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ABBREVIATIONS

DNM	Designated National Member of IRSA
EC	Executive Committee of IRSA
ICA	International Class Association
IRSA	International Radio Sailing Association
MNA	Member National Authority of WS
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NCA	National Class Association
WS	World Sailing

DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases have these definitions in these Regulations:

Asynchronous	Where communications occur at widely different times.
Chair of the EC	The Chair of the EC, the Acting Chair of the EC, or an Officer acting as the Chair of the EC under delegated authority from the EC.
Chair	Chairperson, chairwoman, or chairman.
Class	A Class of boat includes boats which conform to a physical specification intended to allow competitive racing among their Class under the Racing Rules of Sailing. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Classes include boats with one-design, restricted, and developmental specifications as these terms are applied generally.
Commercial Interest	A commercial interest in radio sailing and related activities, if any, on the part of the person as well as those of any of their immediate family and/or their immediate relatives.
Committee Meeting	A Meeting regulated by the "IRSA Guidelines for the Conduct of Committee Meetings".
Continent	Europe, North America, South America, Asia, Africa, Oceania.

Electronic Communication	A means of exchanging information including but not limited to the World Wide Web, the Internet, e-mail, fax, message board, discussion forum, video conference, audio conference.
Equipment Inspector	As defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.
General Assembly	A formal meeting of the Membership and Officers convened according to the Constitution.
IRSA Class	IRSA Class designated in accordance with Regulation 9
Meeting	A gathering, either physical or virtual. Some virtual meetings may be conducted with synchronous communications and supported by a form of Electronic Communication such as video conferencing or audio conferencing. Other virtual meetings may be conducted with asynchronous communications and supported by a form of Electronic Communication such as e-mail or a discussion forum.
Member	An IRSA Officer, Delegated National Member, IRSA Class, or a Provisional Member.
Membership	The Members of IRSA.
Memorandum of Understanding	An agreement between the IRSA and an IRSA Class
Officer	An elected or co-opted member of the EC
Office Holder	An Officer, any member of an EC committee, and any member of an EC sub-committee.
Official Measurer	As defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.
Provisional Class	Membership granted to an ICA that has yet become an IRSA Class.
Secretary	The Secretary of the EC, the Acting Secretary of the EC, or an Officer acting as the Secretary under delegated authority from the EC.
Signed by a Senior Officer	If an Electronic Communication, received from a registered e-mail address per Article 1.9 with text properly identifying an appropriate author.
Shall/may	In these Regulations, the word "shall" specifies a mandatory action or procedure, while the word "may" is permissive.

1 Communications

- 1.1 Any communication to IRSA shall be addressed to the Secretary.
- 1.2 A communication from a DNM shall be signed by a Senior Officer of the DNM.
- 1.3 A communication from a class association shall be signed by a Senior Officer of the class association.
- 1.4 Notices from IRSA shall be deemed to be properly delivered if sent by e-mail, posted on the DNM Forum, or posted on the IRSA web site.

- 1.5 Any formal notice of desired or required Member action posted on the web site shall also be announced by e-mail and on the DNM Forum to the Membership. Such announcement is not required for informational notices.
- 1.6 A communication shall be deemed to have been given on the date of receipt by the Secretary.
- 1.7 All communications sent to the Membership by or on behalf of the Secretary shall also be copied to the EC for information.
- 1.8 Any formal communication to the Membership regarding desired or required action shall first be agreed by the EC.
- 1.9 The Secretary shall keep a register of contact details of all Members and Office Holders.
- 1.10 Members shall ensure their contact details, shown in the Members section of the IRSA web site, are up to date as their circumstances change.
- 1.11 Officer Holders shall agree to take part in the business of their committees via Electronic Communication.
- 1.12 An individual elected or co-opted to the EC shall provide the Secretary with a short profile, including a statement of Commercial Interest in radio sailing, for publication on the web site within a reasonable time of their appointment.

