

iQFOiL Class EGM 2024

SUBMISSION FORM

The deadline for submissions is **2400 hrs UTC on 29th March 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

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

- Submissions shall be sent by e-mail to the Class Executive Secretary (info@iqfoilclass.org / valerie@iqfoilclass.org) either by a National Class Association being an iQFOiL Class *Full Member* or by the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee itself.
- 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>	
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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 info@iqfoilclass.org</i>	

Title:

Managing The Process And Impact Of Class Rule Changes

Subtitle:**A submission from:**

MNA - Royal Dutch Yachting Association (Watersportverbond) - Topsport TeamNL

Purpose or Objective

Managing the multiple proposed changes in materials (sails & masts for Men, Women, Youth) in order to minimize the negative effects and maximize the positive effects.

Proposal

Organize a smart planning/phasing for evaluation and testing towards possible changes to class rules.

1. Don't make final decisions before the Olympic Games
 - Embrace and be proud of the class as it is now (materials and race-formats). Focus on promoting the sport to fans, media, World Sailing and IOC. Changing essential elements before the Games will be confusing. If we don't believe in our class setup, why should others.
 - Take the experience and output of the Olympic Games into decision making. As this is the main event (!)
2. Take sufficient time to test (may-oct). In order:
 - To create a strong support base within the class
 - To discover the optimal combination of equipment, race-formats, wind range and weight range.
 - To discover the impact of many different wind and wave conditions
3. So, minimize changes towards 2028 for the current senior fleet (parallel to IOC choices),
4. Pro-actively imply changes to the youth program to align with the chosen 2029 setup.

Current Position

Not applicable

Reason

We should be careful to rush ourselves into urgent decision making, inflicted by self-imposed time limits.

Multiple sequential changes will bring implicit negative effects (despite the good intentions), like: capital destruction, non-sustainability, insecurity about investments by sponsors, federations, NOCs and athletes themselves.

In this we can learn from broad experiences in other Olympic classes (e.g. 49er, FX, Nacra, ILCA).

See 'Proposal' for additional reasoning.