

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL FOURTEEN
SAILING COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
INCORPORATED**

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

1. The name of the proposed incorporated Association is the:

Australian Fourteen Foot Sailing Council Incorporated.
2. The purposes for which the proposed incorporated Association is established are:
 - a. To encourage and foster the sailing of International 14s and
 - b. To promote an interstate carnival to decide the Australian Fourteen Foot Championship each year.
3. Solely for the purpose of furthering the purposes set out above the Association shall have the following powers:-
 - a. To take over the funds and other assets and liabilities of the present unincorporated Association known as the Australian Fourteen Foot Sailing Council.
 - b. To indemnify any person for any loss or damage incurred as a result of having on behalf of the said unincorporated Association become liable to pay any amount by way of damages or otherwise.
 - c. To purchase, take on lease, or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire land, buildings, easements or property both real and personal and any rights or privileges which may be requisite for the purposes of or capable of being conveniently used in connection with any of the objects of the Association.
 - d. To enter into any arrangements with any authority that are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the objects and exercise of the powers of the Association.
 - e. To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries, servants, workmen or other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association.
 - f. To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, work or conveniences which may be calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Associations interest.
 - g. To invest and deal with any money of the Association not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be thought fit.
 - h. To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures or other securities of any company or body corporate.
 - i. To lend and advance money or credit to any person or Body Corporate, to guarantee and to give guarantees or indemnities for the payment of money or the performance of contracts or obligations by any person or Body Corporate and otherwise to assist any person or Body Corporate.
 - j. To borrow or raise either a loan or jointly with any other person or legal entity in such manner as may be thought proper for the attainment of the purposes of the Association.
 - k. To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, warrants, debentures and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
 - l. To make any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not for any one or more of the objects of the Association.
 - m. To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association in the manner of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
 - n. To make donations for patriotic, charitable or community purposes.
 - o. To make rules, regulations and by-laws for the proper government of the Association and to do all such lawful things as in the opinion of the Association are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them and the exercise of the powers for any of them of the Association

PART 1 MANAGEMENT

RULE 1 NAME

The name of the Council is;

"INTERNATIONAL FOURTEEN SAILING COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED"

abbreviated as IFSCA

The name of the Class is;

"THE INTERNATIONAL FOURTEEN "

Rule 1 was amended by Victorian Rotary Letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 1 was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 1 was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 1A INTERPRETATIONS

1. In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears:-

"Council" means the International Fourteen Sailing Council Of Australia Incorporated

"Association" means the Australian Fourteen Foot Sailing Council Incorporated

"Financial Year" means the year ended each 30th November

"Annual Conference" means the meeting of members convened in accordance with Rule 9

"Member" means a member of this council as defined by Rule 3

"Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Victoria)

2. In these rules a reference to the National Secretary is a reference:-

a. where a person holds office under these rules as National Secretary of the Council - to that person: and

b. in any other case, to the Public Officer of the Council.

3. In these rules, any reference to a particular gender may extend to and apply equally to the opposite gender. Words or expressions shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Interpretations of Legislation Act 1984 and the Act as in force from time to time.

Rule 1A was added by Victorian Rotary Letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 1A(1) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 2 OBJECTIVES OF COUNCIL

The objectives of this Council are to encourage and foster sailing of International 14s and to promote an Interstate Carnival to decide the Australian International Fourteen Championship each year.

Rule 2 was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 2 was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 3 MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL

The National Secretary shall keep, maintain and make available to members from the address of the Public Officer a Register of Members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of each member.

The following members shall constitute the Council:

1. The New South Wales 14 Foot Sailing Council Incorporated.
2. The Queensland 14 Foot Sailing Association.
3. The South Australian 14 Foot Sailing Council Incorporated.
4. The Western Australian 14 Foot Dinghy Sailing Association Incorporated.
5. The Victorian 14 Foot Sailing Council Incorporated.

Rule 3 was amended by Victorian notice of motion passed 29/12/90
Rule 3 was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 3 was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 9/2/93

RULE 4 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

This Council shall have an executive body called the National Executive

The National Executive shall comprise;

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Measurer
5. Registrar
6. Presidents of the Members of the Council as defined within Rule 3

The roles of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Measurer and Registrar may be encumbered by one individual concurrently.

