

FOOTY Class Association Charter

PREAMBLE

The International Footy Class Association (IFCA) is an open, independent international class organization for RC-Sailing. Membership of a national or international association is not necessary, but cooperation with national and international sailing associations (e.g. ISAF and Naviga) is highly welcome and should be supported by the country registrars.

1. ABBREVIATIONS

FCA Footy Class Association

ISAF International Sailing Federation

2. DEFINITIONS

Boat: A boat that can comply with the FOOTY class rules.

Footy: A registered boat maintained in accordance with the Footy class rules.

Executive Committee: The ruling body of the FCA.

Electronic communication: A medium for exchanging information, but not limited to the World Wide Web, Internet, e-mail, fax, telephone.

National Registrar: An official of the Executive Committee responsible for registering boats within his/her country.

Official: One of the members of the Executive Committee of the FCA

Registered Boat: A boat with a hull number assigned by a National Registrar.

Registered Owner: An owner belonging to the FCA.

Regulation: Any rule, decision, law, regulation, directive, standard, term, condition, instruction or policy decreed by the Executive Committee.

3. NAME & LANGUAGE

3.1. The name of the Association will be "Footy Class Association".

3.1.2 The official language will be English.

4. PURPOSE

4.1. The purpose of the FCA will be:

4.1.1. Create and maintain uniform worldwide Footy class rules for racing and promotion.

4.1.2. Set up and maintain registers of boat numbers, their owners and contact addresses.

4.1.3. Provide a structure for handling the class and the exchange of information among its owners.

4.2. In promoting these objectives the FCA must:

4.2.1. Encourage the formation of national associations in all those countries in which competition takes place with Footy boats.

4.2.2. Assist the organizers of international events with appropriate venues and standards.

4.2.3. Disseminate and examine the Footy Class Rules.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1. Membership is available to an owner of a Footy who applies to the National Registrar for a registration number by providing the owner's name, telephone number and e-mail address (or a contact e-mail address where messages could be forwarded).

5.2. Membership is available to a new owner of an existing registered Footy who provides the boat registration number, owner's name, telephone number and e-mail address (or a contact e-mail address) to the national registrar.

5.3. Membership ceases when a member no longer owns a Footy or fails to inform the national registrar of a change in address.

6. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

6.1. The FCA will be governed by the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of this charter.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1. The Executive Committee of the FCA will be formed of:

7.1.1. One Chairman elected by resolution of the Executive Committee.

7.1.2. One National Registrar from each member country.

7.1.2.1. Where the Footy class is recognized by the national authority for radio sailing in the country, the appointment of a National Registrar shall be a matter for that national authority.

7.1.2.2. In countries without such recognition, a person wishing to become a National Registrar should contact the national authority to obtain its support for his/her candidacy. If the national authority is unwilling on principal to provide support, or if no national authority exists, the Executive Committee Chairman may appoint the candidate as a Conditional Member.

7.1.2.3. A Conditional Member can become an Official when approved by resolution of the Executive Committee.

7.2. The officials of the Executive Committee will be bound by this charter and comply with all its Resolutions..

7.3. The work of the Executive Committee can be performed by electronic communication. All such electronic communication will be shared with all officials.

7.4. Each official of the Executive Committee will have one vote.

7.5. Resolutions

7.5.1. Proposals to change the Footy class rules will be made by a Special Resolution of the Executive Committee. All the other resolutions of the Executive Committee will be ordinary.

7.5.2. Voting at meetings of the Executive Committee for ordinary resolutions will be by simple majority of the committee member votes cast.

7.5.3. A special resolution requires that each official submits the resolution for voting to all the Registered Owners under his/her jurisdiction, and forwards the resulting vote totals to the Chairman. The final result will be based on a simple majority of the votes cast worldwide, using a "one member one vote per proposal" basis.

7.6. Emergency decisions (but never rule changes) may be made by the Chairman without consulting the Executive Committee, but must be presented as soon as possible to the Executive Committee for their vote as ordinary resolutions. The result may validate or cancel an emergency decision. In the event an emergency decision is cancelled, the committee will outline corrective action to be taken.

8. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

8.1. The Executive Committee Chairman will appoint a Technical Committee.

8.1.1. A Technical Committee member may be withdrawn by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

The Technical Committee will be composed of the Technical Committee Chairman plus at least 2 and not more than 4 registered owners.

8.2. The Technical Sub-committee's function will be to advise the Executive Committee on any technical matter relevant to the class, including:

- 8.2.1. Investigation of any enquiry made by an official regarding the specifications of boats.
- 8.2.2. Help to ensure that the boats used in international regattas comply with the FOOTY Class rules by providing technical assistance to the authorities of the organization.
- 8.2.3. Recommendations concerning any interpretation of the FOOTY Class rules
- 8.2.4. Considering and advising on any proposal to change the rules of the FOOTY Class to the Executive Committee.
- 8.2.5. Propose any change to the FOOTY Class rules to the Executive Committee.

9. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 9.1. A National Registrar shall be removed from the Executive Committee if his/her appointment is terminated by the national authority, or his/her support is withdrawn by the national authority.
- 9.2. A member of the Executive Committee can be removed from the Executive Committee by a 2/3 majority of the Executive Committee for reasons such as:
 - 9.2.1. Committing an illegal act concerning the FCA.
 - 9.2.2. For any non-sporting conduct against the interests of the FCA.
 - 9.2.3. For intentional violation of the FOOTY class rules.
 - 9.2.4. Any fault of compliance with this charter.

10. AMENDMENTS

- 10.1. This charter can only be amended by an Ordinary Resolution of the Executive Committee.