

# iQFOiL Class AGM 2024

## 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

### SUBMISSION FORM

The deadline for submissions is **2400 hrs UTC on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

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

<b>Authorisation to make a submission</b> <i>(Only a duly authorised person may make a submission. Please detail name of authorised person)</i>	
<b>Country Code:</b> <i>(eg. AUS)</i>	<b>EST</b>
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<i>All submissions will be acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgment or you need any further information about the submission process, please contact <a href="mailto:info@iqfoilclass.org">info@iqfoilclass.org</a></i>	

**Title**

**RACE MANAGEMENT - Reduced Discards**

**Subtitle**

2 Discards Only

**A submission from**

Estonian Windsurf Association

**Purpose or Objective**

To create a greater consequence to BFD's and DSQ's and help increase start line discipline.

**Proposal**

To reduce the number of discards to 1 in Qualifying Series and 1 in Final Series, total/maximum number of 2 discards may be applied.

None split fleets to have a maximum of 2 discards in Qualifying Series.

**Current Position**

Up to 2 discards in Qualifying Series and up to 2 discards in Final Series.

Up to 3 discards in the Qualifying Series in non-split fleets.

**Reason**

The current system indeed offers sailors multiple opportunities to recover from poor performances due to BFDs (Black Flag Disqualifications), DSQs (Disqualifications), or poorly executed races. This leniency particularly allows excessive risk-taking at the start line in slalom races, where the consequence of being flagged BFD is less severe.

In contrast, the Medal Series places significant pressure on sailors to deliver consistent performances. Applying similar pressure during the regatta races could lead to more disciplined and strategic racing throughout the event. Allowing only two discards provides sufficient safety for sailors in case of gear failures or uncontrollable incidents, which are a typical part of regattas.

Additionally, this adjustment would aid race officers by promoting better start line discipline across all racing formats, resulting in fairer and more controlled starts