The National Executive ("the executive") may determine matters of concern to the class between Conferences. A vote of the executive may be taken by the Secretary. A motion submitted to the executive shall pass where a simple majority is achieved (for example 3 out of 5 in the affirmative)

The National Executive shall ensure;

1. the maintenance of all books and records of the Council
2. all members are notified of matters brought to his notice under this Constitution
3. submission of audited current financial statements at each annual conference
4. the availability of all books and records to members of the Council. Cost associated with such inspection shall be at the cost of the member
5. at least four weeks notice is provided to members of Council of the date, time, location and agenda of the forthcoming Annual Conference
6. boat owners are provided with the opportunity to vote on boat measurement ballots as required by the rules of the World Association of International 14 class.

The powers of the executive shall be limited to act on matters which in the opinion of a majority of representatives should not be delayed until the next Annual Conference. Such matters include the development of any rule change proposals and subsequent issue of ballot papers or rotary letters.

Each member of the Council shall advise the National Secretary of the election of the members President within four (4) weeks of the appointment.

Rule 4(4) was amended by Victorian notice of motion passed 29/12/90
Rule 4(5) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 4(6) was added by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 4 was deleted and totally replaced by joint state rotary letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 5 CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Only a club or body recognised by the Council as the controlling body for International 14 racing in a State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia shall be admitted as a member to Council.
2. Not more than one such club or body in any one State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia shall be a member of the Council at any one time.
3. Each Council member shall have a permanent postal address, and this shall be provided to the Honorary Secretary.
4. Subject to 5(1), 5(2), and 5(3) the membership of the Council may be added to as hereinafter provided.

Rule 5(1) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 6 ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Any club or body desirous of admission as a member of the Council provided Rule 5 is satisfied shall:

1. Make application in writing to that effect to the National Secretary of the Council.
2. Lodge with the National Secretary ten copies of its Constitution.
3. If written approval of the application is given by each member to the National Secretary of the Council, the applicant shall automatically become a member.
4. If written approval is not given then the applicant may be admitted by Resolution of at least a four fifths majority of delegates at the Annual Conference and may participate in the Australian International 14 Championship pending.

Rule 6(4) was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 6(4) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 7 REMOVAL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Any member of Council may be removed from membership by forwarding a written resignation to the National Secretary of the Council.
2. Any member of Council may be removed from membership by:
 - Resolution if carried by not less than four fifths of delegates at the next Annual Conference.
 - The delegates of the member of Council proposed to be removed may be heard on the motion and may vote thereon.
3. Any member of Council who fails to send one or more International 14s to compete in any Championship may be removed from membership, unless that member of Council first obtains permission from the Council to be absent from that Championship.
4. Western Australia need not obtain permission to be absent when the Championship is in Queensland. Queensland also need not obtain permission when the Championship is in Western Australia.

Rule 7(3) was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 7(2) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 8 SUBSCRIPTION

The funds of the Council shall be derived from subscriptions and other sources as the members allow.

1. Each and every member of the Council shall pay an annual subscription fee as set by the Council.
2. The annual subscription fee for the forthcoming year is to be set by the Annual Conference.
3. Eighty percent of the annual subscription will be allocated to the Council member conducting the Australian International 14 Championships.
4. Any member failing to pay such annual subscription shall cease to be a member of the Council, but may be re-admitted upon payments of all arrears (unless waived by the Council) by a resolution of the delegates of the Council without the necessity of complying with Rule 5.

Rule 8(2) was amended by Victorian notice of motion dated 29/12/90
Rule 8(1) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 8 was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 9/2/93
Rule 8(3) was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 8(3) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 9 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

An Annual Conference of the members of Council shall be held each year in conjunction with the Australian Championship being conducted by a member of Council.

1. Each member of Council may have two delegates attending with one vote each.
2. A Chairman shall be elected from the delegates in attendance.
3. The Chairman shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
4. Each member shall be entitled to appoint another members delegates as proxy. Notice of the appointment must be given to the National Secretary prior to the commencement of the Conference.

