



DF INTERNATIONAL CLASS
ASSOCIATION

REGULATIONS

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1. ABBREVIATIONS

DNM	Designated National Member of IRSA
ICA	International Class Association
DF	The DragonForce 65 class and the DragonFlite 95 class or one of them where appropriate in the context.
DF ICA	DF International Class Association
WS	World Sailing
MNA	Member National Authority of WS
NCA	National Class Association
DNM NCA	Designated National Member acting as a National Class Association
NCS	National Class Secretary
IRSA	International Radio Sailing Association

2. DEFINITIONS

Where the following words and phrases are used in their defined sense in this Constitution, they appear in an italic typeface.

<i>Boat</i>	A boat that shall comply with the DF <i>class rules</i> .
DF	Collectively refers to an actual DF class boat as defined in the Regulation, a Registered Boat maintained in accordance with the DF Class Rules.
<i>DF Class Rules</i>	Collectively refers to an actual DF class boat as defined in the Regulation, a Registered Boat maintained in accordance with the DF Class Rules.
<i>The Founders' Statement</i>	The preamble statement in this constitution.
<i>Licensed Builder</i>	The manufacturer or manufacturers of the DF Classes.
<i>Member NCA or NCS</i>	A NCA or NCS which has been granted membership of the <i>World Council</i> .

<i>Membership Agreement</i>	A Membership Agreement drawn up between a NCS or DNM and the DF ICA Executive Committee which defines the duties of the NCS with regard to its representation of the <i>Owners</i> in its country, in regard to DF ICA matters.
<i>NCA Constitution</i>	A constitution of the NCA.
<i>Officer</i>	Officers are defined in Article 9 and are members of the Executive Committee pursuant to Article 10.1.
<i>Owner</i>	A person who owns at least one <i>Registered Boat</i> .
<i>Registered Boat</i>	A <i>Boat</i> issued with a sail/hull number by their national class association/authority.
<i>Registered Owner</i>	An <i>Owner</i> who is listed as being current and in good standing with their DNM and a DF NCA or DF NCS (if one exists).
<i>Regulations</i>	means the DF ICA Regulations
Shall/may	In this Constitution, the word “shall” specifies a mandatory action or procedure, while the word “may” is permissive.
<i>World Council</i>	The governing body of the DF ICA.
<i>World Council Member</i>	An <i>Officer</i> , a Representative of a <i>Member NCA</i> , or a <i>Member NCS</i> .

3. WORLD COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. There is no provision to grant *World Council* membership to *Owners* or classes of *Owners* where no DF NCA or NCS exists in their country. Such *Owners* are required to form an NCA or appoint an NCS and then apply.
- 3.2. Each application to the DF ICA Secretary for membership of the *World Council* shall
 - 3.2.1. If from an DF NCA, include a copy of its *NCA Constitution* and regulations, or equivalent documents, and its NCA Membership Agreement, together with a current count of *Registered Owners*, *Registered Boats*.
 - 3.2.2. If from a *DNM NCA*, include a copy of its *DNM NCA Membership Agreement*, together with a current count of *Registered Owners* and *Registered Boats*.
 - 3.2.3. If from a *NCS*, include a copy of its *NCS Membership Agreement*, together with a current count of *Registered Owners* and *Registered Boats*.
 - 3.2.4. Confirm the ability of the NCA or DNM NCA Representative or NCS to participate in *World Council* meetings conducted by *electronic communications*.

- 3.3. Every application to the DF ICA Secretary for membership of the *World Council* shall be publicly announced on the DF ICA Website. A period of at least four weeks shall elapse between the announcement of the application and the announcement of the ICA's decision on the application.
- 3.4. A *Member NCA or DNM NCA* shall appoint a Representative who shall be the only official channel of communication with the *World Council* and whose address will be the official address of that *Member NCA or DNM NCA* until the DF ICA Secretary is advised, in writing, by that *Member NCA or DNM NCA* of any change of Representative and/or address.
- 3.5. A *Member NCS* shall be the only official channel of communication with the *World Council*. His/her address will be the official address of that *Member NCS* until the DF ICA Secretary is advised, in writing, by that *Member NCS* of any change of NCS and/or address.

