

International iQFOiL Class Association Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Date and time : 18th November 2022 – 14h00 CET

Place : Online via the Zoom conferencing system

In attendance:

Executive Committee

Ronnie Meir (ISR) - President, Peina Chen (CHN), Helene Noesmoen (FRA), Nicolas Goyard (FRA), Barrie Edgington (GBR), Lorand Utassy (HUN), Adrien Gaillard (MEX), Ewa Jodlowska (POL), Piotr Myska (POL)

Class' Manager Gonzalo Costa Hoevel

Class' Executive Secretary Valérie Boutet-Massonneau

Welcome by the President of the Class

Ronnie Meir (ISR), welcomes all members of the new Executive Committee to the iQFOiL Class.

Takes the opportunity to thank Gonzalo Costa Hoevel and Valérie Boutet-Massonneau for the huge work done before and during the Senior World Championships and the Youth & Junior European Championships in Brest.

Stresses that he will do his utmost to make the work within the Class with the Executive Committee pleasant and efficient.

Introduction of the meeting by the Manager of the Class

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel, also welcomes all members of the Executive Committee and invites newcomers to introduce themselves.

Piotr Myska (POL), emphasises that he is very happy to join and collaborate with the iQFOiL Class.

Ewa Jodlowska (POL), is also very happy to join the iQFOiL Class and proposes to be involved in the first instance in all issues related to Race Management.

Barrie Edgington (GBR), stresses what a wonderful the iQFOiL Class is and that he is therefore quite excited to be part of it.

Peina Chen (CHN), is very happy to be back in the Olympic family.

Adrien Gaillard (MEX), is on the plane and, while he can listen to the beginning of the meeting, unfortunately cannot speak.

Review of the AGM results

The first part of the meeting was to review the votes of the last General Assembly and in particular to consider how best to put into practice the submissions that had received a positive vote.

AGM 03-22 (FRA) - Number of races in qualification round

Purpose:

To ensure fairness and quality racing to select finalists, qualifying Series shall consist of a maximum of 8 (eight) races and a minimum of 6 (six) races, scheduled for a minimum of 2 (two) days or as long as necessary to complete a minimum of 6(six) races for each group.

YES	NO
73,53%	26,47%

AGM 04-22 (MEX) - Increase minimum number of races in qualifying series

Purpose:

Increase the minimum number of races (regardless if Slalom, Course Racing or Marathon) in qualifying series to 6 races instead of currently 4.

YES	NO
68,75%	31,25%

ExCom discussion and decision:

The philosophy of both submissions is the same, to increase the minimum number of races in the qualifying series from 4 races to 6 races.

However, these submissions make different proposals in terms of the maximum number of races.

After discussing the different outcomes of combinations of races for the qualifying series, it was decided to compromise to 10 for the maximum number of races.

What really matters is the move from 4 to 6 races minimum in the qualifying series.

AGM 06-22 (FRA) – Number of discards allowed

Purpose:

Revision of numbers of discards if the maximum number of races per day is 4

When 4 races a day is planned along the event, there should be discards as below - **After Friendly Amendment** :

- More than 3 races: One discard
- More than 7 races: Two discards
- More than 15 races: Three discards

YES	NO
64,52%	35,48%

AGM 07-22 (EST) – Discard Policy

Purpose:

After Friendly Amendment :

- More than 3 races: One discard
- More than 7 races: Two discards
- More than 15 races: Three discards

AND, one of the discards must be from Sprint Slalom, and one must be from Course Racing/Marathon.

YES	NO
58,06%	41,94%

ExCom discussion and decision:

The Executive Committee considered two possibilities:

The first was to consider only the submission that received the most votes in favour,

The second was to understand the common philosophy of the two submissions and to see to what extent to implement both requests.

- The second option was chosen by all members of the Executive Committee.

