule;
 - (c) A call shall not duplicate one already published. When a call is an improvement on an existing call it shall be included and the existing call deleted.
- 28.3.5 Following publication of a new edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Racing Rules Committee shall promptly review and revise all related documents (including *The Case Book* and *The Call Books*).
- 28.3.6 The Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel shall answer questions on the Racing Rules or race official procedures that are submitted to it by a World Sailing Race Official, a World Sailing Class Association or a Member National Authority. The Panel may decide an answer should be published. Questions and Answers published during a four-year rulebook cycle will normally be valid until 1 January in the year in which a revised rulebook is published.
- 28.3.7 Answers to questions provided by the Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel published on the World Sailing website are not authoritative interpretations and explanations of the Racing Rules. However, they are the carefully considered opinions of an experienced panel whose members have a thorough knowledge of the Racing Rules and extensive experience as competitors or as race officials.
- 28.3.8 The Racing Rules Committee shall review proposed rapid response calls from any World Sailing International Umpire or a Racing Rules Committee working party. The chief umpire or protest committee chairman at an event shall report new event calls published during the event to World Sailing.

Approval of Interpretations of the Racing Rules

- 28.4 Except for the publication of the World Sailing case and call books, World Sailing shall not issue an authoritative interpretation or explanation of the Racing Rules unless it is

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the Board. The Executive Office shall promptly report any action taken under this Regulation to all Member National Authorities.

- 28.1.3 In exception to Regulation 28.1.1, the Board, after consulting with the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee, may, under RRS 86.2, approve changes to the Racing Rules for a specific international event, provided such changes are of clear necessity or pressing importance, or to develop or test proposal rules.
- 28.1.4 In exception to Regulations 28.1 and 28.2, the Council may, at any time and without consulting with the Racing Rules Committee, change the Regulations which are incorporated by reference into the Racing Rules (the Codes).
- 28.1.5 In exception to Regulation 28.1.1, the Racing Rules Committee may, at any time, for specific events or categories of event, approve or change:
 - (a) appendices that are not published in the RRS; or
 - (b) test rules.

Procedure for Changing the Racing Rules

- 28.2 Subject to Regulation 28.1, a revised edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be published every four years, to take effect on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.
- 28.2.1 Under Regulations 6.1.1 and 28.11, the Racing Rules Committee is authorised to approve and change *The Racing Rules of Sailing* on behalf of Council unless:
 - (a) Regulations 28.1.2, 28.1.3, 28.1.4 or 28.1.5 apply; or
 - (b) a decision of the Committee to change the RRS is referred to Council by the Board, a committee chairman, a chairman of a commission or a member of Council. Any such referral shall be notified to the President in writing no later than the start of the Council meeting at the Annual Conference, or within 7 days of the decision being published (whichever is the earlier).All decisions of the Committee shall be reported promptly to Council.
- 28.2.2 Proposals for changes to the RRS shall be made by submission in accordance with Regulation 15.
- 28.2.3 Only submissions and proposals considered by the Racing Rules Committee no later than its meeting in the year prior to the Olympic Sailing Competition may be accepted for the next edition of the RRS (unless Regulation 28.1.2 applies). However, previously accepted submissions or proposals may be edited, and appendices may be revised for consistency until 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.
- 28.2.4 The Racing Rules Committee shall approve the final RRS changes by 1 May of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.
- 28.2.5 A final, fully formatted copy of the revised edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, with changes from the previous edition clearly identified for translators, shall be made available by the Executive Office to all Member National Authorities and World Sailing Class Associations by 30 June of the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held.
- 28.2.6 The Racing Rules in the new edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall come into effect worldwide on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. However, if an event begins in the year of the Olympic Sailing Competition and continues past 31 December, the effective date may be postponed by the notice of race and sailing instructions.

The ranking position of women and/or youth skippers on the World Sailing Women's Ranking List or Youth Ranking List shall be used for Open events when determining Skipper Points for the event.

(e) Grade - WC Open and Women

Meets all the criteria for an World Sailing World Championship and particularly the World Sailing Match Racing World Championship.

(f) Grade – World Sailing Nations Cup Open and Women

Meets the criteria for the World Sailing Nations Cup Regional or Grand Final. Regional Finals will score points equivalent to a Grade 2 event. Grand Finals will score points equivalent to a Grade 1 event.

(g) Requirement for an international jury

For match racing events where an international jury is required, World Sailing may in special circumstances waive this requirement by authorizing a protest committee for the event. An organizing authority may apply to World Sailing for such authorization at the same time as it applies for grading of the event. World Sailing shall consider the following factors:

- (i) the International Judges who are available for the event and their geographical distribution;
- (ii) the financial situation of the event, the budget available for race official travel costs and the estimated travel costs of the International Judges that are available;
- (iii) the qualifications, experience and nationality of the proposed members of the protest committee;
- (iv) whether World Sailing has given authorization previously; and
- (v) any other information World Sailing considers relevant.

The decision in respect of authorization shall be determined by the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, the Chairman of the International Judges Subcommittee and the Chief Executive Officer. World Sailing may impose conditions on any authorization.

