

IODA Handbook 2009/10

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Articles of Association of the International Optimist Dinghy Association

1. NAME

The name of the Association is the "International Optimist Dinghy Association" ("IODA"). IODA is a non-profit making Association.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of IODA are:

- a) To administer the International Optimist Dinghy Class in accordance with ISAF requirements, and to see that the Class Rules are observed.
- b) To co-ordinate youth work between member countries.
- c) To establish Conditions for the IODA World Sailing Championships and determine where each year's IODA World Sailing Championship is to be held.
- d) To establish Conditions for IODA Continental Championships and to see that they are observed.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Full Members (hereinafter called members)

The National Authority or Class Organisation in any country using the International Optimist Dinghy in their work for junior sailors can be a member of IODA. In a country where Optimists are sailed in only one sailing club, that club may be a member until such time as other clubs in that country sail Optimists.

A member who has not paid his annual subscription by 1st June cannot vote at the IODA Annual General Meeting of the same year. A member who has not paid his annual subscription by the first day of the Annual General Meeting of the year following will automatically cease to be a member until arrears are paid. A member may voluntarily discontinue its membership provided it is not in arrears and may reapply for membership at any time. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that building fees are collected promptly for each International Optimist Dinghy built in that member's country, in accordance with Class Rule 2.3.

- b) Individual Members

Individual Membership: Individual membership is available to individuals, organisations and companies who wish to support the objects of IODA. Individual members shall have no vote. The

terms and conditions of individual membership shall be prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time.

4. INCOME

For sources of income, IODA will rely upon annual subscriptions from its members, building fees for sale of International Optimist Dinghy plaques, net proceeds from sales of goods, and fees from sales of sail buttons. The annual subscription is payable on or before the 1st of March.

5. ORGANISATION

The organisation of the IODA shall consist of the members, the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat. All members of the Executive, Technical and Regatta Committees, when elected, shall be members of the Optimist Class Organisation of their country of residence when such an organisation exists and appropriate membership therein is available. No partner, employee or agent of a professional manufacturer of Optimist hulls, sails or spars shall be a member of an IODA committee.

6. LANGUAGE

The official language of IODA is English.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Technical Committee and the Chairman of the Regatta Committee. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (Article 13) in alternate years, as follows:

The President and one Vice-President shall be elected in odd years (1981, 1983, 1985, etc.) and two Vice Presidents shall be elected in even years (1982,1984,1986, etc.). One Vice-President shall be principally resident in each of the following areas: A. Europe; B. North or South America; C. Africa or Asia or Oceania, and no two Vice-Presidents shall be principally resident in the same area. Each member shall be elected for a period of two years except that a member who is elected in a year other than that specified as the due year above shall initially serve for one year only. Members shall not serve in the same office for more than five two year terms (plus the additional year if elected in a year other than the due year). The Treasurer shall be elected by the Executive

Committee from among the Vice-Presidents and shall serve as both Vice-President and Treasurer. The Chairman of the Technical Committee shall be elected by the members of the Technical Committee in accordance with Article 8. The Chairman of the Regatta Committee shall be elected by the members of the Regatta Committee in accordance with Article 9.

8. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

There shall be a Technical Committee with a maximum of four members to:

- a) Study the International Optimist Dinghy Class Rules, plans and measurement form.
- b) Examine any proposal from a member for amendments or interpretations.
- c) Maintain close liaison with ISAF and request interpretations from ISAF as considered advisable. The Chairman shall ensure that rulings and interpretations made by ISAF are promptly forwarded to the Secretariat.
- d) Make recommendations to the Annual General Meeting.
- e) Prescribe procedures for measurement during the IODA World Sailing Championship, and act as the authority on any issue as to the interpretation or application of the Class Rules.

Members of the Technical Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (Article 13). Two members shall be elected in even years, two in odd years. Each member shall be elected for a period of two years except that a member who is elected in a year other than that specified as the due year above shall initially serve for one year only. Members shall not serve for more than six two year terms (plus an additional year if elected in a year other than the due year) but may serve an additional six two year terms following an absence from the committee of two or more years. The Technical Committee shall elect a chairman by a written nomination to the president within two weeks of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a tie in the voting the president has the casting vote.

9. REGATTA COMMITTEE

There shall be a Regatta Committee with up to four members to:

- a) Implement the Conditions for IODA World, Continental and specific continental championships in co-operation with the host members each year.

- b) Study the Conditions and recommend amendments necessary or desirable to promote the goals of IODA
- c) Examine proposals from members for amendments or interpretations of the Conditions and make recommendations.

Members of the Regatta Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (Article 13). Two members shall be elected in even years, two in odd years. Each member shall be elected for a period of two years except that a member who is elected in a year other than that specified as the due year above shall initially serve for one year only. Members shall not serve for more than six two year terms (plus an additional year if elected in a year other than the due year) but may serve an additional six two year terms following an absence from the committee of two or more years. The Regatta Committee shall elect a chairman by a written nomination to the president within two weeks of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a tie in the voting the president has the casting vote.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee can appoint sub-committees to undertake particular tasks. The Executive Committee can also dissolve such sub-committees. The Executive Committee is to be represented on such sub- committees.

11. OFFICERS OF HONOUR

On a proposal made by the President the Annual General Meeting may as a mark of respect or of appreciation for past services to the IODA, elect any distinguished person from the "Optimist World" to an Office of Honour. Offices of Honour may include that of President of Honour, Vice-President of Honour or such other title of Honour as the Annual General Meeting may at the time of the election prescribe. Unless otherwise prescribed by the Annual General Meeting at the time of election a person elected to an Office of Honour shall hold such office for the remainder of his life. An Officer of Honour shall be entitled to attend and to participate in the deliberations of all meetings of the Annual General Meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

12. SECRETARIAT

There shall be a permanent secretariat, adequate to deal with the affairs of IODA The Executive Committee shall employ a secretary or secretaries who shall be responsible, under the supervision of the Executive Committee, for the maintenance of the Secretariat. The

secretary shall cause proper minutes to be kept of all proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee, the Technical Committee and the Regatta Committee. The location of the Secretariat is at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Annual General Meeting is the highest authority of IODA
- b) The Annual General Meeting is formed by the official representatives of Members present or the appointed substitutes.
- c)
 - 1) The Annual General Meeting is to be held each year in connection with the IODA World Sailing Championship.
 - 2) If the IODA World Sailing Championship does not take place the Annual General Meeting can take place in a country chosen by the Executive Committee.
- d) On or before 15 May an Agenda containing the following items is to be sent out:
 - 1) Election of Chairman of the Meeting.
 - 2) Report from the President.
 - 3) Reports from the Technical Committee and the Regatta Committee.
 - 4) The annual accounts.
 - 5) Fixing of next year's subscription and price of sail buttons.
 - 6) Proposals from the Executive Committee.
 - 7) Proposals from Members.
 - 8) To fix the venue for the IODA World Sailing Championship two years ahead and confirm the venue for the IODA World Sailing Championship one year ahead.
 - 9) To fix/confirm the venues for the IODA Continental Championships. Only member countries from the continent concerned shall vote on venues proposed for each Continental Championship.
 - 10) Racing Calendar for the following year.
 - 11) Information from ISAF Meetings.
 - 12) Election of a President and/or Vice-Presidents.
See Article 7. In a year in which only one vice president is to be elected, no candidate from an area from which there is already a vice president shall be eligible. In a year in which two or more vice presidents are to be elected, there shall be a ballot between all candidates properly nominated and seconded by members' representatives, with no candidate from an area from which there

is already a vice president being eligible. The candidate with the most votes shall be elected. A second ballot shall then take place for which no candidate from an area from which there is now already a vice president being eligible. The candidate with the most votes shall be elected. If, exceptionally, there is a third vacancy a similar third ballot shall be held

