



SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

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To: SCIRA Members
Re: Results of the 2026 Rules Changes Process

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Dear SCIRA Members,

Once the 2026 Rules Changes process has ended, the Technical Committee will continue the process with World Sailing to change the Class Rules marked as “passed” according to the procedure established.

Below you will find what rules may be changed if World Sailing approves them.

Best,



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Member – World Sailing



2026 PROPOSED NEW RULES - BOARD'S FINAL DECISIONS

Relevant changes from the original rule in red

New rules in green

PROPOSAL		AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY TC	DECISION
001	CLASS RULE A.4.2 The Certification Authority is SCIRA which may delegate this function to a NCA.	NO AMENDMENTS	PASSED
002	CLASS RULE C.8.4.a) 9) The daggerboard trunk shall be fixed to the hull with no less than 12 screws located as follows: Top of daggerboard case on port: 3 screws Top of daggerboard case on starboard: 3 screws Bottom of daggerboard case on port to the floor of the deck: 3 screws Bottom of daggerboard case on port to the floor of the deck: 3 screws	Boats with a removable daggerboard case shall have the case bonded with resin or fixed to the hull with no less than 10 screws located as follows: Top of daggerboard case on port: 2 screws Top of daggerboard case on starboard: 2 screws The screws shall be placed approximately at 1/3 and 2/3 of the length of the top of the case on both sides. Bottom of daggerboard case on port to the floor of the deck: 3 screws Bottom of daggerboard case on port to the floor of the deck: 3 screws". 4 screws shall be located approximately at the extremities of the case on both sides, 2 screws approximately at half distance on both sides.	PASSED WITH AMENDMENTS
003	CLASS RULE E.3.4 DIMENSIONS (c) when approximately on the boat midline, the closest point of the tiller to the aft deck shall be minimum 19mm.	NO AMENDMENTS	DID NOT PASS
004	CLASS RULE F.7.1(i) OPTIONAL (RUNNING RIGGING) (i) Any hiking straps or any kind of line or cord attached to the hull. The location and number of hiking straps is free.	NO AMENDMENTS	PASSED
005	CLASS RULE G.2.5 MATERIALS (a) Any type of woven polyester fabric shall be used as long as it has a minimum nominal weight of 130 g/sqm for the mainsail and 160 g/sqm for the jib. Polyester film/scrim fabrics of minimum three-layers laminated ply may be used if commercially manufactured and readily available. Laminated fabrics shall be specifically approved by the SCIRA Technical Committee. The list is found as appendix A / Published as supporting documentation on the SCIRA/WS Website and on the official Snipe Class web page.	(a) Any woven polyester fabric (b) Any polyester film/scrim of minimum 2 layers laminated ply. Material shall have the following minimum nominal weights: -130g/sqm for the mainsail -160g/sqm for the jib Laminated fabrics shall be specifically approved by the SCIRA Technical Committee. The list is found as appendix A / Published as supporting documentation on the SCIRA/WS Website and on the official Snipe Class web page.	PASSED WITH AMENDMENTS
006	CLASS RULE G.3.1 CONSTRUCTION 1. (...) 2. (...) 3. (...) 4. Bolt ropes on mainsail foot and luff may terminate no more than 254mm short of the tack point.	NO AMENDMENTS	PASSED
007	CLASS RULE C.9.3 (g) Fore and aft movement of the mast can be controlled either by mechanical restraints connected to the mast below the lower point and/or shims or blocks at deck level. Side movements can be restrained by non adjustable shims. Carbon not allowed in the shims.	NO AMENDMENTS	PASSED

008	CLASS RULE A.11 A certificate shall record at least the following information: (e) Owner's name. CLASS RULE A.13 A hull certificate becomes invalid upon: (a) The change to any items recorded on the hull certificate as required under A.11 or the MDS, excluding point (g) when the weight is higher than what recorded on the certificate.	NO AMENDMENTS	PASSED
010	CLASS RULES A.5.3, A.11.1., A.12.1, A.13.1 (a), A.15.1. (a) Remove the concept MDS (Measurement Data Sheet) and merge data with the Measurement Certificate in a new form called Measurement Data Certificate	NO AMENDMENTS	DID NOT PASS
011	CLASS RULE B.2.1. A valid Class Association Sticker of the year of the competition may be affixed to the hull in the aft part of starboard side.	NO AMENDMENTS	DID NOT PASS
012	CLASS RULE C.10.4. (f) A helmsman's national flag, nominal size 740 x 443 mm, shall may be applied to each side of the mainsail, placed as shown in the Figure "Mainsail Flag Location", so that the shortest distance of the upper aft corner of each flag is between 50 and 100 mm from the leech and the lower edge between 50 and 100 mm above the lowermost batten pocket. This rule shall apply when required by the Notice of Race. The flags shall be made by a WS-approved manufacturer.	NO AMENDMENTS	DID NOT PASS
013	CLASS RULE C.9 RIG (b) Masts shall only have attached one forestay and two side shrouds. The use of forestay is optional.	The TC suggested one year of testing in regattas up to National Championships with some limitations	DID NOT PASS
014	ID CROOK MEMORIAL DOG - MASTER AGE • Apprentice Master Division (50-59 years) • Master Division (60-69 years) • Grand Master Division (69-79 years) • Master Legends Division (80 years old and ...)	NO AMENDMENTS	The Board approved, but no agreement with the donors, as required by the DoG. NO ACTION, DoG UNCHANGED



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