



WASZP UK CLASS CONSTITUTION

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SECTION 1 - TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

1. The following expressions shall have the associated meanings:
 - (a) "AGM" means Annual General Meeting.
 - (b) "Committee" shall mean the committee of the WASZP UK Class Association.
 - (c) "IWCA" shall mean the International WASZP Class Association.
 - (d) " Association" shall mean the WASZP UK Class Association.
 - (e) "National Association Register" shall mean the register of members of the WASZP UK Class Association, including information necessary to facilitate respective membership (name, sail number, contact details etc.).
 - (f) "Owner" shall mean any person or persons, corporation or association that owns a WASZP.
 - (g) "WASZP" shall mean all variations of the WAZSP boat, including 8.2m & 6.9m rigs and the WASZP_X class and its variations.

SECTION 2 - NAME AND OBJECTIVES

2. The name of the class association shall be the 'WASZP UK Class Association'.
3. The objectives of the Association and Committee are as follows:
 - (a) "To provide the best dinghy sailing experience in the country"
 - (b) To organise a calendar of racing events, including a National Championship, for the benefit of WASZP UK members.
 - (c) To organise training opportunities that cater for all abilities for the benefit of WASZP UK members.
 - (d) To encourage international WASZP competitions to be held in the UK.
 - (e) To work with the International WASZP Class Association on any matters relating to the class rules.
 - (f) To protect the one-design principle of the class.
 - (g) To promote and grow the WASZP UK class membership by attracting more sailors to the class.
 - (h) To improve the diversity of the UK membership so that the class has good representation across all age divisions and genders.

SECTION 3 - COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

4. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Committee.
5. From the 2022 AGM, the Committee shall consist of a minimum of the following positions, with a maximum total membership of seven:
 - (a) a chairperson,

- (b) a representative for Scotland,
 - (c) a representative for the north (with north and south loosely defined as north or south of Birmingham),
 - (d) a representative for the south (with north and south loosely defined as north or south of Birmingham), and
 - (e) a representative of the WASZP_X fleet.
6. All Committee members in point 5 shall be a member of the Association and elected by vote at the AGM.
 7. In addition to the positions in point 5, an additional position shall be reserved for the WASZP UK dealer, or a director or employee thereof, providing they are a member of the Association. The WASZP UK dealer is not obliged to fill the position, but if they intend to fill the position following the next AGM, they must inform the Association at or before that AGM. If the WASZP UK dealer does fill the position, the maximum number of Committee members may be eight.

SECTION 4 – ELECTING THE COMMITTEE

8. Where the AGM takes place during the National Championship, any member intending to run for a Committee position shall inform the Association in writing prior to the first day of that National Championship. Where the AGM takes place outside of the National Championship, any member intending to run for a Committee position shall inform the Association in writing no later than fourteen days prior to the AGM.
9. Candidates shall have the opportunity to give a presentation of a maximum of three minutes at the AGM, prior to the vote.
10. Association members have the right to question any candidate prior to the vote.
11. If the number of candidates for election is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled, the vote shall be by ballot. If the ballot returns an equal number of votes, the candidate to be elected shall be determined by lot.
12. If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled, each candidate shall be deemed to be elected if two thirds of those present at the AGM, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of such election.
13. If, for any reason, a casual vacancy shall occur, the Committee may co-opt a member to fill such a vacancy until the next AGM.

SECTION 5 – COMMITTEE OPERATIONS

14. At least one Committee member shall be nominated for each of the following roles. A single Committee member may take on more than one role:
 - (a) Events lead
 - (b) Training lead

- (c) Social media lead
 - (d) Administrator (accounts, insurance etc.)
15. The Committee shall meet at least every two months. The Chairperson, or in their absence - a chairperson elected by those present, shall preside.
 16. At the start of each meeting, one member shall be nominated to record minutes.
 17. Voting (except in the case of a resolution relating to the expulsion of a Committee member) shall be by show of hands. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a second and casting vote.
 18. The Committee shall ensure the fulfilment of the following secretarial duties:
 - (a) Keeping of the National Association Register;
 - (b) Conducting the correspondence of the Association;
 - (c) Keeping custody of all Association documents;
 - (d) Keeping minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Committee;
 - (e) Administering such insurance policy or policies as may be needed to protect the interests of the Association and its members;
 - (f) Communicating the decisions of the Committee to the Association and to the IWCA, where relevant;
 - (g) Maintaining any such certificates or registrations, and completing any such non-financial returns, as may be required by law;
 - (h) Causing such books of account to be kept as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of finances of the Association;
 - (i) Causing all returns as may be required by law in relation to such accounts to be rendered at the due time;
 - (j) Making required payments on behalf of the Association; and
 - (k) Preparing an annual financial statement each year for review by the Committee and Association; and presenting such to Association members at the AGM.