The common philosophy that emerges from both submissions is the following:

The two submissions want to set up the first discard one race later than has been done so far,

- More than 3 races: One discard
- More than 7 races: Two discards
- More than 15 races: Three discards

This is endorsed by the Executive Committee

In addition to this, submission AGM 07-22 wishes that from the second discard onwards, one of the discards necessarily applies to the slalom format and the other necessarily to the racing format. As well this submission takes into account that there should be discards for the qualifying series and discards for the final series, just coming in one race later.

The Executive Committee should therefore reflect and decide from how many races in the different formats this new rule should be applied.

The Executive Committee agreed to work outside this meeting on the best possible scenario and to contact the developers of the Sailti software to ensure that it could be implemented.

A scenario that was brought up during the meeting: if 3 races or more are sailed in Sprint Slalom and Course Racing/Marathon, one discard at least must be taken for Sprint Slalom and one discard at least must be taken for Course Racing/Marathon. But what would happen if there is gear breakage on the Marathon. Would you be able to discard both marathons? Would sailors break gear on purpose if they are having a bad result on the marathon?

So the ExCom decided to take offline and study all the different situations that might end up happening.

Adrien Gaillard (MEX), Calculations are always easy for a computer, we just don't have to compromise fairness.

ExCom Working Group:

Barrie Edgington (GBR) + Ewa Jodlowska (POL) + Nicolas Goyard (FRA) + Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (ARG)
 + Valérie Boutet-Massonneau (FRA)

[AGM 12-22 \(GBR\) - New Racing Format](#)

Purpose:

To allow a reaching start into downwind option with an upwind leg and reach finish. Add tactic and strategy.

A third way to heat racing.

Trial in coach regattas, local events and IQGames

YES	NO
76,67%	23,33%

ExCom discussion and decision:

One of the problems with the U-shaped race format is that sailors who have finished and need to get to the start area can interfere with sailors who are actually starting. Some different options of course were

discussed but it was decided to follow this offline and see different alternative options to be worked on by the Working Group.

There will be a possibility to test it at the iQFOiL International Games in Lanzarote - 23-28 January 2023.

[AGM 15-22 \(POL\) – Marathon Start Format](#)

Purpose:

To amend the Race Management Guideline and systematically separate the male and female starts for a fairer race.

Friendly Amended: “Women shall start after Men” is replaced by “The order of the starts is at the discretion of the Course Representative.”

YES	NO
87,50%	12,50%

ExCom discussion and decision:

The Executive Committee agrees to change the wording of the Notice of Race accordingly.

[AGM ... \(EXCOM\) – Technical Submissions](#)

As all the submissions which had received a favorable vote at the AGM require a change to the Class Rules, Therefore, Bas Edmonds will connect with World Sailing for approval and for updating the Class Rules to become effective by 1st January '23.

[AGM 30-22 \(EXCOM\) – Competitor Equipment Weight](#)

The members present agreed to vote only for proposal no. 2

Purpose:

Amend Class Rule C.3.4 as follows;

C.3.4 The total weight of clothing and worn equipment personal equipment as prescribed by RRS 50.1(b) including the harness but excluding the harness and the drinking container, shall not exceed **6kg for Mens** Division and **5kg for Womens** Division (see Class Rule C.2.3(a)).

This submission induces a change in the Class Rules, as such it needs to be approved by 2/3 of the votes.

YES	NO
62,96%	37,04%

YES: 62,96% - Not approved

ExCom's decision:

The Executive Committee discussed at length the outcome of the vote on this submission. It was finally agreed that Bas Edmonds and Gonzalo Costa Hoewel will connect with Jaime Navarro – World Sailing Technical & Offshore Director to discuss how to move on this one as the original Class Rule is contrary to the RRS 50.1(b).

An update on World Sailing decisions will be sent to Class Members.

[AGM 38-22 \(FRA\) – Reinforcement of Sails](#)

Purpose:

Reinforce the clew of the sails above batten 2 (starting from sail bottom) to improve durability.

Gonzalo Costa Hoewel:

3x9.0s and 3x8.0s with reinforcements on the key sections as requested on the submission (added weight of 40 grams) are at the moment being tested in Cadiz.

The boom opening will be lowered and included on the new batch of samples that will be available in 2 weeks in Cadiz - Spain to be tested by the riders.