2 Code of Conduct

- 2.1 An Officer who is unable to take part in the business of IRSA for any of the following reasons shall notify the Secretary as soon as possible:
 - 2.1.1 Illness or any other reason relating to personal circumstances.
 - 2.1.2 Inability to communicate via the electronic methods currently in use.
- 2.2 When taking part in discussions external to radiosailing.org, Officers shall always:
 - 2.2.1 Use their officer title if they are expressing opinions or views that relate to their membership of the EC.
 - 2.2.2 Indicate "in my private capacity" if they are expressing opinions or views that do not relate to their membership of the EC.
- 2.3 A person has a conflict of interest if he or she:
 - 2.3.1 may gain or lose because of a decision to which he/she contributes;
 - 2.3.2 may reasonably appear to have a personal or financial interest which could affect his/her ability to be impartial;
 - 2.3.3 has a close personal or family interest in a decision.
- 2.4 Conflict of Interest in Committee Meetings.
 - 2.4.1 In a debate on any matter in which a member of the Committee may have a conflict of interest, whether financial or otherwise, the member shall advise the Chairman of that fact, and of the exact nature of the interest. He or she shall advise the Chairman, if practicable, in advance of the debate, or otherwise at the earliest reasonable opportunity during the debate. Notification of the reasons of the said interest shall be reported to the Committee unless there are compelling grounds why such reasons should remain confidential.

2.4.2 The Chairman or the Committee may require the member concerned to leave the meeting for the whole or part of the debate. The Chairman may require the member to abstain from voting. The declaration and any decision by the Chairman shall be noted in the written record of the debate.

2.5 It shall be a condition of election, co-option, or appointment, that an Office Holder shall license IRSA to use any works they produce in connection with their office. The licence text shall be as specified by the Secretary from time to time.

3 Executive Committee

3.1 Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be chaired by the EC Chairman, or in their absence by the EC Vice Chairman, or if neither is available, by an Officer elected by the meeting.

3.2 The EC may hold Meetings at such times as shall be deemed necessary for conducting the business of IRSA.

3.3 The EC shall hold a Meeting

3.3.1 following a General Assembly.

3.3.2 on the instruction of the Chairman or on the instruction of any five members of the EC.

3.4 EC Meetings may be conducted using Electronic Communication.

3.5 EC Meetings shall be brought to order by the call of the meeting chair.

3.6 Officers shall respond to any item of business expeditiously and prior to any reasonable deadline set by the Chairman.

3.7 The Chair of the EC may submit a proposal to the EC to replace an Officer who regularly fails to respond.

3.8 All Officers shall prepare an annual report on their work and the work, as applicable, of their Committees and sub-committees. Reports shall be circulated to the Membership and the EC prior to a General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

4 Committees Other Than the Executive Committee

4.1 The Chair of any committee may submit to the EC one or more candidates for membership of their committee submitted by Officers and/or the Membership.

4.2 Prior to their nomination being considered by the EC for membership of any EC Committee a candidate shall:

4.2.1 Declare their Commercial Interest.

4.2.2 Confirm that they are willing and able to comply with the requirements of Articles 1.11, 1.12, and 2.

4.3 If, during the period of tenure, there is a change in the Commercial Interest of the member of any EC Committee they shall forthwith declare their new Commercial Interest.

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- 4.4 Except for the Classes Committee where membership is determined in Section 6, in selecting the membership of the EC Committees, the EC shall take due account of the following:
- 4.4.1 Persons shall be selected for their expertise and ability but no more than two persons from any country shall be included on any EC Committee.
 - 4.4.2 The nominations for membership of the EC Committees made by a Member.
 - 4.4.3 The recommendation of the EC Committee Chair.
 - 4.4.4 There shall not be a set number of members on any EC Committee.
 - 4.4.5 There shall not be a maximum period for any member to sit on an EC Committee.
- 4.5 An EC Committee may establish one or more sub-committees or working parties which may comprise members who are not members of the parent EC Committee. Sub-committees or working parties shall not be entitled to financial support without prior approval by the EC.
- 4.6 Any EC Committee Chair who does not receive a response to an item of business from an EC Committee or sub-committee member within 2 (two) weeks from the date of the request, may proceed without that member's input.
- 4.7 An EC Committee Chair may submit a proposal to the EC to remove, suspend, or replace an EC Committee member who regularly fails to respond.
- 4.8 Any member or Chair of an EC Committee having a Conflict of Interest in any decision shall be a non-voting party to the process.
- 4.9 All Committees and, where practical, sub-committees shall carry out their business on the IRSA Forum. Specific tasks that are considered too complex or inappropriate to carry through on the IRSA Forum, may be undertaken off-forum until they are ready to be proposed or reconsidered on the Forum.

