

2022 International iQFOiL Class Association Extraordinary Meeting of the General Assembly

MINUTES

Date and time : 5th October 2022 – 14h00 CET
Place : Online via the Zoom conferencing system

In attendance :

Executive Committee

Dorian van Rijsselberghe (NED), Nicolas Goyard (FRA), Ronnie Meir (ISR), Lorand Utassy (HUN), Helene Noesmoen (FRA) joined later.

Class' Manager Gonzalo Costa Hoevel

Class' Executive Secretary Valérie Boutet Massonneau

Assistance

John Derbyshire (World Sailing - Event Committee Chairperson), Piotr Oleksiak (World Sailing Event Committee Member), Dina Kowalshyn (World Sailing Equipment Committee Member), Ewa Jodlowska (World Sailing - Race Management Sub Committee Chairperson / iQFOiL Technical Committee), Bas Edmonds (iQFOiL Technical Committee Chairperson), Javi Blanco (iQFOiL Technical Committee), Ajit Diaz (iQFOiL Technical Committee).

Members

22EGM DELEGATES			22EGM DELEGATES		
1	ARG	Fernando CONSORTE	22	GER	Michael Götzke
2	ARU	Marja Hoeveling	23	HKG	CHAN King-yin
3	AUS	Ian Fox	24	HUN	Lorand UTASSY
4	AUT	Christian Bratsch	25	IND	Derrick Menezes
5	BEL	Johan BROUCKE	26	ISR	Eli Zukerman
6	BLR	Javadov Artiom	27	ITA	Riccardo Chicco BELLI
7	BRA	Bruno PRADA	28	JPN	Yasuko Kosuge
8	CHI	Sergio BAEZA ROTH	29	LAT	Janis PREISS
9	CHN	Tian CYA	30	MEX	Adrien Gallard
10	COL	Santiago GRILLO	31	NED	Eric Kling
11	CRO	Damir Cargo	32	NOR	Jan-Erik Sverre
12	CUB	Eduardo Rodriguez Espinosa	33	NZL	JP Tobin
13	CYP	Andreas CARIOULOU	34	PER	Nicolas Schreier
14	CZE	Karel Lavicky	35	POL	Piotr Myszka
15	DEN	Nikolaj Kruppa	36	SUI	Raoul Marty
16	DOM	Samuel Perez Hults	37	SLO	Matevž Malej
17	ESP	Marcos FERNÁNDEZ IGLESIAS	38	SWE	Bengt Johannesson
18	EST	Matthew Rickard	39	TUR	Jaroslaw Miarczynski
19	FIN	Filip Store	40	UKR	Mendelenko Oleksandr
20	FRA	Nicolas Huguet	41	USA	Leandro Spina
21	GBR	Barrie Edgington			

There were 41 Members represented, which represents 82% of the iQFOiL Class fully paid Members. The Quorum requirements at a General Assembly were met as per Constitution 6.8 and therefore was declared valid.

The meeting was closed to observers.

Welcome by the President of the Class

Dorian Van Rijsselberghe underlines that this meeting was requested as a matter of urgency in order to discuss important race formats issues before the World Championship which will be held in Brest from 14 October.

Introduction of the meeting by the Manager of the Class

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel makes a quick summary that recalls the different stages that led to the adoption of the current race formats in the iQFOiL competitions.

Explains that John Derbyshire and Dina Kowalyshyn were part of the sea trials in '19 and very much took part of all the process of getting iQFOiL established.

He explains the communications with World Sailing through the process on making the Racing Policies.

The importance of having all the three formats to make it an attractive Class to broadcast and to be inclusive with the Windsurfing Community. And specially to meet the requirements of the IOC to have the Windsurfing Event at the Olympic Games in '24.

A lot of information has gone through the ExCom to decide how the Racing Policies should end up being as they are published today.

Gonzalo introduced the World Sailing representatives who were present at the meeting and who participated in the development of the current race formats:

John Derbyshire (GBR) – Chair Person – World Sailing Event Committee

John Derbyshire confirms that World Sailing was very excited about the race formats proposed by the iQFOiL International Class. It was offering something new in the sailing world. These formats were a perfect response to the media order for the upcoming Olympic Games and much aligned with what the Olympic Committee is asking for. He also points out that the wellness of the athletes has always been taken into account in the discussions.

