

Class Rule Changes

International Formula 18 Class Association

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Amendment One

Remove:

A.10 CERTIFICATION

A.10.3 A **certificate** for a **sail** shall record, in addition to A.10.1, the following information:

~~—(b) confirmation of presence of sailmaker's declaration (see G.2.3(b))~~

G.2 GENERAL

G.2.3 SAILMAKERS

~~(b) A sailmaker's declaration is required with each **sail** (see Appendix B).~~

~~Appendix B.~~

AND

Old:

D.2 GENERAL

D.2.4 BUILDERS

(b) A builder's declaration is required (see Appendix A).

Amend to read:

D.2 GENERAL

D.2.4 BUILDERS

(b) A builder's declaration is required for the **hull** shells (see Appendix A).

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Old:

Appendix A.



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Builder's declaration of rule compliance

In accordance with the International Formula 18 Class Association (IF18CA) class rules, I declare that the boat which has been issued the following hull serial numbers has been constructed in full compliance with the IF18CA class rules on the date of this declaration.

| Hull | Serial Number |
|-----------|---------------|
| Port | |
| Starboard | |

I confirm that compliance with the IF18CA class rules has been established, and technical data sheets on materials shall be made available to IF18CA Chief Measurer at their request.

This declaration does not apply to the **sails**.

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Full Name: | |
| Representing: | |
| Signature: | |
| Date: | |

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Amend to read:

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Builder's declaration of rule compliance

In accordance with the International Formula 18 Class Association (IF18CA) class rules, I declare that the **hull shell(s)** which has/have been issued the following hull serial numbers has/have been constructed in full compliance with the IF18CA class rules on the date of this declaration.

| Hull | Serial Number |
|-----------|---------------|
| Port | |
| Starboard | |

I confirm that compliance with the IF18CA class rules has been established, and technical data sheets on materials shall be made available to IF18CA Chief Measurer at their request.

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Full Name: | |
| Representing: | |
| Signature: | |
| Date: | |

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Rationale:

- Aims to use declarations for those equipment items that both i) cannot be fully inspected without damaging those items, and ii) have production serial numbers. This effectively limits the use of declarations to hull shells only.
- There is no need for using declarations for sails because these can be inspected without being damaged.

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Amendment Two

C.3 CREW

Old:

C.3.2 WEIGHTS

- (a) The minimum combined **crew** weight is 115 kg

Amend to read:

C.3.2 WEIGHTS

- (a) The minimum combined **crew** weight is **125** kg

Rationale:

- Raise the minimum combined crew weight to reduce safety risks related to inability to right a capsized boat

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Amendment Three

C.3 CREW

Old:

C.3.2 WEIGHTS

- (b) Crews weighing less than 150 kg combined shall carry extra weight equal to half the difference between their actual weight and 150 kg. Any weight of the **boat** in excess of 180 kg will count towards **crew** extra weights.

Amend to read:

C.3.2 WEIGHTS

- (b) Crews weighing less than 150 kg combined shall carry extra weight equal to half the difference between their actual weight and 150 kg **subject to a maximum extra weight of 7.5 kg**. Any weight of the **boat** in excess of 180 kg will count towards **crew** extra weights.

Rationale:

- Cap the crew extra weight to encourage participation of lighter crews in the F18 class
- This amendment, if approved, will be valid for two years. During this period the impact of this amendment will be evaluated. Unless it is decided differently by World Council this amendment will be reversed automatically after 2 years (in 2026).

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Amendment Four

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

Old:

C.5.2 OPTIONAL (Portable Equipment)

- (a) Steering compass(es)
- (b) Timing device(s)
- (c) Knife(s)
- (d) Mechanical wind indicator(s)
- (e) Items permitted in accordance with the notice of race.

Amend to read:

C.5.2 OPTIONAL (Portable Equipment)

- (a) Steering compass(es)
- (b) Timing device(s)
- (c) GPS enabled device(s)
- (d) Knife(s)
- (e) Mechanical wind indicator(s)
- (f) Items permitted in accordance with the notice of race.

Rationale:

- GPS capability has become commonplace in many devices which competitors desire to carry on board including wrist watches and cell phones
- GPS devices usable on board an F18 have become much more affordable
- Due to the small size of the devices it is difficult to enforce compliance with the current rules resulting in unfair competition between people who personally honor the rules and those willing to violate the rules
- In US class wide vote in December 2022 54% of members who voted desired to allow and 46% were against
- Race tracking devices are added to the list since they are used at many regattas

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Amendment Five

C.6 BOAT

Old:

C.6.2 WEIGHT

The weight of the **boat** shall not be less than 180 kg. The weight shall be taken including the **sails** and excluding all **portable equipment** as listed in C.5.

Amend to read:

C.6.2 WEIGHT

The weight of the **boat** shall not be less than 169 kg. The weight shall be taken excluding all **portable equipment** as listed in C.5.

Rationale:

- Disconnects sails and boat (platform) weight and therefore facilitates certification of sails and boats (platforms and rig, excluding sails) as well as registration and inspections at events
- Aligns class rules with standard World Sailing measurement method – see ERS below
- Based on an average weight of 11 kg for mainsail, jib and gennaker combined, the old minimum boat weight rule of 180 kg (including sails) translates into a new minimum weight rule (excluding sails) of 169 kg

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C.6 BOAT DEFINITIONS

C.6.4 Boat Dimensions

(h) BOAT WEIGHT

The weight of the **boat** *excluding* **sail(s)** and **variable ballast**.

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Amendment Six

Old (World Council decision of December 2021):

F.6 STANDING RIGGING

F.6.2 CONSTRUCTION

(b) OPTIONAL

(3) The **forestay** may be fitted with a compression rod.

Amend to read:

F.6 STANDING RIGGING

F.6.3 FITTINGS

(a) OPTIONAL

(1) **Forestay** compression rod

Rationale:

- Clarifies that the forestay compression rod cannot be made of carbon fibre by defining it as a fitting, to which class rule F.2.4 (Fittings) applies.

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Amendment Seven

APPENDIX D.

CLOTH LIST

Old:

Appendix D is published in the document of the IF18CA class rules that can be accessed via a link on the website of World Sailing.

Amend to read:

To publish Appendix D as a separate document that can be accessed via a different link on the website of World Sailing.

Rationale:

- Allows faster publication of cloth list updates.