

International iQFOiL Class
Association Executive Committee
Meeting

MINUTES

Date and time: 8th June 2023 – 18h00 CET

Place: Online via the Zoom conferencing system

In attendance:

Executive Committee

Ronnie Meir (ISR) - President, H  l  ne Noesmoen (FRA), Barrie Edgington (GBR), Lorand Utassy (HUN),
Adrien Gaillard (MEX), Ewa Jodlowska (POL), Piotr Myszk   (POL)

Class' Manager Gonzalo Costa Hoevel

Class' Executive Secretary Val  rie Boutet-Massonneau

Excused:

Peina CHEN (CHN), Nicolas GOYARD (FRA), Piotr Myszk   (POL)

INFORMATION ABOUT THE EGM MEETING

The number of MNAs required to convene an EGM will be reached very shortly.

There are currently 45 Fully Paid Members.

A third of these 45 represent 15 countries.

The members who have requested an EGM are: ARU, AUS, AUT, BRA, CYP, EST, FRA, GBR, HKG, HUN, ISR, NOR, PER, POL, TUR.

The EGM Notice should be sent out on Monday 12 June.

The countries that are not up to date with their membership fees and are present at the iQFOiL events are:
ALG, KOR, THA

WORK ON SUBMISSIONS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The submissions on which the members of the Executive Committee worked can be consulted at the end of this document.

Please note: these are still working documents and are subject to change.

In fact, a meeting with Louis FOURNIER, Paris 2024 Sport Equipment Coordinator Sailing, is scheduled for Friday from 2.00 pm.

This meeting will be attended by:

Louis Fournier,

Nicolas Novara - Paris 2024 Sailing Sport Manager,

Jean-Luc Michon - Paris 2024 Equipment coordinator,

Svein Rasmussen – Starboard CEO,

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel – iQFOiL Class Manager,

Valerie Boutet Massonneau – iQFOiL Class Executive Secretary.

Adjustments may be discussed with the Executive Committee following this meeting.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEXT AGM

The proposed date for the next AGM is Wednesday 4 October 2023.
 This AGM will be held via the Zoom conferencing system

PARIS 2024 TEST EVENT – SAILING MARSEILLE

About reducing the number of entries to Paris 2024 Test Event:

All the members of the Executive Committee are very shocked by the joint decision of Paris 2024 and World Sailing to reviewed the overall entries. It has been decided that in four Events the entry numbers need to be reduced in line with the quotas for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The iQFOiL series is one of them.

The MNAs bearing the brunt of this decision are: ARG, AUT, CAN, CYP, IND, KOR, MEX, NOR, POR, SGP, SUI, SVK, SWE, THA.

It has been decided that the iQFOiL Class should, by respect for involved MNAs, write a letter to the Organizing Committee.

Important arguments:

The IQfoil Class is working hard on proposing an exciting race format and equipment which results in a record number of nations involved in Olympic Windsurfing.

The iQFOiL Class understand that the main goal of a test event is to replicate the organization of the Olympics and therefore having the same number of nations involved by class.

The iQFOiL Class however do not understand why the decision of limiting entry quotas has to be taken on a so late basis while all athletes have already registered, paid and arranged their own logistics.

The iQFOiL Class do not understand neither why the decision of limiting quotas is taken only to the classes who have the biggest positive impact on keeping Sailing an Olympic discipline and lowest on the ground space needs.

About the Race Management, which seems to be being introduced for the Test Event

It seems that several series will take it in turns on the “iQFOiL race area”. In the same way, the iQFOiLs will be sailing in race areas run by race management teams who know nothing about the iQFOiL series formats. And if it's a slalom day that's very problematic.