Finally, he confirmed that the formats are now fixed until the end of the Paris Olympics in 2024.

Piotr Oleksiak (POL) – Member – World Sailing Event Committee

From a World Sailing point of view, the iQFOiL format is locked in for Paris 2024. The IOC have approved the format proposals and the ORIS team have now finalised the operational timing and scoring system for testing. As John mentions, it is now not possible to make changes (beyond fine tuning) for Paris 2024.

The Class is free to make its own decisions for Class events, but it will also need to run all Olympic Qualification Events using the Paris 2024 format.

Gonzalo then recalled the position adopted by the Executive Committee :

The ExCom analysed all this information and studied the Race submissions and decided that the racing policies should be aligned with what the Formats Paris '24 for the Games are. The Class can offer suggestions to WS for the WS competitions policies but WS is under no obligation to follow the Class suggestions and this already occurs with ILCA, 49ers and Nacra17s.

WS will not impose its competition policies on Class regattas however the ExCom decided to align the policies so the sailors can train and compete the same way as they will have to qualify their countries at the WS Qualifying events and at the Games in Paris 2024.

Barry Edgington – GBR Delegate

Understands the philosophy of the race formats proposed by the Class & World Sailing but brings to the attention of the members that what is applicable to a fleet of 24 boats, as in the Olympic Games, is not necessarily applicable to a fleet of more than 100 boats.

In Brest, for example, there will be over 290 athletes ! Will these formats ensure fair competition? It is important to ask the question.

Slalom races for example will hardly be possible.

Bruno Prada – BRA Delegate

Why changing the formats ?

Why not improving the system with more course areas to run Slalom for example ?

Nicolas Goyard – FRA – iQFOiL Class ExCom

See two aspects to be considered :

- Olympic formats

There are fixed

- How to deal with the success of the Class

And how we fit this success with the olympics formats.

Perhaps, for example, by having finals that are more representative of what the fleet will be like at the Olympics ?

What about open championships ? Should we keep it like that ?

Gonzalo points out that the Executive Committee has been thinking about this issue, proposing that the iQFOiL Games circuit become selective for the World Championships.

However, due to the Covid situation in Asia it seems too early to implement this in 2022.

Submissions

The voting system was described.

Initial vote on Public or Secret Ballot

Public	Secret
41 Votes	0 Vote

A **public ballot** was selected

Submissions were voted in the following order :

EGM 01-22 (NZL) - Clarification on submissions approved by General Assembly

Purpose :

To clarify the existing position that decisions made by the members of the General Assembly are binding on the Class Executive Committee, Class Manager and Class Association.

JP Tobin – NZL Delegate

In his opinion, even sending an email to all members expressing the opinion of the Executive Committee on all submissions is not in line with the class constitution

Ronnie Meir – ISR – iQFOiL Class ExCom

Irrelevant, argumentative, Class manager and the Ex' Com' know their job clearly and by the constitution, furthermore it depreciate group of volunteers who put a lot of time and effort to only promote, do good and fight for the class.

Bruno PRADA – BRA Delegate

Expressed the fact that the members of the Executive Committee are pushing the Class forward and that the members should help them rather than question their work.

Nicolas Goyard – FRA – iQFOiL Class ExCom

Acknowledges that some decisions have been slow to be implemented and apologises for this. However, the ExCom is doing its best really !

Some of the submissions voted in 2021 did not reflect in a practical way what is happening on the ground. The duty of the executive committee is to move the class forward more quickly, to make the Class as good as possible, for all the members.

Barry Edgington – GBR Delegate

As members we really need to pay attention to the constitution and be vigilant about how decisions are taken

YES	NO
20%	80%

NO : 80 % - Not approved

JP Tobin – NZL Delegate

Was concerned by the outcome of this vote and expressed that he was worried that the Class is not operating in a fully democratic way.

Bruno PRADA – BRA Delegate

On the contrary, this is what democracy is about.

You call for a meeting, we are 41 members here, voting on your 1st submission. You should accept the democratic outcome of this vote : 80% against this Submission.

Nicolas Goyard – FRA – iQFOiL Class ExCom

The vote actually shows that the members of the class are aware that the Executive Committee is doing its job well, that there is a need for some flexibility in the decisions that are taken to adapt them, to some extent, to the realities on the ground + discussions with World Sailing on formats fixed for the Games.

