

INTERNATIONAL iQFOiL YOUTH & JUNIOR CLASS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. NAME, INSIGNIA, SEAT & LANGUAGE

1.1 The official name of the class association is the “International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association”, otherwise known as the “iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association”, “iQFOiL Class” or “Class”.

1.2 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Insignia shall be



1.3 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class is a non-profit sports association in accordance with Articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code resident in Switzerland at a place to be determined by the Executive Committee. The Association shall not pursue commercial purposes and does not aim to make a profit.

1.4 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class may, upon the vote of its full members (who have the right to vote as described in Article 3.4), be affiliated to other bodies, or contract other bodies for management/secretarial services as it sees fit.

1.5 The official language of the class and all its publications is English. In this constitution the word "shall" is mandatory, and the word "may" is permissive.

1.6 Save for the provision of Article 1.5, the official language for any legal issues and any judicial proceedings in Switzerland shall be French or German. The German version takes precedence in case of doubt.

1.7 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class shall be duly registered with and inscribed in the Swiss Commercial Registry.

2. AIMS

2.1 To encourage, promote and develop iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class competition throughout the world.

2.2 Maintain the one-design character of the iQFOiL Class.

2.3 Organise International, Continental and World Championship events.

2.4 Manage class activities.

2.5 Represent the interests of the members, and cooperate with World Sailing and any MNAs or organisations which help to promote and represent the class.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The iQFOiL Class is an association of its Members.
- 3.2 Full Membership may be granted to World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA) or National Class Association (NCA) who have delegated authority to govern the Class in each respective country.
- 3.3 Individual Membership may be granted by the class Executive Committee to individuals coming from a country where an NCA does not exist or MNA is not a member of iQFOiL Class.
- 3.4 Only iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members are entitled to vote at General Meetings.
- 3.5 Membership of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class is a requirement for entry to iQFOiL Class Championship and other sanctioned events.
- 3.6 Membership may be granted, suspended or terminated by a decision of the General Assembly (see Article 6.8.3) without obligation to specify the reasons.
- 3.7 Members who resign or are expelled have no claim to the assets of the association.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES

- 4.1 Each member shall pay annual fees, as set by the General Assembly.
- 4.2 The Annual Fees shall be paid each year between 1st January and 28th February and, in any case, before the first Championship of the year. A National Class Association or an Individual Member not having paid the Annual Membership Fee may have their rights and benefits granted by the Constitution suspended following a decision of the Executive Committee. A National Class Association or an Individual Member with outstanding fees shall automatically recover their rights and benefits once the Class has received payment of all the Annual Membership Fee dues.
- 4.3 A Full Member who has not paid annual fees will not be entitled to any rights or privileges of membership.

5. ORGANISATION

- 5.1 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class is governed by its Full Members through its convened General Assembly and its elected Executive Committee.
- 5.2 The Executive Committee shall report its activities to the General Assembly.
- 5.2 The members of the Executive Committee and the members of other committees shall not be remunerated. Expenses shall be reimbursed against receipt.

6. GENERAL ASSEMBLY & MEETINGS

- 6.1 The General Assembly shall be the authoritative body of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class which will devolve such administrative and/or executive power to the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee it deems relevant.
- 6.2 The General Assembly shall consist of delegates appointed by the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members. Persons elected to the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee may attend and speak, but shall not vote.
- 6.3 Ordinary meetings of the General Assembly shall be held annually, usually at the class World Championships, or as decided by the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee, including the option for remote meetings via teleconference system.
- 6.4 An extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly shall be held on demand of 1/3rd of the current iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members.
- 6.5 General Assembly meetings will be chaired by the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, those delegates present may elect an alternate by simple majority.
- 6.6 The Agenda for ordinary meetings of the General Assembly shall contain:
- approval of the Minutes of the last meeting;
 - reports from the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee, including Chairman's report;
 - presentation of Financial Statements, including the previous year's accounts and current budget;
 - submissions from the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members and the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee;
 - Election of iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee Chairman;
 - Election of iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee.
- 6.7 Each iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Member delegate has one vote, but may represent no more than two other iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members from whom he or she had received a proxy vote mandate. Alternatively, iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members may submit their vote by e-mail. Proxy mandates and email votes shall be received by the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Secretary at least 24 hours before the date and time of the General Assembly as posted on the official class web site, and shall be signed by either the Chairman or Executive Secretary of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Member. No proxy vote mandates can be accepted when the General Assembly will be held remotely via teleconference system.
- 6.8 The decisions of a General Assembly shall be by simple majority of votes, except the following which require a 2/3 (two thirds) majority of votes:
- 6.8.1 modification of the Constitution;