- 13) Election of members of the Technical Committee.
- 14) Election of members of the Regatta Committee.
- 15) Election of auditor.
- 16) Any other business.

e) Voting

- 1) Except as noted in Article 13 (d) (9) and proposals to alter the Conditions for the IODA European and North American Championships, voting related to items on the Agenda except business concerning Articles 16 and 17 is to be decided by simple majority of votes cast by members' official representatives or their proxies present and voting in person. When voting each representative or proxy has one (1) vote. When the voting is equal the President has a casting vote; only when such a situation arises does the President have a personal vote.
 - 2) A motion with relation to Article 16 and/or Article 17 is carried when at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by Members representatives or their proxies present at time of voting and voting in person are in favour of the motion. For the purpose of calculating whether a motion is carried an abstention is counted as a vote cast.
 - 3) An official representative present at the Annual General Meeting may only have one (1) proxy vote.
 - 4) If one of the official representatives asks for a secret vote this shall be carried out.
- f) At the Annual General Meeting all questions referring to IODA of which due notice has been given (see Articles 16 and 17) are to be discussed. Such matters may include formal proposals to ISAF for amendments to the Class Rules, Plans and Measurement form.
- g) The name of the official representative and his proxy if any shall be received by the Secretariat or delivered to the Executive Committee in writing prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting.
- h) The members should select as their official representatives persons in their organisation who would secure the best possible continuity of

- their representation and work in the IODA Annual General Meeting.
- i) A member can appoint if special circumstances arise a substitute for the entered representative. The name of the substitute shall be given in writing to the president or another member of the Executive Committee present, prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting.
 - j) Team-leaders present at the IODA World Sailing Championship coinciding with the Annual General Meeting are welcome to attend the Meeting as observers. In addition each member may nominate a separate observer to attend the Meeting.
 - k) When the IODA World Sailing Championship is held other than at the normal time (July/August) or in a year when the Championship does not take place, the dates referred to in Articles 13, 16 and 17 may be amended at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

14. ACCOUNTING

- a) The Association's financial year shall be the 12 months ended 31 December. The first financial year covers the period 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1993.
- b) The Association's accounts shall be audited by a state-authorized public accountant.
- c) The annual accounts shall consist of profit and loss account balance sheet and report and shall be prepared in accordance with sound accounting principles.
- d) At least 10 per cent of the profits not applied to cover losses (if any) from previous years shall be allocated to a reserve fund. The reserve fund shall be used only in accordance with decisions reached at the AGM
on the formal proposal of the Executive Committee.
- e) The residue of net profits shall be carried forward and applied in accordance with decisions reached by the Executive Committee.

15. LIABILITY AND BINDING BY SIGNATURE

- a) The Executive Committee of the Association shall be in charge of the day-to-day management of the Association.
- b) Neither the members of the Association nor individual members are personally liable for the Association's obligations.
- c) The president and one other member of the Executive Committee are authorised to sign on behalf of the Association but the Executive Committee may appoint such other persons as it sees fit to sign cheques and similar documents. When buying selling or mortgaging

real estate the whole Executive Committee shall sign on behalf of the Association.

16. ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE CLASS RULES

Any request by a member or the Executive Committee for an alteration to the Class Rules is to be received by the Secretariat on or before 15 January. The Secretariat must then on or before 15 February send a copy of the proposal to each Member and furthermore on or before 15 March send the Technical Committee's comments thereon to each Member.

17. ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO IODA ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND CONDITIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any request by a member or the Executive Committee for an alteration to these Articles, and Conditions for IODA World, Continental, specific continental championships or regional championships recognised by IODA is to be sent to the Secretariat on or before 15 January. The Secretariat must then on or before 15 February send a copy of the proposition to each member and furthermore on or before 15 March send the Executive Committee's comments thereon to each member.

18. DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the International Optimist Dinghy Association can take place only when two-thirds (2/3) of the members are in favour. When voting the procedure to be as follows: each member has to send the voting letter made out by the Executive Committee to the President, by the stated date. The result to be sent to all members. In the event of dissolution any residual surplus of funds is to be distributed to the ISAF Youth Sailing Committee.

Conditions for the IODA World Sailing Championship

1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 The overriding goal of the championship is to promote youth sailing all over the world.
- 1.2 The prime objective of the championship is to ensure the highest quality racing is provided for accomplished and skilled young skippers in the Optimist dinghy.
- 1.3 The championship shall also provide the environment necessary to ensure that individual friendships may develop among competitors, and goodwill among all participating national representatives.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the "IODA World Sailing Championship".

3. DATES

The championship is to be held every year, is to alternate between Members, is normally to be sailed during July or August, and is to comprise an eleven-day programme.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:

- 1) Two Measurement Days
- 2) Team Leaders' Meeting
- 3) Practice race(s)
- 4) Opening Ceremony
- 5) Championship Races
 - a) Optimist Individual World Championship (Beacon Challenge Cup).
 - b) Optimist Team Racing World Championship (IODA Challenge Cup)
- 6) Prize-Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

- 5.1 **OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**
A minimum of five races shall be sailed.

5.2 OPTIMIST TEAM RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

This shall be a team racing competition for a selected group of national teams according to a format as prescribed by the IODA Executive Committee.

In each race, four boats from these teams shall sail. The selection and seeding of the teams shall be based upon the results of a team's top four sailors in any number of championship races as may be prescribed by the IODA Executive Committee. The team of the host country shall be selected.

- 5.3 The IODA Executive Committee shall have the authority to vary this programme for the purposes of developing and testing new events or in view of other circumstances. It may also alter the names of the trophies. The individual and team racing world championships shall take priority over all other races.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1 Individual: Prizes include the Beacon Challenge Cup, gold, silver and bronze medals, and prizes for the first twenty sailors. In addition, special prizes shall be awarded to the top three girl skippers.

- 6.2 Team Racing: Prizes include the IODA Challenge Cup, and gold, silver and bronze medals for each member of the national teams placing first, second and third.

- 6.3 OPTIMIST NATIONS CUP (Miami Herald Trophy)

Awarded to the national team with the lowest total points (net of excluded scores) scored by its top four sailors in all individual championship races that have been completed. Prizes include the Miami Herald Trophy and gold, silver and bronze medals for each member of the national teams placing first, second and third.

7. APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION OF THE HOST MEMBERS

- 7.1 Applications by IODA members in good standing who are interested in organising and conducting the championship shall be made to the IODA Executive Committee not less than two months before the IODA annual meeting held two years before the year of the championship. The application shall be made by completing the Application Form in Appendix A. Such applications shall state the acceptance by the IODA member, the organisers and their national sailing authority of the obligations imposed by these Conditions and their commitment to conduct the championship in full conformity with them.

- 7.2 Host members shall be selected at an IODA annual meeting, normally two years before the year of the championship, and be confirmed one year before the year of the championship.
- 7.3 The organisers shall proceed with the organisation of the championship in full conformity with these Conditions, current IODA Regatta Manuals and to the satisfaction of the IODA Executive Committee.
- 7.4 In the case where the annual meeting does not confirm the selection as required in 7.2 or where, after such confirmation, the host withdraws or substantially modifies the terms stated in the application, the IODA Executive Committee shall take such action to appoint an alternative host as it finds necessary.
- 7.5 The organisers shall receive two visits, each by two representatives of the IODA Executive Committee to review the organisation preparations and circulate a full report to that Committee. The first shall take place before the venue is confirmed, the second approximately six months before the event. The organisers are responsible for all costs of these visits.

8. ENTRY

Subject to Condition 9 below, each member of IODA may enter up to five sailors

9. ELIGIBILITY

- 9.1 All sailors shall be selected on the basis of sailing competitions in the Optimist dinghy. Evidence that this condition has been met shall be supplied in all cases where a member seeks to enter a sailor who will not have attained the age of 12 years in the year of the championship.
- 9.2 Any boy or girl may enter until 31st December of the year in which he or she attains the age of 15 years. Sailors qualified by age to start the event are allowed to finish it. Sailors shall be either nationals or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive. A sailor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive. Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship.
- 9.3 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.
- 9.4 If the members at any Annual General Meeting approve a ceiling on number of entries at any particular world championship, the IODA

Executive Committee may prescribe such rules as may be necessary to limit the number of entries to not more than the prescribed ceiling.

10. CRITERIA FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISATION

- 10.1 The championship shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (without modification by prescriptions of the National Authority), the IODA Class Rules and Conditions, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI & SSI).
- 10.2 The championship shall be sailed according to a format prescribed by the IODA Executive Committee and described in the IODA Regatta Manual and the IODA Race Management Manual. The format shall be clearly stated on the Notice of Race.
- 10.3 The organising authority shall include IODA and the IODA member.
- 10.4 The organisers shall appoint the Race Committee. At least one member shall be nominated by the IODA Executive Committee who shall have the duties of a Course Representative as defined in Appendix B below.
- 10.5 The Preliminary and Final Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions (SI & SSI) shall be prepared by the IODA secretariat in consultation with the organisers and shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee.
- 10.6 The Preliminary Notice, including the proposed race programme, shall be circulated to all members not later than six months before the championships.
- 10.7 The Final Notice, giving firm details of all aspects of the regatta, shall be circulated to all IODA members three months before the championship.
- 10.8 No changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI & SSI) shall be made without the approval of the IODA Course Representative.
- 10.9 Rescue facilities appropriate for the conditions shall be provided by the organisers. Radio communication is to be provided for rescue service.
- 10.10 Unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive, sufficient support boats for those teams not bringing their own boats to allow each team to have one coach afloat in a shared boat shall be provided by the organisers for a reasonable charge. The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may prescribe specific rules for the use of such support boats. Otherwise, individual team support boats shall not be allowed.
- 10.11 One or more spectator vessels for the use of country representatives, team leaders, officers of IODA, and competitors' families should be provided by the organisers for a reasonable charge.

- 10.12 English shall be the official language for the championship. The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions (SI & SSI) and information relating to sailing conditions shall be published in the official language, and may be also published in the language of the host member. The website shall also be written in the official language.
- 10.13 The Race Committee shall utilise standard race management forms and shall follow the standard procedures described on the IODA Race Management Manual, subject to variations as may be desirable for the particular local conditions and approved by the Course Representative.
- 10.14 Access to training facilities shall be available at the host club as stated in the Application Form at the fees stated therein.

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 11.1 The International Jury properly constituted according to RRS Appendix N shall be appointed by the IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers.
- 11.2 The International Jury shall observe the relevant sections of Appendix N of the RRS, and have the functions listed therein.
- 11.3 Decisions of the International Jury shall be final.
- 11.4 The organisers shall provide travel expenses, accommodation, meals and local transport for all members of the International Jury.

12. MEASUREMENT

- 12.1 The organisers shall provide adequate space, facilities and personnel for measurement and shall appoint a Measurement Sub Committee, which shall undertake the measurement according to procedures specified by the IODA Technical Committee. This Sub Committee shall include at least one member nominated by the IODA Executive Committee who shall implement such procedures and be responsible for all aspects of measurement.
- 12.2 Any issue as to the application of the IODA Class Rules under RRS 64.3 (b) shall be referred by the International Jury to the IODA Technical Committee.

13. BOATS

- 13.1 All equipment entered shall have a current, valid Measurement Certificate and must comply with the IODA Class Rules except that charter boats supplied by or through the organisers are exempt from from complying with CR 2.4.3 (b) and (c) (and hence from CR 2.4.1

- but shall be supplied with Registration Books. See also Condition 13.5.
- 13.2 All boats will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Sub-Committee specified in 12 above.
 - 13.3 The organisers shall negotiate the supply of a sufficient number of first-class charter boats (complete without sails) from an approved builder or not more than two builders for a fee agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. The builder(s) and the method of allocation of charter boats shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. The builder shall provide an adequate supply of replacement parts.
 - 13.4 If the organisers are in a position to provide charter boats for all entries on terms satisfactory to the IODA Executive Committee, the IODA Executive Committee may declare that all competitors must use charter boats and prescribe rules governing the allocation of charter boats and related matters.
 - 13.5 Only boats officially chartered for the regatta through the Organising Committee may carry national letters and sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.
 - 13.6 When charter boats are not mandatory, sailors shall compete in boats correctly registered in their country or in charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the organisers.

14. ACCOMMODATION

- 14.1 Accommodation, meals, recreational and regatta facilities shall be provided by the organisers to all competitors and up to three adults for each participating member.
- 14.2 Facilities shall be selected to encourage both informal contact between participants, and efficient administration of the championship.
- 14.3 In cases where accommodation is remote from the shore venue, an efficient transport service should be provided.
- 14.4 Members of the same team shall be accommodated together and shall be provided with separate rooms for members of different genders. They shall not be required to share a room with a member of another team except that a single team member of a gender different from the other members may be required to share with a member or members of another team of the same gender.
- 14.5 Three meals per day shall be provided by the organisers for all competitors

and other officials, taking into consideration significant basic variations in eating customs.

- 14.6 Accommodation for IODA officials and members of the Jury may be of the same quality as that provided for the members of delegations except that they must be in single rooms (unless otherwise requested).

15. ENTRY FEES

- 15.1 The host member will, at the time it makes application, propose an entry fee, as low as possible, to be paid by each participating sailor and adult (see 14.1) to assist in financing the championship. The entry fee shall be approved by the IODA Annual General Meeting as stated in 7.2.
- 15.2 The organisers must provide the additional financing from their own sources to cover the expenses of organisation and conduct of the championship. Sponsorship should be encouraged, but ISAF regulations on Advertising must be observed. The Optimist Class is Category A (see CR 2.8).

