



European Hobie Cat Association Constitution and Bylaws

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Article 1.
Title & Geographic Boundaries

1. Title: The name of the association shall be the European Hobie Cat Association, hereinafter referred to as the EHCA. The EHCA contains National organizations and fleets, all of which are components of the association.
2. Geographic Boundaries/Jurisdiction: Europe is a region of the IHCA (International Hobie Class Association). EHCA has authority over all activities of the Hobie Class Associations throughout the Region, and its powers shall be vested in and carried out by the European Council.
3. Insignia: The emblem of the EHCA shall be the recognized Hobie symbols.
 - A. The mark "HOBIE" and "HOBIE CAT" written in any form and stylized "H" are registered trademarks.
 - B. The EHCA and its associations shall require no right, title or interest in the Hobie trademark in any form, but may use it for its interest, publications and events.
4. Headquarters: The location and official address of the EHCA headquarters shall be left to the discretion of the EHCA Executive Committee.
5. The official publication platform of the EHCA shall be the EHCA web-site.
 - A. All decisions and interpretations of the EHCA Council and Executive Committee shall be published therein.
 - B. The EHCA Executive Committee shall have the right to approve the final copy of these decisions and interpretations.

Article 2.
Purpose and Aims

1. Purpose: The purpose of the EHCA is to establish and promote the highest standards of Hobie Cat sailing/racing in its geographic boundaries in collaboration with IHCA, National, and International sailing authorities.
2. Aims: The aims of the EHCA include:
 - A. To promote and develop Hobie Class Racing in all countries within the region under uniform rules.
 - B. To authorize, co-ordinate and promote European Championships and other International events.
 - C. To provide a medium of exchange of information among Hobie sailors throughout Europe.
 - D. To encourage and foster the enjoyment of the sporting, competitive, and recreational aspects of sailing.
 - E. To keep each boat as equal, simple, and cost free as possible by rigidly maintaining, without deviation, the one-design features of Hobie class racing.
 - F. To encourage the use of solely racing tactics and sailing skill to increase boat speed.
 - G. To actively cooperate with the IHCA, the ISAF and national sailing authorities in all countries within the European Region where Hobie Cats are sailed.

Article 3. Policies & Definitions

1. Policies: The policies of the EHCA include:
 - A. To maintain Hobie Cat sailboats as one-design sailboats.
 - B. The EHCA shall be affiliated with the IHCA and to the ISAF by its membership of the IHCA.
 - C. To host Hobie events according to the racing rules of the ISAF and the class rules of the IHCA using procedures as defined in the IHCA Policy/Procedure Manual and the EHCA "Event Manual and Guidelines – and – Working Agreement".
 - D. English as the official language of the EHCA constitution, bylaws and all official communications.
 - E. All references within these bylaws to the male gender also equally refer to the female gender.
 - F. The European Council is solely responsible for the definition, determination and modification of EHCA policies.

2. Definitions: These words and their definitions shall represent the interpretations to be utilized throughout this document:
 - A. Calendar year .The calendar year shall be defined as January 1 through December 31.
 - B. Deadline Postmark .The deadline postmark or fax or other electronic method date shall be 11:59 PM of the specific deadline date.
 - C. In Good Standing .In good standing shall be membership status that represents completion of the membership application and full payment of membership dues within the current calendar year.
 - D. Majority .A majority shall consist of the greater number of member votes received by the specific deadline.
 - E. Quorum .A quorum is the minimum number of members of the EHCA's European Council necessary to transact business.
 - i. European Council Meeting Quorum: The European Council meeting quorum shall consist of fifty-one percent (51%) of the eligible members as defined in article 6, section 1.
 - ii. European Council Vote by posted Ballot: The quorum for a council vote utilizing a written mailed or dated fax or other electronic ballot, shall be fifty-one percent (51%) of the eligible voting members (as defined in article 6, section 1.), completed ballot responses received by the specific deadline.

