

iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class AGM 2023

SUBMISSION FORM

The deadline for submissions is **2400 hrs UTC on September 21st 2023**

This submission form shall be used as the format for your submission, saved as a PDF and sent by email to: info@iqfoilyouthjuniorclass.org

Please read the following notes carefully before completing the Submission Form.

- In accordance with the Class Constitution Article # 6.11 a submission shall be sent by e-mail to the Class Executive Secretary (info@iqfoilyouthjuniorclass.org) by a National Class Association being a Full Member.
- To make your submission as clear as possible, the original exact wording received on submission forms shall be retained in the final formatted submissions. However, if wording is unclear the Class will consult the originator for clarification.
- Please click in the highlighted boxes in the Form below to insert the purpose or objective, the proposal, the current position and the reasons.
- If the submission proposes new policy, please insert the wording in full in the "Proposal" section and also complete the "Current Position" and "Reason" section.
- If the submission proposes a change to existing Articles, Regulations, the Racing Rules, or other Class or World Sailing Codes and Rules, please insert the current version in the "Proposal" section highlighting new wording as **bold and underlined**, and text to be deleted as ~~double struck through~~. The words "as above" should then be inserted in the "Current Position". Clearly defined reasons should be inserted in the "Reason" section.
- The font and size for text in submissions is Arial 11pt
- The font Times New Roman 12pt should only be used when inserting current wording or new wording proposals to amend the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Authorisation to make a submission <i>(Only a duly authorised person may make a submission. Please detail name of authorised person)</i>	
Country Code: <i>(eg. AUS)</i>	HUN (on behalf of the Executive Committee)
Name of Authorised Person:	Lorand UTASSY
Position: <i>(Position in NCA)</i>	iQFOiL Y&J Class President
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Date:	20 / 09 / 2023

All submissions will be acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgment or you need any further information about the submission process, please contact info@iqfoilyouthjuniorclass.org

Title:

CLASS RULES CHANGE: Personal Equipment Total Weight

Subtitle:

Lowering the total weight of clothing and worn equipment from 9kg to 8,5kg

A submission from:

iQFOiL Youth & Junior Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

Lowering the total weight of a competitor's clothing and equipment from 9kg to 8.5kg for the Youth & Junior iQFOiL Competitors can be justified with several arguments, especially when considering the simultaneous reduction in the maximum harness weight from 4kg to 2.5kg.

Youth & Junior Development: The Youth & Junior iQFOiL Class is specifically aimed at developing young windsurfing talents. Reducing the weight limit for clothing and equipment makes the sport more accessible and enjoyable for young competitors who may not have the same physical strength. This adjustment ensures that young sailors can compete on a more level playing field without being disadvantaged.

Safety and Comfort: Carrying heavy equipment can be physically demanding, especially for younger participants. Lowering the weight limit helps reduce the risk of injury and fatigue during training and competition. Lighter equipment also enhances the overall comfort of the sailors, allowing them to focus on their skills and technique.

Encouraging Participation: A lower weight limit for clothing and equipment may encourage more young sailors to participate in the Youth & Junior iQFOiL Events. Lowering the barrier to entry can attract a wider range of participants, contributing to the growth of the Class at the youth and junior levels.

Consistency with Harness Weight Reduction: As mentioned, the adjustment in clothing and equipment weight aligns with the reduction in the maximum harness weight from 4kg to 2.5kg. Maintaining consistency in weight regulations simplifies the rulebook and ensures that competitors are not subjected to overly restrictive rules.

Proposal

CLASS RULES

C.3 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

C.3.4 TOTAL WEIGHT

(a) As permitted by RRS50.1(b), the total weight of a competitor clothing and equipment, including footwear and clothing worn below the knee, shall not weight more than 8,5kg.

The harness and drinking container (empty) are considered as competitors clothing and equipment and therefore included. When the crew is required to carry equipment supplied by the Organising Authority, it shall be excluded from weighting under C.3.4.

Current Position

CLASS RULES

C.3 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

C.3.4 TOTAL WEIGHT

The total weight of clothing and worn equipment including the harness but excluding the drinking container, shall not exceed 9kg when weight in accordance with RRS Appendix H.

Reason

Lowering the total weight of a competitor's clothing and equipment in the Youth & Junior iQFOiL Class from 9kg to 8.5kg, along with the reduction in harness weight, promotes fairness, safety, and accessibility while aligning with the evolving needs of young windsurfers. These changes can help create a more inclusive and competitive environment for young sailors.