

Techno 293 UK: Class Association Constitution - Proposed 31st May 2018 to incorporate requirements for RYA Class Affiliation. Section 4.3 added and 6.5.d updated. .

This is the constitution of the Techno Class Association, known for communication purposes as: **Techno 293 UK**.

Techno 293 UK works in close association with the UK Windsurfing Association (UKWA). It will generally follow the constitution of the UKWA except:

1. Name

1.1 The name of the Association shall be **Techno 293 UK**

2. Mission

2.1 The mission of **Techno 293 UK** is to:

Support junior sailors to develop a lifelong passion for windsurfing

3. Objectives

3.1 The objectives of **Techno 293 UK** are to work in partnership with the UKWA and RYA to:

- i) Work on behalf of junior sailors and their parents, to promote a strong and inclusive Techno race and race training programme throughout the UK;
- ii) Provide support to junior Techno sailors at national and international race events.
- iii) Develop effective pathways for junior Techno sailors to progress to RSX and other forms of competitive youth windsurfing
- iv) Act as the Techno Class Association for Great Britain by:
 - a) Defining and reviewing the UK Techno Class Rules and being the definitive voice of the Techno sailors and parents;
 - b) Providing UK input to the International Techno Class Association on matters of policy and operation.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership of **Techno 293 UK** is dependent on payment of an annual registration fee (membership year running from 1st January each year) and each sailor becoming a fully paid up member of the UKWA or the RYA and be:

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

4.2 Each member shall pay the appropriate UKWA or RYA annual subscription and be a registered and paid up member of Techno 293 UK, which will entitle them to:

- a) a single vote in all matters that are determined by voting or a maximum of 2 votes per family;
- b) enter one board in any UKWA/RYA/**Techno 293 UK** event dependant on the appropriate annual subscriptions paid and in the case of Family Member, subject to conditions as the Committee may determine, any number of additional boats; and
- c) participate fully in the affairs of the Association receiving the benefits of membership and sharing of its obligations

4.3 Any conduct which, in the opinion of the Committee, is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Association, shall render a member liable to disciplinary action by the Committee, which may include expulsion or suspension of membership.

Before taking such disciplinary action against a member, the Committee shall call upon such member for a written explanation of the member's conduct and shall give the member full opportunity of making explanation to the Committee, or of resigning.

A Resolution to apply any sanction shall be carried by a simple majority vote by those members of the Committee present and voting on the Resolution.

Upon expulsion the former member shall not be entitled to have any part of the annual membership fee refunded.

5. Techno 293 UK Committee

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

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

5. 1 The Committee shall be constituted as follows:

a) Individual Members or representatives of Family Members to be elected at the Techno Class Association's 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

5.2 The Committee shall consist of the following positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Training Officer, Event Support Officer and Administrator, and any other positions as defined by the Committee from time to time.

In the event of either the Chair resigning or ceasing to be a member of the Association, the Vice Chair shall assume immediate responsibility. 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 Chair's casting vote.

5.3 At least 7 days notice in writing of any meeting shall normally be given by the Administrator to each member of the Committee, such notice to set out the business to be transacted at that meeting.

5.4 The Committee will generally meet at least twice a year - normally at the Easter Techno Open Training Camp and in September at the National Championships. The Chair of the UKWA, or their representative, shall have a standing invite to attend these two meetings. The Committee may also choose to meet at other times during the year, if necessary using video or teleconferencing conferencing services.

5.5 The Committee may set up Sub Groups (or Task Groups) of **Techno 293 UK** members for specific purposes as defined by the Committee from time to time.

5.6 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. Committee members may join meetings - and vote if necessary - via video or telephone conferencing services.

5.7 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. The appointed Administrator shall be an ex officio, co opted member of the Committee.

5.8 The UK Techno Junior Squad Head Coach shall also be an ex-officio, co-opted member of the Committee.

5.9 The Committee shall appoint a representative to represent **Techno 293 UK**, the UK Techno Class Association, to the International Committee and may make other such honorary appointments from time to time as they consider necessary.

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

5.11 The Committee will appoint a small group (generally 2- 3 members) to meet with the RYA at least once a year to discuss the strategic direction and future funding of the Association.

5.12 Sanitised meeting minutes shall be published to the Class Association website within one week of a meeting taking place. These minutes should contain all important information regarding the meeting, but should ensure that any personal information is removed.

6. General Meetings

6.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall generally be at the Easter Techno Open Training Camp, or on another date between 1 March and 30 November as determined by the Committee.

6.2 At least 21 days notice either in writing or electronic messaging means of any General Meeting shall be given by the Administrator to each member of the Association; such notice is to set out the business to be transacted at that meeting and be available online either via Techno 293 UK's social media channels or its website.

6.3 The Chair of the Committee shall preside at any General Meeting. If the Chair is not present, then those members attending the meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside.

6.4 The quorum at any General Meeting shall be 10 members.

6.5 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. No one person shall serve on the committee for any more than 9 years in total.
- 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

6.6 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

6.7 Voting at any General Meeting shall be by the show of hands, a simple majority of those voting being required.

7. Finance

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

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

7.3 The annual **Techno 293 UK** registration fee for members shall be determined by the Committee. The annual UKWA subscription shall be determined by the UKWA Executive Committee.

8 . Child Protection

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

9. Techno Measurement Rules

9.1 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.

10. Championship Racing

10.1 **Techno 293 UK** will work with the RYA and UKWA to promote a strong and inclusive Techno Class race and race training calendar.

10.2 National Championships shall be held at venues and on dates approved jointly by UKWA, RYA and **Techno 293 UK** Committees.

10.3 **Techno 293 UK** will endeavour to provide coach and safety boat support for UK sailors at selected international events, with support from the RYA and the parents of independent sailors.

11 Definitions

The ISAF shall mean the International Sailing Federation

Techno 293 UK is the name of the UK Techno Class Association

The Association shall mean Techno 293 UK

The Committee shall be the Committee of Techno 293 UK

The UKWA shall mean the UK Windsurfing Association.

Signed and Dated

Chair

Techno 293 UK