



## INTERNAL RULES

Pursuant to Article 32 of the Statutes, these Internal Regulations shall apply from 1 July 2017 until their next amendment.

### **A - THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **A - I - PROCEDURES FOR ELECTIONS AT THE GENERAL MEETING**

In accordance with Article 19 of the Statutes, the Assembly shall elect four directors to replace the four outgoing members of the Board of Directors and, where applicable, elect other directors in accordance with Article 20 of the Statutes. It shall also elect the President of the Association.

The elections shall be conducted under the supervision of two scrutineers, appointed by the President from among the honorary, active or associate members present.

##### **A - I.1 - Application for membership of the Board of Directors**

Any active or associate member who is up to date with their membership fees for the current year may apply for election to the Board of Directors. However, in order to avoid multiple representation, only one person per boat, team or shipping company, whether an active or associate member, may apply for election.

Applications must be sent to the President of the Association at least three days before the date set for the election by post, fax or email with identification. This letter must specify the candidate's name, exact address, age, a summary of their nautical experience or involvement in the maritime world, as well as their motivations and what they wish to do within the Council.

##### **A - I.2 - Voting procedure**

Ballot papers are issued in duplicate to active members and in single copy to associate members, in accordance with Article 12 of the Statutes.

Voting shall be by secret ballot, in accordance with Article 16 of the Statutes.

Members of the Board of Directors are elected by relative majority in the order of votes received. The votes are counted by the scrutineers, who announce the results as soon as the count is complete.

##### **A - I.3 - Election of the President**

Pursuant to Article 22 of the Articles of Association, the Board of Directors thus elected shall meet immediately to propose a Chairman for election by the General Meeting, which shall again vote by secret ballot.

##### **A - I.4 - Organisation of the Board**

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Pursuant to Articles 22 and 24 of the Articles of Association, the Chairman shall, within the Board and in agreement with it, allocate the various functions.

#### **A - I.5 - Composition of the Board of Directors**

The list of members of the Board of Directors and their functions for the current year is attached to these Internal Regulations.

#### **A - II - COMMITTEES**

Pursuant to Article 25, the Board of Directors shall decide on the composition of the following committees:

##### **A - II.1 - Technical Committee**

The Technical Committee is composed of IMOCA members appointed by the President of the Association, who is an ex officio member.

This Committee is under the responsibility of the administrator member, who is responsible for presenting the work of the Committee to the Board of Directors at any time upon request, and for presenting the Class Rules to the General Assembly for adoption, in accordance with the fourth paragraph of Article 17 of the Statutes.

It meets as often as necessary. It may call on the advice of external experts at any time.

The list of members of this Committee for the current year is attached to these Rules of Procedure. The duties of this Committee are specified in Part C of these Internal Regulations.

##### **A - II.2 - Event Committee**

The Event Committee is made up of IMOCA members appointed by the President of the Association, who is an ex officio member.

This Committee is under the responsibility of the administrator member, who is responsible for presenting the results of the Committee's work to the Board of Directors and to the Ordinary General Assembly for discussion of the provisional race calendar, in accordance with the sixth paragraph of Article 17 of the Statutes.

It meets as often as necessary. It may call on the advice of external experts at any time.

The list of members of this Commission for the current year is attached to these Internal Regulations.

Since November 2012, this committee has included OSM, the company that holds the commercial rights to IMOCA and is responsible for organising the World Championship.

The tasks of this Commission are:

- Drafting and distributing a set of organisational specifications.
- To study various proposals for the organisation of races.
- Collaborating on
  - o Establishing a coherent calendar of international events reserved for Open 60s.
  - o The organisation of the World Championship by points.
  - o The promotion of the class to organisers and shipowners.

## **A - III - FINANCIAL YEAR**

Pursuant to Article 27 of the Statutes, the financial year runs from 1 January to 31 December. The General Meeting must therefore be held, if possible, in January.

However, for years that include the two major races in the Class, namely the round-the-world races included in the IMOCA Championship, arrangements must be made to enable active members who are participating in the races to attend or be represented.