27.2.4 Prize Money

Distribution of prize money shall be in accordance with World Sailing Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Match Racing events as produced by the Match Racing Sub-committee in consultation with the Race Officials Committee.

Appearance money is discouraged in favour of optimizing prize money.

28. RACING RULES ADMINISTRATION

Adoption of and Changes to the Racing Rules

28.1 In addition to Regulations 28.1.1 to 28.1.5, the Racing Rules Committee is responsible for advising and making recommendations to Council regarding the Racing Rules.

28.1.1 Racing Rules shall be adopted or changed only by the Racing Rules Committee or by Council acting in accordance with Regulation 28.2. Changes in the RRS shall take effect only every four years on 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. Regulations 28.1.2, 28.1.3, 28.1.4, 28.1.5 and 28.2.6 contain exceptions to this policy.

28.1.2 In exception to Regulation 28.1.1, any change to the RRS of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective for any designated date by a 75% vote cast in favour of the change by the Racing Rules Committee and with the approval of

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Description	Event Grade			
	2 - O	1 - O	2 - W 2 - Y	1 - W 1 - Y
Competitors				
Skippers - only top 12 minimum total points (* and *** see below)	40	85	30	60
Skippers - max % from host MNA	60%	40%	60%	40%
Skippers - max % from same MNA except host.	40%	30%	40%	30%
Skippers - max % from host continent (except for Continental Championships)	100%	85%	100%	85%
Skippers – max % from host continent for Continental Championships	100%	100%	100%	100%
No of skippers to be invited from a qualifying event specified in the Notice of Race (max. grading of qualifying event is Grade 3)	1	2	1	2
Boats General				
Minimum number of boats (** See below)	6	6**	6	6**
Minimum overall length (metres)	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
Boats - Provided by organizing authority				
Breakdown/spare service on the water				
Organization				
Format scheduled to include round robins and knock out semi-finals and finals				
Quarter finals may be round robin (preferred) or knock-out				
Knock out rounds to be scheduled to be the first to win minimum number of races	2	3	2	3
Days of scheduled racing	3	4	3	4
Min. number of scheduled practice hours per competitor	2	2	2	2
Min. number of International Umpires - per match #	1	1	1	1
International Jury required	*R	Yes	*R	Yes

* *Recommended*

** *For Grade 1 and 2 events the minimum number of boats should be 50% of the number of skippers.*

*** *Skipper total points requirement for not apply for Grade 2 continental championships. Only Member National Authorities of that specific Continental Association may participate in such Grade 2 continental championships.*

* **As World Sailing ranking list 4 months before the first day of the event:**

For each skipper ranked	1 - 10	20 points
For each skipper ranked	11 - 20	15 points
For each skipper ranked	21 - 30	11 points
For each skipper ranked	31 - 40	8 points
For each skipper ranked	41 - 50	6 points
For each skipper ranked	51 - 60	5 points
For each skipper ranked	61 - 70	4 points
For each skipper ranked	71 - 80	3 points
For each skipper ranked	81 - 90	2 points
For each skipper ranked	91 - 100	1 point

(c) Grade 3 - Open, Women and Youth

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 4 event and: -

The boats shall have a minimum crew of three.

There shall be a minimum of eight skippers entered for the match racing.

If the event is a principal national championships (Regulation 27.2.3(c)(i) & (ii)):

1. There shall be a minimum of four skippers from the host nation; and

2. The minimum number of skippers is four.

The boats shall have a minimum 5.9 m LOA

There shall be a minimum of four boats available throughout the event, except when a boat that was available at the start of the event is subject to major breakdown or damage.

The boats shall be capable of carrying spinnakers.

Acceptable Race Committee practices.

Acceptable Race Committee and umpire boats.

The event shall be one of the following:

Either:

(i) The principal national championship - only one per nation per year

(ii) The principal youth national championship - one per nation per year

(iii) An international event with a minimum of 30% of the skippers of a different nationality than the host nation, or

(iv) an event, for countries whose Member National Authority is in Groups H to Q, where at least 30% of the skippers are either of a different nationality than that of the host nation, or are nationals of the host nation but have travelled more than 500 km from their ordinary place of residence to the event venue.

For national championships there shall be at least one International Umpire.

For events designated in Regulation 27.2.3(c)(iii) & (iv) there shall be at least two International Umpires.

(d) Grade 1 and Grade 2 - Open, Women and Youth

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 3 event and complies with the World Sailing Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Match Racing events as produced by the Match Racing Sub-committee in consultation with the Race Officials Committee. In addition, the event shall meet the following requirements (O = Open, W = Women):

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A "zero" score penalty after review by World Sailing may also apply to skippers who leave the event before the end of the event without the written approval from the organizing authority.

Invitations should be in writing and include the following statement:

"Should you accept this invitation and later withdraw within two months of the event or leave the event before the end without the written approval from the OA, it is possible for a zero score to be applied to your Ranking points for that event by World Sailing."

(e) Umpire Insurance

In signing the Grading Form, Events confirm that all umpires will be covered by comprehensive liability insurance in an amount of not less than £480,000 per occurrence covering legal liability in respect of personal injury and property damage. The cover should include (but not be limited to) liability directly or indirectly arising from the ownership, possession or use of any watercraft in connection with the umpire's duties.