Article 4. Membership

1. Qualifications: Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the sport of Hobie Cat sailing.
2. Privileges: A member in good standing, who has joined through constituent national association, shall have membership privileges as follows:
 - A. Entitled to participate in all sailing events sanctioned by the EHCA/IHCA in such events without additional membership fees.
 - B. Introduce motions, vote and hold office and serve on committees.
3. Obligations: Membership implies that the applicant undertakes and agrees to be bound by the constitution and bylaws of the EHCA/IHCA upon being accepted to membership.
4. Classification: There shall be four classifications of membership: Individual, Honorary, Honorary Life, and Corporate.
 - A. Individual: Membership shall be through the respective national Hobie Class association subject to the provisions of the national associations of these bylaws. Except for the Channel Island Hobie Cat Association (CIHCA) and changes according to Article 7. In these Bylaws only one association per country will be accepted by the EHCA. Each National Hobie Class Association recognized by their national sailing authority, has the right to a membership of the EHCA. A minimum number of individual members to a National Association may be required in order to get full voting membership. If a National Association does not exist in a specific country, the sailors from this country can get a EHCA Direct Membership. EHCA Direct Membership does not qualify to vote in the Council.

“Individual” membership is defined in the following categories:

 - i. Category A - Hobie owner /skipper / helm
Membership in Category A shall be open to all persons. Hobie owners (whole or partly), or members actively racing as skippers/helms shall always be admitted in this category.
(IHCA and EHCA membership fees apply).
 - ii. Category B - Crew / international supporters
Everyone interested in supporting the international “Hobie Way of Life” and who do not own a Hobie (completely or partly) or is actively racing skippers/helms can be admitted in this category. A member actively racing as crew and who cannot be referred to category A shall always be admitted in this category.
(IHCA and EHCA membership fees apply).
 - iii. Category C - Local supporters
Everyone interested in supporting the local “Hobie Way of Life” and who cannot be referred to category A and B can be admitted in this category. Membership privileges in this category are limited to the local fleet and/or national association as per their bylaws.
(IHCA and EHCA membership fees do not apply).
 - B. Honorary: The European Council may grant Honorary Membership to any individual who it deems has rendered outstanding service to the EHCA and for any period at its discretion (see appendix A. Honorary & Honorary Life Members).

- C. Honorary Life: The European Council may grant Honorary Life Membership to any individual who it deems has rendered outstanding service to the EHCA. Any national association, the European Council and the EHCA executive committee may make recommendations for Honorary Life Membership. Recommendations shall be approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote on the European Council (see appendix A. Honorary' & Honorary Life Members).
 - D. Corporate: Corporate membership shall be open to any company partnership or closed cooperation, or sporting body, or group where authorized by the European Council. The European Council may set any subscription or levy, or may impose any terms, conditions, qualifications or grant specific privileges or benefits to each Corporate Member, as it shall deem appropriate.
5. Dues: In order to retain membership, all categories must pay annual dues as required by the association:
- A. The membership year shall be the calendar year.
 - B. Annual membership dues of the EHCA shall be the amount recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by a quorum vote of the European Council.

The IHCA membership fees collected by the EHCA shall be the amount decided and approved by the International Council.
 - C. Each National Hobie Class Association shall pay annual EHCA/IHCA dues to the EHCA payable by the first banking day of each calendar year based on the number of category A and B members of the respective National Hobie Cat Class Association.
 - D. The Hobie Manufacturer or licensed Hobie Cat manufacturer or Hobie Cat importer in the region shall pay annual dues to the EHCA as agreed with the European Council and these shall be due and payable to the EHCA by terms agreed upon.
 - E. Organizing authorities hosting a Hobie Cat European Championship or any other EHCA authorized international event shall pay a percentage of the total entry fees to the EHCA as shall be set in the event contract recommended by the EHCA Executive Committee and approved by European Council. These entry fee levies shall become due and payable on the final day of the respective event.
6. Suspension/Termination: The Executive Committee shall have the power to recommend suspension/termination of membership for:
- A. Failure to pay annual dues as required by the EHCA, within sixty (60) days after the membership expiration date or the assessment due date. Notice of arrears shall be given by registered mail allowing 30 (30) days to respond with remedial action.
 - B. Illegal or unprofessional conduct of such nature that it conflicts with the EHCA/IHCA's purpose and aims. Individual, national or corporate membership may not be terminated on this ground until the individual(s) have been notified in writing by registered mail of the charges and has a opportunity for a hearing before the European Council. A quorum vote by the European Council shall be necessary for termination.