5 Racing Rules Committee

- 5.1 The Racing Rules Committee shall be responsible for advising and making recommendations to the EC regarding:
- 5.1.1 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
 - 5.1.2 Appendix E of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 5.1.3 Any other aspect of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 5.1.4 World Sailing Call Book for Radio Sailing and World Sailing Test Rule for Umpired Radio Sailing
- 5.2 The EC, after receiving a recommendation from or consulting the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee, may approve changes of an emergency or experimental nature to the matters listed in 5.1:
- 5.2.1 For a specific international event provided such changes are of clear necessity or pressing importance, which shall be notified in the event's Sailing Instructions and/or Notice of Race.

5.2.2 From a specified date, which shall be incorporated in the Standard Sailing Instructions and/or the standard Notice of Race.

6 Classes Committee

- 6.1 The Classes Committee shall be responsible for advising and making recommendations to the EC regarding:
- 6.1.1 IRSA Championship Regulations.
 - 6.1.2 Scoring systems.
 - 6.1.3 Any other aspect of the management of event.
 - 6.1.4 Coordinating the scheduling of World, Continental, and Regional Championships proposed by the IRSA Classes
- 6.2 Each IRSA International Class Association having entered into an MoU, shall nominate a representative to be a member of the IRSA Classes Committee. Each IRSA Provisional Class may nominate a non-voting observer to the Classes Committee. This committee may co-opt additional non-voting members as required during the cycle.
- 6.3 Following a General Assembly, the Classes Committee shall elect a Chair who shall become a full voting member of the Executive Committee with a term concurrent with the General Assembly cycle.
- 6.4 The Class Committee members (both voting and non-voting) shall be subject to the requirements set forth in section 4.2 and presented to the EC for approval.
- 6.5 The EC, after receiving a recommendation from or consulting the Chair of the Classes Committee, may approve changes of an emergency or experimental nature to the matters listed in 6.1:
- 6.5.1 For a specific international event provided such changes are of clear necessity or pressing importance, which shall be notified in the event's Sailing Instructions and/or Notice of Race.
 - 6.5.2 From a specified date, which shall be incorporated in the Standard Sailing Instructions and/or the standard Notice of Race.
- 6.6 The IRSA shall not adjudicate upon an appeal against a ruling of a Member arising from an event under the jurisdiction of that Member. A Member is autonomous regarding events within its own jurisdiction and its decisions on appeals are final.

7 Technical Committee

- 7.1 The Technical Committee shall be responsible for advising and making recommendations to the EC regarding:
- 7.1.1 The Regulations for IRSA Classes, their Class Rules, and interpretations on their Class Rules.
 - 7.1.2 Related technical rules.
 - 7.1.3 Methods and procedures for measurement of boats and equipment.
 - 7.1.4 Training of Official Measurers and Equipment Inspectors.

8 IRSA Classes

- 8.1 A Class, which satisfies the relevant criteria set out in Article 9, and has entered into an MoU with IRSA may receive Designation as an IRSA Class
- 8.2 An IRSA Provisional Class is a Class which has applied to the IRSA to be considered, based on Article 9, to become a designated IRSA Class.
- 8.3 Where an ICA does not exist for an IRSA Class, IRSA may act as the ICA for that class.
- 8.4 An IRSA Class is entitled to conduct World and Continental Championships subject to WS Regulation 25.3. Approval is required by the IRSA EC,
- 8.5 The Television Rights of all WS approved World Championships are the property of WS.

9 Receiving Designation as an IRSA Class

- 9.1 To receive Designation as an IRSA Class, a class shall have:
 - 9.1.1 A recommendation from at least one DNM.
 - 9.1.2 A majority vote of the EC in favour.
 - 9.1.3 An active International Class Association (ICA), which may be IRSA.
 - 9.1.4 Except when IRSA acts as the ICA, a constitution passed by a pre-existing ICA and approved by the EC containing at least:
 - (i) the name of the class,
 - (ii) the class logo,
 - (iii) provision for control by an ICA,
 - (iv) a directing board,
 - (v) an elected executive committee,
 - (vi) a statement of the objectives of the class.
 - 9.1.5 A set of Class Rules:
 - (i) Written in World Sailing Standard Class Rules format that include the Equipment Rules of Sailing OR;
 - (ii) The Technical Committee may approve an existing set of class rules that are satisfactory and well established.
 - 9.1.6 Procedures prescribed in its Class Rules, ICA Regulations, or ICA Constitution for Class Rule interpretations and for Class Rule amendments.
 - 9.1.7 A maximum draught limit restricted to no more than 700 mm.
 - 9.1.8 Active fleets in a minimum of 5 countries and 2 continents. "Active fleet" is defined by a minimum of 15 boats registered in the host country and sailing in the class National Championship (or equivalent event).