The organizing authority confirms with the signature on the grading form that it accepts responsibility to cover all expenses for the umpires and World Sailing if the event is postponed or cancelled.

(f) World Sailing Sailor ID

Results from Graded Match Race Events shall be sent to World Sailing with Skippers World Sailing Sailor ID's included. Skippers may register for World Sailing Sailor at: www.sailing.org/isafsailor

(g) Media Rights

World Sailing Graded Events may be licensed as detailed in Regulation 25.11.2(c).

27.2.3 Grading of Events

Event grading will normally be based on the following criteria, but will take into account the overall event package. During the transition from the previous criteria a reasonable time shall be allowed for events to comply. Percentage calculations shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

(a) Grade 5 – Open, Women and Youth

Any match racing event using boats of the same design.

When provided by the organizers each pair of boats shall be of equal performance.

The notice of race shall be based on the current World Sailing standard.

The sailing instructions shall be based on the current World Sailing standard.

Matches shall be umpired.

The maximum average crew weight limit for open events is 87.5 kg.

The weight limit for women's events may be either:

- (i) a maximum average crew weight limit of 68kg; or
- (ii) a maximum total crew weight limit of 'Y' (where $Y = 68\text{kg} \times \text{the number of standard crew members for the boat (X)}$) and the organizing authority may permit the boat to be raced with X, X-1 or X+1 crew members.

(b) Grade 4 - Open, Women and Youth

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 5 event and: -

The boats shall have a minimum crew of two.

There shall be a minimum of six skippers entered for the match racing.

There shall be a minimum of two days scheduled for racing.

The form shall be completed by the event organizer, endorsed by the relevant Member National Authority and received by the Executive Office at least four months prior to the event. This may be by electronic mail. An event grading will then be allocated by World Sailing.

World Sailing will publish the dates for WC events on or before 15 October the year before. All event organizers applying either for Grade 1 or Grade 2 are invited to submit their dates before 1 November the year before. World Sailing will then establish a calendar of events.

Events dates will be allocated in the following order:

- WC events;
- Grade 1 events;
- Grade 2 events.

If two event dates clash and there is no possibility for one or both to select alternative dates, World Sailing shall decide the matter in its sole discretion which may include downgrading one of them.

The allocation of gradings by the Executive Office will be checked on a sample basis, as directed by the Chairman of the Match Racing Sub-committee. A report of event gradings will be made annually to the Match Race Committee.

(b) World Sailing Event Report

The organizers shall submit an World Sailing event report, including the results and other specified information, checked and signed by the Chief Umpire. The event report shall then be sent by fax or e-mail to the Executive Office. It shall be submitted within 5 days for events graded 3, 4 or 5, or within 24 hours for events graded 1 or 2.

(c) Re-grading of Events

Events may be re-graded retrospectively when there is clear reason to do so. An event applying to be up-graded retrospectively must satisfy World Sailing that it clearly meets all the criteria of the higher grading.

Application for upgrading shall be made at the time of submission of the results and be accompanied by an application form completed in full. The application form will be similar to the initial application form appropriate to the grade of event.

An event will only be downgraded when it fails to meet the criteria by a substantial margin, or when it does not comply with the administration requirements. Such a decision does not change the previous requirements as per Regulation 25.12.

When an event does not comply with World Sailing administrative procedures or fairness, the Match Race Rankings Sub-committee may recommend that World Sailing shall remove the event from the World Sailing calendar.

An event which failed to meet the criteria, regardless if the event was downgraded or not, may be granted a lower Grade when it applies for the next edition of that event.

(d) Invitations and acceptances

A skipper accepting an invitation but withdrawing within two months of the event may be reported by the organizer to the World Sailing. After review by World Sailing late withdrawals may receive a "zero" score, which must be counted for the competitor's ranking.

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- Multi-Crewed Dinghy: 29er, 420, 470, Fireball, Flying Dutchman, Lightning, Snipe, 49er, 49erFX
- Keelboat: Etchells, Flying Fifteen, H-Boat, J-22, J-24, Soling, Yngling, Sonar,
- Multihull: Hobie 16, Hobie Tiger, Tornado, Nacra 17

However the Board may approve applications by regional games organizers for the use of other equipment or the introduction of events restricted to specific age groups.

26. FLAGS AND EMBLEMS

26.1. When flags or emblems purporting to identify National Authorities or their competitors are used at international yachting events, they shall be limited to:

- (a) a national flag or emblem, or a delegation flag or emblem where these differ from the national flag or emblem;
- (b) a flag or emblem approved by the IOC; or
- (c) a flag or emblem approved by the Board.

27. WORLD RANKINGS - GRADING CRITERIA FOR GRADED EVENTS

27.1 Olympic Class World Sailing Rankings

27.1.1 The World Sailing rankings for Olympic Class ranked events will be managed by the Events Committee Sail Ranking Working Party reporting to the Events Committee. The method of calculating the world rankings and the criteria for ranked events will be published on the World Sailing website. Any significant changes to the World Sailing rankings system will be reported to Council.