Article 5. European Executive Committee

1. **Composition:** The elected Executive Committee shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents and the Vice President IHCA responsible for the European Region.

An Executive Director will be appointed by the Committee and a factory representative will be appointed by the factory.

The Executive Committee will appoint someone to verify the accounts on annual basis.

2. **Eligibility:** Individual members in good standing status shall be eligible to hold any one of the elected Executive Committee positions. Candidates should have significant experience in the Hobie Class organization.

3. **Nomination/Election Procedures:**

- A. Candidates for positions shall be nominated not less than forty-five (45) days prior to an annual meeting. Candidates can be nominated, but not elected for more than one office.

- B. The elections shall take place using secret ballots, at a meeting of the European Council AGM.

4. **Terms of office:**

- A. The term of each office is two (2) years.

- B. The term of each office shall begin immediately following the elections.

- C. To keep continuity the elections are scheduled as follows:
2005, 2007, 2009..... election of: President and 1 Vice President,
2004, 2006, 2008, 2010... election of: 1 Vice President and the VP IHCA European Region.

5. **Vacancies:**

- A. Vacancy of the office of President shall be filled for the duration of the not expired term by one of the Vice Presidents.

- B. Vacancy of any other office shall be filled for the duration of the not expired term by a person appointed by the rest of the Executive Committee

6. **Officers and Duties of the officers:** Officers shall perform those duties prescribed by this constitution and bylaws, and the European Council.

- A. **President:** The President shall:

- i. Be responsible for coordinating the affairs of the EHCA.
- ii. Act as spokesperson for the policies of the EHCA.
- iii. Preside at all Executive Committee meetings and European Council meetings.
- iv. Assume such additional responsibilities as requested by the European Council.
- v. Be responsible for the contact to IHCA.
- vi. Assist national associations selecting a person to carry their assigned vote in the EHCA.

- B. Vice Presidents: The Vice Presidents shall:
- i. Assume the responsibilities as requested by the European Council and the President.
 - ii. Assume the responsibilities of the President in his absence.

- C. IHCA Vice President, responsible for European Region shall:
- i. Assume the responsibilities as requested by the European Council and the President.
 - ii. Prepare proposals for IHCA meetings.
 - iii. Represent EHCA at IHCA meetings.

- D. The Executive Committee duties:

As to Regattas, the Executive Committee shall:

- i. Oversee the running of European Championships and participate in their organization along with the President.
- ii. Have the authority with the consent of the Technical Director, over any European event in rule interpretation and on the water racing.
- iii. Be experienced with IHCA racing procedures and rules, ISAF rules and the organization of championship events.
- iv. Ensure a standardized, acceptable racing format, regardless of locality.
- v. Serve as Race Chairman at European Championships when necessary.
- vi. Design/modify/update European Championship minimum requirements for European Council approval and ensure that these criteria are met.
- vii. Assist country's in preparation of European bids.
- viii. Assist European Championships committees on boat preparation, measurement etc.
- ix. Assist European Championships committees on drafting NOR's and Sailing Instructions.
- x. Act as liaison between Race Committee and International Jury.
- xi. Supervise all activities relating to European Championships, including site inspections, and allocation of pre-qualified positions according to EHCA rules.
- xii. Co-ordinate regional and national events if necessary and ensure racing under a standardized format.

As to rules and regulations, the Executive Committee shall:

- i. Be responsible for the Class Rules within the European Region.
- ii. Be responsible for technical inspection/measurement of boats at EHCA events, unless these duties are delegated.
- iii. Be responsible for receiving technical problems and proposals for further discussion with manufactures and IHCA rules committee.

- E. Executive Director: The Executive Director shall:

- i. Maintain the general administration of day-to-day activities of the EHCA.
- ii. Serve as liaison between the members and the Executive Committee.
- iii. Coordinate communication, marketing, promotion and collection of membership dues, and maintain the EHCA database.
- iv. Promote and maintain the fleet charter program in cooperation with the IHCA.
- v. Distribute communications and IHCA/EHCA reports to national and corporate members.
- vi. Management of EHCA merchandise.
- vii. Maintenance of photograph and video library.