16. ADVERTISING

The IODA Executive Committee may authorise categories of advertising as permitted by the ISAF Advertising Code.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The organisers shall indemnify IODA, its officers and agents against all claims arising from its part in organising the event and shall sign a form of indemnity before the venue is confirmed. Where possible it shall insure this risk.

18. IODA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The IODA Executive Committee may authorise one or more representatives to act on its behalf in matters relating to the application of these Conditions.

19. IODA OFFICIALS

The organisers shall provide travel expenses, accommodation, meals and local transport for:

- the president of IODA or his nominee
- two members of the IODA Technical Committee or IMs nominated by the Executive, including for up to three nights before the official arrival day.

- two members of the IODA Regatta Committee or IROs nominated by the Executive.

and shall provide accommodation, meals and local transport in exchange for an adult entry fee for:

- other members of IODA committees and IODA secretaries
- partners of any of the above
- other persons, such as representatives of future hosts, if so requested by the IODA Executive.

20. REPORT

The organisers will prepare a report and evaluation of the championship for presentation to the IODA Executive Committee prior to two months after the end of the championship.

21. AMENDMENTS

These Conditions may be amended by the Members at Annual General Meetings of IODA in accordance with IODA Article 17. The Appendices may be changed by the IODA Executive Committee as it sees fit.

APPENDIX A

APPLICATION TO HOST IODA WORLD & CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Introduction

IODA championships are awarded to countries on the vote at the IODA Annual Meeting of the representatives of the member countries on that continent, all member countries in the case of the Worlds.

The purpose of this Application Form is to provide the information the members need in order to choose the best venue.

IODA does not make formal contracts with event hosts. However this application must be signed by the authorised representative of the applicant member country. If accepted by the IODA Annual Meeting it will be formally accepted by IODA and the applicant member country must then confirm the terms of the application. Major variations from the application thereafter will be regarded as breach of contract, will release IODA from any obligation to hold the event at the venue chosen, and may result in other penalties on the applicant member country.

This Application form should be completed after reading the appropriate IODA Conditions contained in the Administrative Handbook and the IODA Regatta Manual available from the Secretariat.

**THIS FORM MUST BE SENT IN DOC FORMAT TO THE SECRETARIAT
AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE IODA ANNUAL MEETING
TWO YEARS BEFORE THE EVENT TO BE HOSTED**

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<u>APPLICATION TO HOST</u> <u>IODA WORLD & CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</u>		NOTES
EVENT: IODA	CHAMPIONSHIP	
Organisation		
Country (IODA Member)		1
Contact person + e-mail		
Organising Authority		2
Venue		
Proposed dates		3
Entries		
Is a maximum number proposed?		4
If so, state reason		
Is the championship closed?		5
Entry Fee - Sailors		6
Entry Fee - Adults		7
Date & % of first payment		8
Date & % of 2nd payment		8
Surcharge for late payment?		8
Charter Optimists & Support Boats		
Will charter boats be madatory?		9
Any limit to number of charter boats?		
Charter Fee		10
Date & % of first payment		8
Date & % of 2nd payment		8
Surcharge for late payment?		8
How many support boats available?		11
Charter fee per boat		
Date & % of first payment		8
Date & % of 2nd payment		8
Surcharge for late payment?		8
How many trolleys per charter boat?		12
Accommodation		
What will be the accommodation?		13
How far from the shore venue?		
Will free transport be available?		
How many people per room?		14
Do rooms have private shower/W.C.?		
Arrangements for femailes	Conform to Note 16 YES/NO	15
Where will breakfast and dinner be served?		
Can special diets be provided?		
Transport		
Distance from airport to venue?		
What, if any, the cost of transport?		16

Early Arrivals		
When will shore facilities be available?		17
When will official hotels be available?		
Cost per room per day at hotels?		
When will charter boats be available?		
Cost per Optimist per day?		
When will support boats be available?		
Cost per support boat per day?		
Sailing Conditions		
Max - Min Air temperature?		18
Water temperature?		
Prevailing wind direction?		
Max - Min wind speed?		
Hours of good winds per day?		
Tides?		
Currents?		
Various		
Number & type of jury boats?		19
Secure storage for rigs ashore?		
Restrictions on imported boats?		
Any problems with visas?		20
Any health precautions?		
Spectator boat(s) & cost?		21
Can 3 rd party insurance be bought?		

We confirm the above details and that the event will be conducted in accord with the relevant IODA Conditions.

Signed on behalf and with the authority of:

_____ (Member association of IODA)

E-mail Address: _____

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

Signed on behalf and with the authority of:

_____ (Club or other member of the Organising Authority)

E-mail Address: _____

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

We, being the National Authority member of the ISAF, hereby support this application and undertake that the event will be conducted in accord with the relevant IODA Conditions.

Signed on behalf and with the authority of:

_____ (ISAF Member National Authority)

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX B

IODA COURSE REPRESENTATIVE

- B1. The IODA Executive Committee may appoint an IODA Course Representative to go afloat onboard of the Race Committee vessel or on a boat specifically assigned to him for that purpose. The IODA Course Representative will work closely with the Principal Race Officer and other members of the Race Committee appointed by the Organising Committee.
- B2. The Principal Race Officer will be responsible for managing the race management team and organising the races but will not take action in relation to any of the following matters (whether or not altered by the Sailing Instructions (SI & SSI)) without the approval of the IODA Course Representative:
- a. Postponement (RRS 27.3);
 - b. Course configuration and race duration;
 - c. Whether a starting line be moved or adjusted (RRS 27.2);
 - d. Starting line decisions: OCS and recalls (RRS 29), starting penalties (I, Z, Black Flag, RRS 30);
 - e. Changing course/moving marks – adjusting the course to a new wind strength or direction (RRS 33);
 - f. Shortening course (RRS 32);
 - g. Abandoning (RRS 27.3, 32 and 35);
 - h. Changes in the Sailing Instructions (SI & SSI).
- B3. The IODA Course Representative may initiate action in relation to these matters, in which case the Principal Race Officer will be governed by the IODA Course Representative's decision. The IODA Course Representative may also initiate action if he believes that the racing is not conducted according to the rules, or for any reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition.
- B4. The IODA Executive Committee may change from time to time the duties of the Course Representative. These duties will be clearly stated on the IODA Regatta Manual and will be drawn from the duties of the ISAF Course Representative.

Conditions for IODA Continental Championships

1. GENERAL

These Conditions apply for all IODA Continental Championships unless suspended for a specific event by written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee which shall be published in the Final Notice of Race and shall refer to the Condition concerned. Under special circumstances specific dispensations from the Conditions may be granted by the International Jury at the request of the Executive Committee or the representative(s) authorised under Condition 19.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The overriding goal of the championship is to promote youth sailing all over the world and particularly in the relevant continent.
- 2.2 The prime objective of the championship is to ensure the highest quality racing is provided for accomplished and skilled young skippers from the relevant continent in the Optimist dinghy.
- 2.3 The championship shall also provide the environment necessary to ensure that individual friendships may develop among competitors, and goodwill among all participating national representatives.