Rule 9(4) was added by Victorian rotary letter dated 9/2/93

RULE 10 POWERS OF CONFERENCE

Subject to these rules, the Annual Conference shall have powers:

1. To amend the Constitution in the manner hereby provided.
2. To promote uniformity of Sailing Rules and Regulations in the various States and Territories of the Commonwealth of Australia.
3. To admit and remove members of Council.
4. To regulate their own proceedings, fix their quorum, provide for services of notice and credentials of delegates.
5. To subsidise the Australian International 14 Championship.
6. To fix the date and venue of the Annual Conference and Australian Championship and entertainment levy.
7. To adopt the Sailing instructions for the pending Australian International 14 Championship.
8. To elect an auditor for the forthcoming year.
9. To elect to the office of National Measurer for the ensuing year a nominee nominated under Rule 35.1. A clear majority is required for successful appointment.
10. To elect to the office of National President a person nominated by a member of the Council. A clear majority is required for successful appointment.
11. To elect to the office of National Secretary a person nominated by a member of the Council. A clear majority is required for successful appointment.
12. To elect to the office of National Registrar a person nominated by a member of the Council. A clear majority is required for successful appointment.
13. To elect to the office of National Treasurer a person nominated by a member of the Council. A clear majority is required for successful appointment.

Rule 10(8) was added by Victorian notice of motion dated 29/12/90

Rule 10(9) was added by Victorian rotary letter dated 22/10/91

Rule 10(5) & (7) were amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93

Rule 10(5) & 10(7) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

Rule 10(10), (11), (12) & (13) was added by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 11 ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

Alterations under this rule shall not apply to the International 14 Class Measurement Rules.

No addition to, or any amendment, alteration or repeal of any part of the Constitution shall be valid unless by:

1. Rotary Letters
 - a. All members have (6) six weeks, from the date of receipt of the rotary letter to reply YES or NO, in writing to the National Secretary.

- b. Failure to reply in the nominated time of (6) six weeks shall be taken as a vote for the affirmative by the member or members concerned.
 - c. A rotary letter will be deemed successful provided no negative vote is received by the National Secretary in the nominated time of (6) six weeks.
 - d. All rotary letters and replies thereto, shall be posted by certified mail to the permanent address of each member and the National Secretary.
 - e. All unsuccessful rotary letters will be voted on at the next Annual Conference and must be carried by not less than four fifths of the delegates at the Annual Conference.
2. Notice of Motion
- a. Notice of intention to propose any amendment, alteration or repeal of any part of the Constitution shall be given to the National Secretary at least two calendar months prior to the Annual Conference and the addition, amendment, alteration or repeal, as the case may be, must be carried by not less than four fifths of the delegates at the Annual Conference.
 - b. It shall be the duty of the National Secretary to give by notice of the proposed addition, amendment, alteration or repeal to each member of the Council four weeks before the holding of the Annual Conference.
3. Any section of a rule which has been amended by a rotary letter or notices of motion cannot again be altered for a period of two years.

These rules and the Statement of Purpose of the Council shall not be altered except in accordance with the Act.

Rules 11.1(a),(b), & (c) were amended by Victorian notice of motion dated 29/12/90
Rule 11(3) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 11 (para 1) was added by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 11A ALTERATIONS TO BOAT MEASUREMENT RULES

Each boat listed on the boat register shall be eligible to submit one vote in respect to notices of boat measurement change issued by the Executive via the registrar.

The registrar, on the instruction of the President shall circulate to all registered boat owners a date stamped ballot paper and explanatory document(s) in respect to the issue to be voted upon. The ballot paper shall clearly state the due date for valid return of the ballot paper

The boat owner shall within four (4) weeks return the completed ballot paper to the registrar, The registrar shall date stamp each returned ballot paper on its receipt. Ballots received after the due date shall not be eligible votes and shall be treated as if not received.

Boat owners who fail to return the ballot paper shall be deemed to have voted in favour of the rule change proposed. No formal due date reminders shall be issued to boat owners.

The registrar shall publish the result of the ballot not more than four (4) weeks following the due date of the ballot. The results shall record the following details;

1. The number of boats on the register
2. The number of votes received in the affirmative
3. The number of votes received in the negative
4. The number of votes deemed affirmative due to failure to return
5. The number of votes deemed affirmative due to late return

A vote is deemed passed if at least two thirds of votes are in the affirmative
A vote is deemed failed if less than two thirds of votes are in the affirmative

Two thirds is measured by dividing the number of affirmative votes by the number of boats on the register.

