

# IRSA Constitutional Assembly 2024

October 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

## Agenda and Order of Business

Sign in for the Constitutional Assembly will be opened several days prior to October 7<sup>th</sup> to allow all participants to sign in.

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Chair opens meeting and requests each member to sign in

### Procedure for discussion and voting

Once the meeting is open, we will create 4 discussion topics, one for each of the 4 motions. **The discussion topics will remain open for 4 days.** Once discussion is closed, we will open 4 Polls for voting, one for each motion. **The polls will be open for 3 days.**

**Note** – Under the current Constitution, the DNMs may vote on all motions. As Motion 1 directly concerns the ICAs, they may vote on Motion 1 only. As each motion is a change to the Constitution, each will require a two-thirds majority of votes cast to pass.

**Motions presented by DNMs** – non were received.

**Amendments to the motions** – non were received.

### Motion 1

Implement the changes for the Classes Committee construct. The full wording of the motion may be found as an **Appendix** to this document

### Motion 2.

**Change 6.8 Reduce lead time for General Assembly 6.8** to 16 weeks from 20 weeks. The full wording of the motion may be found as an **Appendix** to this document

Reason – to tighten up the time line for General Assembly and provide greater flexibility for scheduling, due to electronic communication improvements

### Motion 3

**Delete Executive Committee item 7.21** as the designations no longer apply. The full wording of the motion may be found as an **Appendix** to this document

Reason – no longer required as the designations have been deleted.

### Motion 4

**Change Executive Committee 7.23** to eliminate unnecessary wording. The full wording of the motion may be found as an **Appendix** to this document.

Reason – remove unnecessary wording.

If Motion 1 The Classes Committee changes is approved, the EC proposes that this change be implemented on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. This is to allow time for the EC to finalise necessary changes to the Regulations, and implement a new agreement document (a Memorandum of Understanding - MoU) with the ICAs to replace the current ICA/IRSA agreements. Once the MoUs are signed, we will add the new ICA designates to the IRSA Classes Committee Forum, and allow them to elect their Chair.

**Close Meeting with thanks to the DNMs and ICAs for their participation.**

# Appendix

## Executive Committee Motions

### Motion 1. Constitutional changes for Creation of the Classes Committee

#### Changes to Definitions Section

These are deletions, additions and changes to the Definitions Section as preparation for the changes to implement the Classes Committee construct.

#### Delete definitions as follows

<b>Associate Membership</b>	Membership granted to an ICA that has received IRSA Designation for its class.  No longer needed. See changed definition for <b>Member</b> below
<b>Designation</b>	“International”, “Recognised”, or “Classic”.  No longer needed.

#### Add new definition

<b>Designated National Member</b>	A World Sailing Member National Authority having satisfied the requirements specified in IRSA Regulations. The MNA may delegate all or part of the administration of radio sailing to a national radio sailing association.
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#### Update definitions as follows

Update definition Autonomous ICA which reads

<b>Autonomous ICA</b>	An ICA granted Associate or Provisional Membership.
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Changed to

<b>ICA</b>	An International Class Association granted IRSA Member or Provisional Member status.
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Update definition IRSA Class which reads

<b>IRSA Class</b>	A class of boat which has received Designation.
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Changed to

<b>IRSA Class</b>	A class of boat recognised by IRSA as offering a high standard of international competitive sailing and satisfying the requirements specified in IRSA Regulations
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Update definition Member which reads

<b>Member</b>	A DNM, an Associate Member, or a Provisional Member.
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Changed to

<b>Member</b>	A DNM, an IRSA ICA, a Provisional IRSA ICA.
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Update definition Provisional Membership which reads

**Provisional Membership** Membership granted to an ICA that has yet to receive IRSA Designation for its class.

Changed to

**Provisional IRSA Class** Membership granted to an ICA that has yet to receive IRSA Designation for its class.

## **Constitutional Changes** to create the Classes Committee and its attributes

Change 5 **MEMBERSHIP 5.1** which reads

- (ii) Associate Members. Associate Membership may be granted to a Class Association that has received IRSA Designation for its class.
- (iii) Provisional Members. Provisional Membership may be granted to a Class Association that has applied for, but has not yet received, IRSA Designation for its class.

And change to

- (ii) IRSA Class. An International Class Association that has received IRSA Designation for its class.
- (iii) Provisional IRSA Class. An International Class Association that has applied for, but has not yet been granted IRSA Class status.

Change 6 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** which reads

- (iv) A Representative of each Associate Member
- (v) An Observer from each Provisional Member.

