**International Island Games Association**

**The Sports and Sports By-Laws**

**PART 1 – GENERAL**

 **This Section applies to all of the approved Sports as listed below.**

**Section 1 - The Sports**

**1.1 The Approved Sports are:**

* + Archery
	+ Athletics
	+ Badminton
	+ Basketball
	+ Bowls – one from Indoor Bowls, Outdoor Bowls or Ten Pin Bowling
	+ Cycling
	+ Football
	+ Golf
	+ Gymnastics
	+ Judo
	+ Sailing - may also include Sailboarding
	+ Shooting
	+ Squash
	+ Swimming
	+ Table Tennis
	+ Tennis
	+ Triathlon
	+ Volleyball - may also include Beach Volleyball

**1.2** For clarification Sailing and Sailboarding are not separate sports.

**1.3** For clarification Volleyball and Beach Volleyball are not separate sports

**1.4** ‘Bowls’ shall include Indoor Bowls, Outdoor Bowls and Ten Pin Bowling but only one discipline can be held at a Games.

**Section 2 - The Responsibilities of the Host Island Organising Committee**

**2.1** The IIGA retains overall control of the Games.

**2.2** The Organising Committee shall ensure all sports operate under the IIGA Constitution Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict they shall also operate under each Sport’s International Federation Rules.

**2.3** The Host Island Organising Committee (hereafter called ‘the Organising Committee’) shall provide medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment

**2.4** The Organising Committee shall ensure that each sport in the Games is overseen by a Technical Committee.

**2.5** The Organising Committee shall be responsible for appointing all Sports Technical Officials for the Games

**2.6** The Organising Committee shall appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Sports Director who shall be responsible for ensuring that each sport is properly administered.

**2.7** The Organising Committee shall appoint suitably qualified and experienced Coordinators for each sport; who will, in partnership with the Host Island’s Sport Governing Body, be responsible for arranging the competitions and ensuring that all necessary venues and facilities meet with the requirements of the IIGA Guidelines and Sports By-laws. Any doubt that exists as to the suitability of any venue or facility must be reported immediately to the Executive Committee by the Organising Committee.

**2.8** Each Sport Coordinator shall arrange a suitable date, time and venue for both the Pre- Competition and Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meetings.

**Section 3 - Sports Team Managers Meetings**

**3.1 Arrangements**

3.1.1 Each Sport Coordinator shall be responsible for:

* + Notifying all of the competing Member Islands Team Managers, the Chairman and/or Secretary of the Technical Committee and the General Secretary of the IIGA of the date, time and venue of the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers meeting 2 weeks before the Opening Ceremony of the Games.
	+ Ensuring that the date, time and venue of the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting are confirmed during the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.

3.1.2 The Meeting shall be chaired by the Chairman of that Sport’s Technical Committee.

3.1.3 The Secretary to that Sport’s Technical Committee shall act as Secretary for the Meeting

**3.2 Attendance – those entitled to attend are:**

* A maximum of 2 representatives of each of the competing Member Island Sports Teams
* The Technical Committee including any Co-opted Members for that sport.
* An Observer from the Sport’s International Federation (if appropriate).
* The Senior Official responsible for conducting the event
* The Host Island Sport Coordinator.
* The future Host Island Sport Coordinator
* The IIGA Officers and Executive Committee Members.

**3.3 Voting Rights**

3.3.1 1 vote only per Member Island present

3.3.2 The Chairman shall have the casting vote if required.

**3.4 The Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting**

3.4.1 Suggested agenda:

1. If the Chairman of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.

2. If the Secretary of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.

3. The Chairman should: -

* + Introduce:
		- Member/s of the IIGA Executive Committee (if present)
		- The Technical Committee Members including any co-opted Members
		- Host Island Sport Coordinator
		- Observer from the International Federation (if present)
	+ confirm those voting Members present
	+ confirm the Programme and Order of Events
	+ clarify the Rules e.g. seeding
	+ notify meeting of withdrawals etc.
	+ explain the procedures to be followed
	+ confirm arrangements for training and warm-up
	+ medal presentations
	+ explain the appeals process
	+ take questions from the floor