The result of the ballot i.e. passed or failed shall then be deemed the Australian National Association Vote and submitted to the World Association of the International 14 Class in accordance with the World

Association of the International 14 Class Constitution to determine alterations to the International 14 Class Measurement Rules.

RULE 12 DISBURSEMENT OF COUNCIL FUNDS ON WINDING-UP

In the event of the Council being dissolved, the funds remaining after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall be paid and applied by the Council in accordance with their powers to an organisation(s) which is exempt from income tax under Section 23 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

Rule 12 was added by Victorian rotary letter dated 26/9/91

RULE 13 COMMON SEAL

1. The Common seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the National Secretary.
2. The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the National Executive and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures of two members of the National Executive.

Rule 13 was added by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 13(2) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 14 CHEQUES

All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by the National Treasurer and if the Annual Conference deems necessary countersigned by an appointed person who shall be a member of a member of the Council.

Rule 14 was added by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule number 15 is a spare number.

PART 2 MANAGEMENT OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

PART 2A AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL 14 CHAMPIONSHIP

RULE 16 MANAGEMENT

The Australian International 14 Championship will be managed by a Committee from the member of Council conducting the championship.

The committee shall have all the authorities of a Sailing Committee under the Rules of this Council. They shall:

1. Appoint all officials to supervise and conduct championship races.
2. Where the person responsible for measurement within the Council member managing the championship is unable to attend the championship the managing committee shall be empowered to have the National Measurement Committee appoint a member of the National Measurement Committee to be responsible for checking measurements of all competitors.
3. Arrange other events.

Rule 16(2) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 22/10/91
Rule 16 was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 16 was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 17 ENTRIES

All entries must be received by the Secretary for the member of Council conducting the championship not less than twenty one (21) days before the scheduled date of the first championship race. The acceptance of late entries will be at the discretion of the member of Council conducting the championship.

1. Each entry must be accompanied by:
 - a. A fee to be set by the Council of the previous year. Refer to Rule 89 as to composition of the entry fee.
 - b. The registered name of the boat, the name of the owner or owners, the name of the helmsman, crew, distinguishing design and sail number.
 - c. Certification by the State or Territory measurer that the entry conforms to part 5 of this Constitution. See Rule 71.
2. There shall be no limit to the number of entries from each State or Territory in any Australian International 14 Championship conducted under the auspices of this Council unless varied by motion passed at Annual Conference (12) twelve months beforehand or by a successful rotary letter.
3. Non-affiliated Bodies
 - a. Subject to the unanimous approval of the members of Council, entries may at any time be received from non-affiliated bodies.
 - b. Provided such entries comply with part 5 of this Constitution, such bodies may be permitted to compete for the Australian International 14 Championship.
 - c. In the event of winning, the trophy is to be held by the Council.

Rule 17(1)(a) was amended by Victorian notice of motion dated 29/12/90
Rule 17(1)(a) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 14/11/91
Rule 17(3)(b) was amended 28/12/88
Rule 17(1)(a) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 17(3)(c) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 17(2) & (3)(b) were amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 17 amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 20/3/95 - 21 days notice from 14 days notice
Rule 17(2) & 17(3)(b) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 18 HELMSMAN AND CREWS

1. The helmsman and crews of all competing International 14s shall be financial members of a body which is a member of Council.
2. Any change of helmsman or crew of any boat after the first race must be agreed to by not less than four fifths of the delegates at the Annual Conference.

Rule 18(1) was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 18(1) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 19 COURSE

1. Except where a change in the direction of wind occurs during the race or shortly before the scheduled time of the start, the courses to be sailed shall provide as far as possible for all points of sailing including not less than one-third to windward.
2. A plan of the waters, upon which the racing is to occur, shall be provided by the member conducting the Championship to each helmsman not later than 24 hours prior to the start of any race. Such a plan is to clearly define all piers and other obstructions, all marks of the course, and any other sailing marks likely to be adjacent to the course.