Similarly, the proposed number of races per day and the race program does not seem to be in line with the iQFOiL Class Race Management Policies:

Paris 2024 Test Event - Sailing DRAFT Competition Schedule as at 30 May 2023																
	9 July 2023		10 July 2023		11 July 2023		12 July 2023		13 July 2023		14 July 2023		15 July 2023		16 July 2023	
	Race Area	#	Race Area	#	Race Area	#	Race Area	#	Race Area	#	Race Area	#	Race Area	#	Race Area	#
	Warning Signal		Warning Signal		Warning Signal		Warning Signal		Warning Signal		Warning Signal		Warning Signal		Warning Signal	
Men's Windsurfing					Marseille 1200	6	Calanques 1205	6	Marseille 1200	6	Reserve		Marathon	1	Marseille TBD	MS
Women's Windsurfing					Marseille 1205	6	Calanques 1200	6	Marseille 1205	6	Reserve		Marathon	1	Marseille TBD	MS
Men's Kite	Marseille 1200	4	Marseille 1208	4	Marseille 1430	4	Marseille 1208	4	Reserve		Marseille TBD	MS				
Women's Kite	Marseille 1208	4	Marseille 1200	4	Marseille 1438	4	Marseille 1200	4	Reserve		Marseille TBD	MS				
Men's Dinghy	Calanques 1200	2	Calanques 1210	2	Calanques 1200	2	Reserve		Calanques 1210	2	Calanques 1200	2	Marseille TBD	1		
Women's Dinghy	Calanques 1210	2	Calanques 1200	2	Calanques 1210	2	Reserve		Calanques 1200	2	Calanques 1200	2	Marseille TBD	1		
Men's Skiff					Corniche 1200	3	Corniche 1430	3	Reserve		Corniche 1200	3	Corniche 1200	3	Marseille TBD	1
Women's Skiff					Corniche 1430	3	Corniche 1200	3	Corniche 1200	3	Reserve		Corniche 1430	3	Marseille TBD	1
Mixed Dinghy	Frioul 1200	2	Frioul 1200	2	Frioul 1530	2	Frioul 1200	2	Frioul 1200		Reserve		Marseille TBD	1		
Mixed Multihull					Frioul 1200	3	Frioul 1530	3	Reserve		Frioul 1200	3	Frioul 1200	3	Marseille TBD	1



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Finally, the iQFOiL Class has still not received a response to its request for a working meeting on possible Options for the Marathon.

It was therefore decided to push for an urgent working meeting with the Paris 2024 Organising Committee to be held early next week on these three subjects.

MEDAL SERIES POLICIES

The subject of the rules applicable to the Medal Series has been brought to everyone's attention: For some members of the Executive Committee, the iQFOiL Class has had to come to a compromise between sporting fairness and a show that is more exciting and easier for the public to understand.

With this in mind, it would be important to discuss the rules that are currently applied in the case of BFDs in the finals in order to ensure that the conclusion of the Event meets the expectations of the sailors and the media.

Is it possible, for example, to apply to iQFOiL what is done in Sailing GP?
In Sailing GP, the boat that is OCS must slow down and position itself behind the other boats.

Good working group scenario.

ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT INSPECTION PROTOCOL INTRODUCED AT THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PATRAS.

At the iQFOiL Open European Championships in Patras (GRE), the equipment was inspected the day before the Medal Series.

The idea was that this would generate less stress for the sailors and give the measurers and juries more time to consider possible protests.

This new protocol was much appreciated and will be repeated at future iQFOiL events.

The Executive Committee Meeting ended at 20h23

Title:

Selection procedures for the 24' iQFOiL World Championships

Subtitle:

iQFOiL qualification system

A submission from:

- - - on behalf of the iQFOiL Class' Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

- Increase the efficiency and high standard of the worlds where unlimited entry can create an issue for the number of heats and course fleets and provision of course race management. Also, for event organisers,
- Ensure the quality and safety of the fleet. Make these championships the pinnacle of the class run events and hence...
- Support world-wide continental and iQFOiL Games structure and participation. Broaden the base and create access opportunities more locally/regionally therefore reducing costs and carbon footprint.
- Increase race management expertise around the regions

Proposal**General outline of the selection procedure:**

Class Association Membership: Participants must be registered members of the International iQFOiL Class Association. This involves completing the necessary registration process and paying the iQFOiL membership fees.