27.1.2 The Chairman of the Events Committee shall appoint the chairman and members of a Calendar Working Party. This working party shall make recommendations to the Events Committee to establish calendar planning windows for key Olympic Class events in line with the 2021 - 2028 Event Strategy and to finalize, manage and coordinate the World Sailing regatta calendar for those events. The planning windows and other relevant calendar information and requirements for event organizers will be published on the World Sailing website.

27.1.3 For an Olympic Class event to be a ranked event it must be held in the relevant planning window and otherwise comply with the requirements for ranked events as published on the World Sailing website not later than 12 months prior to the first day of the event.

27.2 World Sailing Match Race Rankings

27.2.1 Ranking Divisions

There shall be three divisions – Open, Women and Youth. The Women's Division is limited to events which specify that all crew members, including the skipper, shall be women. The Youth Division is limited to events which specify that all crew members, including the skipper, shall be under 23 years old on 31 December of the year in which the event is held. All other events are Open. Points scored in Women's events shall count only towards the Women's ranking list. Points scored by an all women team and/or all youth team in an Open event shall count towards the Open list and the respective Women's list or Youth list, without any adjustment.

27.2.2 Administration

- (a) Application for Grading

The official World Sailing grading form is available for download from the World Sailing website.

- (c) When there is prize money for a series of events, then Regulation 25.12.2 will apply to the series in addition to Regulation 25.12.1 applying to the individual events.

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25.12.3 See Regulation 25.11.2 and Regulation 25.12.4.

Major Events, Events of Classes and World Sailing Events

25.12.4 Fees due to World Sailing from Major Events, Events of Classes and World Sailing Events (see Advertising Code, Regulation 20.2.3) in respect of Advertising and Approval Fees (Regulation 25.12 and 25.12.2) shall be negotiated as a single fee to cover all rights, including any Media Rights as defined by Regulation 25.11 owned by the World Sailing.

Non-Payment of Fees

25.12.5 Where World Sailing has the right to appoint Race Officials and

- (a) where fees in respect of an event are payable under Regulation 25.12 and have not been paid by the day before the day of the first scheduled race of the event; or
- (b) where fees are unpaid in respect of:
- (i) other events organised by either the same organizing authority; or
 - (ii) other events organized or controlled by any body, organization or authority concerned with the current event,

World Sailing may instruct race officials appointed to the event to refrain from officiating in the event or to withdraw from it.

25.13 Regional Games

25.13.1 World Sailing shall encourage Member National Authorities, Continental Associations and other similar organizations to have sailing included in regional games where possible subject to the provisions of this Regulation 25.13.

25.13.2 World Sailing shall appoint the Technical Delegate for Regional Games as soon as possible after the event's dates and venue have been announced. The Organizing Authority shall prepare the notice of race, the sailing instructions and other race documents in close cooperation with the Technical Delegate and shall send them to World Sailing for approval. The notice of race shall be sent not less than eight months before the start of the games, the sailing instructions not less than one month. World Sailing shall publish the notice of race on its website or by such other means as it thinks fit and once published the provisions in the notice of race relating to the classes to race and the format of the races shall not be altered except with the consent in writing of World Sailing.

25.13.3 Unless otherwise approved by the Board after consultation with the Events Committee and Regional Games Sub-committee, where sailing is included in the regional games, the competition format, scoring, and race management procedures shall follow to the extent possible World Sailing policies and the competition format, scoring and race management procedures for the Olympic Sailing Competition.

25.13.4 The equipment for all regional games shall be chosen from the following classes

- Windsurfing: Funboard, Formula, Mistral, RS:X, iQFOiL
- Kiteboarding: Formula Kite
- Single-Handed Dinghy: Finn, ILCA 7, ILCA 6, Sunfish, Byte, Zoom, Europe

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Cash or cashable prizes, appearance payments, individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €15,500 or the equivalent.

The fee is regardless of the level of advertising.

- (iii) The above fees shall apply to Women's Match Racing events when the event offers cash or cashable prizes, appearance payments, individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise, any/or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €15,500 or the equivalent.
- (c) The Board may adjust the fee under special circumstances.

Payment for Umpires

25.12.1 For Graded Match Racing Events, International Umpires shall be paid in accordance with this Regulation:

- (a) The Board shall specify the fees payable from time to time and may specify different fees depending on the role of the umpire at the event (e.g. Chief Umpire, Deputy Chief Umpire etc.).
- (b) The fees shall be based on the number of racing days of an event, with an appropriate additional amount for travel and any other required days' attendance.
- (c) The fees payable for any event shall be the most recent that have been specified by the Board not less than 12 months before the start of the event.
- (d) Fees shall only be paid in relation to the following events:
 - (i) World Sailing Open Match Racing World Championships;
 - (ii) Open Grade 1 Events; and
 - (iii) Open Grade 2 to 5 Events and all Women's Match Racing Events with cash or cashable prizes, appearance payments, individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise, any/or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €15,500 or the equivalent.
- (e) When a Women's Grade 1 or 2 Match Racing event is combined with an Open Match Racing Grade 1 or 2 event then the fees payable shall be based on all race days of the combined event.