EGM 02-22 (NZL) - Implementation of Approved Submissions passed at 2021 AGM

Purpose :

The purpose is to carry out correct governance procedures according to the decisions made by the General Assembly at the 2021 AGM.

YES	NO
9,38%	90,63%

NO : 90,63% - Not approved

EGM 03-22 (NZL) - Minutes of Executive Committee and other sub committees

Purpose :

All meetings of the Executive Committee, Technical Committee and any other subcommittees shall be minuted and the minutes shall be published on the Class website as soon as practicable to create transparency in the class governance process.

YES	NO
89,74%	10,26%

YES : 89,74% - Approved

EGM 04-22 (NZL) - Communication with World Sailing

Purpose :

Any official correspondence with World Sailing in relation to Class matters shall be published on the Class website as soon as practicable for good governance and transparency.

Members of the ExCom

Members of the Executive Committee argue that this is very difficult to put into practice (Many daily mails, phone calls, online meetings, face to face meetings, strategies, etc) + World Sailing would need to be consulted as well.

YES	NO
44,44%	55,56%

NO : 55,56% - Not approved

EGM 05-22 (NZL) - Letter to World Sailing

Purpose :

Write a letter to World Sailing to amend the racing formats in accordance with the will of the members.

Withdrawn by submitter

EGM 06-22 (ITA) – General Recal ½

Purpose :

Help the Race Committee by giving more time to watch the footage of the start (if needed) and in order to let them make the right decision and the race more fair.

Nicolas Goyard – FRA – iQFOiL Class ExCom

We trust the RO and his expertise, it is tiring enough to race in light winds.

Ewa Jodlowska – POL – World Sailing - Race Management Sub Committee Chairperson / iQFOiL Technical Committee

The Course Rep knows when somebody is over early, the video is used only as an aid to identify all the sailors, not as a way to judge early start.

YES	NO
48,65%	51,35%

NO : 51,35% - Not approved

EGM 07-22 (ITA) – General Recal 2/2

Purpose :

Scoring consistency when a race is abandoned and in case of a change of type of format

YES	NO
94,29%	5,71%

YES : 94,29% - Approved

Ewa Jodlowska – POL – World Sailing - Race Management Sub Committee Chairperson / iQFOiL Technical Committee

This is an interesting point that will be clarified in the amended NOR to be published soon, the BFD is not carried to the other discipline.

EGM 08-22 (ITA) – THE BLIND SIDE OF RRS B2 17

Purpose :

To make the Sprint Slalom races starts safer and more fair.

Nicolas Goyard – FRA – iQFOiL Class ExCom

This is closing all kind of strategy and also doesn't allow to stay in between the starting line and the mark 0 from 30s before the start. In light wind, some people can be stuck really close to the line.

Erik Kling – NED Delegate

This point can probably be resolved by using the World Sailing Racing Rules for Slalom and in particular WSRR 24.4 – *Interfering with another board*.

Members of the ExCom

There is clearly a rule point that needs to be addressed. The proposal is to generate a working party to review and come up with ideas and updated rules in view of futures events.

Withdrawn by submitter > will rework this submission for the AGM

EGM 09-22 (CRO) – Wind Limit

Purpose :

Impose clear wind limits to make clear race management decisions.

Members of the iQFOiL International Class

The limits set in the iQFOIL CLASS RACING POLICIES for Major Championships seem explicit enough :

7. WIND SPEEDS

7.1. Racing will take place in suitable conditions, and the decision on suitable conditions will be made by the Race Officer and after consultation with the Class Representative.

7.2. The minimum required to start a race is 5 knots average.

7.3. If the wind is under 15 knots average, then Sprint Slalom races may be sailed; if the wind is over 9 knots average then Course Races may be sailed. If the wind is over 10kts the Marathon may be sailed.

Withdrawn

EGM 10-22 (DOM) - Maximum number of races per day

Purpose

Setting a maximum number of 4 races per day to ensure the safety of the sailors and encourage efficient use of time and maximise quality racing for time spent on the water

Barry Edgington – GBR Delegate

Supports the submission and explain that even behind schedule, sailors don't want to do more than 4 races a days.

