

# Techno Constitution

UKWA Class Constitution

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The Class Association will follow the constitution of the UKWA except:

## 1. Name

1.1 The Association shall be called “Techno UK” and be the Techno Class Association within the UKWA

## 2. Objectives

2.1 The objectives of the Association are:

- a) to act as the National Techno Class Association for Great Britain in accordance to the rules and constitution of the UKWA, and the rules and Constitution of the International Techno Class Association
- b) to represent the viewpoints of windsurfers and parents in all racing and training matters at both Regional, National and International level
- c) to develop and deliver a strong and inclusive junior race and race training programme throughout the U.K. with the valued support of the RYA
- d) to define and review the U.K. Techno class rules and be the definitive voice of the Techno Class in discussion with RYA and UKWA
- e) to consider, consult, influence and advise the International Techno Class Association on matters of policy and operation
- f) to consider and create a strategic development structure for all sailors passing through the class with the aim of their continuation within competitive windsurf racing participation
- g) to effectively administer and account for all monies, including RYA grant monies obtained for the development of the associations aims and to ensure best and efficient use of such monies in the promotion of the Association aims
- h) to work with, support the aims, share expertise and knowledge with the RYA

## 3. Membership

3.1 Membership of the class will be dependent on each sailor becoming a fully paid up members of the UKWA or RYA and be :

- a) Individual Member – being a person who owns or sails a Techno 293
- b) Family Member – being collectively all members of a single family normally resident at the same address who own or sail Techno 293

3.2 Each member shall pay the appropriate UKWA or RYA annual subscription and have indicated their intention to be a member of the Class, which will entitle them to :

- a) To a single vote in all matters that are determined by voting or a maximum of 2 votes per family
- b) To enter one board in any UKWA /RYA event dependant on the appropriate annual subscription paid and in the case of Family Member, subject to conditions as the Committee may determine, any number of additional boats
- c) Otherwise to participate fully in the affairs of the Association receiving the benefits of

membership and sharing of its obligations

#### 4. Techno UK – Class Association Committee

The committee shall at all times be bound and guided by the current version of UK Windsurfing Association Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The management and administration of the Association and its affairs shall be vested in a Committee which shall have absolute discretion, subject to the above and any directions that may be given to them at an Annual General Meeting of the Association, or by direction from the UKWA Executive Committee, or by the International Committee.

4.1 The Committee shall be constituted as follows:

- a) Individual Members or representatives of Family Members to be elected at the Techno UK Annual General Meeting
- b) Such other Individual members or representatives of Family Members as the Committee may time to time co-opt who will be entitled to a voting option at Committee meetings
- c) Any person whose child because of age is no longer sailing a Techno but remains in the youth programme is eligible to stand for election to the Committee

4.2 The Committee shall consist of the following positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Marketing & Promotion, Training, Bosun, Technical Representative and any other positions as defined by the Committee from time to time. The Treasurer of the UKWA may also be the Treasurer of the Class Association. The appointed Administrator and Treasurer shall be an ex officio, co opted members of the Committee. In the event of either the Chair or Vice Chair resigning or ceasing to be a member of the Association, the Committee shall elect one of their number to fill the resulting vacancy at their next meeting. All vacated positions will be filled as soon as possible by calling an Extraordinary General Meeting with at least 14 days clear notice and a quorum of 10 members. Any tied voting will be decided by a chairman's casting vote

4.3 At least 14 days notice in writing of any meeting shall normally be given by the Secretary to each member of the Committee, such notice to set out the business to be transacted at that meeting.

4.4 The quorum at any meeting shall be at least 3 members of the Committee and minutes of the meeting will be circulated to the all members of the Committee and published on the Techno Class Association website

4.5 The Committee shall appoint an administrator on such terms and conditions as they may agree to be responsible for the day to day administration of the affairs of the Association. The Administrator shall at all times act in accordance with the Financial Regulations from time to time approved by the Committee

4.6 The Committee from amongst their number shall appoint a representative to represent the UKTCA to the International Committee and a Chief Measurer and may make other such honorary appointments from time to time as they consider necessary

4.7 Any variation of the Constitution shall be agreed and ratified by members at the AGM or EGM

4.8 The committee will appoint a small group (probably 3 or 4 members) to meet with the RYA on an annual basis to discuss the strategic direction and future funding of the class

#### 5. General Meetings

5.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at such venue, at such time on such date between 1 March and 30 November in each year as the Committee may determine

5.2 At least 21 clear days notice either in writing or electronic messaging means of any General Meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each member of the Association; such notice is to set out the business to be transacted at that meeting and be located on both the Association and main

UKWA web sites

5.3 The Chair of the Committee, or in his absence the Vice-Chair, shall preside at any General Meeting. If neither is present, then those members attending the meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside

5.4 The Chair or in his absence the Vice-Chair, or if not available the Chair's representative from the Committee shall represent the Association and attend any UKWA Executive Committee meetings as requested

5.5 The quorum at any General Meeting shall be 10 members

5.6 The business to be considered or transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall include:

a) The annual report of the Chair

b) The accounts of the Association for the preceding financial year

c) The election of Individual Members or representatives of Family Members to serve on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting unless before that they resign.

d) Members of the committee will serve for a maximum of three years in that role and will be re-elected on an annual basis

e) Any proposal of the Committee or of the International Committee

f) Any proposal by a member notified to the Secretary not less than 7 days before the meeting

5.7 The Committee will have due regard to the relationship and funding provided by the RYA and consult with the RYA as necessary and shall take account of its position during any decision making process and may take verbal, written or invite personal representation from the RYA as is appropriate

5.8 Voting at any General Meeting shall be by the show of hands, a simple majority of those voting being required. The procedure shall follow those outlined in the UKWA Constitution

## 6. Finance

6.1 The financial year of the Association shall be 1 April to 31 March

6.2 A statement of account for each financial year shall be circulated by the Secretary to all members of the Association by 1 April in the following year either through hard copy or via electronic means

6.3 The annual subscription rate shall be determined by the UKWA Executive Committee

## 7. Child Protection

7.1 The Association will follow the same child protection policy as the UKWA, as set out in their Child Protection policy document

## 8. Techno Measurement Rules

8.1 The Committee in accordance with the Class Rules may in cases of doubt seek interpretations of those Rules from the ISAF and may pending a decision by the ISAF give interim guidance relating to the issue as may be considered in the best interest of the Class provided that the guidance shall not be operative outside the Association's area or in relation to international events.

## 9. Championship Racing

9.1 National Championships shall be held at venues and on dates approved by the UKWA/Techno UK /RYA Committees and shall be organised and sailed in accordance with any directions of the UKWA or RYA race teams

## 10 Definitions

10.1 The ISAF shall mean the International Sailing Federation

The Association shall be the Techno UK Class Association

The Committee shall be the Committee of the Techno UK Class Association