

International Finn Association of Australia (IFAA)

Constitution

Objective

IFAA is an association with the primary objective to encourage, promote and assist with the management of Finn dinghy racing in Australia. The association has a requirement to co-ordinate matters with the International Finn Association (IFA) and with the sports governing bodies, ISAF and local governing bodies, such as Yachting Australia & other state based associations as required.

Membership

IFAA shall require sailors who participate in any Finn racing to be members of the association. IFAA will hold harmless any members of the association for matters arising from the conduct of the IFAA. Members also agree to hold all other members and officers of the IFAA harmless in respect of all IFAA matters.

Non-Finn owners may be General Members of the association for the purposes of racing, but only Finn owners may be Full Financial Members.

Only Full Financial Members & General Members shall have the right to participate in any form of Finn racing. Full financial members may participate in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the IFAA (covered later).

Membership will be renewed annually by the completion of a membership or renewal form and payment of the fee.

Fees for membership will be set at the discretion of the IFAA officers.

Participation in Overseas & major events (organized by the IFA or other bodies)

Annually IFAA shall purchase IFA memberships for members of the IFAA. This entitles the members of the IFAA to compete in overseas regattas, such as the Finn Gold Cup or other similar events. The number of memberships purchased influences the number of IFAA members who may be able to compete in such events. IFAA may purchase more members to increase the number of IFAA members who may compete at such events at its discretion.

IFAA shall be the approver of sailor entry for all events excluding the Olympic games, but including:

- Finn Gold Cup (the world championship)
- Finn Europeans, or
- Other events where entry places are limited
- IFAA may at its discretion organize selection trials for these events
- In the event of a dispute the decision of the IFAA president shall be final.

Officers

The IFAA is governed by three elected officers:

- **President:** Who is the voice of the IFAA and shall be the final decision maker on all IFAA matters outside of the AGM.
 - The President has the right to vote at the IFA AGM, or identify the proxy
 - Shall organize the Annual Australian Finn Championships &
 - Chair any organizing committee for locally run major Finn events
 - Chair the AGM and organize notices
 - Shall be a signatory to the Bank account
- **Treasurer:** Who shall take carriage of the financial matters of the association. The Treasurer shall:
 - Maintain statements
 - Prepare an annual financial statement
 - Maintain appropriate insurances
 - Maintain statutory reporting
 - Shall be a signatory to the bank account
- **Secretary:**
 - Shall maintain membership records
 - Allocate Sail numbers
 - Collect subscriptions
 - Maintain website and social media presence

Election of officers shall be on an annual basis at the AGM.

AGM

The AGM shall be held annually during the Australian Finn Championships at the same location. The Notice Of Race will state the AGM shall take place and shall be considered adequate notice. The agenda of the AGM must include, but may not be limited to:

- Minutes of the previous meeting
- Reports from Officers
- Matters arising from the Officers Reports
- Venue and timing for the next Australian Finn Championships
- Election of Officers
- Other business

All discussion is to be conducted through the Chair of the meeting, or delegate identified by the President.

All motions must have a proposer and seconder. Each motion shall be voted upon and carried forward when a majority voted in favor of the motion. In the event of the tied motion – the President shall determine the outcome of the motion.

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