RULE 20 TROPHIES

1. The Council member representing the State or Territory in which the Championship is then held, shall provide trophies at least to the value of the entry component (i) as defined in Rule 89(a) that are received. This total sum shall be used to provide trophies for the first, second and third place getters of each heat and the Championship.
2. The Council shall provide a Championship Trophy to be known as the:
"AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL 14 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY".
3. The Office Bearers of the member of Council on whose register the winning skiff is, shall be the Trustees for the time being of the "Australian International 14 Championship Trophy" and shall be responsible for its safe custody and production at the next series of contest, and for its insurance in the meantime.
4. The member of Council conducting the Australian International 14 Championship shall, in addition to the trophies presented to the winning boat, provide a suitably inscribed pennant for the helmsman and crew.

Rule 20(1) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 14/11/91
Rule 20(2) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 20(2) & (3) & (4) were amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 20(2) & (3) & (4) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 21 THE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Championship shall be decided by a contest of seven (7) races.
2. The Bonus-Points Scoring System shall be used.
3. The Championship will be held on the home waters of each Member of Council in order of rotation, or at any other place agreed upon by the Council.

Rule 21(3) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 21(2) was amended by Victorian notice of motion dated 29/12/93

RULE 22 HANDICAPS

1. A handicap race shall be sailed in conjunction with each heat of the Championship.
In these events the handicap time will be deducted from the finishing time of each competing boat, and the boat with the lowest corrected finishing time will be declared the winner of the handicap event.
2. When a handicap race is sailed other than in conjunction with a championship heat, each boat may be started on its time allowance.
In this event the start shall be by the display of numbers or other suitable signals to be arranged by the Council member conducting the Championship.

RULE 23 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PUBLICITY

The host state on presentation night of each National Championship shall have compiled a suitable summary of press releases (with photographs) for inspection by sailors and shall have compiled a mailing list of publicity contacts. The said summary shall be forward to the publicity contacts within the week of conclusion of the Championship.

Rule number 23 added 28/12/88

PART 2B STATE OR TERRITORY CHAMPIONSHIP

RULE 24 STATE OR TERRITORY CHAMPIONSHIP

Each member of Council shall each season hold a series of races to decide the champion boat of the State or Territory.

The Secretary of each member of Council shall send a copy of the results of the Championship to the National Secretary of the Council.

Rule 24 was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule numbers 25 and 26 are spare numbers.

PART 2C INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

RULE 27 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Council may decide at an Annual Conference the method of holding such Championships.

1. Subject to the unanimous approval of the members of Council, non affiliated bodies may compete with members of Council for an Open International 14 Foot Championship ("the Championship" in this rule).
2. The Championship may be held separately or in conjunction with the conduct of the Australian 14 Foot Skiff Championship.
3. Entries for the Championship may be accepted at the discretion of the host member provided such bodies comply with Rules 17.1(a) and 17.1(b) and the rules and regulations of their respective Class Constitution.

Rule 27 Parts 1,2 & 3 were added by New South Wales rotary letter dated 14/3/91
Rule 27 was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 27(2) was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule numbers 28 and 29 are spare numbers.
Rule 27(2) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

PART 3 RACING RULES

RULE 30 RACING RULES

All races shall be conducted under the current rules of:

1. The International Sailing Federation,
2. The prescriptions of the Australian Yachting Federation,
3. The Constitution and rules of the Council.

Rule 30(3) was amended by Victorian rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule numbers 31, 32, 33, 34 are spare numbers
Rules 31, 32, deleted by Victorian notice of motion dated 29/12/90
Rule 30(1) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 31 SPONSORSHIP/ADVERTISING

1. Sponsorship and advertising shall be allowed on boats of members of the International Fourteen Sailing Council Of Australia.
2. Where there is conflict between this rule and Rule 30 (1) or Rule 30 (2) then this rule shall take precedence and shall prevail.

Rule 31 was added by Western Australian rotary letter dated 22/1/96 and passed 1/4/96
Rule 31(1) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

PART 4 ADMINISTRATION OF CLASS MEASUREMENT

PART 4 PROTESTS was deleted by Victorian notice of motion dated 29/12/90 and replaced by ADMINISTRATION OF CLASS MEASUREMENT by Victorian rotary letter dated 22/10/91

RULE 35 NATIONAL MEASURER

1. Appointment and Nomination

On establishment of the position of National Measurer and creation of the National Measuring Committee the Council may appoint a National Measurer from a list of nominees provided by each Council member otherwise;

- a. Council members may with the consent of the nominee, nominate a member of their body for the position of National Measurer.
- b. Nominations must be in writing and forwarded to the National Secretary within (14) fourteen days of the commencement of the Annual Conference.
- c. Nominations may be withdrawn by either nominee or nominating Council member any time prior to the commencement of the Annual Conference.
- d. Where no nomination is received by the National Secretary within the terms set out above the Annual Conference is empowered to appoint a National Measurer as it sees fit.

