

SCIRA Proposal Form

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Summary: Wording changes to Constitution - Sections 28 and 30

Affects:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constitution | <input type="checkbox"/> By-Laws | <input type="checkbox"/> Class Rules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deed of Gift | <input type="checkbox"/> Rules of Conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> NoR or SI Template |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |

Objective: To make the text more clear, to eliminate outdated text, to group amendments procedures in a single section, to add specific terms to change the different rules

Proposal

Section 28. *Technical Committee*

Current

The Board of Governors shall appoint a Technical Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Technical Committee, Vice Chairman, Chief Measurer, 4 Technical Committee members and the Chief Information Officer. The four appointed members and the CIO shall not be elected members of the Board of Governors. The Technical Committee in accordance with World Sailing Regulations shall maintain, study and make recommendations on all Class Rules restrictions, including but not restricted to the Rules of Conduct, Deed of Gifts, Constitution and Bylaws. This Committee, in accordance with World Sailing Regulations, shall have power to clarify any rule whenever its meaning is deemed not clear or unfair. If necessary, such clarifications may be submitted as rules amendments to World Sailing after approval of the Board of Governors.

Proposed Class Rules changes shall be submitted by March 1 and circulated to all members of the Technical Committee for comments and recommendations as well as publication of the proposal, posting on the Snipe website and via email to all National Secretaries with discussion held from March to June. The Technical Committee will then discuss, vote and make recommendations to the Board for consideration of a vote by the Board of Governors July 1-10. Measurement-Rules changes may take effect only on January 1 of each leap year (2020, 2024, 2028, etc.) and then only if submitted to the Board as agenda items by March 1 of the preceding year. Each proposed measurement change must appear on at least two agendas, with amendments offer able on the first circulation, and a vote on the amendments on the second or final vote on the change if no amendments were offered. Consideration at a properly called meeting of the Board may count as the second or third agenda appearance. Changes can be made at times other than the specified four-year intervals where the Board considers them to be of extreme urgency. An absolute majority of the Board is required for final passage. If approved, the proposed rule will be submitted to WS for approval and if approved, will be published to the members by December 1 with application January 1.

¹ Proposals can be made by the Board, Technical Committee, National Secretaries or 5 fleet captains up to 1st March.

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Section 30. *Amendments*

Current

Proposed amendments to Constitution, By-Laws, Class Rules or Rules of Conduct, must be submitted to the Executive Director not later than March 1st of each year for consideration by the Board of Governors and Technical Committee. Amendments to the Class Rules are subject to approval of WS in accordance with WS Regulations. Changes to the Deeds of Gift shall be approved by the Board of Governors at any time to be effective on January 1st of the following year.

Amend to:

Section 28. *Technical Committee*

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Whenever a "circular Letter" from the Technical Committee over the signature of the Chairman is posted on the Snipe website the corrections, interpretations or simplifications appearing therein shall become a part of the current ~~Official Rulebook~~ **rules**. Such corrections, interpretations or simplifications will also be posted on the SCIRA website, Rules section. www.snipe.org

Section 30. *Amendments*

Proposed amendments to Constitution, By-Laws **and** Class Rules ~~or Rules of Conduct~~ shall be submitted to the Executive Director by March 1 and circulated to all members of the Technical Committee for comments and recommendations as well as publication of the proposal, posting on the Snipe website and via email to all National Secretaries with discussion held from March to June. The Technical Committee will then discuss, vote and make recommendations to the Board for consideration of a vote by the Board of Governors July 1-10. Each proposed ~~measurement~~ **rule change** must appear on at least two agendas, with amendments offer able on the first circulation, and a vote on the amendments on the second or final vote on the change if no amendments were offered. Consideration at a properly called meeting of the Board may count as the second or third agenda appearance. An absolute majority of the Board is required for final passage. If approved, the proposed ~~rules~~

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Reasons:

Since the migration to the WS Class Rules format we can't refer to "measurement" procedures or rules. The Official Rulebook hasn't been published since 2018...

1. The deleted sentence is, in my opinion, redundant.
2. There is no established effective date for changes made to the Constitution and the By laws.
3. I suggest to standardise the RoC and the DoG because they should be more flexible than the other class rules and documents.

There is a discrepancy between the Rules Change Process and the Constitution regarding the approval process for the Deeds of Gift. I suggest to stay with the Constitution. If what above is approved, the DMP flow chart shall be modified accordingly, adding the Constitution, the Bylaws and deleting the RoC and the DoG.

RULES CHANGE PROCESS

Class Rules, RoC, Deed of Gifts

March to June

Please note that the wording "rule" or "class rules" in lower text is generically referred to the rules of the Class. The wording "Class Rules" in capitals is specifically referred to the Class Rules subject to WS approval (the former "General Restrictions"). Constitution, By Laws, Rules of Conduct and Deeds of Gift aren't subject to any WS approval.