4. Appoint of a Jury of Appeal

5 Any Other Business

6 Confirm the day, time and place of the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.

**3.5 The Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting**

3.5.1 Suggested agenda:

1. If the Chairman of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.

2. If the Secretary of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.

3 The Chairman should: -

• Introduce:

* Member/s of the IIGA Executive Committee (if present)
* The Technical Committee Members including any co-opted Members
* Host Island Sport Coordinator
* Observer from the International Federation (if present)

• Confirm those voting Members present

4 Approve the Minutes of the last meeting (if available)

5 Matters arising from the Minutes

6 Review all aspects of the current Games:

* + pre-Games information
	+ entries
	+ programme
	+ officiating
	+ results service

7 Agree an outline Programme for the next Games

8 Formulate recommendations, if any, for the next Organising Committee

9 Review the sport specific IIGA By-laws and forward any proposed amendments to the Technical Committee.

10 Elect a Technical Committee to serve until the conclusion of the next Games. Contact details for the Chairman and Secretary to be noted in the Minutes of the meeting.

11 Any Other Business

3.5.2 The Sports Coordinator for the next Games should, if possible, be present at this meeting.

3.5.3 Within 2 months of the Closing Ceremony of the Games

* + Minutes of both the Pre-Competition and Post-Competition Sports Team Manager Meetings should be sent to the General Secretary of the IIGA, the Sports Coordinator of the next Host Island, to each Member Island that participated in the sport, and to any new Member Island
	+ **The General Secretary of the IIGA must be informed of the names and contact details for both the Chairman and Secretary of the newly elected Sports Technical Committee**

**Section 4 - The Sports Technical Committees**

**4.1 Meetings**

The Technical Committee may meet at such times as is deemed necessary during the course of the Games.

**4.2 Appointment**

Each Sports Technical Committee:

* Will be elected at the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting and serve until the conclusion of the next Games.
* Shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Sports Team Members, preferably from different Member Islands.
* Shall have either a permanent Chairman or Secretary to ensure continuity.
* Include a representative from both of the future Host Islands (if applicable).

**4.3 Roles & Responsibilities**

4.3.1 Each Technical Committee shall:

* Oversee the Technical arrangements for their sport during the Games.
* Ensure that all sports shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict they shall also operate under each Sport’s International Federation Rules.
* Each Technical Committee may co-opt non-voting persons to act as advisers.

4.3.2 In the period between the Games the Technical Committees will act in an advisory capacity for the Executive Committee, the next Host Island Organising Committee and Sport Coordinator.

4.3.3 Any proposed amendment to the Sports By-laws must be forwarded by the Technical Committee to the General Secretary of the IIGA no later than 6 months before the Games at which the changes will come into effect for approval by the IIGA Executive Committee.

**Section 5 – Jury of Appeal**

**5.1** The Jury of Appeal for all sports will:

* Be appointed at the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.
* Consist of a panel of 5 Members, preferably from different competing Member Islands, plus a non-voting Secretary.
* Have no more than 40% of the Members from 1 Member Island.
* Require a minimum of 3 Members, plus the Secretary, to hear an appeal.
* A Member of the Jury of Appeal cannot participate in an appeal which concerns a competitor from the same Member Island.
* Permit the official International Federation Delegate/Observer of the sport or event to attend if present at the Games but not have a vote.

**Section 6 Protests and Complaints**

**6.1** Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court. The Court will not deal with any protests or complaints made against a referee or other official regarding placing, fouling or other facts of the competition save for exceptional circumstances.

**PART 2 – SPORTS SPECIFIC BY-LAWS**

**Section 6 - The Sports By-laws**

**Sailing By-laws**

**Section 1 Competition Rules**

* 1. The Sailing competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitutional Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations shall also operate under the World Sailing Rules.
	2. Hearings, including Protests, Requests for Redress and Appeals, relating to the Sailing competition and which are covered by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) shall be dealt with in accordance with Part 5 of the RRS (or the equivalent in force at the time) rather than in accordance with IIGA The Sports and Sports By-Laws Part 1 GENERAL Section 5 – Jury of Appeal.
	3. Part 1 General By-laws Section 6 Clause 6.1 to be replaced with:

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Protest Committee and a decision made. Any appeal against these decisions will be handled in accordance with Clause 1.2 of these By-Laws. Any further appeal by any aggrieved party will be made to the Island Games Association Court. The Court will not deal with any protests or complaints made against a Protest Committee or other official regarding placing, fouling or other facts of the competition save for exceptional circumstances.