10 Provisional IRSA Classes

- 10.1 The EC may grant Provisional membership to an ICA while fulfilling provisions required on Article 9.

- 10.2 An ICA granted Provisional membership shall hold a World Championship for its class before the class receives confirmed International Designation. Approval by IRSA is required. Use of the IRSA Class Championship Regulations are recommended.
- 10.3 The IRSA may appoint a representative to be present at the World Championship to assess the class, both in terms of participation and organisation. The event organisers shall defray the expenses of the appointed representative.
- 10.4 If the election of Class Officers has not taken place, such elections shall be done during the World Championship prior to the class being confirmed as an IRSA Class.

11 Regulations for IRSA Classes to maintain IRSA Class Designation

- 11.1 To obtain or retain status as an IRSA Class, an ICA shall enter into an MoU with the IRSA and comply with the following:
- 11.2 The IRSA Class shall use the IRSA-approved class logo along with the IRSA logo in all class publications, advertising, or promotions.
- 11.3 The IRSA Class shall properly administer its affairs and maintain its objectives in accordance with its Constitution, Class Rules, and these Regulations.
- 11.4 The IRSA Class shall provide IRSA with up-to-date copies of all class publications including its Constitution, Regulations, Class Rules, Measurement forms, Certificates, and One Design Specifications, in addition to the Class Newsletter, if any.
- 11.5 The IRSA Class shall be responsible for regularly updating and publishing the above-mentioned publications and ensuring that updated Class Rules are published before any rule amendments come into effect.
- 11.6 The IRSA Classes shall negotiate Championship dates with the IRSA Class Chair and Committee well before the events. Dates for World and Continental Championships are to be published by March 1st of the previous year and earlier if possible. No alteration in the notified championship dates is allowed without the approval of IRSA, the host DNM, and the ICA. Final approval of Championship dates is subject to approval by the Classes Committee and EC.
- 11.7 For World Championship regattas, an IRSA Class shall ensure that the host DNM approves the venue, an International Jury is appointed, the IRSA Class Championship Regulations are followed (unless specific exceptions have been discussed with and agreed to by the Classes Committee), and at least one Measurer or Equipment Inspector approved by the IRSA Class is present at the event. Use of World Sailing Test Rule for Umpired Radio Sailing is strongly advised.
- 11.8 For Continental Championship regattas, the IRSA Class Championship Regulations are to be followed unless specific exceptions have been discussed with and agreed to by the Classes Committee. Use of World Sailing Test Rule for Umpired Radio Sailing is recommended.
- 11.9 The IRSA Class shall send IRSA a complete report every two years on the activities of the class, success in maintaining its objectives, current membership, boat registrations, and financial status by 31 December of each reporting year.
- 11.10 The IRSA Class shall not permit event organisers to amend, suspend, or override the Class Rules in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions for class events without the approval of IRSA.

- 11.11 The IRSA Class shall organise its measurement procedures to properly maintain the objectives of the Class Rules and shall:
- 11.11.1 Appoint a class measurement committee.
 - 11.11.2 Appoint a representative who is a member of the class measurement committee and who is authorised to discuss class technical matters with IRSA.
 - 11.11.3 Keep all class Official Measurers informed of class rule changes and interpretations.
 - 11.11.4 Require that each sailor has an active membership in the relevant national radio sailing association and class association before participating in racing.

12 Review of IRSA Class Designation

- 12.1 All IRSA Classes and Provisional Classes shall be subject to regular review by the EC. The review shall be reported during the GA as provided by the Constitution.
- 12.2 Except when IRSA is acting as the class association, a class association under review shall be notified and entitled to attend, without voting rights, the EC meeting during which their IRSA designation is being reviewed.

13 Requests for class rule interpretations for IRSA Classes.

- 13.1 Unless modified by an MoU,
- 13.2 Request for Class Rules interpretations may be made by the following:
- Members, the EC and IRSA Technical Committee,
 - International and National Class Associations,
 - Licensed builders, copyright holders, and licensed manufacturers,
 - Trade name and trademark owners,
 - Official class measurers of the class.
- 13.3 Requests shall be received by the Secretary and acknowledged.