SECTION 6 – CONDUCT OF THE COMMITTEE

19. The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association in good faith for the best interests of the Association according to this constitution.
20. The Committee shall apply the funds of the Association solely to the fulfilment of the objectives of the Association.
21. The Committee may appoint such sub-committees as it may deem necessary and may delegate its powers as it thinks fit for the effective fulfilment of the objectives and/or as required by the law.
22. A member of the Committee, in transacting business for the Association, shall disclose to third parties that they are acting on behalf of the Association.

23. The Committee, or any person or sub-committee delegated by the Committee, shall only enter into contract as far as expressly authorised, or authorised by implication, by the members.

SECTION 7 - MEMBERSHIP

24. Below are the categories of member and their respective rights:
 - (a) **Full Member** – available to any WASZP owner, or any WASZP sailor with authorised access to a specific WASZP (which may change from time to time). Full Members have the right to stand for the Committee, the right to attend and speak at meetings of the Association and the right to vote.
 - (b) **Associate Member** – available to any person with an interest in the Association that is not a full member. Associate Members have the right to stand for the Committee, the right to attend and speak at meetings of the Association but do not have the right to vote.
25. The membership fee for each category of membership shall be proposed by the Committee to the members at the AGM in each year. Any proposed changes shall be approved by a majority of those present and entitled to vote and shall become operative at the next membership renewal date.
26. To participate in official WASZP class events and trainings, participants shall be Full Members of the Association and shall pay the membership fee prior to participating in any such event.
27. Members are required to provide the Committee with any updated contact details that could affect the Committee's ability to contact the member or facilitate their membership.
28. An application for membership shall be in the form from time to time prescribed by the Committee.
29. The Committee has the right to decline memberships by majority vote among Committee members if that membership is clearly against the best interests of the Association and its objectives.

SECTION 8 – CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

30. Every member shall comply with the terms of this constitution.
31. Every member shall comply with the RYA Racing Charter; shall display good sporting conduct at all times when undertaking activities relating to WASZP or the Association; and shall respect the Racing Rules of Sailing and any reasonable rules or regulations set out by host clubs or other Association event stakeholders.
32. A member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage any property of the Association and shall make restitution for the same if called upon to do so by the Committee.
33. The Committee has the right to suspend membership or expel a member from the Association for any breaches of Rules 31, 32 or 33 or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Association.
34. Before suspending or expelling a member, the Committee shall give the member the opportunity to (1) present a written explanation to the Committee for review; (2) present an

explanation by some other means; and (3) resign. Any disciplinary action thereafter shall be carried by a simple majority vote of the Committee.

35. Should a member be expelled from the Association, the member shall not be entitled to any refund of the membership fee and must return any Association or external body's property, including perpetual event trophies.

SECTION 9 - MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

36. At every meeting of the Association, the Chairperson (or, in their absence, a chairperson elected by those present) shall preside.
37. Fifteen Full Members personally present, either in person or online, shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Association.
38. Only Full Members can vote at any meeting of the Association. Associate Members may attend and speak but are not entitled to vote.
39. Voting, except upon the election of members of the Committee, shall be by show of hands.
40. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote on any matter other than the election of members of the Committee.
41. A rule of the Association, including the rules in this constitution, shall not be created, repealed, or amended except by a majority vote of at least two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

AGM:

42. An AGM of the Association shall be held each year at the National Championships on a day to be fixed by the Committee. If a national championship is not possible, the Committee shall nominate an alternative event to host the AGM or, if it is clear there is no other suitable event, the Committee shall nominate a date for a virtual AGM. If the AGM is not held at a national championship, the Committee shall inform members of the new arrangement no later than twenty-one days prior to the date of the AGM.
43. A member has the right to insert a matter into the agenda of the AGM, providing they notify the Committee in writing of such, including a brief explanation of the matter to be discussed, no later than 14 days prior to the AGM.
44. Other than matters inserted pursuant to Rule 43, no business, except the passing of the Accounts, the election of the Committee, and any matters that the Committee may insert into the agenda shall be discussed at the AGM.

EGM:

45. The Committee may call an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) of the Association at any time to discuss any extraordinary matters. The Committee shall notify members of the EGM in writing no later than twenty-one days prior to the date of the EGM and shall include the matters to be discussed in such notice.
46. The Committee shall call an EGM upon a written request to the Committee by at least fourteen members. The Committee shall notify members of the EGM in writing no later than

twenty-one days prior to the date of the EGM and shall include the matters to be discussed in such notice. The discussion at the EGM shall be confined to the matters stated in such notice.

SECTION 10 - DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

47. If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association and after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property remains whatsoever, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
- (a) to another organisation with similar sports purposes; and/or
 - (b) a sailing charity.