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iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class EGM 2024

SUBMISSION FORM

The deadline for submissions is **2400 hrs UTC on March 29th 2024**

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

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

- Submission shall be sent by e-mail to the Class Executive Secretary (info@iqfoilyouthjuniorclass.org ; valerie@iqfoilyouthjuniorclass.org) by a National Class Association being a Full Member or by the iQFOiL Youth & Junior 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 *(Only a duly authorised person may make a submission. Please detail name of authorised person)*	
Country Code: *(eg. AUS)*	**ExCom**
Name of Authorised Person:	Lorand Utassy
Position: *(Position in NCA)*	iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class President
Contact Email:	info@iqfoilyouthjuniorclass.org
Date:	26th March 2024

Submission: 01-24

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@iqfoilyouthjuniorclass.org

Title:

Class Rule Change: Change of sail size

Subtitle:

Reducing the sail size in the U19 Girl category from 8m2 to 7.3m2

A submission from:

The iQFOiL Youh & Junior Class Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

The goal of this submission is to advocate for a reduction in sail size within the U19 Girl iQFOiL Category, with the intention of accommodating a broader spectrum of athlete sizes. This adjustment aims to enhance the inclusivity and representativeness of the iQFOiL Class in as many countries as possible.
Additionally, this proposal aims to address the issue of female athletes exiting iQFOiL post-U17 category, potentially stemming from the utilization of sails that are too powerful for their physique.

Proposal

Section G – Sail

G.1 GENERAL

All parts of the **Sail** and its associated fittings are to be produced by licensed manufacturers unless specified otherwise in C.10.1.

G.1.1 PARTS

(a) 5.0 m^2, 6.0 m^2 and 7.0 m^2 **sail** for the U17 divisions.

(b) 8.0 m^2 **sail** for the U19 boys.

(c) 7.3 m^2 **sail** for the U19 girls.

(d) Battens and tensioners

(e) Camber Inducers

(f) Spacers

Current Position

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Reason

Health Concerns and Weight Gain: The current trend necessitates athletes to undergo significant weight gain programs to meet the ideal target weights for iQFOiL competition. This can lead to potential health risks and uncertainties in the medium to long term. Reducing the sail size from 8m2 to 7.3m2 would alleviate some of these concerns by lessening the need for extreme weight gain among athletes.

Enhanced inclusivity: The current trend towards heavier athletes could exclude a significant number of member countries whose athletes do not conform to the standard weight. Moreover, the realization that many youth girls athletes may retire after this Olympiad due to the challenges posed by the current weight requirement underscores the urgency for addressing the change. Reducing the sail size can make iQFOiL more accessible to a wider range of girls athletes, including those with smaller physiques. This promotes inclusivity within the sport, encourages greater participation from girls athletes and would make it possible to avoid this large drop in countries and sailors.

Transition for U19 Sailors: Implementing smaller sails for Youth Girls may stimulate increased participation among U19, countering the notable decline observed in recent events. Kipping a seamless transition for Youth Girls and Senior Women within the iQFOiL Class, by employing identical rigs, presents a strategic advantage. This approach not only fosters continuity but also effectively manages financial expenditure, maintaining a controlled and sustainable framework for participation across age groups.

Improved maneuverability: Smaller sail sizes typically offer better maneuverability, allowing athletes to navigate the course more effectively, particularly in challenging wind conditions. This also reinforces navigation safety.

Optimizing Durability through Smaller Sail Design: Smaller sails boast greater longevity due to their smaller panel sizes between battens. A 7.3m^2 sail maintains performance longer than a 8m^2 counterpart, potentially reducing the need for frequent sail replacements.

Impact on Wind Range and Race Quality: Decreasing the sail area from 8m2 to 7.3m2 will lead to a reduction in the target weight. Consequently, the wind range available for competition

won't be compromised since the adjustment in the power-to-weight ratio will also be factored in.

Equipment Reuse and Sustainability: Introducing a 7.3m2 sail maintains compatibility with existing masts and boom, minimizing the need for discarding older equipment and reducing the environmental impact. This approach aligns with broader efforts to prioritize responsible resource management.