3. NAME

See Condition 2 of the Conditions for the relevant continent.

4. DATES

See Condition 3 of the Conditions for the relevant continent.

5. EVENTS

See Condition 4 of the Conditions for the relevant continent.

6. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

See Condition 5 of the Conditions for the relevant continent.

7. PRIZES

- 7.1 Unless all participants are from the host continent, the organisers shall award at least four principal prizes to:
 - a. The best placed male sailor regardless of his continent of residence;
 - b. The best placed female sailor regardless of her continent of residence;
 - c. The best placed male sailor whose IODA member is from the relevant continent;

- d. The best placed female sailor whose IODA member is from the relevant continent.
- 7.2 There shall be four prize ceremonies.
- 7.3 See Condition 6 of the Conditions for the relevant continent for specific minimums.

8. APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION OF THE HOST MEMBERS

- 8.1 Applications by IODA members in good standing who are interested in organising and conducting the championship shall be made to the IODA Executive Committee not less than two months before the IODA annual meeting held two years before the year of the championship. The application shall be made by completing an Application Form in Appendix A. Such applications shall state the acceptance by the IODA member, the organisers and their national sailing authority of the obligations imposed by these Conditions and their commitment to conduct the championship in full conformity with them.
- 8.2 Host members shall be selected at an IODA annual meeting, normally two years before the year of the championship, and be confirmed one year before the year of the championship.
- 8.3 The organisers shall proceed with the organisation of the championship in full conformity with these Conditions, the Conditions for the relevant continent, current IODA Regatta Manuals and to the satisfaction of the IODA Executive Committee.
- 8.4 In the case where the annual meeting does not confirm the selection as required in 8.2 or where, after such confirmation, the host withdraws or substantially modifies the terms stated in the application, the IODA Executive Committee shall take such action to appoint an alternative host as it finds necessary.
- 8.5 Not later than six months before the championship, the organisers shall receive a representative of the IODA Executive Committee to review the organization preparations and report to the IODA Executive Committee.

9. ENTRY

- 9.1 Entries for a Continental Championship shall be open to all IODA member countries on that continent. Continents are as defined in Appendix A of the IODA Administrative Handbook.
- 9.2 Where no greater proportion is specified in the Conditions for the specific championship, member countries entering ten or more sailors

shall include at least 25% (rounded upwards) of the sailors of each gender.

10. ELIGIBILITY

- 10.1 All sailors shall be selected on the basis of sailing competitions in the Optimist dinghy. Evidence that this condition has been met shall be supplied in all cases where a member seeks to enter a sailor who will not have attained the age of 11 years in the year of the championship.
- 10.2 Any boy or girl may enter until 31st December of the year in which he or she attains the age of 15 years. Sailors qualified by age to start the event are allowed to finish it. Sailors shall be either nationals or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A sailor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive. Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship.

11. CRITERIA FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISATION

- 11.1 The championship shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (without modification by prescriptions of the National Authority), the IODA Class Rules and Conditions, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI & SSI).
- 11.2 The championship shall be sailed according to a format prescribed by the IODA Executive Committee and described in the IODA Regatta Manual and the IODA Race Management Manual. The format shall be clearly stated on the Notice of Race.
- 11.3 The organising authority shall include IODA and the IODA member.
- 11.4 The organisers shall appoint the Race Committee. One member may be nominated by the IODA Executive Committee who shall have the duties of a Course Representative as defined in Appendix B below.
- 11.5 The Preliminary and Final Notices of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI & SSI) shall be prepared by the IODA Secretariat in consultation with the organisers and shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee.
- 11.6 The Preliminary Notice, including the proposed race programme, shall be circulated to all members not later than six months before the championships.

- 11.7 The Final Notice, giving firm details of all aspects of the regatta, shall be circulated to all IODA members three months before the championship.
- 11.8 No changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI & SSI) shall be made without the approval of the IODA Course Representative or, if none is appointed, the IODA representative as defined in paragraph 19 below.
- 11.9 Rescue facilities appropriate for the conditions shall be provided by the organisers. Radio communication is to be provided for rescue service.
- 11.10 A number of team support boats in accord with the number of entered teams and sailors shall be provided at a reasonable cost for those teams not bringing their own boats. The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may prescribe specific rules for the use of such support boats. Otherwise, individual team support boats shall not be allowed.
- 11.11 One or more spectator vessels for the use of country representatives, team leaders, officers of IODA, and competitors' families should be provided by the organisers for a reasonable charge.
- 11.12 English shall be the official language for the championships (except that when the IODA South American Championship is in a hispanophone country it shall be Spanish). The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions (SI & SSI) and information relating to sailing conditions shall be published in the official language, and may be also published in the language of the host member. The website shall also be written in the official language.
- 11.13 The Race Committee shall utilise standard race management forms and shall follow the standard procedures described on the IODA Race Management Manual, subject to such variations as may be desirable for the particular local conditions and approved by the Course Representative or IODA representative.
- 11.14 Access to training facilities shall be available at the host club as stated in the Application Form at the fees stated therein. But see Europeans Condition 3.2.

12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 12.1 The International Jury properly constituted according to RRS Appendix N shall be appointed by the IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers.
- 12.2 The International Jury shall observe the relevant sections of Appendix N of the RRS, and have the functions listed therein.
- 12.3 Decisions of the International Jury shall be final.

- 12.4 The organisers shall provide travel expenses, accommodation, meals and local transport for all the members of the Jury.

13. MEASUREMENT

- 13.1 The organisers shall provide adequate space, facilities and personnel for measurement and shall appoint a Measurement Sub Committee, which shall undertake the measurement according to procedures specified by the IODA Technical Committee.
- 13.2 The IODA Executive Committee may nominate a measurer who shall implement such procedures and be responsible for all aspects of measurement. He shall be a member of that Sub Committee.
- 13.3 Any issue as to the application of the IODA Class Rules under RRS 64.3 (b) shall be referred by the International Jury to the IODA nominee or, if none is nominated, by e-mail to the IODA Technical Committee.

14. BOATS

- 14.1 All equipment entered shall have a current, valid Measurement Certificate, and must comply with the IODA Class Rules except that charter hulls supplied by or through the organisers are exempt from complying with CR 2.4.3 (b) and (c) (and hence from CR 2.4.1) but shall be supplied with Registration Books. See also Condition 14.5.
- 14.2 All boats will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Sub-Committee specified in 13 above.
- 14.3 The organisers shall negotiate the supply of a sufficient number of first-class charter boats (complete without sails) from an approved builder or not more than two builders for a fee agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. The builder(s) and the method of allocation of charter boats shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. The builder shall provide an adequate supply of replacement parts.
- 14.4 If the organisers are in a position to provide charter boats for all entries on terms satisfactory to the IODA Executive Committee, the IODA Executive Committee may declare that all competitors must use charter boats and prescribe rules governing the allocation of charter boats and related matters.
- 14.5 Only boats officially chartered for the regatta through the Organising Committee may carry national letters and sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.