Approval Fees

25.12.2 Excluding those events detailed under Regulation 25.12.1, the organizing authority of an event with:

Cash or cashable prizes,
Appearance payments,

Individual sponsorship payments by the event organizers or otherwise,

any/or other benefits of a similar nature totalling more than €50,000 or the equivalent may be required to pay an approval fee.

- (a) National Events - The national authority of the venue may require such a fee.
- (b) International Events - (i.e. open to entries other than those from the national authority of the venue) or any event organized in more than one country the World Sailing shall require such a fee, as below:

10% of prize money over €50,000

Unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing, World Sailing Classes shall be automatically licensed by World Sailing, without fee, to such media rights for their World Sailing approved Class World Championships and Continental Championships, and other classes in respect of other World Championships approved by World Sailing.

- (b) National Events
Member National Authorities shall be automatically licensed, without fee, to the media rights to such events held in the Member National Authority's country. The Member National Authority may sub-license such media rights to the Event Organizing Authority of the event.
- (c) An International Event taking place in one country:
 - (i) World Sailing Graded Events
On application to World Sailing, the media rights may be licensed to the Member National Authority, without fee. The Member National Authority may sub-licence the media rights to the event Organizing Authority of the event.
 - (ii) Other Events
Unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing, on application to World Sailing, the media rights shall be licensed to the Member National Authority without fee. The Member National Authority may sub-licence the media rights to the Event Organizing Authority of the event.
- (d) Notwithstanding (a), (b) and (c), a fee may be charged only if such events regularly produce a significant amount of revenue.
- (e) An International Event taking place in more than one country:
On application to World Sailing, the media rights may be licensed to the Member National Authority of the event organizing authority. A fee may be charged. The Member National Authority may sub-licence the media rights to the event organizing authority.
- (f) Major Events/Events of Classes/World Sailing Events
On application to World Sailing, any media rights World Sailing may have for Major Events, Events of Classes and World Sailing Events, may be licensed to the event organizing authority or other organization at Board's discretion. No additional fee shall be charged. See Regulation 25.12.3.

Event Fees

25.12 Grading and Advertising Fees

- (a) For Major Events, Events of Classes and World Sailing Events World Sailing shall administer an Event Advertising System and/or Individual Advertising System (see Regulation 25.12.4).
- (b) For the Open Match Racing World Championships (MRWC) and Open Graded Match Racing Events, the following fees apply:
 - (i) Grading Fees

MRWC	€1,500
Grade 1	€600
Grade 2	€300
 - (ii) Advertising Fees

MRWC	€3,100
Grade 1	€750
Grade 2 - 5	€375 for events with:

- (c) the World Sailing Technical Delegates will be appointed no later than three years before the start of the Olympic or Paralympic Sailing Competition.

25.9.9 The Board may require that World Sailing appoints Technical Delegates to the Olympic and Paralympic qualification events if in the Board's opinion it is necessary to do so.

Commercial Rights

25.10.1 World Sailing exclusively owns and controls all commercial rights in and to the World Sailing Events, such commercial rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:

- (a) audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these Regulations);
- (b) sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;
- (c) ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and
- (d) other rights to commercialise the World Sailing Events (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorise the taking of bets on the World Sailing Events).

25.10.2 World Sailing shall be entitled to exploit the commercial rights in such manner as it considers appropriate, including granting licences in respect of the same (or part thereof) to relevant Member National Authority or other third party(ies) from time to time.

Media Rights

25.11 Definition

For the purpose of this Regulation, Media Rights shall mean:

- (a) the right to communicate or interact via the Internet, or other system with information including, but not limited to, statistics, rules, bulletins, calendars, news, and results; and
- (b) the right to transmit thereon audio-visual and/or audio-visual live and/or delayed coverage of an event.

Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, the term 'Media Rights' includes any such rights to information which is stored, reproduced or transmitted in digital or analogue form or by digital or analogue methods or by use of any protocol.

25.11.1 Ownership

World Sailing is the first owner of all media rights of any event using *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

As detailed in Regulation 23.5, media rights in respect of the Olympic Sailing Competition are the property of the International Olympic Committee and all monies derived from these rights allocated to World Sailing are the property of the Federation.

25.11.2 Licensing

No club, Class Association, organization, entity or person or any combination thereof, may negotiate or enter into or benefit from any agreement or transaction of any kind by which cash or other consideration is received for the grant of any media rights in respect of any such event except with the express written consent of World Sailing. No consent is required in respect of the following events:

- (a) World Sailing Class Association world championships and continental championships and other world championships approved by World Sailing