The question now is when these sails should enter the market?

At the meeting the Executive Committee proposes to make a difference between:

- Modifications that may involve a change in sail performance
- Modifications that represent a necessary evolution that does not imply a change in the performance of the sails (as approved submissions)

Modifications that may involve a change in sail performance

If the tests carried out by the sailors show a noticeable change in the performance of the sails, it is probably wiser to wait until the next Olympic cycle to impose them on the main events.

Modifications that represent a necessary evolution that does not imply a change in the performance of the sails:

There are no contraindications for these sails to enter the market now and be allowed to race on iQFOiL Events. In particular, sails with a different boom window height and reinforcements on the leech as requested on the submission.

As soon as the two batch of sails get testes, SV will update us with the schedule of having the sails reach at the same time all markets.

[AGM 40-22 \(FRA\) – Improve the durability of the 530 and 490 IQFoil mast](#)

Purpose:

Allow protection area on the 530 and 490 mast with glass fiber around the boom front hand in order to protect from wear, and improve durability. Warranty is not protecting against breakage at the level, and mast is having a lot of stress due to intense training and pumping.

This submission induces a change in the Class Rules, as such it needs to be approved by 2/3 of the votes.

YES	NO
53,57%	46,43%

YES: 53,57% - Not approved

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel:

The issue with the 530 has been noticed since last year ('21) already by the manufacturer. The manufacturer has produced a more durable 530 that will reduce drastically the failures, keeping the same bend curve and performance. Samples have been tested by several teams during the end of last year and beginning of this year. The previous ExCom had agreed that the introduction of this mast should come in after this year worlds (Brest).

An official update on this will come asap.

About future evolutions on equipment:

The philosophy is to have share testing (including as many teams as possible) and reinforced communication.

A recent example is what is currently happening with sails and foils:

Foils produced by Sonic and Cobra were given to different National Teams for comparison after the iQFOiL World Championships in Brest: FRA, NED, ESP and will then go to ITA, GBR.

A set of both will be available for test in Lanzarote where most of the teams will be during the winter training.

About Working Groups

The Executive Committee decides that each Working Group should be composed, as far as possible, of 3 members of the ExCom (2 men & 1 woman) + 2 people from outside the Executive Committee.

AGM 43-22 (FRA) – WG for Qualification System for World and Continental Championships

Purpose:

To establish a Working Group to devise a qualification system for World and Continental Championships.

YES	NO
96,77%	3,23%

On the subject of this submission, it is understood that until the Working Group has delivered its work, nothing changes. The Working Group will present its work at an EGM or at the next AGM.

Next year worlds are the WS Worlds in The Hague and there is a limit of 100 women and 100 men.

Composition of the Working Group:

ExCom:

Piotr Myszk (POL) + Lorand Utassy (HUN) + Ewa Jodlowska (POL) + Barrie Edgington (GBR)

iQFOiL Class:

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (ARG) + Valérie Boutet-Massonneau (FRA)

People the ExCom wishes to contact:

Nicolas Huguet (FRA) + Matthew Rickard (EST) + Riccardo Chicco Belli (ITA)

AGM 44-22 (NOR) – Marathon Working Group

Purpose:

To establish a Working Group to refine the Marathon race in regattas, for example:

Sailing close to shore to ensure maximum spectator friendliness

Take advantage of local landmarks, features, and beaches

A reasonable mixture of upwind/downwind and reaching. "spectator-friendly" spots takes precedence over up/down – reach ratio.

An "out and back" race without laps. Less marks and fewer laps

YES	NO
77,42%	22,58%

Composition of the Working Group:

ExCom:

Piotr Myszk (POL) + Ewa Jodlowska (POL) + Hélène Noesmoen (FRA) + Peina Chen (CHN) + Adrien Gaillard (MEX)

iQFOiL Class:

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (ARG) + Valérie Boutet-Massonneau (FRA)

People the ExCom wishes to contact:

Pierre Loquet (FRA) + Endre Funnemark (NOR)

AGM 45-22 (MEX) – Working Group to address Weight Issue

Purpose:

For the Executive Committee to establish a Working Group to devise a method or put in place measures to deal with the weight issue that has developed within the Class. In doing so the Working Group will work in collaboration with the World Sailing Medical Committee.

