

# SCIRA Proposal Form

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## **Summary:**

### **Affects:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Constitution | <input type="checkbox"/> | By-Laws          | <input checked="" 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 ensure with this rule that the masts are resistant and durable, making it difficult to cheat the weight of the mast spar and simplifying the weighing procedure of the mast.

## **Proposal**

New Rule

The minimum weight of the bare mast shall be 7,800 Kg. The weight of the bare mast does not include spreaders, shrouds or forestay with their corresponding hardware, any type of support for the compass, any type of support neither pulley for launching the pole. The butt must always be fixed to the spar with rivets.

This new rule shall apply to all masts upon verification and only those that do not comply will have their rigging mounted to see if they comply with rule F.3.3 in which case they will be correct.

## **Reasons:**

Effective verification of the spar used in the masts, avoiding the possibility of presenting a heavy spar at the measurement procedure and changing it for a lighter one afterwards.

The mast butt must be fixed with rivets, thus avoiding the possibility of easily altering the weight of the mast specifically to weigh it.

The procedure of weighing a mast with its mounted rigging to comply with rule F.3.3 is more cumbersome and slow than weighing only the spar (bare mast), and therefore many masts that do not comply with the rule are being used, resulting in too many breakages under strong winds.

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With this new complementary rule to verify the weight of the mast, we will be able to apply the new rule to easily and quickly verify all the masts in an event, having to apply F.3.3 only to those that do not comply with the new rule.

The proposed weight for the bare mast has been studied so that bare masts are at the limit, if weighed with light rigging they will weigh more than 9 kg, so, applying the proposed rule they could - if necessary - be ballasted with up to 100 grams to comply with rule F.3.3