4. WORLD COUNCIL

- 4.1. Meetings of the *World Council* shall be held
 - 4.1.1. Either in such physical place and time as the Executive Committee may consider most convenient to the majority of the members,
 - 4.1.2. Or by *electronic communication*.
- 4.2. Meetings of the *World Council* shall be publicly announced, and in addition shall be separately and individually announced to all *World Council* Members. *Member NCA or NCS* representatives shall in turn announce such meetings to their *Registered Owners*.
- 4.3. The business of *World Council* meetings shall be to receive and decide on resolutions. In addition, the annual meeting of the *World Council* shall receive from the Executive Committee, and approve, a statement of accounts for the preceding accounting year, forecast accounts for the current year, and a budget for the next year.
- 4.4. Any resolution to a meeting of the *World Council* shall only be submitted by a member of the *World Council*. All such resolutions must be seconded by another member of the *World Council*.

- 4.5. A Special meeting of the *World Council* shall be called by the DF ICA Secretary if:
- 4.5.1. The Executive Committee so resolves, or
 - 4.5.2. Not less than 20% of the members of the *World Council* so request in writing to the DF ICA Secretary, such request also specifying any resolution which the members concerned wish to propose at the meeting.
- 4.6. Resolutions for an ordinary or annual meeting of the *World Council* shall be specified to the DF ICA Secretary in writing at least 10 weeks before the meeting at which they are to be proposed.
- 4.7. At least 8 weeks' notice in writing shall be given of any ordinary or annual *World Council* meeting by the DF ICA Secretary to the members of the *World Council*, together with a copy of the agenda for the meeting and of any resolutions which are to be proposed at the meeting.
- 4.8. At least 6 weeks' notice in writing shall be given of any Special meeting of the *World Council* by the DF ICA Secretary to the members of the *World Council*, together with a copy of the agenda for the meeting and of any resolutions which are to be proposed at the meeting.
- 4.9. Four (4) weeks before the annual meeting of the *World Council*, *Member NCAs and NCSs* shall declare in writing to the DF ICA Secretary, by boat number and owner's name, the List and *Number of Entrants* at the three most recently held DF65 and DF95 National Championships (or equivalent). The lists shall indicate home country entrants and totals. The Championship results may be supported by web links.
- 4.10. National Championship entrant lists submitted for an Annual World Council meeting shall be valid for all Special World Council Meetings held in the following period up until the next Annual World Council meeting.
- 4.11. The Chairperson at meetings of the *World Council* shall be the DF ICA Chairperson, or in his/her absence, a the DF ICA Vice-Chairperson elected by the meeting from the Vice Chairperson present. If neither the DF ICA Chairperson nor any the DF ICA Vice-Chairperson are present or accessible, the meeting shall elect a Chairperson.
- 4.12. At any *World Council* meeting only resolutions of which notice has been given in accordance with these *Regulations* shall be proposed and no amendments thereto shall be permitted, unless the proposers and seconder of the resolution accept the amendment.
- 4.13. Only members of the *World Council* shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the *World Council*. The number of votes to be cast by a *Member NCA or NCS* representative in any vote in meetings of the *World Council* shall be in accordance with the table and process outlined in APPENDIX A. *Member NCA or Member NCS* shall submit to the Secretary the National Championship results, or a public web link to the results, at the start of each calendar year and before any World Council meeting, to support the vote allocation

calculations.

- 4.14. Each *Officer* is entitled to one vote, in their capacity as *Officer*, on all ordinary resolutions of the World Council.
- 4.15. In the event of a tied vote the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her normal vote.
- 4.16. The quorum at *World Council* meetings shall be 40% of the *World Council* Members, represented in person or by proxy.
- 4.17. A *Member NCA* or *Member NCS* or proxy for a *Member NCA* or *Member NCS* shall not vote as a proxy for other *World Council* Members.

5. DF ICA OFFICERS

- 5.1. The DF ICA *Officers* shall be elected by the World Council and shall only be nominated for their positions by members of the *World Council*.
- 5.2. Nominations for the DF ICA *Officers* standing for election must be received in writing by the DF ICA Secretary ten (10) weeks before the meeting of the *World Council* at which the election is to take place.

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- 5.3. All *Officers* shall be elected for a term of two years.
 - 5.4. Any retiring Officer shall be eligible for re-election provided that he/she has not served more than 8 consecutive years in that office. The offices of Treasurer, and Communications Officer are exempt from this Regulation.
 - 5.5. An *Officer* standing for re-election shall not vote for himself.
 - 5.6. A person who is a member of, employed by, or in any way has an interest in a commercial undertaking involved with the DF Class may be elected as an *Officer*, provided such interest is declared in writing to the *World Council* prior to election.
 - 5.7. An *Officer* who becomes a member of, becomes employed by, or in any way obtains an interest in a commercial undertaking involved with the DF Class shall immediately declare such interest in writing to the *World Council*.
 - 5.8. An *Officer* and any member of a DF ICA Sub-committee shall confirm their ability to participate in Executive Committee or Sub-committee meetings conducted by *electronic communications*.

6. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 6.1. The Executive Committee may co-opt any *Registered Owner* to fill any vacancy that arises in the Executive Committee. Such a person shall remain in office until the next annual meeting of the *World Council* and shall act as an *Officer* for the duration of their office.
 - 6.2. The Executive Committee may delegate to any one or more of its *Officers* such powers and duties as it shall determine for special purposes for a limited period.
 - 6.3. The DF ICA Secretary shall give at least 3 weeks' notice of meetings of the Executive Committee, unless 75% of the Executive Committee give their prior consent to a reduced notice period.
 - 6.4. A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be at least 60% of the Executive Committee .
 - 6.5. The DF ICA Chairperson shall chair all meetings of the Executive Committee at which he/she is present. At meetings where the DF ICA Chairperson is not present the DF ICA Vice Chairperson shall chair. If neither are in attendance then the Officers in attendance shall elect a chair.
 - 6.6. Resolutions at Executive Committee meetings shall be passed by a simple majority of the Committee present and voting, except that the meeting's Chairperson shall have an additional casting vote in the event of a tie vote
 - 6.7. The Executive Committee is authorised to hold meetings by *electronic communication* only providing all participants can participate in all communications.
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7. CLASS RULES SUB-COMMITTEE

- 7.1. The Class Rules Sub-Committee may from time to time propose amendments to the DF *Class Rules*.
- 7.2. A proposed amendment to the DF *Class Rules* shall first be submitted to and passed by the Class Rules Sub-Committee before being submitted to the vote of the *World Council*, as subject to the approval of the Licensed Builder for changes affecting manufacturing processing or design, as specified in Section 11 of the Constitution.

8. DF CLASS RULES

- 8.1. All amendments to DF *Class Rules* shall be effective from the date of publication on the website (<http://dfracing.world/>), or as otherwise indicated in the adopted Class Rules proposal.

9. DF CLASS RULE INTERPRETATIONS

9.1. Procedure

- 9.1.1. Requests for an interpretation of the DF ICA Class rules may be made from the following sources only: DF ICA Class Rules Sub-Committee, *Member NCAs*, *DNM NCAs*, or *NCSs*, or the License Builder's representative.
 - 9.1.2. Requests for an interpretation shall be received, published on the ICA website, and considered by the DF ICA Class Rules Sub-Committee;
 - 9.1.3. Requests shall be acknowledged;
 - 9.1.4. The DF ICA Class Rules Sub-Committee may issue an proposed interpretation where they feel it is appropriate.
 - 9.1.5. A DF ICA Class Rules Sub-Committee interpretation shall be effective when published.
 - 9.1.6. An interpretation shall clarify the DF *Class Rules* where there is a perceived ambiguity but shall not be used to change an existing rule;
- 9.2. The DF ICA Class Rules Sub-Committee may, at its sole discretion, agree to receive an unofficial request for an interpretation from any *Owner* and may then agree to adopt the request itself as an official request from the DF ICA Class Rules Sub-Committee for the purposes of meeting the conditions of Regulation 9.1.1.

10. COMMUNITY ONLINE CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1. The DF Community Online Code of Conduct is defined in APPENDIX B.

11. OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES

11.1. Other Sub-committees may be set up in accordance with the constitution, including:

11.1.1. Events Sub-committee.

An Events Sub-committee may be established, the duties of the Events Sub-committee shall broadly be to assist event organisers to hold DF International Events across all classes in appropriate locations and to proper standards. The needs of all DF classes, as separate classes, should be considered as not all DF sailors own both classes. The Events Sub-committee shall be responsible for the Class Championship requirements and ensuring events embrace the principles in *The Founders Statement*.

12. FINANCES

12.1. All standing and annual fees shall be decided by the *World Council*. Ad hoc fees shall be decided by the Executive Committee .

13. FEES

- 13.1. There are no annual fees for membership on the World Council.
- 13.2. The approval fee for International Championships and other International events is 0 GBP or its equivalent in the local currency of the DF ICA Treasurer net of any and all bank, exchange, transfer, or handling charges.
- 13.3. The DF ICA share of the entrance fee of International Championships, per competitor, is an amount to be negotiated between the DF ICA and the event organiser in GBP or its equivalent in the local currency of the DF ICA Treasurer net of any and all bank, exchange, transfer, or handling charges but would not be less than 1 GBP.
- 13.4. Ad hoc fees for services rendered at International Championships and other International events are by negotiation between the Executive Committee and the organisers of the event.