Qualification Events: Various qualification events are held leading up to the iQFOiL World Championships. These events can include iQFOiL International Games, continental championships, and other designated events. The purpose of these events is to determine the top-ranked sailors who will represent their respective countries at the World Championships.

Wildcards: In addition to the qualified sailors from qualification events the iQFOiL Class may allocate a certain number of wildcards:

Interested sailors will be able to apply for a wildcard. This application process allows sailors who haven't qualified through standard procedures to express their interest in participating in the championship.

The iQFOiL Class Executive Committee will review the wildcard applications and consider various factors when making their selection. These factors may include the sailor's past performance, international rankings, potential to enhance the competitiveness of the fleet, geographic representation, and other relevant considerations.

Registration and Entry: Once the qualification process is complete, the qualified sailors must register for the iQFOiL World Championships within the specified deadlines. They will need to provide the necessary information and pay the entry fees as required by the organizing committee.

It's important to note that the specific details and procedures for the iQFOiL World Championships qualification may change from year to year. Therefore, it is essential to consult the official iQFOiL Class Association website or the specific event's official documentation for the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the selection procedure for the World Championships.

As such, a 2023 system for the 2024 Lanzarote World Championships with 150 Men and Women will look like this:

1. *At least one place for each iQFOiL Class Full Member*
2. *Previous World Championships,*
2023 Allianz Sailing World Championships 75 Men / 75 Women
3. *iQFOiL Games,*
Silvaplana – SUI (21st to 27th August) 10 Men / 10 Women
Torbole – ITA (10th to 15th October) 20 Men / 20 Women
Panam Games – CHI (20th Oct to 5th Nov) 5 Men / 5 Women
Shenzhen – CHN (8th to 14th November) 10 Men / 10 Women
Lanzarote – ESP (15th to 20th December) 20 Men / 20 Women
4. *Wild Cards* 10 Men / 10 Women

The advantage of having a multiple entry system is that it opens up the chances for each sailor to qualify.

Timeline

1. At least one place for each iQFOiL Class Full Member:
MNA's who do not wish to have representatives on the World Championship in 2024 must let the iQFOiL Class know by **15 September 2023** (after the 2023 WS World Championships)
2. After the iQFOiL Games in Lanzarote (ESP), 10 wild cards will be awarded.

Current Position

The iQFOiL Class World Championships are currently open, and the iQFOiL Class has no limit on the number of entries.

Reason

Increase the efficiency and high standard of the worlds where unlimited entry can create an issue for the number of heats and course fleets and provision of course race management.

Title:

Allocation of equipment to be used at the Olympic Games 1/2

Subtitle:

OG Allocation of equipment

A submission from:

- - - on behalf of the iQFOiL Class' Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

Distributing iQFOiL equipment to selected sailors two months before the start of the official Olympic Games windsurfing events can have several reasons:

Familiarization with Equipment: Providing the selected sailors with iQFOiL equipment in advance allows them to become familiar with the gear they will be using during the Olympic Games. This extra time helps them adjust to the equipment, understand its features and nuances, and optimize their performance.

Training and Preparation: The two-month period before the Olympic Games is crucial for athletes to fine-tune their skills and strategies. By distributing the iQFOiL equipment early, sailors can start training specifically on that equipment, allowing them to adapt their techniques, work on speed, maneuverability, and develop optimal strategies.

Performance Optimization: iQFOiL equipment has specific design characteristics that can impact an athlete's performance. By distributing the equipment early, sailors can experiment and explore different settings and setups to suit their style and optimize their speed and control.