And change to

- (iv) A Representative of each IRSA Class
- (v) An Observer from each Provisional IRSA Class

Change General Assembly 6.10 which reads

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

And change to

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

Change General Assembly 6.14 which reads

- 6.14 In a General Assembly, each DNM shall be entitled to one vote. Associate Members may only vote on matters directly related to their class. Except if an appointed DNM representative, Officers shall have no vote. Representatives of WS and Observers shall have no vote.

And change to

- 6.14 In a General Assembly, each Member shall be entitled to one vote. Except if an appointed DNM representative, Officers shall have no vote. Representatives of WS and Observers shall have no vote. Proxies are not allowed.

**Change 7.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** delete (vii) which reads

- (vii) The Chair of the Events Committee.

and replace with

- (vii) The Chair of the Classes Committee

**Change EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7.18** which reads

- 7.18 Associate Members may elect from within their membership a representative to take part in Executive Committee meetings so far as the matter under consideration in the EC meeting pertains to their class.

and replace with

- 7.18 The IRSA Classes Committee shall elect a Chairman who will become a voting member of the Executive Committee.

**Change 8 COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Delete 8.3 (iii) which says

- (iii) Events Committee, which shall deal with matters relating to Championship and other Events.

and replace with 8.3(iii)

- (iii) Classes Committee, which shall deal with matters relating to class organisation and activities.

Reason Create IRSA Classes Committee and provide scope.

Change 8.5 which says

- 8.5 Except in respect of the Racing Rules of Sailing and its appendices, interpretations of rules issued by the Racing Rules Committee, interpretations of event rules issued by the Events Committee, and interpretations of Class Rules issued by the Technical

Committee shall be binding while awaiting ratification or amendment by the Executive Committee, and shall cease to be binding if rejected by the Executive Committee.

And replace with

8.5 Except in respect of the Racing Rules of Sailing and its appendices, interpretations of rules issued by the Racing Rules Committee, interpretations of event rules issued by the Classes Committee, and interpretations of Class Rules issued by the Technical Committee shall be binding while awaiting ratification or amendment by the Executive Committee, and shall cease to be binding if rejected by the Executive Committee.

**Change 9 IRSA INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS**

And change to

**9 IRSA INTERNATIONAL CLASSES**

And change 9.1 which reads

9.1 The government of an IRSA Class may be delegated to an Autonomous ICA which shall be responsible for implementing the objects and decisions of IRSA as they affect its class and shall establish national class associations affiliated to DNMs or directly affiliated to MNAs where there is no DNM.

And replace with

9.1 An IRSA Class shall be governed by an ICA. The ICA shall comply with the IRSA Constitution, IRSA regulations and decisions of IRSA as they affect its class. The ICA shall establish national class associations affiliated to their MNA or directly to the DNM where one exists.

And delete

9.2 One representative of each Autonomous ICA may participate on behalf of their class at General Assemblies.

**Change 10 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Change The Constitution may be amended only:

(ii) in exceptional circumstances a vote of the DNM Members requested by the Executive Committee, conducted by post or by Electronic Communication,

And replace with

**10 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

10.1 The Constitution may be amended only:

(ii) in exceptional circumstances a vote of the Members requested by the Executive Committee, conducted by post or by Electronic Communication,

## END OF MOTION 1

### Housekeeping Motions

#### Motion 2.

##### Change 6 General Assembly 6.8 which reads

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

And change to

- 6.8 Notice of the General Assembly, inviting the submission of motions (and inviting nominations for the Executive Committee) shall be sent to the Membership not later than 16 (sixteen) weeks prior to the date of the General Assembly.

Reason – to tighten up the time line for General Assembly and provide greater flexibility for scheduling, due to electronic communication improvements

#### Motion 3

##### Delete Executive Committee 7.21 which reads

- 7.21 The Executive Committee may grant and withdraw International, Recognised, and Classic Class Designation.

And Renumber following items

Reason – no longer required as the designations have been deleted.

#### Motion 4

##### Change Executive Committee 7.23 which reads

- 7.23 Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be made with a simple majority of the committee members being in agreement, except for the purpose of Article 5.3. Voting may be carried out electronically. Each Officer shall be entitled to one vote. The Chair shall have a second or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.

And change to read

- 7.23 Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be made with a simple majority of the committee members, except for the purpose of Article 5.3. Voting may be carried out electronically. Each Officer shall be entitled to one vote. The Chair shall have a second or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.

Reason – unnecessary wording.