14. EXPENSES

- 14.1. The annual budget submitted to the *World Council* under *Regulation 4.3* shall categorize expenses in sufficient detail to indicate what expenditures are authorized.

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- 14.2. The reasonable (non-travel) expenses of the *Officers* and other sub-committee members of the Executive Committee in complying with their obligations and exercising their powers may be payable out of the funds of the DF ICA on application to the Executive Committee .
 - 14.3. The intent of the DF ICA is to eliminate the need for *Officers* and other sub-committee members of the Executive Committee to travel to meet their obligations and instead to exercise their powers by utilising *electronic communications* to carry out the business of the DF ICA.
 - 14.4. Any non-budgeted item of expenditure in excess of 20 GBP or its equivalent in local currency shall require pre-clearance from the DF ICA Treasurer.
 - 14.5. All expenses must be submitted to the DF ICA Treasurer in a form specified by the Treasurer with all supporting invoices and receipts attached.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

- 15.1. Where under the *Regulations* or the Constitution the DF ICA Secretary is required to make a public announcement, such announcement shall be deemed to have been made if it is made by posting it to the DF ICA Website (<http://www.dfracing.world/>).
- 15.2. Where under the *Regulations* or the Constitution the DF ICA Secretary is required to receive written notice, declaration, or information from any person or body, such written notice, declaration, or information shall be acceptable if it is given by post or by written *electronic communication*.
- 15.3. Where under the *Regulations* or the Constitution the DF ICA Secretary is required to give written notice to any person or body, such notice shall be deemed to have been given if it is given by post or by written *electronic communication* and so that:
 - 15.3.1. If it is given by post it shall be deemed to have been given on the 14th day after the DF ICA Secretary shall have posted such notice by first class or air post to the person or body concerned at the address given for such person or body in the records of the DF ICA whether or not it shall in fact have been received by the person or body concerned within that time or at all;

15.3.2. If it is given by written *electronic communication* it shall be deemed to have been given 24 hours after the DF ICA Secretary has successfully dispatched the written *electronic communication* whether or not it shall in fact have been received by the person or body concerned within that time or at all.

15.3.3. Provided that the DF ICA Secretary shall only be entitled to give notice to a person or body by way of written *electronic communication* if that person or body shall have provided (and not withdrawn) the address or number for the *electronic communication* to the DF ICA Secretary.

15.4. The DF ICA Secretary shall keep a register of such notices, which shall include evidence that the notice has been sent.

16. AMENDMENTS

16.1. These regulations may be amended by ordinary resolution of the *World Council*.

APPENDIX A - Vote Allocation

The number of votes to be cast by a *Member NCA or NCS* representative in any vote in meetings of the *World Council* shall be in accordance with the following:

- Votes are allocated based on sailor participation at *NCA* or *NCS* annual National Championship (or equivalent) for each DF Class.
- Vote allocations are calculated each calendar year using the event numbers from previous years.
- A Unique *Registered Owner* is defined as a participant who has entered and competed in at least one National Championship (or equivalent) across the last two (2) events. Each DF Class will have their own Unique *Registered Owner* list and competitors may appear in both lists.
- To support emerging nations, regions that have an active fleet in that class but are yet to host a National Championship and intend to do so within three (3) years, are allocated one vote.
- Votes are determined using the values and formula set out in the table and examples below.

<i>Unique Registered Owner Count</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Class not represented	0
0-10	1
11 - 25	2
26-50	3
More than 50	4

Example 1

Country A is new to DF sailing and has hosted one DF65 National Championship with 16 entries with results published online. They are yet to hold a DF95 National Championship but plan to grow the fleet over the next few years.

DF65 Unique Count = 16 = 16 = 2 Votes

DF95 Unique Count = 0 = 1 Vote

Total = 3 Votes

Example 2

Nation B has a large DF65 fleet and an emerging DF95 fleet. Their DF65 National Cup event last year attracted 62 sailors, growing from the year before from 41. 35 sailors have raced in both events. In the last event, one sailor was visiting from a neighbouring nation, and another is a dual resident spending half the year in the country and the other half in Barbados. They chose to sail under Barbados displaying the country code BAR on their sails (total 2 visitors).

Their DF95 event last year had 19 entrants up one boat from the prior year (18 entrants). 16 sailors raced both events and there were no visitors from other nations. Their votes are allocated as follows:

DF65 Unique Count = 41 (last year) + 65 (this year) - 35 (duplicates) - 2 (visitors) = 69 = 4 Votes

DF95 Unique Count = 18 (last year) + 19 (this year) - 16 (duplicates) = 21 = 2 Votes

Total = 6 Votes

Example 3

Country C has a strong DF65 fleet and their National Championship attracted 55 entries last year. Their National Championships the year before was unfortunately cancelled due to a natural disaster and no results were published. Their unique sailor count is to be taken across the two most recent events and their championships three years back was 40 entries. 32 sailed both of these events. They have an emerging DF95 fleet that had their first National Championships this year with 14 entries.

DF65 Unique Count = 41 (last year) + 65 (this year) - 35 (duplicates) = 71 = 4 Votes

DF95 Unique Count = 14 (this year) = 2 Votes

Total = 6 Votes

Example 4

Country D has a strong DF95 fleet and their National Championship attracted 82 entrants last year and 75 the year before. 70 sailed both events and there were no visitors from other nations. There are no DF65 class and class events in the Country. Their votes are allocated as follows:

DF65 not represented = 0 Votes

DF95 Unique Count = 75 (last year) + 82 (this year) - 70 (duplicates) = 87 = 4 Votes

Total = 4 Votes

APPENDIX B - Online Community Code of Conduct

The DF Classes Online Community Code of Conduct

Why an Online Community Code of Conduct?

The DF Classes are modern radio sailing classes created in the Online and Internet Era. Camaraderie and community is important to the DF Class Founders and they strongly believe this needs to be supported and nurtured both around on-water activities and around our online community. All DF sailors are asked to embrace the fundamental rules in [the racing rules of sailing](#), and this Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct is adapted from the Contributor Covenant, version 1.4, available at <https://www.contributor-covenant.org/version/1/4/code-of-conduct.html>

Our Pledge

In the interest of fostering an open and welcoming environment, we as sailors, contributors and volunteers pledge to making participation in our our sailing community a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of age, body size, disability, ethnicity, sex characteristics, gender identity and expression, level of experience, education, socio-economic status, nationality, personal appearance, race, religion, or sexual identity and orientation.

Our Standards

Examples of behavior that contributes to creating a positive environment include:

- Using welcoming and inclusive language
- Being respectful of differing viewpoints and experiences
- Gracefully accepting constructive criticism
- Focusing on what is best for the community
- Showing empathy towards other community members

Examples of unacceptable behavior by participants include:

- The use of sexualized language or imagery and unwelcome sexual attention or advances
- Trolling, insulting/derogatory comments, and personal or political attacks
- Public or private harassment
- Publishing others' private information, such as a physical or electronic address, without explicit permission
- Other conduct which could reasonably be considered inappropriate in a professional setting

Our Responsibilities

The DF class association leadership are responsible for clarifying the standards of acceptable behavior and are expected to take appropriate and fair corrective action in response to any instances of unacceptable behavior.

Online editors and maintainers have the right and responsibility to remove, edit, or reject comments, commits, code, wiki edits, issues, and other contributions that are not aligned to this Code of Conduct, or to ban temporarily or permanently any contributor for other behaviors that they deem inappropriate, threatening, offensive, or harmful.

Scope

This Code of Conduct applies both within class association spaces and in public spaces when an individual is representing the class or its community. Examples of representing the class or community include using an official class association e-mail address, posting via an official social media account, or acting as an appointed representative at an online or offline event. Representation of our class may be further defined and clarified by class online maintainers.

Enforcement

Instances of abusive, harassing, or otherwise unacceptable behavior may be reported by contacting the class association team at <http://dfracing.world/>. All complaints will be reviewed and investigated and will result in a response that is deemed necessary and appropriate to the circumstances. The class association team is obligated to maintain confidentiality with regard to the reporter of an incident. Further details of specific enforcement policies may be posted separately.

Sailors who do not follow or enforce the Code of Conduct in good faith may face temporary or permanent repercussions as determined by other members of the DF class association executive.

Attribution

This Code of Conduct is adapted from the Contributor Covenant, version 1.4, available at <https://www.contributor-covenant.org/version/1/4/code-of-conduct.html>

For answers to common questions about this code of conduct, see <https://www.contributor-covenant.org/faq>