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- 25.9 World Sailing shall appoint World Sailing Technical Delegates for all World Sailing Events' and Regional Games events. The Chairman of the Regional Games Sub-committee shall be consulted on the appointment of World Sailing Technical Delegates to Regional Games events.
- 25.9.1 The Board shall appoint World Sailing Technical Delegates to the Olympic Sailing Competition and Paralympic Sailing Competition.
- 25.9.2 The appointment of technical delegates to events organized outside the World Sailing Events, Regional Games and Olympic Sailing Competition and Paralympic Sailing Competition will be left to the Member National Authority of the country in which the event is being held.
- 25.9.3 The World Sailing Technical Delegate should be appointed as soon as possible after the confirmation of sailing's inclusion in the specific regional games. A list of World Sailing appointed Technical Delegates will be maintained on the World Sailing website.
- 25.9.4 World Sailing Technical Delegates appointed to regional games shall only be those certified by World Sailing as an World Sailing International Race Officer, International Judge or International Technical Delegate
- 25.9.5 World Sailing shall not appoint or approve an World Sailing Technical Delegate, other than World Sailing staff, who is from the country of the organizing authority of the event. All World Sailing Technical Delegates will report to and through the Board.
- 25.9.6 The World Sailing Technical Delegate will be appointed subject to the following guideline as to their qualifications:
- (a) an intimate knowledge of the World Sailing Rules and Regulations;
 - (b) experience of event organization;
 - (c) skills in diplomacy;
 - (d) the ability to work with all people connected with the event (competitors, officials, media etc.); and
 - (e) the geographic location of the appointed delegate in respect of funding available from World Sailing and other sources to enable he/she to undertake the role.
- 25.9.7 The responsibilities of the World Sailing Technical Delegate will include:
- (a) assisting event organisers in the development and planning of the event;
 - (b) giving advice regarding the notice of race and sailing instructions before the event;
 - (c) approving any alterations to the sailing instructions and other rules relating to the event;
 - (d) co-ordinating the World Sailing Course Representatives and the Race Officers (appointed by the event organising committee) where such officials have been appointed;
 - (e) carrying out such other functions as the Board may decide; and
 - (f) submitting a report to the World Sailing if visits are made.
- 25.9.8 At least two World Sailing Technical Delegates will be appointed for each of the Olympic Sailing Competition and Paralympic Sailing Competition, subject to the following guidelines:
- (a) one World Sailing Technical Delegate will be an International Technical Delegate;
 - (b) one World Sailing Technical Delegate will be a World Sailing staff appointee;

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25.8.11 World Sailing shall have the right to approve and/or appoint the race officials when deemed necessary for the following events otherwise not covered by the Regulations above:

Global and Trans-Oceanic Ocean Races;
World Sailing Rankings graded Events;
Professional Windsurfers Association Events (PWA)
Volvo Ocean Race
World Championships of non-Olympic World Sailing Classes, when agreed with World Sailing as detailed in Regulation 10.5(n)

25.8.12 Major and Recognized Events

(a) Major Events are as follows:

America's Cup Series, America's Cup Challenger Series, America's Cup Defender Series, America's Cup Match
Global Ocean Races
Grade 1 Match Racing Events
All events organized by or on behalf of World Sailing
Events of the Olympic Classes (at the discretion of the Board)
World Championships of the Olympic and Paralympic Classes
Olympic and Paralympic Qualifying Events
The Olympic Sailing Competition
The Paralympic Sailing Competition
Professional Windsurfers Association Events (PWA)
Global and Trans-Oceanic Races
Regional Games
Volvo Ocean Race

(b) Recognized Events are as follows:

Events of the Olympic Classes not covered under (a) (at the discretion of the Board)
World Championships of non-Olympic World Sailing Classes, unless otherwise agreed with World Sailing, as detailed in Regulation 10.5(n)
Special Olympics

25.8.13 Under RRS N1.7, World Sailing may in limited circumstances authorise an international jury consisting of a total of only three members. An event organizing authority may apply to World Sailing for such an authorization. World Sailing shall consider the following factors:

- (a) whether the relevant Member National Authority has given its written approval;
- (b) the number of hearings there have been at previous events;
- (c) the type of boat and the event requirements for on-the-water activity;
- (d) the qualifications, experience and nationality of the proposed members of the international jury;
- (e) whether World Sailing has given authorization previously; and
- (f) any other information World Sailing considers relevant.

The decision in respect of authorization shall be determined jointly by the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, the Chairman of the International Judge Sub-committee and the Chief Executive Officer. World Sailing may impose conditions on any authorization.

Appointment of Technical Delegate in International Events

- 25.8.3 For appointments under Regulations 25.8.10 and 25.8.12 World Sailing shall appoint or approve only after consultation with:
- (a) the Race Officials Committee;
 - (b) any relevant World Sailing class/owners' association;
 - (c) for the Paralympic Sailing Competition and Para World Sailing Championships, the Para World Sailing Committee;
 - (d) for regional games, the relevant World Sailing Affiliate Continental Member and the Organizing Authority for the event; and
 - (e) the Member National Authority of the venue.
- 25.8.4 The Board may propose from time to time at its discretion to the Council the addition or deletion of events from the lists in Regulations 25.8.10 and 25.8.11. Upon the Council's approval of such a proposal, either as proposed or as amended, the lists in 25.8.10 and 25.8.11 shall be amended accordingly.
- 25.8.5 World Sailing shall publish a list of all appointments made under this Regulation no later than 30 June of each year and shall update the list no later than the end of each calendar year
- 25.8.6 When it is appropriate to remunerate race officials, World Sailing shall exercise the right to appoint the race officials selected for these events and set the fees to be paid to World Sailing for the services or shall negotiate the appropriate fees.