- viii. Be responsible for preparation and distribution of notices and agendas of official Executive Committee and European Council meetings as well as collection and distribution of minutes.
- ix. Serve as manager of the European Championship bid process: assist National and Divisional Associations in preparation of European bids using the minimum requirements criteria as guide.
- x. Oversee and be responsible for the collection, accounting and distribution of EHCA funds.
- xi. Account for all transactions on a half-year basis to all members of the European Council, including a review of performance against the budget. These records shall be made available upon request to any member of the European Council at any time.
- xii. Work under the direction of the Executive Committee.
- xiii. Maintain EHCA web site

The factory is paying for the Executive Director's expenses and monthly fixed salary negotiated between the Executive Committee, the Factory Representative and the Executive Director.

Article 6. European Council

1. Composition:
 - A. The European Council shall be composed of:
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice President
 - iii. Vice President
 - iv. IHCA Vice President responsible for European Region (*no vote*)
 - v. Executive Director (no vote)
 - vi. An appointee from Hobie Cat Europe
 - vii. Immediate Past President of the EHCA (*no proxy*).
 - viii. One representative from each National Association in good standing

2. Meeting Format:
 - A. European Council Annual General Meeting shall be held each year, when possible, in February. There shall be no more than a fifteen (15) month period between such meetings.
 - B. The European Council shall be authorized in demanding circumstances to hold the General Meeting by mail, telephone, fax or other electronic method provided the requirements of the bylaws are met.
 - C. Items for the meeting may be proposed in writing by a National Association, any member of the European Council and the Executive Committee. Items must be received by the President at least forty-five (45) days before the European Council meeting. The agenda will then be distributed not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting.
 - D. Notice of a European Council Meeting must be posted, mailed or transmitted via fax or other electronic method to all members of the European Council and the Executive Committee sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled meeting.
 - E. Approval of minutes from European Council Annual General Meetings shall be conducted by electronic method and silence procedure as soon as possible and not later than forty-five (45) days after the meeting.

3. Duties:

- A. Establish major administrative policies governing the EHCA and provide for the transaction of general business in the interim between meetings.
- B. Approve the expenditure, investment and surveillance of EHCA funds for adoption and fixation of dues for the adoption and administration of a budget and for a periodic annual review statement.
- C. Approve the Executive Director as nominated by the Executive Committee.
- D. Employ legal and other counsel as deemed necessary. Define dues and fix compensation.
- E. Create and define duties for the Executive Committee in accordance with these Bylaws.
- F. Approve all European Championship bids recommended by the Executive Committee.
- G. Create, define duties, and dissolve standing and ad hoc committees in accordance with these Bylaws.
- H. Determine National and Fleet boundaries according to membership distribution and/or geography.
- I. Appoint honorary members.
- J. Assume duties as may be provided elsewhere in these Bylaws.

4. Voting procedure:

- A. Each member of the European Council who is in good standing, except the immediate Past President, shall have the right to give his/her proxy vote to a person of his/her choice; however, this person must be a member of the EHCA in good standing and from the same constituent association.
- B. A proxy vote will be accepted only with a signed original letter or electronic copy hereof confirmed by a telephone call to the President from the European Council member that the individual is representing. The letter must be provided to the President prior to or during the European Council meeting roll call.
- C. In the event of a tie vote on any motion, the person presiding may exercise a second and deciding vote. This is also valid for standing committees like the Executive Committee.
- D. Any member, except the immediate Past President, who cannot attend a scheduled European Council meeting may vote on certain issues he deems important in signed letter form via mail, electronic copy hereof or messenger. His/her thoughts shall be read and registered as a vote.
- E. All officers of the EHCA will be elected by simple majority of the national representatives and/or their proxies.
- F. Any person holding more than one position in the European Council shall have only one vote.

Article 7.