YES	NO
82,76%	17,24%

Composition of the Working Group:*ExCom:*

Peina Chen (CHN) + Adrien Gaillard (MEX) + Nicolas Goyard (FRA)

iQFOiL Class:

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (ARG) + Valérie Boutet-Massonneau (FRA)

People the ExCom wishes to contact:

JP Tobin (NZL) + Riccardo Chicco Belli (ITA) + Yoav Omer (ISR)

AGM 46-22 (FRA) – Redefine measurement rules

Purpose:

Create a working party with a goal to redefine measurement rules with accuracy and fairness for the foils. This working party should work together with Kite and Nacra class, manufacturer and class measurers to find out the best process.

Conclusion of this work should be done 3 months after setting the working party, and could be submitted to vote in EGM.

YES	NO
100%	0%

The Technical Committee has been working on this subject extensively during the year and prior to the Worlds, in close consultation with Jaime Navarro from World Sailing. It was agreed to add some key people as Dan Arnon and Nicolas Goyard, which would add valuable information. It was agreed to try to connect with some key people of other classes (Kite and Nacra).

Composition of the Working Group:*Technical Committee:*

Bas Edmonds

ExCom:

Nicolas Goyard (FRA)

iQFOiL Class:

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (ARG) + Valérie Boutet-Massonneau (FRA)

World Sailing:

Jaime Navarro

People the ExCom wishes to contact:

Shahar Tibi (ISR) + Dan Arnon (SB) + Hendrik Plate (GER,IJ, foil measurer on Kite Class)

At this meeting, the Executive Committee also decided to set up an extra Working Group to update the iQFOiL Class' Constitution

Working Group on the Class' Constitution**Composition of the Working Group:***ExCom:*

Ronnie Meir (ISR) + Lorand Utassy (HUN)

iQFOiL Class:

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (ARG) + Valérie Boutet-Massonneau (FRA)

People the ExCom wishes to contact:

Bas Edmonds (GBR) + Antonio Cozzolino (NZL)

Race Management Updates

Ewa Jodlowska (POL) + Barrie Edgington (GBR) + Bas Edmonds (GBR) if he agrees to do so, + Gonzalo Costa Hoevel will review the Abandoning Policy based on different experiences learned from the Worlds.

It was noted that simple rules should be in place to make big decisions a simple task for the RO.

The ExCom would like to see a Working Group set up to consider the Medal Races format for the next Olympic Cycle.

Calendar Updates

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel pointed out that the last two iQFOiL Games were not well attended. Therefore, he asked the Executive Committee to analyse the reasons for this and propose an optimised calendar for 2023.

Piotr Myszka (POL), The 2022 sport season was very busy. The Azores iQFOiL Games for example was maybe too late in the season and/or too soon after the Brest World Championships.

Hélène Noesmoen (FRA), It is important to plan events in places where teams can also schedule training camps.

For example, an iQFOiL Games in Torbole in September and an iQFOiL Games in Marseille in October is interesting because sailors can easily train there before or after the events.

In contrast, Silvaplana and maybe the Azores are expensive and therefore it is not easy to train there before or after the competition.

Barrie Edgington (GBR), Another way of working could be to enhance the value of the iQFOiL Games circuit by awarding, for example, an iQFOiL Games Overall Champion Title. This title would take into account the 3 best results of each sailor.

Piotr Myszka (POL), LOA must also invest in the promotion of the iQFOiL Games by giving, for example, prize money. At the same time the iQFOiL Class must look for sponsors who would allow it to promote 3 to 4 super good events.

Peina Chen (CHN), There also needs to be more competitions organised in Asia.

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel, will come back to the organisers with these remarks.

It was decided that a meeting of the Executive Committee would be held twice a month

The Executive Committee Meeting ended at 17.23