## **A - IV – WORLD SAILING APPROVAL**

In accordance with Article 3 (a) of the WS/IMOCA agreement, the Association undertakes to submit any changes to its Articles of Association to WS for approval.

It also undertakes to send the minutes of its General Meetings to WS and to any MNA of which it is a member.

## **B - MEMBERS**

### **B - I – MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Membership fees are the Association's primary source of funding.

With the exception of honorary members, who are exempt, all active or associate members are required to pay membership fees and can only be considered full members and enjoy their rights within the Association if they are up to date with their membership fees for the current year.

Membership fees are due from 1 January of each year and must be paid by 30 June of the current year at the latest. After this date, members who have not paid their membership fees are liable to the disciplinary measures provided for in these Internal Regulations.

Members applying for membership during the financial year are required to pay the full amount of the membership fee.

The amount of membership fees for the current year is set out in the appendix to these Internal Regulations.

### **B - II – DISCIPLINE**

The Organising Authorities are responsible for the enforcement of the Class Rules and shall not in any way alter or modify the Articles dealing with basic structure and appendages. Only skippers in possession of a valid measurement certificate for their boat shall be allowed to compete.

The Executive Committee of the Association is responsible for adherence to its Constitution, its Regulations and annual appendix, and the World Championship Regulation and its annual appendix, the safeguarding policy (collectively “Applicable Rules”).

Each member full or associate of the Association undertakes to :

- Strictly comply with the Applicable Rules,
- Refrain from any act or behaviour likely to damage, discredit or publicly tarnish temporarily or permanently, the image and/or reputation of the Association, its members, managers, employees and service providers,

- Accept any checks on the boat requested by any recognized Class Measurers or <National or International Authorities
- Accept any checks which are part of the fight against drugs
- Promote the objectives of the Association and support any actions undertaken by it.

## **B - III - DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS**

1. The Executive Committee is vested with the disciplinary powers of the Association. As such, it may impose any disciplinary sanction on a member of the Association, including a precautionary and/or suspended sanction (without limit, awareness training, warning, reprimand, temporary suspension, permanent exclusion, etc.), in case of :
  - Failure to pay membership dues,
  - Non-compliance with one or more Applicable Rules,
  - Any behaviour or act or reasonable presumption of an act or behaviour, whether or not liable to criminal prosecution, likely to damage, discredit or publicly tarnish, temporarily or permanently, the image and/or reputation of the Association, its members, managers, employees and service providers.
2. At any time, the Executive Committee may call on the services of any person or entity it deems necessary to give an opinion and/or draw up a report on facts that may lead to disciplinary action, in accordance with the principle of adversarial proceedings.
3. Disciplinary proceedings will be conducted in strict compliance with the right of defense, as follows:
  - The member is notified by e-mail and by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt that he/she is the subject of disciplinary proceedings, stating the facts of which he/she is accused, the sanction envisaged, and the date and time of his/her hearing before the Executive Committee, it being specified that he/she must be given a reasonable period of time between the date of notification and the hearing to prepare his/her defense,
  - The Executive Committee will hold a hearing to examine the member's written and/or oral explanations<. The member may be assisted by the person or counsel of his or her choice. At the hearing, the member concerned will be informed of the date on which the Executive Committee's decision will be rendered.
  - The decision of the Executive Committee is taken by a majority of its members.
  - Notification of the Executive Committee's decision to the member concerned will be made by e-mail and by registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt.

Members who have been the subject of a disciplinary sanction are nevertheless responsible for the payment of any subscription outstanding for the current year and if necessary for preceding years.

## **B - IV – RESIGNATION**

Any member wishing to leave the Association must send a registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt to the President of the Association. However, the resignation shall only take effect after payment of the membership fee for the current year, if necessary, and, where applicable, for previous years.