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel – Class' Manager

The limit of a maximum of 6 races per day has been put in place in order to be able to better adapt the planning in case we are behind schedule and to be sure we reach the Medal Series.

The target for a regatta is 4 races a days and we need some flexibility to have more races if behind the schedule. Because of our foiling constraints, sailing everyday is very far from being sure.

Takes into account the remark and the argument to ensure the integrity of the athletes.

YES	NO
29,73%	70,27%

NO 70,27% - Not approved

EGM 11-22 (DOM) - Choice of Heats or Fleets

Purpose :

Should prioritise fleet racing at all times. Only when fleet racing is not possible, should races be run in heats.

YES	NO
36,84%	63,16%

NO 63,16% - Not approved

EGM 12-22 (NED) - Multiple BFDs

Purpose :

To add an extra penalty for subsequent BFD's to encourage sailors to take more care.

Withdrawn by submitter > Too close to the World Cup to make such changes will rework this submission for the AGM

Because the vote on the EGM15-22 submission will allow for more work on the NEDs proposal on EGM 13-22, it was decided to deal with EGM 15-22 submission before.

EGM 15-22 (EXCOM) – Late Submissions

Purpose :

To allow the iQFOiL Class Full Members and the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee to make late **submissions** to the 2022 AGM based on the experiences of the event. It will no doubt shape further proposals for **technical rules** changes.

YES	NO
97,44%	2,56%

YES : 97,44% - Approved

EGM 13-22 (NED) - To reduce the number of discards in a regatta

Purpose :

The current Race Management Policies do not have a clause on discards.

Withdrawn by submitter > Too close to the World Cup to make such changes will rework this submission for the AGM

EGM 14-22 (EXCOM) – Equipment weight

Purpose :

To amend Class Rule C.3.4 and reflect requirements of RRS 50.1(b).

To note that the requirements of RRS 50.1(b) exclude the harness. To clarify that clothing worn below the knee is also excluded.

JP Tobin – NZL Delegate

In the terms of the submission filed by the Executive Committee, the weight allowed per rider is further increased, which is problematic in terms of physical integrity.

Members of the iQFOiL International Class

Rule C.3.4 clearly needs to be amended so that RRS 50.1(b). can be implemented correctly. It is acknowledged that the total weight will go from 9 to 11kg for this event.

That's why, the work done by the measurers during the World Championship will be very important. We have to come out of this championship with a clear idea of weight we want to allow to preserve the physical integrity of the athletes.

We may also think about differentiating the treatment of men and women ?

A submission will have to be made on this subject for the 22AGM

YES	NO
94,29%	2,56%

YES : 94,29% - Approved

EGM 16-22 (EXCOM) – Sanding Foil

Purpose :

To add the following class rule via the Notice of Race for the iQFOiL World Championships 2022 :

New Class Rule C.8.1(f) - Sanding is permitted without restriction within 4mm of the trailing edge and 2mm of the leading edge of any appendage provided that the outline of the foil is maintained. The tips are considered to be the leading edge. C.8.2(a)(ii) does not apply to the above areas.

Barry Edgington – GBR Delegate

Is this submission solving or creating more problem ?

Marcos Fernandez Iglesias – ESP Delegate**& Riccardo Chicco Belli – ITA Delegate****& Barry Edgington – GBR Delegate**

It is too late to change : The racers have been working on having foils that meet the requirements of the rules we currently have.

Agree with the submission but disagree with the timing

Even if it is a genius idea it's 7 days to the World.

Christian Bratsch – AUT Delegate

As a plastic ingenior, this submission seems very realistic, good and practical.

Understands the problem of timing but stresses that this is precisely why this EGM is being held

Nicolas Goyard – FRA – iQFOiL Class ExCom

Assessing the rule that we have now in place, you can't reach the carbon. We came up with a scientific system that we can identify when a foil has some exposed carbon and not leave it to a subjective decision from a measurer (which seemed to be questionable), but some foils are coming from factory at sections where the carbon is exposed, especially on the trailing edge.

The Submission proposes a fairer rule to follow despite the short timing.

YES	NO
76,32%	23,68%

YES : 76,32% - Approved

Barry Edgington – GBR Delegate

Stresses that in order to be implemented this submission needs to be approved by World Sailing



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Until and unless WS gives its permission, the current rules are affective.

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