Appointment or approval of World Sailing International Race Officials

- 25.8.7 World Sailing shall not appoint or approve a jury chairman, World Sailing principal race officer, chief measurer/equipment inspector or chief umpire who is from the country of the organizing authority of the event.
- 25.8.8 When World Sailing exercises its right to appoint a chief umpire, jury chairman, chief measurer, course representative or principal race officer (race officer when one course area will be used) the appointee shall respectively be an International Umpire, International Judge, International Measurer or International Race Officer.
- 25.8.9 International Jury or International Umpire Team
- (a) When World Sailing appoints or approves the international jury it may, to the extent permitted by the Racing Rules of Sailing, in conjunction with the relevant class association and organizing authority, appoint / approve national judges
 - (b) When World Sailing appoints or approves the umpire team, it may, in conjunction with the relevant organizing authority, appoint / approve national umpires to the extent consistent with guidelines adopted by the International Umpires Sub-committee.
- 25.8.10 World Sailing shall exercise the right to appoint the race officials for the following events:
- America's Cup Series, America's Cup Challenger Series, America's Cup Defender Series, America's Cup Match but excluding measurers;
- All World Sailing Events;
World Championships of the Olympic Classes;
Olympic and Paralympic Qualifying events;
The Olympic Sailing Competition (see Regulations 23.3);
The Paralympic Sailing Competition;
The Youth Olympic Games;
Regional Games.

- 25.7 World Sailing Events Calendar
- 25.7.1 The dates for all world and continental championships shall be presented to World Sailing no later than 1 August for the following year including all championship titles to be awarded at the event.
- 25.7.2 Organizers of other events may, after receiving the approval of the relevant Member National Authority, apply no later than 1 August for publication of the event on the World Sailing International Events calendar for the following year.
- 25.7.3 By 1 October, World Sailing shall prepare a list of all world championships approved under Regulation 25.2, 25.3, 25.5, 25.6, 25.7, continental championships of World Sailing Classes, Major Events and Recognized Events and events submitted under Regulation 25.7.2.
- 25.7.4 World Sailing is the authority to solve any disputes over clashes of dates in the international calendar. All Member National Authorities shall notify World Sailing of their International Events and proposed dates as soon as possible. Dates should be agreed with the Executive Office before 1 August of the preceding year to avoid possible clashes. In the event of a conflict in dates for events involving Classes selected by World Sailing to be equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition, the Board shall resolve the conflict.
- 25.7.5 The dates of ranked events for the Classes selected by World Sailing to be Equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition shall be presented to World Sailing in accordance with Regulation 27.1.1(a).
- 25.7.6 The event organiser shall use the World Sailing XML Regatta Reporting format (World Sailing XRR) at Olympic Class ranked events.

Appointment of Race Officials in International Events

- 25.8 World Sailing has the right to appoint race officials for the events which require them in order to ensure that for those events the race officials selected are fully trained and qualified for that event.
- 25.8.1 Except as provided in Regulations 10.5(n), 23.3 and 25.8, the right to appoint race officials is delegated to the organizing authority of the event.
- 25.8.2 The Board shall appoint an Event Appointments Working Party to make all World Sailing's race official and technical delegate appointments and approvals, with the exception of Olympic Juries and Technical Delegates when Regulations 23.3 and 25.9.1 apply. This working party shall consist of the following persons:
- (a) an experienced current or former World Sailing Race Official (as Chairman)
 - (b) a representative of the Athlete's Commission
 - (c) a representative of the Coaches Commission
 - (d) two additional current or former experienced World Sailing Race Officials
 - (e) the World Sailing staff manager responsible for World Sailing Race Officials (non-voting)

The working party shall be appointed at the same time as the World Sailing committees for a four-year period in line with the World Sailing committee's term of appointment. The World Sailing Race Officials stated in (a) and (b) above should cover a range of race official disciplines, if possible and may be retired. Casual vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the above principles.

- (iii) one mixed World Championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class.
- (b) Youth World Championships (where youth crews are so defined by the class) which may be either:
 - (i) one Youth World Championship title open to any gender, or
 - (ii) one boy's World Championship title and one girl's World Championship title, and
 - (iii) one mixed Youth World Championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class.
- (c) One further World Championship title on the basis of age or discipline.

Fleets may compete together. If fleets compete together, the number of participating entries in each fleet shall meet or exceed the number of entries shown in the table in Regulation 10.4(e).

However, the above rights for a Class selected by World Sailing to be Equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition may be restricted or amended by the Olympic Classes Contract.

- 25.2.2 World Sailing Class Associations have the sole right to hold world and continental championships of their class, these being class events as defined in Regulation 10.5(f).
- 25.2.3 World Sailing Classes holding world and continental championships shall obtain the approval of the National Authority of the nation where the championships is to be hosted.
- 25.2.4 The title of the Championship should be: "*The xxx Class World Championship*" or "*The xxx Class <Name of Continent> Championship*", but other titles may be used. The title shall not include the term "*World Sailing*", "*International Sailing Federation*", "*Sailing*" or "*World Cup*".
- 25.3 Radio Sailing

The International Radio Sailing Association may hold one annual World Championship per IRSA Class up to a maximum of three World Championships.
- 25.4 Reserved for future use
- 25.5 Rating Systems
 - 25.5.1 A designation as an international rating system shall not automatically entitle the rating system to hold a world championship.
 - 25.5.2 Rating systems not covered in Regulation 25.5 shall apply to World Sailing for approval to hold a world championship.
 - 25.5.3 Qualification to hold a world championship shall include rating systems which are based on measurement and scientific formulation available to all certificate holders or World Sailing.
- 25.6 Other World Championships

World Sailing may approve other events as World Championships upon written application made by a National Authority, Class Association or an organizing authority (as defined in RRS). Only World Sailing may approve any virtual or e-gaming World Championship and any other world championship rights granted under Regulation 25 shall not be used for such an event.

