



HOBIE NEW ZEALAND

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NAME

The name of the Association shall be the NEW ZEALAND HOBIE CLASS ASSOCIATION

INSIGNIA

The emblem of the Association shall include the recognised Hobie Symbol

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are:

- (a) To provide a medium for exchange of information among Hobie sailors throughout New Zealand to enhance the enjoyment of all Hobie craft sailors;
- (b) To promote and develop Hobie Class racing throughout New Zealand, under uniform rules;
- (c) To encourage and foster the enjoyment of the sporting, competitive and recreational aspects of sailing;
- (d) To keep each boat as equal, simple and cost free as possible by rigidly maintaining, without deviation, the one design features of the Hobie for class racing;
- (e) To encourage the use of only racing tactics and sailing skill to increase boat speed.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Association to maintain Hobie sailboats as one design sailboats.

JURISDICTION

The Association has authority over all activities of the Hobie class throughout New Zealand, and its powers shall be vested in and carried out by the World Hobie Class Association, the New Zealand Executive Committee and all New Zealand Hobie Fleets as provided in this constitution and any by-laws passed pursuant to the provisions hereof.

ORGANISATION

The Association shall be governed by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consist of (1) the Commodore and (2) one other elected member of each New Zealand Hobie Fleet for each 25 paid up members or part thereof.

The Executive Committee shall meet not less frequently than once a year. The time and location of meetings shall, if possible, coincide with the holding of the annual National Championships.

The Executive Committee shall elect from amongst themselves, by simple majority, the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Association who shall hold office until their successors are elected to office.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for;

The collection and care of all Association funds and assets.

All questions and challenges relating to the Hobie Class Rules and will issue interpretations thereof as deemed necessary. All such interpretations shall be binding until approved, rejected, or modified by decision of the World Hobie Class Association Council.

All decisions regarding National Regatta venues.

All negotiations regarding major sponsorship of National Regattas.

The selection process for all official New Zealand representatives to any overseas Hobie regatta or event.

Liaison between the Association and all other yachting authorities.

The publication of the Association newsletter.

FLEETS

All New Zealand fleets, on being granted a charter from the World Hobie Class Association, will be granted membership of the New Zealand Association upon payment of Association dues. Until such time as the dues are paid the fleet cannot hold Executive membership of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

No person may race a Hobie in any Association sanctioned event unless s/he is a financial member of the Association.

Any person may become a member of the Association by making application to the Secretary of the New Zealand Hobie Class Association.

An application for membership implies that the applicant undertakes and agrees to be bound by the Constitution and by-laws of the Association upon being accepted for membership.

A member of the Association ipso facto belongs to the district in which he normally sails, even though such a place may not be his permanent residence; but such a member for valid reason may select instead the district in which he has permanent residence.

A member of the Association may become a member only of the Fleet in his District where he normally sails for the purpose of qualification, where required for sanctioned events, and any dispute shall be final.

An honorary and an honorary life member are entitled to full privileges of membership, but are not required to pay the annual dues of the Association.

Membership of the Association shall not be open to any company, partnership, group or other association unless specifically authorised by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Association dues shall be in the amount determined by and shall be payable within the time prescribed by the Association by-laws.

Dues shall be collected by the Executive Committee Treasurer under such terms and conditions as to reporting and accounting as may be required by the Association by-laws.

SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

A member of the Association may be suspended, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, for gross violation of the rules and by-laws, for committing an unlawful act in relation to the Association or one of its members, or for any unsportsmanlike conduct contrary to the interests of the members of the Association. The duration of the suspension shall be fixed by the Executive Committee but may not exceed two years, and a suspended member shall during such period be precluded from racing or enjoying any other rights of membership.

APPEALS

Any dispute arising in relation to Fleets, eligibility to race, the interpreting of this constitution, the by-laws or similar matter, other than any dispute as to the interpretation of the Rules or any protest within the jurisdiction of the applicable racing rules may be made to the World Council whose decision shall be final and binding.

BY-LAWS

The Executive Committee may make by-laws for the purpose of carrying out the objects of this Constitution and of the Association and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may make by-laws:

- (1) respecting registration of members and collection of dues
- (2) respecting the conduct of National championships and other regattas
- (3) respecting the eligibility of members for major racing events, both in New Zealand and overseas
- (5) respecting the acceptance of deeds or gifts of trophies
- (6) respecting the negotiations with major sponsors
- (7) respecting the procedures for meetings of the Executive Committee and the Association

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and general by-laws may be amended by the World Council, with the approval of the Advisory Council.

Amendments to the Constitution and general by-laws may be submitted for vote by each fleet:

- (1) by direction of the World Council
- (2) by direction of the Executive Committee of the Association where notice of motion signed by at least twenty members has been submitted to and approved by at least two Fleets

11/4/1988 BY-LAW NUMBER 1

Subscription Date

The Association's financial year will run from January 1st to December 31st each year. Each fleet is responsible for collecting the \$5.00 levy per member and paying the Association by December 31st for the following year. See first part of Membership and Dues section.

Jan/1995 BY-LAW NUMBER 2

Measurement Protocols

The Association will develop protocols for measuring boat weight and crew weight which will be adopted at National contests.

Jan/1997 BY-LAW NUMBER 3

Measurement Protocols

The Association will develop a protocol for scrutineering equipment which will be adopted at National contests.

Jan/2006 BY-LAW NUMBER 4

Subscriptions

The subscription amount for the 2006 financial year (payable before 20 January 2007, and each year thereafter) will be \$30 per boat owner. The previous subscription for crew members is waived.

Jan/2006 BY-LAW NUMBER 5

Addition of position of Measurer

The Association Executive will include the position of Measurer in accordance with the "IHCA MEASURERS ADMINISTRATION Bylaw" Appendix C of the IHCA 2005-2008 CLASS RULES