14 Class Rule Interpretations for IRSA Classes

- 14.1 Unless modified by an MoU,
- 14.2 An interpretation shall have the status of a Class Rule and shall remain valid until the Class Rule is changed or for a maximum period of 2 years.
- 14.3 Class rule changes required by a class rule interpretation shall be made before the interpretation expires.
- 14.4 Interpretations shall not change an existing rule.
- 14.5 The IRSA Technical Committee shall decide Class Rule interpretations. The IRSA Class may delegate a technical representative to participate in the decision.
- 14.6 The decision of the IRSA Technical Committee shall be submitted to the EC for approval.
- 14.7 IRSA shall communicate the outcome to the party making the request for the interpretation, its Members, National Class Associations, and licensed builders.

15 Class Rule Changes for IRSA Classes

- 15.1 Unless modified by an MoU,
- 15.2 IRSA Classes shall submit proposals for class rule changes for approval by IRSA.
- 15.3 Proposals shall be received by the Secretary and acknowledged.
- 15.4 The IRSA Technical Committee shall review the proposed class rule change. The IRSA Class may delegate a technical representative to participate in the decision.
- 15.5 If the proposal is not approved, the IRSA Technical Committee shall report to the IRSA Class Association, stating the reasons for rejecting or changing the proposal. The IRSA Class Association shall be entitled to comment within an agreed period after receiving the report. Any such comments shall be considered before a final decision is made.
- 15.6 The decision of the IRSA Technical Committee shall be submitted to the EC for approval.
- 15.7 IRSA shall communicate the outcome to its Members.

16 Amendments to Regulations

- 16.1 These Regulations may be amended by a resolution of the EC carried by a simple majority of votes cast.
- 16.2 Prior to making any amendments, the EC shall consult with any stakeholders and Members where the changes may affect their rights and obligations. They shall be given at least 4 weeks to respond to the changes before a final decision on changes is made.
- 16.3 Amendments to the Regulations shall be submitted for review to the next General Assembly.

17 Subscription Fees

- 17.1 The subscription year shall run from 1 January to 31 December.
- 17.2 All standing and annual fees shall be decided by the General Assembly.
- 17.3 All other fees shall be approved by the EC.
- 17.4 All fees shall be exclusive of bank, exchange, transfer, or handling charges.
- 17.5 The annual fee payable by a Member shall be paid on January 1st annually according to the following schedule:

Category	1:	39.60	GBP
Category	2:	67.10	GBP
Category	3:	80.30	GBP
Category	4:	106.70	GBP
Category	5:	151.80	GBP
Category	6:	266.60	GBP
- 17.6 The IRSA Executive Committee may waive these fees for all members, or for specific members in exceptional circumstances.

17.7 The IRSA Executive Committee may award grants for the purpose of promoting Radio Sailing. These typically (but not limited to) consist of financial support for International Regattas and will become available once IRSA cash reserves exceed a predetermined threshold.

17.8 Ad hoc fees for services rendered at World and Continental Championships and other International events shall be agreed by negotiation between the EC and the organisers of the event.

18 Expenses

18.1 A budget for expenses may be agreed each year by the EC, and expenses shall be reported under a separate heading in the Annual Accounts.

18.2 Any non-budgeted expense more than 20 GBP or its equivalent in local currency shall require pre-clearance from two of the following three EC Officers: the Treasurer, Secretary, or EC Chairman.

19 Accounting

19.1 The Treasurer shall maintain and publish accounts annually.

19.2 The fiscal period of IRSA shall be 1 January to 31 December each year.

20 Categories of Membership

20.1 Categories of Membership will be based upon the number of members in that National Radio Sailing Organization or ICA.

Category 1:

Austria Barbados Belarus Belgium Chile Croatia Czech Republic Greece Ireland Israel Malta Netherlands Hong Kong Peoples' Republic of Korea (North Korea) Russia Samoa Slovenia Thailand Turkey Ukraine

Category 2:

Argentina Brazil Denmark Finland Norway

Category 3:

Japan Poland Portugal Republic of South Africa Sweden

Category 4:

Canada New Zealand Spain Switzerland IRSA Classes

Category 5:

Australia Germany Italy

Category 6:

France United Kingdom United States of America