- 14.6 When charter boats are not mandatory, sailors shall compete in boats correctly registered in their country or in charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the organisers.

15. ACCOMMODATION

- 15.1 Accommodation, meals, recreational and regatta facilities shall be provided by the organisers to all competitors and up to three adults (four for teams which enter ten or more sailors) for each participating member.
- 15.2 Facilities shall be selected to encourage both informal contact between participants, and efficient administration of the championship.
- 15.3 In cases where accommodation is remote from the shore venue, an efficient transport service should be provided.
- 15.4 Members of the same team shall be accommodated together and shall be provided with separate rooms for members of different genders. They shall not be required to share a room with a member of another team except that a single team member of a gender different from the other members may be required to share with a member of or members of another team of the same gender.
- 15.5 Three meals per day shall be provided by the organisers for all competitors and other officials, taking into consideration significant basic variations in eating customs.
- 15.6 Accommodation for IODA officials and members of the Jury may be of the same quality as that provided for the members of delegations except that they must be in single rooms (unless otherwise requested).

16. ENTRY FEES

- 16.1 The host member will, at the time it makes application, propose an entry fee, as low as possible, to be paid by each participating sailor and adult (see 15.1) to assist in financing the championship. The entry fee shall be approved by the IODA Annual General Meeting as stated in 8.2.
- 16.2 The organisers must provide the additional financing from its own sources to cover the expenses of organisation and conduct of the championship. Sponsorship should be encouraged, but ISAF regulations on Advertising must be observed. The Optimist Class is Category A (see CR 2.8).

17. ADVERTISING

The IODA Executive Committee may authorise categories of advertising as permitted by the ISAF Advertising Code.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The organisers shall indemnify IODA, its officers and agents against all claims arising from its part in organising the event and shall sign a form of indemnity before the venue is confirmed. Where possible it shall insure this risk.

19. IODA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE The IODA Executive Committee may authorise one or more representatives to act on its behalf in matters relating to the application of these Conditions.

20. IODA OFFICIALS

20.1 The Executive Committee may appoint for each championship a Course Representative (see 11.4), a measurer (see 13.2) and nominee of the Executive (normally the vice-president for the continent concerned).

20.2 The organisers shall be responsible for the costs incurred by these officials, and those of the inspection visit detailed in 8.5 above, up to a maximum total cost equal to 4% of the total entry fees received or USD20 per participant (sailor or fee-paying adult) whichever be the higher. In calculating these costs the accommodation meals and local transport for each official during the official days of the event shall be deemed to be equal to the adult entry fee agreed for the event. The IODA secretariat will provide valid receipts for all other costs.

20.3 The organisers shall provide accommodation, meals and local transport for the partner of any of the above in exchange for an adult entry fee.

21. REPORT

The organisers will prepare a report and evaluation of the championship for presentation to the IODA Executive Committee prior to two months after the end of the championship.

22. AMENDMENTS

These Conditions may be amended by the Members at Annual General Meetings of IODA in accordance with IODA Article 17. The Appendices may be changed by the IODA Executive Committee as it sees fit.

**For Appendices A and B see:
Conditions for the IODA World Sailing Championship**

Conditions for IODA European Championship

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions are a complement to the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.2 These Conditions apply for IODA European Championship unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee which shall be published in the Final Notice of Race and shall refer to the Condition concerned. Under special circumstances specific dispensations from the Conditions may be granted by the International Jury at the request of the Executive Committee or the representative(s) authorised under Condition 19 of the Conditions for Continental Championships.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the "IODA European Championship".

3. DATES

- 3.1 The championship is to be held every year, is to alternate between members in Europe, is to be sailed during July–August and shall not be at the same time as the IODA World Sailing Championship. It is to comprise a 9-day programme.
- 3.2 Access to training facilities should be available at the host club at least one week before the Official Arrival Day. An extra fee may be charged for this.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:

- a. Two official Measurement days
- b. Team Leaders' Meeting
- c. Practice Race
- d. Opening Ceremony
- e. Championship Series
 - i. Optimist Boys European Championship
 - ii. Optimist Girls European Championship
- f. Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

- 5.1 There shall be two equal events, one for boys and one for girls, the OPTIMIST BOYS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP and the OPTIMIST GIRLS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP.
- 5.2 Girls and boys will sail in separate fleets.
- 5.3 A minimum of 3 races shall be sailed to constitute a series.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1 Prizes shall be awarded at least to:
 - a. The three best-placed male sailors, regardless of their continent of residence;
 - b. The three best-placed female sailors, regardless of their continent of residence;
 - c. The three best-placed male sailors whose IODA member is European, the first of whom will become the European Champion of the corresponding year;
 - d. The three best-placed female sailors whose IODA member is European, the first of whom will become the European Champion of the corresponding year;
- 6.2 More prizes may be awarded at the criteria of the organisers.

7. ENTRY

- 7.1 Subject to Conditions for IODA Continental Championships 10 and Condition 7.3 below:
 - a. Each European member of IODA may enter up to seven sailor with a maximum of four being of the same gender. Each non-European member of IODA may enter up to four sailors with a maximum of three being of the same gender.
 - b. The sailors who have sailed or will sail in the same year's IODA World Sailing Championship are not allowed to participate in the European Championship, except as provided in Condition 7.1.c.
 - c. The defending European (closed) champions may participate, if eligible, in addition to the seven.
 - d. The host member may enter twice the number of competitors permitted to other members.
- 7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.
- 7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

Please note:

When the European Team Racing Championship is held separately from the European Fleet Racing Championship, the following wording regarding Eligibility shall be stated in the Notice of Race for the IODA European Team Racing Championship:

Each team shall be made up of four or five sailors (maximum 3 of the same gender) and shall be accompanied by a Coach.

The sailors who have sailed or will sail in the same year's IODA World Sailing Championship are not allowed to participate in the IODA European Team Racing Championship.

This is not part of the Conditions for an IODA European Championship but is an AGM decision which only applies when the team racing is a separate championship.

Conditions for IODA North American Championships

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions are a complement to the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.2 These Conditions apply for IODA North American Championships unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee which shall be published in the Final Notice of Race and shall refer to the Condition concerned. Under special circumstances specific dispensations from the Conditions may be granted by the International Jury at the request of the Executive Committee or the representative(s) authorised under Condition 19 of the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the "IODA North American Championship".