2. Term of Office

- a. Commencement - Term of office commences the day following completion of scheduled events of the Australian Championship during which he is elected.
- b. Cessation - Term of office ceases midnight the day completing scheduled events of the Australian Championship immediately following that championship at which he was elected.

3. Responsibilities

- a. To convene a meeting of the National Measurement Committee in conjunction with each Australian Championship.
- b. To call meetings of the National Measurement Committee at any other time.
- c. To liaise with members of the National Measurement Committee.
- d. To keep detailed minutes and records of the resolutions and interpretations of the National Measurement Committee including specific measurement techniques and precedent
- e. To ensure members of the National Measurement Committee comply with resolutions and interpretations of the National Measurement Committee.
- f. To ensure boat owners are notified in accordance with Rule 37.5(b)

Notwithstanding the above, any failure by the National Measurer to ensure boat owners are notified of amendments to or interpretations of rules shall not give reason to boat owners to breach class measurement requirements as stated herein or as interpreted by the National Measurement Committee.

It is primarily the responsibility of the boat owner to be aware of current measurement requirements.

3. Removal and Replacement

The Council may meet at any time to effect the removal of the National Measurer before completion of his term of office. A majority four fifths vote is required for removal.

The Council shall appoint a replacement within forty eight (48) hours of removal. Failure to appoint a replacement shall not impact the removal of the previous incumbent.

4. Proxy

Should the National Measurer be unable to attend meetings of the National Measurement Committee a proxy may be appointed. The proxy shall not be an existing member of the National Measurement Committee.

RULE 36 NATIONAL MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE

1. Objectives

- a. To ensure the compliance of International 14s to the measurement rules of the Council
- b. To foster, enhance and encourage the development of class design within those rules with consideration of the following matters,
 - i. obsolescence of existing boats,
 - ii. cost of boat construction or reconstruction,
 - iii. changes in the number of active class participants and
 - iv. other matters vital to the future prosperity of the class.

2. Members

Membership shall comprise the National Measurer and appointed measurer of each member of the Council

3. Chairman

Committee meetings shall be chaired by the National Measurer or his proxy.

4. Quorum

A quorum shall be set by this committee but shall not be less than three.

5. Responsibilities of Committee

The committee shall be responsible for;

- a. The interpretation of measurement rules and deliberation on matters raised by committee members or the Council.
- b. Notification of interpretations to boat owners following the vote of the committee.

Boat owners directly affected by interpretations may be notified in writing, however a copy of the notifications shall;

- i. when the interpretation is made during the Australian Championship be place on the official regatta Notice Board as soon as possible and then published in the next national newsletter to issue, or
- ii. at other times be published in the next national newsletter to issue.

A notification of interpretation shall comprise;

- the rule(s) being interpreted,
 - the interpretation of the committee,
 - the recommendation (if necessary) to the race or protest committee as to fair disciplinary action,
 - action required by boat owner(s) and
 - time frame for action by boat owner(s)
- c. Recommendation of amendments to rules by drafting and submitting Notices of Motion or Rotary Letters.

6. Responsibilities of Committee Members

Committee members shall;

- a. Provide to the National Measurer a data sheet of measurement statistics of boats measured and registered within 30 days of measurement. Data to be provided shall be determined by the committee.
- b. Ensure compliance of boats within their jurisdiction to Class measurement rules and official interpretations of those rules.

