



CLASS CONSTITUTION

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NAME, RESIDENCE & PURPOSE

1. Name. Residence

The name of the association is the O'pen BIC Class Association (OBCA), a non-profit sports association, and currently resident in France.

2. PURPOSE

To promote and manage International O'pen BIC Class competition at International and Continental level and represent the interest of the owners and their National Associations.

3. LANGUAGE

The official language of the class and all its publications is English, in this constitution the word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.

MEMBERSHIP

4. ASSOCIATIONS

4.1 Membership may be granted to those National O'pen BIC Class Associations or National Sailing Federations controlling the class activity in a country, and recognised as such by the ISAF member organisation for that country.

4.2 Membership may be granted to those National O'pen BIC Class Associations who apply for membership to the Class Committee.

4.3 Recognised members shall be published on the OBCA Class Website.

4.4 Adequate control of Class Activity and subsequent membership of the International Class is determined by the organisation of either :

- An annual National Championship / O'pen Cup event (single event), OR
- An annual National O'pen Cup circuit (several events).

Where each event or series of events is :

- Administered according to the official OBCA Class Rules and Standard Event Rules as applicable at the time of the event,
- Announced on the International Class website at least 2 months prior, and
- The results posted on this same website at the conclusion of each event.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

4.5 Individual membership may be granted by the class committee to individuals. Individual members have no voting rights.

5. MEMBERSHIP FEES

5.1 Each member shall pay annual fees, as set by the General Assembly.

5.2 All subscriptions are due on 1 January each year.

5.3 A member who has not paid his (their) annual fees will not be entitled to any rights or privileges of membership.

ORGANISATION

6. BODIES

The International O'pen BIC Class consists of The Class Committee, the General Assembly.

7. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7.1 The General Assembly shall be the authoritative body of the class which will devolve such general administrative and/or executive power to the Class Committee it deems relevant.

7.2 The General Assembly shall consist of member delegates (appointed by the member Associations) and the elected members of the Class Committee, each with one vote. The General Assembly may appoint honorary members with or without voting rights.

7.3 Ordinary meetings of the General Assembly shall be held annually, usually at major international class events.



7.4 A special meeting of the General Assembly shall be held on demand of 1/3rd of the current associations as defined in Item above.

7.5 The Agenda of ordinary General Meeting shall contain:-

Previous Minutes

Chairman's Report

Financial Statements

Class Committee Elections (every 4 years)

Class Committee recommendations

Class Rule change submissions

7.6 Each delegate of Committee member has one vote, but may represent no more than two other member associations from whom he or she had received a proxy vote mandate. These proxy mandates shall be in writing and declared not less than 14 days before the relevant meeting.

Alternatively, member associations may put in their vote by password protected e-mail. Postal votes must be emailed to the O'pen BIC Class Committee at least 24 hours before the date and time of the General Assembly as posted on the official class web site.

7.7 The decisions of the General Assembly shall be by simple majority of votes, in the case of equality of votes, the Class Chairman shall have a casting vote.

7.8 The Quorum at a General Assembly shall be delegates, electoral committee members and postal votes, together holding a minimum of 8 votes as defined in above.

7.9 At least 4 weeks notice of the General Assembly and its agenda shall be given, this will be by email to the member Associations and by posting it on the Class Website. Any items to be voted on shall be posted on the Class website not less than 14 days before the general assembly.

7.10 The date and place for the General Assembly shall be decided by the Class Committee.

8. CLASS COMMITTEE

8.1 The Class Committee size shall be determined by the general assembly (Minimum of 4) and is elected for a period of four years.

8.2 All retiring Class Committee members may stand for re-election.

8.3 The Class Committee shall elect from within a Chairman & Vice-Chairman, a Treasurer. In case of a vacancy the Class Committee may co-opt a member until the appointment is confirmed at the next general assembly.

8.4 The Class Secretary shall be responsible for the technical and day-to-day management of the class and all matters not delegated to other bodies by the General Assembly. The Class Secretary shall be the paid employee of BIC Sport who is responsible for the International Development of the Class.

8.5 The Class Committee represents the O'pen BIC Class to all national and International Organisations and event organisers.

8.6 Class rule change recommendations shall be subject to ratification by the General Assembly prior to implementation.

8.7 Decisions of the Class Committee shall be by a simple majority of votes, each member shall have one vote. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

8.8 Meetings, these will normally occur only at major championship events, where a minimum of 4 present (Including the Class Chairman and/or vice-chairman) shall form a quorum. Normal business will be conducted by Email where a Quorum of 4 votes (including the chairman or vice-chairman) shall be the minimum.

8.9 The Class Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall be responsible for the proper execution of the General Assembly.

8.10 The Class Chairman shall report to the General Assembly on all relevant matters pertaining to the relationship with bodies.

9. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

9.1 Consultative Committees may be established by the General Assembly.

9.2 Consultative Committees shall contain at least one Class Committee member.

9.3 Consultative committees shall report to the General Assembly.

9.4 Consultative committees may be established for a definite or an indefinite period.