3. DATES

The championship is to be held every year, is to alternate between members in North America, is to be sailed during July–August and shall not be at the same time as the IODA World Sailing Championship. It is to comprise a 9-day programme.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:

- a. Two official Measurement days
- b. Team Leaders' Meeting
- c. Practice Race
- d. Opening Ceremony
- e. Championship Series:
 - i. Optimist Individual North American Championship
 - ii. Optimist Team Racing North American Championship
- f. Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

- 5.1 **OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (INAM):** A minimum of 5 races shall be sailed to constitute a series.
- 5.2 **OPTIMIST TEAM RACING NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TRNAC):** This championship is organised for up to 16 teams. The

qualification system is as follows:

- a. After the first 5 races sailed in the INAM the total points of the 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the first team of each country. The total points of the following 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the second team of each country; and the total points of the following 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the third team of each country.
- b. The first team from each North American country shall qualify except that, if there are more than 16 such teams, the team of the host country and the 15 countries with the best total first team score will qualify.
- c. If places remain after 5.2 (b) the first teams of other countries shall qualify in the order of their total first team score.
- d. If places remain after 5.2 (c) the second and third teams from each North American country shall qualify in the order of the total score of that team.
- e. If places remain after 5.2 (d) the second and third teams of other countries shall qualify in the order of the total score of that team.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1 In addition to Condition 7 of the Conditions for Continental Championships, prizes for the Optimist Individual North American Championship shall be awarded at least to:
 - a. The 15 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, regardless of their continent of residence;
 - b. The 5 best placed female sailors regardless of their continent of residence;
 - c. The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is from North America; the first of whom will become the North American Champion of the corresponding year;
 - e. Three permanent trophies (to be kept for one year and returned to the organisers of the following year's event) will be awarded:
 - i. To the best placed male sailor whose IODA member is from North America;
 - ii. To the best placed female sailor regardless of her continent of residence;
 - iii. To the best placed sailor, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is from outside North America.

- 6.2 Prizes for the team racing events shall be awarded at least to:
- a. The 3 best placed teams in the North American Team Racing Championship;
 - b. The best placed team whose IODA member is from North America, if different from the first in 6.2(a)
 - c. It is desirable that prizes for the team racing events include a trophy or a medal for each team member.
- 6.3 More prizes may be awarded at the criteria of the organisers.

7. ENTRY

- 7.1 Subject to Conditions for IODA Continental Championships 10 and Condition 7.3 below:
- a. Each American (North or South) member of IODA may enter a team of 4 sailors.
 - b. The number of additional American (North or South) sailors, with any gender requirement if greater than that specified in the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships 9.2, shall be decided by the North American members at the Annual Meeting of IODA. If places so allocated are not taken up by the first payment deadline, additional entries for American members that have requested them may be allocated by the IODA Executive Committee.
 - c. The number of entries from non-American members shall be determined by the IODA Executive not less than one year before the event.
 - d. The defending North American (closed) champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of sailors allocated to his country.
 - e. North American members are defined as those so listed in Appendix A of the IODA Administrative Handbook. Countries geographically partly in America but politically in Europe shall be considered to be American in respect of sailors resident in America.
- 7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.
- 7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

Conditions for IODA South American Championships

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions are a complement to the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.2 These Conditions apply for IODA South American Championships unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee which shall be published in the Final Notice of Race and shall refer to the Condition concerned. Under special circumstances specific dispensations from the Conditions may be granted by the International Jury at the request of the Executive Committee or the representative(s) authorised under Condition 19 of the Conditions for Continental Championships.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the "IODA South American Championship".

3. DATES

The championship is to be held every year, is to alternate between members in South America and is to be sailed during Easter. It is to comprise an 11-day programme ending on Easter Sunday.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:

- a. Two official Measurement days
- b. Team Leaders' Meeting
- c. Practice Race
- d. Opening Ceremony
- e. Championship Series:
 - i. Optimist Individual South American Championship
 - ii. Optimist Team Racing South American Championship
 - iii. Optimist South American Nations Cup
- f. Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

- 5.1 **OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (ISAM):** A minimum of 5 races shall be sailed to constitute a series.

- 5.2 **OPTIMIST TEAM RACING SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TRSAC):** This championship is organised for 16 teams from South American members. The qualification system is as follows:
- a. After the first 5 races sailed in the ISAM the total points of the 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the first team of each country. The total points of the following 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the second team of each country; and the total points of the following 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for the third team of each country. The first 16 teams with the best total score will qualify, except that:
 - b. Each South American member may enter one team even if not so qualified. Such team(s) shall replace the last second or third team(s) stated in 5.2 a.
 - c. No country shall enter more than three teams.
- 5.3 **OPTIMIST SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS CUP (SANC):** This championship is organised for 16 teams from (in the order of precedence):
- a. IODA members from outside South America;
 - b. Teams (of South American members) that have not qualified to participate in the IODA Team South American Championship. Teams shall qualify on the basis of points scored in the ISAM as described in 5.2 a.
- 5.4 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of teams entered per country to participate in the SANC and/or in the TRSAC.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1 In addition to Condition 7 of the Conditions for Continental Championships, prizes for the Optimist Individual South American Championship shall be awarded at least to:
- a. The 15 best placed sailors, regardless of their continent of residence and without gender distinction;
 - b. The 5 best placed female sailors, regardless of the continent of residence;
 - c. The 3 best placed sailors whose IODA member is South American without gender distinction. The first of these three sailors becomes

the South American Champion of the corresponding year and will be awarded the permanent trophy. This trophy shall be returned to the organisers of the following year event.

- 6.2 Prizes for the team racing events shall be awarded at least to:
- a. The three best placed teams in the Optimist Team Racing South American Championship. The first of these teams will be the South American Team Champion of the corresponding year;
 - b. The three best placed teams in the Optimist South American Nations Cup.
 - c. It is desirable that prizes for the team racing events include a trophy or a medal for each team member.
- 6.3 More prizes may be awarded at the criteria of the organisers.

7. ENTRY

- 7.1 Subject to Conditions for IODA Continental Championships 10 and Condition 7.3 below:
- a. Each South American member of IODA may enter up to 15 sailors. The host member may enter up to 30 sailors.
 - b. Each North American (NAM) member of IODA may enter a maximum number of sailors equal to the number of sailors that participated in the North American Championship of the previous year, except that:
 - the host member of the said NAM championship may only enter the number of sailors it would have been entitled to enter in that year if it had not been the host
 - each NAM member may enter at least 5 sailors and
 - no NAM member may enter more than 15 sailors.
 - c. Additional entries but not more than 15 in total per member, may be admitted for those NAM members that have requested them and that according to (b) above may have not been allocated the maximum of 15 sailors. These entries will be allocated at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee.
 - d. Non American members may enter at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee.
 - e. Attention is drawn to the gender requirement specified in the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships 9.2
 - f. The defending South American (closed) champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of sailors allocated to his country.

- 7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.
- 7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

Conditions for IODA Asian Championships

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions are a complement to the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.2 These Conditions apply for IODA Asian Championships unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee which shall be published in the Final Notice of Race and shall refer to the Condition concerned. Under special circumstances specific dispensations from the Conditions may be granted by the International Jury at the request of the Executive Committee or the representative(s) authorised under Condition 19 of the Conditions for Continental Championships.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the "IODA Asian Championship".

3. DATES

The championship is to be held every year, is to alternate between members in Asia and is normally to be sailed during July – August but shall not be at the same time as the IODA World Sailing Championship. It is to comprise a 9-day programme.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:

- a. One official Measurement day
- b. Team Leaders' Meeting
- c. Practice Race
- d. Opening Ceremony
- e. Championship Series:
 - i. Optimist Individual Asian Championship
 - ii. Optimist Team Racing Asian Championship
- f. Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

5.1 OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP (IAC):

A minimum of 5 races shall be sailed to constitute a series.