## **C - CLASS RULES**

## **C - I - RESPONSIBILITIES of the Technical Committee**

This Committee is responsible for:

- Drafting the Class Rules and studying any necessary changes, bearing in mind that any changes to the text of the Class Rules must be approved by WS and adopted by the General Assembly.
- Defining measurement and control procedures and implementing them.
- Delegating to the Class Chief Measurer the establishment of the Measurement Certificate, which is validated annually subject to payment of the membership fee.
- Under the supervision of the Technical Committee, the technical secretariat shall keep a register of Open 60 hull numbers, check the hull number marking on each transom, assign sail numbers and issue Class stickers that each Open 60 is required to display on its mainsail, in accordance with the Class Rules.
- From the management of the registration of declarations of construction, in collaboration with the Secretary General, and the issuance of Measurement Certificates, subject to payment of the measurement procedure cost and the WS registration fee for new boats, in collaboration with the Treasurer.
- And, in general, to encourage all research into new techniques for safety in racing while promoting technological innovation in performance.

## **C - II - REGISTRATION FEE**

Pursuant to Article 9.1 of the approval agreement between World Sailing and IMOCA, IMOCA collects a registration fee on behalf of World Sailing for each boat built on or after 1 January 1999. This fee must be paid to World Sailing in accordance with Article 9.3 of the agreement.

## **C - III - OFFICIAL CLASS MEASURERS**

Only Official Measurers are authorised to carry out checks and tests for the purpose of issuing the Open 60' measurement certificate.

The list of Official Measurers is set out in the appendix to these Internal Regulations.

## **C - IV - ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **C - IV.1 - Declaration of construction**

Any person wishing to build or have built an Open 60' for the purpose of racing must submit a declaration of construction on plain paper, describing the main characteristics of the boat in relation to the Class Rules.

In accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statutes, this declaration allows the declarant to apply for membership of the Association.

### **C - IV.2 - Registration fee**

The registration fee as described above is payable upon completion of the boat's construction, at the time of application for the first Certificate of Measurement.

## **C – IV.3 - Issuance of the first Certificate of Measurement**

The new boat undergoes all the checks and tests decided by the Technical Committee, under the supervision of an Official Class Measurer.

The measurement procedures and test configurations are set out in the Class Rules in accordance with the measurement protocol.

The cost of a complete measurement procedure is set by the Board of Directors.

## **C – IV.4 - Issuing a measurement certificate after modifications to the boat**

The boat must undergo all checks and tests decided by the Technical Committee and deemed necessary by the Official Class Measurers, taking into account the applicant's declarations. The measurement procedures and test configurations are set out in the Class Rules in accordance with the measurement protocol.

The cost of a complete measurement procedure is set by the Board of Directors.

## **C – IV.5 - Annual validation of the tonnage certificate without modification of the vessel:**

Provided that a declaration of no modification to the boat is submitted, inspections and tests are not necessary.

The cost of such validation is set by the Board of Directors.

## **C - V – INTERPRETATION**

Any request for interpretation of a Class Rule must be made in writing to the Class Chief Measurer, who will forward it to the Class Rules Committee (Articles A7 and A8 of the Class Rules).

The applicant must pay IMOCA a fee of €800 (excluding VAT) for their request for an interpretation of the rules to be admissi .

All interpretations are public. After consulting WS if necessary, the response will be sent to the applicant and, if it is likely to set a precedent, distributed to all members.

In the latter case, the point raised may be subject to amendment or clarification of the text at the next General Assembly.

## **C - VI - EFFECTIVE DATE / VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE TEXT**

The Class Rules approved by the General Meeting shall be effective from the date specified during that General Meeting until the next General Meeting that amends the Class Rules.

## **C - VII - LIMIT ON THE ISSUANCE OF MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES**

The issue of a Measurement Certificate for an Open 60' under the conditions set out in the appendix is reserved for active members of the Association who wish to race this boat.

Any active member who has a Measurement Certificate issued for an Open 60' on behalf of a third party outside the Association without the intention of racing it may be subject to disciplinary action.



The Certificate of Measurement can only be issued in the name of a boat whose skipper is an active member in good standing. If the boat is rented, the skipper must be a member of the Association.

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