Technical Adaptation: Each sailor has their own unique style, strengths, and weaknesses. Distributing the iQFOiL equipment in advance enables sailors to adapt their techniques to leverage the specific features of the equipment. They can test different strategies, evaluate their effectiveness, and make adjustments accordingly, ensuring they are fully prepared to compete at the highest level during the Olympic Games.

Mental Preparation: Olympic Games are high-pressure events, and mental preparedness plays a crucial role in an athlete's performance. Providing the iQFOiL equipment early allows sailors to develop a strong mental connection with the gear, build confidence in its performance, and reduce any potential anxiety or uncertainty associated with using new equipment. This mental preparation contributes to a positive mindset and helps athletes focus on their game during the actual competitions.

Competitive Advantage: Distributing iQFOiL equipment in advance to selected sailors ensures a level playing field. If all athletes have equal access to the equipment and time to train and prepare, it promotes fairness and enhances the overall competition quality.

Proposal**Option 1:**

1 board, 1 boom, 4 foils, 4 sails, 4 mast, 2-3 months in advance

Delivered in Marseille right after the last qualifier event: The Semaine Olympique Française (SOF) 2024 – Hyères – France / April 2024

Current Position

There is no case law on this in iQFOiL

Reason

Distributing iQFOiL equipment to selected sailors two months before the official Olympic Games windsurfing events provides them with sufficient time for training, adjustment, and optimization. It allows sailors to become fully acquainted with the equipment, adapt their tactics, and mentally prepare themselves for the challenges of the Olympic Games, ultimately enhancing their performance and ensuring a fair and competitive event.

Title:

Allocation of equipment to be used at the Olympic Games 2/2

Subtitle:

OG Allocation of equipment

A submission from:

- - - on behalf of the iQFOiL Class' Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

Distributing iQFOiL equipment to selected sailors only when Olympic Venue opens in Marseille could have the following reasons:

Fairness and Equality: By providing the iQFOiL equipment to all selected sailors at the same time, when Olympic Venue opens in Marseille, ensures fairness and equality among the competitors. Distributing the equipment at the start of the official events ensures a level playing field for all participants.

Uniformity and Standardization: Providing the iQFOiL equipment to all sailors simultaneously, only when Olympic Venue opens in Marseille, promotes uniformity and standardization in the competition. It ensures that all athletes are using the same gear, eliminating the possibility of the equipment being modified which could have an impact on the fairness of the competition. Standardization helps maintain the integrity of the Olympic Games and ensures that results are based on the athletes' skills and abilities rather than equipment optimisation.

Test of Adaptability and Skill: Receiving the iQFOiL equipment at the start of the official events challenges the sailors' adaptability and skill. They must quickly familiarize themselves with the gear, make necessary adjustments, and optimize their performance in a limited timeframe. This tests their ability to adapt to new equipment and demonstrate their expertise in making quick and effective adjustments.

Strategic Decision-Making: Withholding the iQFOiL equipment until the official events can add a strategic element to the competition. Coaches and athletes may develop specific strategies based on their knowledge of the gear, analyzing its performance characteristics, and formulating game plans accordingly. This strategic decision-making aspect adds an extra layer of complexity to the Olympic Games windsurfing events, making them more challenging and exciting.

Promoting Resourcefulness and Resilience: By distributing the iQFOiL equipment only at the start of the official events, it encourages sailors to be resourceful and resilient. They must quickly adapt to the new equipment, rely on their experience and skills, and make the most of the limited time available for adjustment and optimisation. This promotes the development of resilience, problem-solving abilities, and the capacity to perform under pressure, which are valuable qualities in competitive sports.

Proposal**Option 2:**

1 board, 1 boom, 4 foils, 4 sails, 4 masts, when Olympic Venue opens in Marseille

**** WARNING ****

The Olympic Sailing Venue is scheduled to open late. In addition, the iQFOiL events will be the first to be raced.

As such, there will be very little time to test all the equipment provided.

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