- 6.8.2 proposals to the World Sailing for changes and/or modifications of iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Rules or Equipment Building Specifications;
- 6.8.3 termination of membership of National Class Association(s).
- 6.9 The Quorum at a General Assembly shall be delegates and postal votes, together representing a minimum of 1/3rd of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members.
- 6.10 At least 45 days' notice of a General Assembly and its agenda shall be given. This will be by email to the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members and by posting it on the class website.
- 6.11 iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Members and the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee shall inform the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Secretary by email, at least 30 days before a meeting of the General Assembly of:
- the items, including submissions, they wish to put on the agenda;
 - the names of candidates for the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee in an election year.
- 6.12 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Secretary shall publish no later than 15 days before the date of a General Assembly meeting the items, submissions and nominations received.
- 6.13 In well-founded exceptional cases, the notice and the agenda can be sent out at shorter notice up to a maximum of 10 days before the General Meeting. In this case, the invitation is considered valid unless at least 1/5 (one fifth) of the Members request the two months reflection period before the General Meeting begins.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 7.1 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee shall be composed of a minimum 5 and a maximum 9 persons, excluding the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Secretary and iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Manager.
- 7.2 Candidates for the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee are elected for a 1-year period, and may stand for re-election.
- 7.2.1 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee shall be composed of:
- not more than 2 persons from the same iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Member;
 - a minimum of 2 continents to be represented by an iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Member nominee;

- a minimum of 1/3rd from each gender;
 - a minimum of 2 sailors' representatives who are active iQFOiL athletes, one male and one female.
 - A minimum of 1 person with responsibility for Sustainability
- 7.2.2 Candidates for the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee shall be nominated by an iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Member.
- 7.2.3 Each iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Full Member may nominate a maximum of two persons.
- 7.2.4 The Chairman and members of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly.
- 7.3 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee, and is a non-voting member of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee. That position may be filled by a person from a body contracted to under 1.4.
- 7.4 In case of a vacancy the iQFOiL *Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee* may co-opt a member until the appointment is confirmed at the next general assembly.
- 7.5 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee is responsible for the management of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class and all matters not delegated to other bodies by the general assembly.
- 7.6 Decisions of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee shall be by a simple majority of votes, each member shall have one vote. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 7.7 Meetings may occur at major championship events, or by conference call, where a minimum of 4 present shall form a quorum. Normal business may be conducted by Email where a Quorum of 4 votes shall be the minimum.

8. CLASS MANAGER

- 8.1 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee, may contract an iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Manager for such time, upon such conditions and responsibilities as it may think fit.
- 8.2 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Manager shall be a non-voting member of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee.

9. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- 9.1 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Technical Committee consists of a minimum of 3, and maximum of 6, persons appointed by the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee, plus the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Manager.

- 9.2 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Technical Committee.
- 9.3 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Technical Committee acts under the control and responsibility of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee to deal with matters relating to Race Management, Equipment Inspection & Measurement, and Judging.
- 9.4 The iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Technical Committee is responsible for recommending, to the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Executive Committee, the appointment of class officials to class championships and nominations to World Sailing when requested.
- 9.5 The decisions of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Technical Committee shall be by simple majority.

10. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

- 10.1 Consultative Committees may be established by a General Assembly.
- 10.2 Consultative committees shall report to the General Assembly.
- 10.3 Consultative committees may be established for a definite or an indefinite period.

11. LIABILITY

- 11.1 Only the assets of the Association are subject to a liability for the Association's debts. There is no personal liability of the Members for the debts of the Association.
- 11.2 In the execution of their powers and duties under this constitution, members of the Executive Committees shall not be liable for any loss to any of the Members or former Members, or to the assets of the Association, by reason of any action or omission made in good faith.
- 11.3 Members of the Executive Committees shall not be personally liable for the Association's obligations.

12. DISSOLUTION

- 12.1 Dissolution of the iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class shall take place by a resolution of an iQFOiL Class General Assembly, passed by two-thirds majority of those voting.
- 12.2 The remaining proceeds after dissolution shall be transferred to a tax exempted institution with domicile in Switzerland with equal or similar objectives. A distribution among Members shall be excluded.

Approved by the General Assembly in its meeting held on 25 July 2021 at Campione del Garda, Italy.

Signed by the members of the Executive Committee:

Ronnie MEIR
President

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