Constituent associations

1. Composition; The EHCA shall be composed of national associations.
 - A. The EHCA Executive Committee, on the recommendation of its members where applicable, shall by constitution and Bylaw, establish National or Divisional Associations in distinctive areas deemed appropriate and relevant, having regard to all considerations including: geography, language, distance and population for the development of the Hobie Class and the fulfillment of the purpose and aims of the EHCA.
 - B. The EHCA Executive Committee, upon establishing a new National/Divisional Association, shall initially appoint Association officers, comprised of a Chairman, Vice chairman, Secretary and treasurer to hold office until their successors are elected.
 - C. The National or Divisional Association shall consist of the foregoing officers, who will be elected from among the fleet representatives or individual members to the division or notion. Each Fleet or, if decided so, each member shall have only one vote. The Association may appoint additional officers to hold office for such term as it may determine necessary.
 - D. Each National or Divisional Association shall be administered in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Constitution and Bylaws of the Nation or Division, approved by the EHCA Executive Committee or if the Nation or Division has no Constitution and Bylaws, the National/Division Association Bylaw of the IHCA
 - E. The officers of each National or Divisional Association shall be elected annually by the members of the association within the Nation or Division in accordance with the provisions of the National or Divisional Constitution and Bylaws or in the absence thereof, the EHCA Bylaws.
 - F. The National or Divisional Association Committee comprised of a representative of each Fleet or each national region shall meet not less frequently than once per year. The time and location of that meeting shall be determined by the Association with no less than one (1) month's notice. All Nations and Divisions shall submit current records of the membership status as outlined by the EHCA Secretary. This information must be sent to the EHCA directly.
 - G. The Boundaries of a National or Divisional Association may be varied by the EHCA Executive Committee on the application of any Nation or Division concerned and one or more Associations may be amalgamated or may be subdivided into one or more National or Divisional Associations with the approval of the National or Divisional Associations concerned.
 - H. If any National or Divisional Association is within the jurisdiction of a National authority, such Association shall, in addition to any other requirements of this Constitution and Bylaws, be subject to such rules, regulations and directions of such National authority.
 - I. The governing body of each National or Divisional Association shall make available its financial records upon request of the EHCA Executive Committee.
2. Fleets:
 - A. A Fleet may be granted a charter upon application on the standard form submitted by the EHCA Executive Director. Fleet numbers shall be issued only by the IHCA Executive Director following the approval of the EHCA Executive Committee. The application must be sent to the EHCA Executive Committee (Executive Director) by five (5) or more Hobie Cat owners located within any club or area deemed appropriate, having regard to the

locality where regular activity is easily accessible to members of the fleet.

- B. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a special fleet may be chartered in any locality for the purpose of accommodating specific members of armed forces, an educational institution, a junior program or any other nonprofit organization.
- C. A Fleet Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers the Fleet deems necessary, shall be elected annually from among the members of the Fleet, in such manner as prescribed by the Fleet, unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws, and shall be responsible to the National or Divisional Association for the organization of the Fleet and the dues compliance by members of the Fleet with the provisions of the Bylaws of the IHCA.
- D. The governing body of each fleet shall make available its financial records upon request of their National or Divisional governing body and its individual members.
- E. All Fleets within the EHCA shall be a part of and must report to the EHCA.
- F. All Fleets shall report annually on the status of their activities, members and elected officers. A copy of these records must be sent to their respective National or Divisional Association as well as to the EHCA and IHCA offices directly.

Article 8. Standing committees and councils

1. Standing Committees:

The Executive Committee may establish standing committees representing special interest groups as needed. These may include Youth- or Junior Sailing, Women's Hobie Class Racing and other groups.

Article 9. Appeals

1. General:

- A. Any dispute arising in relation to a Fleet's, Division's, Area's, Nation's eligibility to race. The interpretation of these Bylaws, or similar matter may be made to the European Council, whose decision shall be final and binding subject to IHCA and ISAF approval.
- B. Any dispute as to interpretation of IHCA Rules or protests within the jurisdiction of the Class Rules shall be directed to the IHCA Rules Committee with copy to the EHCA Executive Committee.

Article 10. Suspension and removal from office

1. General:

- A. Any member of the European Council, the Executive Committee and any Standing Committee may be suspended for gross violation of the rules and Bylaws, for committing an unlawful act in relation to the Association, or for unsportsmanlike conduct or gross misbehavior contrary to the interest of the Association.