- 5.2 **OPTIMIST TEAM RACING ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP:** This championship is organised for up to 16 teams from IODA members represented by at least four sailors. The qualification system is as follows:
- a. After the first 5 races sailed in the IAC (or the number of completed races before the team racing event if this number is less than 5) the total points of the 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for each country. The total points of the following 4 sailors of the host country will be added to give a total score for its second team. The first 16 teams with the best total score will qualify, except that:
 - b. The host country has the right to enter one or two teams (when it has 8 or more sailors entered in IAC) even if not so qualified. Such team(s) shall replace the last team(s) stated in 5.2 a.
 - c. If the number of teams eligible to sail the team racing event is less than 16, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1 Prizes for the fleet racing event shall be awarded at least to:
- a. The three best-placed male sailors regardless of their continent of residence;
 - b. The three best-placed female sailors regardless of their continent of residence;
 - c. The three best-placed male sailors whose IODA member is Asian;
 - d. The three best-placed female sailors whose IODA member is Asian.
- 6.2 Prizes for the team racing event shall be awarded at least to:
- a. The best-placed team in the Team Racing Asian Championship;
 - b. The best-placed Asian team if different from the one in 6.2 (a).
 - c. It is desirable that prizes for the team racing event include a trophy or a medal for each team member.
- 6.3 More prizes may be awarded at the criteria of the organisers.

7. ENTRY

- 7.1 Subject to Conditions for IODA Continental Championships 10 and Condition 7.3 below:
- a. Each Asian member of IODA may enter up to 7 sailors with a maximum of 5 being of the same gender. The host member may enter up to 14 sailors with a maximum of 10 being of the same gender.
 - b. The IODA Executive Committee may decide to allow entries from non Asian members depending on the number of registered Asian

- sailors. Priority will be given to sailors from Oceanian members.
- c. Additional entries for Asian members that have requested them may be allocated by the IODA Executive Committee.
 - d. The defending Asian (closed) champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of sailors allocated to his country.
- 7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.
- 7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

Conditions for IODA African Championships

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Conditions are a complement to the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships and shall modify them only by specifically referring to a Condition in them.
- 1.2 These Conditions apply for IODA African Championships unless suspended for a specific event by a written dispensation from the IODA Executive Committee which shall be published in the Final Notice of Race and shall refer to the Condition concerned.

2. NAME

The name of the championship shall be the "IODA African Championship".

3. DATES

The championship is to be held every year, is to alternate between members in Africa and is normally to be sailed during July – August but shall not be at the same time as the IODA World Sailing Championship. It is to comprise a 9-day programme.

4. EVENTS

The following events shall be included in the official programme for the championship:

- a. One official Measurement day
- b. Team Leaders' Meeting
- c. Practice Race
- d. Opening Ceremony
- e. Championship Series:
 - i. Optimist Individual African Championship
 - ii. Optimist Team Racing African Championship
- f. Prize Giving Ceremony

5. FORMAT OF THE SERIES

- 5.1 **OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (IAC):**
A minimum of 5 races shall be sailed to constitute a series.
- 5.2 **OPTIMIST TEAM RACING AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP:** This championship is organised for up to 16 teams from IODA members represented by at least four sailors. The qualification system is as follows:
 - a. After the first 5 races sailed in the IAC (or the number of

completed races before the team racing event if this number is less than 5) the total points of the 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each country will be added to give a total score for each country. The total points of the following 4 sailors of the host country will be added to give a total score for its second team. The first 16 teams with the best total score will qualify, except that:

- b. The host country has the right to enter one or two teams (when it has 8 or more sailors entered in IAC) even if not so qualified. Such team(s) shall replace the last team(s) stated in 5.2 a.
- c. If the number of teams eligible to sail the team racing event is less than 16, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams.

6. PRIZES

6.1 Prizes for the fleet racing event shall be awarded at least to:

- a. The three best-placed male sailors regardless of their continent of residence;
- b. The three best-placed female sailors regardless of their continent of residence;
- c. The three best-placed male sailors whose IODA member is African;
- d. The three best-placed female sailors whose IODA member is African.

6.2 Prizes for the team racing event shall be awarded at least to:

- a. The best-placed team in the Team Racing African Championship;
- b. The best-placed African team if different.
- c. It is desirable that prizes for the team racing event include a trophy or a medal for each team member.

6.3 More prizes may be awarded at the criteria of the organisers.

7. ENTRY

7.1 Subject to Conditions for IODA Continental Championships 9 and Condition 7.3 below:

- a. Each African member of IODA may enter up to 7 sailors with a maximum of 5 being of the same gender. The host member may enter up to 14 sailors with a maximum of 10 being of the same gender.
- b. The IODA Executive Committee may decide to allow entries from non African members depending on the number of registered African sailors and limitations of Condition 7.3.
- c. Additional entries for African members that have requested them may be allocated by the IODA Executive Committee.

- d. The defending African (closed) champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of sailors allocated to his country.
- 7.2 Each team shall be accompanied by one team leader who shall be responsible for the team at all times.
- 7.3 The IODA Executive Committee in consultation with the organisers may at the time of selection of host venue prescribe rules to limit the number of entries.

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Optimist Builders

The Optimist Class does not have licensed builders and anyone may build them. However GRP builders must provide a correct prototype before manufacture and undergo regular inspections thereafter. The following builders have complied with this requirement and have bought ISAF plaques within the last two years:

Europe

All-Carter Crafts	Poland
Art Marine Ltd.	Russia
C.N. M. Faccenda	Italy
Cantiere Nordest snc	Italy
Dimas Yacht Shipyards	Greece
Eastwave Ltd.	Ukraine
Finessa-Båtar	Sweden
Lajos Hodacs	Hungary
Morgan Boats d.o.o.	Slovenia
Nautivela S.r.l.	Italy
Optimist Brites	Portugal
OS Boats	Sweden
PPH Opticup	Poland
Sport Sails Center	Poland
Stanislaw Sierocin	Poland
Srb Racing Boats	Czech Rep
VanWettum-jachtbouw	Holland.
Winner Optimist Aps	Denmark
Ziba Sp. z.o.o.	Poland

North America

McLaughlin Boatworks	U.S.A.
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South America

Nicolás Cuerdo	Argentina
Rio Tecna	Argentina

Asia:

Dragon Marine	China
Erplast PRC	China

Asia

Lenam PRC	China
Praga Marine Pvt. Ltd.	India
Shanghai Far East Frp	China
Xtreme Sailboats	Singapore
Zou Inter Marine Co.	China

The following former builders appear to be inactive as builders:

Barlavento Boats	Brasil
Bjorndahl/Charger	Finland
David Harte	Ireland
Erplast	France
AS Globotron	Estonia
Graves Little Boatyard	USA
Hanil News	Korea
Indeurop S/A. (Naaix)	Spain
Itaipu Náutica	Brasil
Land & Ocean	China
Lenam Vela Ligera	Spain
Opti-X	various
Osis Båtar	Sweden
Oziopti etc.	Australia
Porter Bros.	UK
Ridas	Estonia
St. Petersburg S. S'yard	Russia
Sail One	N.Zealand
Shipbuilding Yard Liman	Ukraine
Sigvardssons Plast	Sweden
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