**1.4** The Management Committee in conjunction with the Technical Committee shall determine adequate safety cover e.g. safety boat coverage and communication.

**1.5** As events and timings are influenced by current local conditions e.g. tide, wind and other variable factors the International Juror will approve the Sailing Instructions issued by the Organising Committee.

**Section 2 General**

**2.1 Island Representation**

2.1.1 **Sailing (Dinghies)**

Sailing (Dinghies) shall comprise 2 classes. The two classes shall be the ILCA 7 (previously known as Laser standard) and ILCA 6 (previously known as Laser Radial).

2.1.1.1 **Individual**

A maximum of two entries per Member Island in each class.

A competitor may only compete in one class.

2.1.1.2 **Team**

The team positions shall be calculated by adding the points of each team’s best three places for each race sailed (this is not necessarily the same 3 sailors in each race). Should 1 class sail more races in a series than the other, the last race/races of that class shall be excluded from the calculation of the team results so that each class counts the same number of races.

2.1.2 **Windsurfing**

2.1.2.1 **Individual**

A maximum of 4 entries per Member Island.

2.1.2.2 **Team**

The team positions shall be calculated by adding the points of each team’s best three places for each race sailed (this is not necessarily the same 3 sailors in each race).

**2.2 Ages of Competitors**

2.2.1 The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

**2.3 Officials**

2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee.

2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Management Committee. The Management Committee in conjunction with the Technical Committee shall appoint an International Juror. The Race Officer and Juror shall be suitably qualified.

**2.4 Events**

2.4.1 The Sailing events shall comprise separate competitions in Dinghies and Windsurfing.

2.4.2 For Windsurfing all boards must be of the same design.

2.4.3 **Competition Programme**

2.4.3.1 There will be no weight categories.

2.4.3.2 For Sailing (Dinghies) only, the target time for each race shall be 45 minutes for the leading boat.

**2.5 Training**

2.5.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2.5.2 Competition venues should be made available to the competing Member Island Teams for training a minimum of two days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

**2.6 Draws for Events**

To be undertaken by the Host Island in conjunction with the Technical Committee.

**2.7 Venues**

All venues chosen by the Host Island must meet the suitability requirements for fair competition and safety and are subject to endorsement by the Technical Committee.

**2.8 Equipment**

Boats and Boards will be provided by the Organising Committee and shall be entirely equal and in accordance with the World Sailing requirements and Class rules. In order to meet this requirement it is anticipated that the equipment provided will be new. Alternatively it would be acceptable to provide hulls that have taken part in 1 prior competition only provided they all have the same history and provided that new sails are supplied. Should a potential Host Island have difficulty complying with the above they may approach the Sailing Technical Committee and put forward an alternative proposal that would enable a Sailing Event to take place.

**2.9 Clothing**

2.9.1 The regulation of World Sailing concerning clothing and advertising on clothing will apply; provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

2.9.2 The Management Committee must advise the participating Member Islands of local conditions for clothing and associated accessories.

**2.10 Medical**

The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

**2.11 Medals**

Gold, Silver and single Bronze medals will be awarded for each competition.

**2.12 Protests and Complaints**

See IIGA The Sports and Sports By-Laws Part 2 Sports Specific By-laws Section 6 The Sports By-laws Sailing By-laws Section 1 Competition Rules paras 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.

**2.13 Banned Substances and Drug Testing**

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IIGA.

**Section 3 - Technical Committee See PART 1 – GENERAL Section 4 – The Sports Technical Committees**

**3.1. Appointment** – See Section 4.2 - page 4

**3.2 Meetings** – See Section 4.1 - page 4

**Section 4 – Pre and Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meetings - See PART 1 – GENERAL Section 3 – Sports Team Mangers Meetings**

**4.1 The Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting** – See Section 3.4 - page 3

**4.2 The Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting** – See Section 3.5 - page 3

**4.3 Jury of Appeal** – See Section 5 - page 5. Not applicable to Sailing.