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- (a) Para Sailing World Championships may be held in up to a total of six disciplines ;
- (b) World Sailing shall select the World Championships from the following disability event disciplines:
 - (iii) One-Person Keelboat Open;
 - (iv) Two-Person Keelboat Open;
 - (v) Three-Person Keelboat Open;
 - (vi) Multihull Open;
 - (vii) One-Person Non-Technical Open;
 - (viii) Vision impaired (with sighted guides) Open;
 - (ix) Vision impaired (without sighted guides) Open; ,
 - (x) Intellectually Disability (One Person and Two Person);
 - (xi) Hearing Impaired
- (c) All Para World Sailing disciplines may be granted the right to hold the following annual World Championships:
 - (i) Age unrestricted World Championships with may either a World Championship title open to any gender, or one male World Championship title and one female World Championship title, and;
 - (ii) An additional Youth World Championship titles with age defined by World Sailing Regulation 24.5.2; or
 - (iii) An additional World Championships based on Disability Type or Para Classification.
- (d) Regulation 10.4(b) does not apply to Para World Sailing Championships;
- (e) World Sailing may recognize classes of boats or equipment as suitable for sailing by sailors with a disability, in accordance with standards to be adopted by World Sailing; and
- (f) Para World Sailing Championships authorized in this Regulation shall be held in equipment recognized by World Sailing as provided in Regulation 24.6(e).

25. WORLD SAILING AND OTHER EVENTS

World Sailing approval of World Championships and other Events

- 25.1 World Sailing approval is required for any event that is described as a World Championship, uses the word "World" in the title of the event, or any of the promoters, organizers or any other organization officially connected with the event, represents or holds out in any way that the event is a World Championship or does the foregoing in such a way that the event is reasonably perceived to be a World Championship.
- 25.2 World Sailing Classes
 - 25.2.1 Each World Sailing Class that meets the World Championships requirements in Regulation 10.2.1(d) is automatically granted the right, subject to notification requirements of Regulation 25.7, to hold the following annual World Championships. Regulation 10.4 defines how this right is maintained or rescinded.
 - (a) Age unrestricted World Championships which may be either:
 - (i) one World Championship title open to any gender, or
 - (ii) one male World Championship title and one female World Championship title, and

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- 24.5 World Sailing shall review its Event and Equipment choices for the Youth World Championships, and for the Youth Olympic Games, following any change of Olympic Events or Equipment, to ensure that there remains a clear, pathway for Member National Authorities and sailors from youth to Olympic.
- 24.6 The name of the Championship shall be the Youth Sailing World Championships (“the Championships”). If there is a title sponsor, the sponsor name may be inserted elsewhere in the Championships’ name, as approved by the Board.
- 24.6.1 The Championship shall be held annually. It shall start either on the second Saturday of July or the second Saturday of December of the year of the Championships, and shall finish eight days later.
- 24.6.2 To be eligible to participate in the Championships, competitors shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December of the year of the Championship.
- 24.6.3 The following events, classes and equipment shall be included in the programme of the Championships:
- (a) Male One Person Dinghy – ILCA 6
Female One Person Dinghy – ILCA 6
Male/Mixed Two Person Dinghy - 420
Female Two Person Dinghy - 420
Male Windsurfer – RS:X (8.5m rig) or Techno 293 Plus (8.5m rig) or Youth iQFOiL (with 8.0m rig)
Female Windsurfer – RS:X (8.5m rig) or Techno 293 Plus (8.5m rig) or Youth iQFOiL (with 8.0m rig)
Male Skiff – 29er
Female Skiff – 29er
Mixed Multihull – Nacra 15
Male Kite – Formula Kite
Female Kite – Formula Kite
 - (b) Except for the Male and Female Kite event, Equipment shall be provided for the competitors, free of charge.
 - (c) When an event or equipment of the Championships is changed:
 - (i) the decision will be implemented as soon as practical; and
 - (ii) pursuant to Regulation 24.2.2, no class shall remain on the approved list for more than four years without obtaining World Sailing Class status.
 - (d) Classes listed in this Regulation shall not hold a world or youth continental championship that clashes with the dates of the Championships.
- 24.5.4 The decision process and timelines for the Host Member National Authority for the Championships are:
- (a) the venue shall be decided by 1 November three years before the Championships; and
 - (b) the contract between World Sailing and the organizers and the Host Member National Authority shall be signed by 1 December three years before the Championships not less than two years before the Championships.
- 24.6 Para World Sailing
- World Sailing may hold Para World Sailing Championships as follows; subject to approval under Regulation 25.1: