

Draft Bylaws of

Windsurfing Canada

(Canadian Windsurfing Association)

1. NAME

The name of the association shall be “Windsurfing Canada”. The association is also incorporated under the name of “Canadian Windsurfing Association”

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to support the sport of Windsurfing in Canada and internationally. To achieve this, the association shall

- A. sanction and promote the annual Canadian Windsurfing Championships and Regional Championships throughout the country;
- B. advance the interests in common of organizations such as windsurfing clubs and the windsurfing body of the Canadian Sailing Team as appointed by the Canadian Yachting Association;
- C. lobby on issues such as equipment, safety and launch site access for the betterment of windsurfing in Canada;
- D. maintain the national sail number registry and association website;

The association shall be carried on without purpose of gain for any classes or members, and any profits or gains to the organization shall be used in promoting its objectives.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- A. There are five types of membership as follows:
 - i. Full Racing Membership is available to members not affiliated with an existing CYA/PSA Club. In addition to annual dues and sail number allocation, members contribute to the association’s race team management insurance policy.
 - ii. Racing Membership is available to windsurfers already affiliated with a local CYA/PSA recognized club and includes a sail number allocation.
 - iii. Regular Membership for recreational sailors which includes a sail number allocation.

- iv. An associate membership is available to members wishing to support Windsurfing and the association but they may not vote or hold office. This class of membership is also open to sailboard owners who are full members of other national class associations.
 - v. An honorary membership may be bestowed upon an individual by the members of the association at the AGM to any person who has actively supported Windsurfing.
- B. In order to compete in any regional or national championship, a sailor must be a member of the class association, or the national windsurfing association of another country.
 - C. Any member wishing to resign from the association shall notify the secretary of Windsurfing Canada. The executive may at any time cancel the membership of any member for cause, but any such cancellation shall be subject to appeal to the Board of Directors of Windsurfing Canada, or to C.Y.A.
 - D. The association shall have the power to fix the annual dues payable by all members. The proportion payable to International Class Associations shall be paid by the National Association out of its revenues. Selections of particular Class fees to be paid shall be at the discretion of the executive.

4. LOCAL FLEETS, CLUBS AND CLASSES

- A. Where three or more registered Windsurfers are active in a given area, not already within the jurisdiction of an organized fleet, they may apply to the National Association for recognition as Fleet, a Club or a Class.
- B. The Fleet, Club or Class shall be responsible for promoting the sport of Windsurfing in that local area or within its Class domain and shall be self-governing in local matters not conflicting with National or International Rules. The organization shall elect a Fleet Captain or President and other officers as required.
- C. Where a distinctive Club or Class consists of ten or more registered sailors, they shall be entitled to representation on the National Executive. In such case, the fleet captain / president of the fleet shall notify the national class president of their desire to participate in the work and decisions of the National Executive.
- D. Any Fleet, Club or Class wishing to resign from the association shall notify the secretary of Windsurfing Canada. The executive may at any time cancel the recognition of any Fleet, Club or Class for cause, but any such cancellation shall be subject to appeal to the International Committee.
- E. Fleets, Clubs and Classes will normally be recognized as such on the association website. No other entitlements may be claimed except as described above. Other

entitlements may be determined from time to time by the National Executive as appropriate to aid in achieving the association objectives.

5. SPONSORS

- A. The association solicits sponsors to promote the sport of Windsurfing and to fund its organization, activities and objectives. In exchange the sponsor receives advertising and can promote itself as a supporter of Windsurfing Canada.
- B. Levels of sponsorship are tiered based on the contribution provided.

6. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

- A. The affairs of the Canadian Windsurfing Association are to be managed by a National Executive consisting of:
 - i. a Chair & President,
 - ii. a Vice- Chair
 - iii. up to 5 Vice Presidents
 - iv. a Secretary,
 - v. a Treasurer,
 - vi. a Webmaster
 - vii. any ex-officio member elected at the AGM,
 - viii. any Fleet Captains, Clubs or Class Presidents requesting representation.

A single person may fill the role of two of these positions, as required.

- B. Members of the executive shall be elected at the AGM and shall hold office for one year, but may be re-elected without restriction. Every effort shall be made to elect a president and the vice-presidents from different regions.
- C. For meetings of the executive, decisions shall require the agreement of a majority of the entire executive, (i.e. not only those present).
- D. The Board of Directors of the association shall consist of the National Executive positions listed in 6.A.i , ii, iii, v, as well as Class presidents and Fleet Captains nominated from their respective ranks and agreed to by the rest of the board. Class presidents and Fleet captains must be appointed such that the board consists of an odd number of people.
- E. The Board of Directors shall preside over the long term health of the organization as well as membership issues.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

- A. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the class shall be held at the time of the Canadian Championships. A Special General Meeting may be convened as required.
- B. All votes shall be decided by a simple majority.
- C. Any changes having a major and on-going impact on the activities of the association shall be confirmed by a postal ballot (or other appropriate means, such as an e-mail ballot). In such cases, quorum shall be 50% of the eligible voters, and votes shall be decided by a simple majority.

8. MEASUREMENT

- A. Classes which require a measurer and which wish to compete as a class at the National Championships shall provide the name of their measurer to the association. The measurer or a designate shall be identified at registration time during the championships and they shall preside over class measurement issues in conjunction with the event race committee, the NOR and the sailing instructions.-

9. GENERAL RULES

- A. It is the intention to avoid modification of the International Rules used in windsurfing as much as possible. Where advisable, W.C. may propose “prescriptions” to change International Rules where and when it has an option to do so. -

10. COMMITTEES

- A. Committees, as deemed necessary, may be appointed by the president and/or national executive.