- c. Present to the National Measurement Committee matters for interpretation raised by boat owners within their jurisdiction.
7. Decisions Binding

Subject to Rule 39 the decision of the National Measurement Committee is binding on all parties to a measurement dispute and to all members of the National Measurement Committee
8. Handling matters raised to the National Measurement Committee
 - a. During the Australian Championship
 - i. Notice of matters for interpretation by the committee shall be in writing and given to the National Measurer or his proxy
 - ii. All parties to the dispute shall be notified as soon as possible of the impending interpretation
 - iii. The Committee shall have at least twenty four (24) hours to deliberate on the matter
 - iv. A decision of the committee shall not be retrospective
 - b. At other times notice of matters for interpretation by the committee shall be in writing and provided to the National Measurer at least seven (7) weeks prior to the commencement of an Australian Championship whereby;
 - i. Voting on the matter shall be cast within six (6) weeks of the notice being provided to the National Measurer and
 - ii. Failure by a committee member to vote within the time frame required shall result in a vote in favour of the boat owner(s) in need of rule interpretation.
9. Voting

All matters requiring deliberation of the Committee must be raised for voting. Each Committee member has one vote. Should voting be tied the National Measurer shall have a casting vote.

Rule 37 was added by Victorian rotary letter dated 22/10/91
Rule 37(1) was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 37(1)(a) was amended by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99
Rule 37 was renumbered 36 by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 37 MEASUREMENT PROTESTS

The members of the Council direct boat owners with measurement disputes to submit to their state measurer details of the dispute. These matters shall be heard in accordance with Rule 37 by the National Measurement Committee. Members are directed to acknowledge the conditions of Rule 37.7 upon lodgement of a dispute.

Notwithstanding any of the above the Council and members of the National Measurement Committee recognise the ultimate right of boat owners to protest, however boat owners should pursue a solution within the bounds of Class rules before seeking interpretation from other bodies.

Rule 39 was added by Victorian rotary letter dated 22/10/91
Rule 40 was deleted by Victorian notice of motion dated 29/12/90
Rule 39 was renumbered 37 by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 38 REGISTRAR AND BOAT REGISTER

The National Registrar shall be responsible for;

1. the maintenance of a register of boat owners which shall record;
 - a) Name, Address and contact details of the owner
 - b) Designer, Design Model, Boat Name, Sail number and Manufacturer of fully measured boats
2. the register shall be updated regularly to reflect known changes of ownership
3. the issue, collection and reconciliation of postal ballots issued under the power of this Constitution.
4. the collection of boat registration fees from members of this council

5. members of the Council are required to submit to the registrar a list containing the details mention in this rule together with payment of fees required for registration

RULE 39 BOAT REGISTRATION FEES

The executive may set from time to time registration fees, which enable the recording of vessel details on the boat register.

Two registration fees shall be set;

1. a once only measurement registration fee
2. an annual registration fee

Australian boat owners failing to pay registration fees will be ineligible to compete in events organised by this council.

PART 5 CLASS REQUIREMENTS AND MEASUREMENTS

RULE 40 MEASUREMENT RULES

As of 1st January 1999 the International Fourteen Sailing Council of Australia has adopted the Internatioanl 14 Class Measurement Rules as issued by the World Association of the International 14 Class

Rule 40 was totally replaced by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99
Part 5A and 5C was deleted by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

RULE 41 DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS AND DESIGNS

All Australian Registered International 14s shall have a sail insignia fixed or stencilled to the mainsail.

The sail insignia shall cover or extend over an area of sail cloth not less than 915 millimetres long or 0.28 square metres in area.

PART 6 NOT IN USE

PART 7 DEFINITION

RULE 89 ENTRY FEE

1. The entry fee for purpose of Rule 17 shall comprise two components, namely:
 - a. A fee for participation in the Australian Championship and
 - b. A fee for entertainment and provisions supplied by the Championship host.
2. The form and quality of entertainment and provisions provided to competitors by the host shall be at the discretion of the host, however those items provided must be adequate and proper in the circumstances and shall cost no less than 90% of component 89(a)(ii) of the entry fee.

Rule number 89 was added by Victorian rotary letter dated 14/11/91

RULE 90 SEASON

Rule 90 was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 30/3/93
Rule 90 was amended by Western Australian Rotary Letter dated 10/4/95 passed 28/12/95
Rule 91 was deleted by Victorian notice of motion dated 29/12/90
Rule number 91 is a spare number.
Rule 92 "Member of Council" was deleted by rotary letter dated 27/10/92
Rule 90 was deleted by joint state Rotary Letter dated 23/8/99

THERE ARE NO MORE RULES