



Council Members.

F18 Electronic Voting. January 2015.

The Council Meeting of the 24th January 2015 had to be postponed as the meeting was not quorate but there are proposals that require a Council decision in near future. This is the first time that we have undertaken electronic voting on this scale.

Our Constitution requires:

4. World Council.

4.4 At the meetings of the World Council, decisions shall be reached by those present by approval of over 50% majority, but members unable to attend shall pass proxy votes to the President of the IF18CA. Each National Chairman shall have votes as laid down in 9.6 of this Constitution, the President shall have the casting vote in the event that there is not a majority.

9. Membership and Voting Rights.

9.6 Each full Member shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings of the [World Council](#) of the IF18CA as follows:

A country with 1 to 10 members receives ONE vote, 11 to 20 members TWO votes and so on. Votes will be withdrawn from National Associations that had not paid their dues by 1st April. Membership for current year shall be counted as on 31st December previous year.

9.7 Each Individual Member shall be entitled to one vote at the General Meetings of their National F18 Association.

Voting rights for each NCA.

I have attached the list of NCA's and their voting allocations, based upon membership as at 31st December 2014.

Timing:

We suggest that we allow February for voting and get all NCA answers back by Saturday 28th February. I will then forward all voting from NCA's to Council in early March.

Proposal Format

- a. The current situation.
- b. The suggested reason for change.
- c. The proposal.

We suggest the voting as follows:

National Class Association	No. of votes	Accept proposal	Reject proposal	Abstain

We think that it is right that each NCA votes independently.

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Proposal No1.

- a. The **Financial results** for 2014 have been published and are attached. Also attached are results for 2013.
- b. The proposal is that Council accepts them.

National Class Association	No. of votes	Accept proposal	Reject proposal	Abstain

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Proposal No 2.

- c. The **Budget** for 2015 has been published and distributed. The proposal is that Council accepts them.

National Class Association	No. of votes	Accept proposal	Reject proposal	Abstain

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Proposal No 3.

It has been suggested that NCA's ought to publish their finances. Balance Sheet showing assets and liabilities, annual income and expenditure.

- a. There is not any mention of this in Constitution or F18 rules.
- b. The reason for change is the continual quest for openness. Rightly the Council is audited and financial details checked. It is therefore right that individual NCA's that are raising and holding money under the F18 Class logo should be equally open.

- c. The proposal is that each NCA provides the Council with a Balance Sheet, Income and expenditure by 31st December every year.

National Class Association	No. of votes	Accept proposal	Reject proposal	Abstain

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Proposal No 4.

F18 Cloth List 2015.

- a. The Cloth List has created problems for some time. The makers of cloth alter their materials and the name of the cloth. This makes it difficult for sail makers to be sure that they are using cloth within the F8 Rules.
- b. All cloth makers have been asked to detail their current cloths in production and those that they are likely to withdraw from sale. Every cloth that has been on the list remains as there may be stocks with some sail makers, this makes the list look very long but in time, it can be reduced.
- c. The proposal is to accept the Cloth List published with the Rules dated January 2015.

National Class Association	No. of votes	Accept proposal	Reject proposal	Abstain.

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Proposal No5.

Constitutional change, proposal Australia NCA.

- a. The current wording of 9.6 allows a member to withhold payment without any effective sanction as voting rights are reinstated after their dues are paid.
- b. The effect is that a member can refuse to negotiate in good faith as there are no consequences for refusing to pay dues. Effective World Council meetings require all members to good standing with respect to membership dues. The effective financial management of the Association is dependent upon each member National Association promptly paying the full and correct dues.
- c. The proposal is that if fees are not paid by 1st April, then voting rights are withdrawn for 12 months.

National Class Association	No. of votes	Accept proposal	Reject proposal	Abstain.

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Proposal No 6.

Two piece Mast proposal. Australia NCA.

a. Current situation.

F.3 MAST.

a. F.3.1 CONSTRUCTION

(a) The mast extrusion shall be made of aluminium and shall be of constant section throughout its length.

b. Suggested Reason for Change

This rules limits the transport of F18's to either long trailers or 40 foot Hi Cube shipping containers. The option of a two piece mast would allow the use of 20 foot shipping containers providing more flexibility to teams that cannot utilize road transport to move their boats to events.

c. The proposal is.

F.3 MAST

F.3.1 CONSTRUCTION

(a) The mast extrusion shall be made of aluminium and may be:

- 1) constant section throughout its length or
- 2) made up of two joined sections of the same dimension.

National Class Association	No. of votes	Accept proposal	Reject proposal	Abstain.

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Proposal No 7 Australia NCA.

- a. Current situation. Currently the annual NCA per member fee is EURO 10.
- b. Reason for Change This fee has remained at this level for 20 years. Costs have increased on an annual basis and the International Association is providing more services. Some of these services are provided freely by members and associated organisations. This can leave the Association exposed to losing access to services if these services are no longer available for free. In addition the International Association has marketing and content activities that require funding that should be shared equally across all NCA's.
- c. The proposal is to increase the annual NCA Member fee from EURO 10 to EURO 15

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Proposal No 8 Australia NCA.

- a. Currently the cash situation of the IF18CA is formally presented on an annual basis.
- b. More regular reporting of the revenue and expenditure position of the IF18CA will improve financial transparency.

- c. The proposal is that three (3) monthly cash flow report and revenue and expenditure against budget.

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Proposal No 9 Netherlands NCA.

- a. Currently Rule C.5.2 a 1, reads :

C.5.2 FOR USE

(a) MANDATORY

(1) Towing line of 15 metres long and 6 mm minimum diameter.

- b. Reason for change. At the Skippers Meeting at the Worlds in Ireland July 2014 there was not support for this rule on the tow line.
- c. To proposal is to alter rules to show that the tow line need not be carried unless confirmed as necessary in the Notice of Race.

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Further notes for Council

1. Despite all the work that has been done, and the re-writing, there are still concerns with some of the F18 Rules, as printed in the ISAF website. We therefore suggest that we make it clear publically that there are not any substantial changes expected with F18 rules, and we leave this subject to Council decision where Council can re-affirm the length of time that would be appropriate to retain rules without change. A three year and a five moratorium on change have been suggested. I suggest that NCA's discuss the future of Class rules between now and July.
2. We have received from French NCA that they are added to the auditors list and notification from the Netherlands that they will present an Auditing proposal for the July Meeting of Council.