- B. Any suspension carried out under these provisions shall be on terms determined by the European Council and shall be communicated to the members of the individuals National Sailing Authority and the IHCA.
- C. A National or Divisional Committee member or officer may be removed from office by the European Council for a willful and unjustifiable act detrimental to the Association or its members.

**Article 11.
Amendments**

- 1. General:
 - A. This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended if passed by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the European Council at a special or general meeting.
 - B. The European Council may make further Bylaws for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of this Constitution and Bylaws with the two-thirds (2/3) majority approval of the European Council.
 - C. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted to the European Council for consideration by the following:
 - i. European Council member(s)
 - ii. The Executive Director, where notice of motion has been received from at least two (2) National or Divisional Associations each having been signed by a minimum of twenty (20) members in good standing from that Nation or Division. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be received by the European Council no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the General Meeting. The Secretary shall distribute all proposed amendments to the European Council members no later than three (3) business days following the closing date.
 - iii. The Executive Committee
 - iv. The President
 - iv. The licensed manufacturer

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Appendix A.

Honorary & Honorary Life Members

1. Erwin Ocklenburg, GER Honorary Life Member, 1997
2. Thomas Poulsen, DEN Honorary Life Member, 2001
3. Shirley Palmer, USA Honorary Member, 2002
4. Ute Vrijburg, NED Honorary Life Member, 2007
5. Geert Schouten, NED Honorary Life Member, 2010
6. John Dinsdale, FRA Honorary Life Member, 2010
7. Erik Olsen, DEN Honorary Life Member, 2017

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Appendix B

EHCA Bylaws, Rules, Definitions and Procedures as decided by the European Council

Bylaws marked with # have previous versions. See "History of changes"

1) **# Cancellation of Bylaw 1.** *At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Neusiedl 27.02.2016, it was decided by vote to cancel Bylaw 1: "Nominating a European Champion".*

2) **# Allocation of Pre-Qualified Spots for European Championships.** *At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Aachen 09.02.95, it was decided by vote to adopt the proposed system of calculation using the National Ranking list with 150 participants as limit and maximum 10 teams per Nation. (see "Enclosure 1")*

a) *Allocation formula:*

- i. *All Hobie Class associations in good standing within the EHCA area of jurisdiction are initially allocated one (1) basic spot.*
- ii. *The remaining number of spots* are proportional allocated to before mentioned nations based on the number of entries on their national Hobie 16 ranking list** (skipper/helm) with a maximum of one-hundred-fifty (150) entries as the limit and never higher than the number of paid-up category A members (skipper/helm/owner). Under this paragraph a maximum of ten (10) spots can be allocated per nation.*

** Defined as:*

The number boats decided for the Gold Fleet of a Hobie 16 European Championship, minus the number of allocated basic spots, minus one (1) spot allocated for the host nation, minus one (1) spot allocated for the defending champion and finally minus three (3) wild cards (the EHCA Executive Committee is delegated the authority to adjust this number between 0-5).

*** If no ranking list, the number of starting boats at the latest Hobie 16 Nationals shall be used. If neither ranking list nor nationals only the basic spot will be allocated.*

b) **#** *At the AGM in Breitenbrunn, Austria 25.02.2011 it was decided that: Deadline for national Hobie Class Associations to report name and contact details of pre-qualified skipper(s)/helm(s) to the EHCA is two (2) weeks prior to start of the Hobie 16 European Championships Gold Fleet series. After deadline the list is closed and cannot be altered.*

c) *Unfilled spots and spots allocated to skippers/helms not showing up at registration will be added the number of open spots.*

d) *Championships Gold Fleet series. Unfilled spots and spots allocated to skippers/helms not showing up at registration will be added the number of open spots.*

3) **# Hobie 16 Europeans - formula for allocation of Gold Fleet spots to the Youth discipline.** *On an EHCA Council e-mail vote 28th of March 2014 the following was decided: The number of Gold Fleet spots given to youth helms-people not already pre-qualified through their respective nation shall be based on the following formula:*

The number is defined as 1/3 of all valid non pre-qualified entries at the time of the entry deadline for the particular event with a minimum of one (1) spot and a maximum of fifteen (15) spots (normal rules for rounding up and down to whole numbers apply).

- 4) **Youth class with SPI:** At the AGM in Lisbon 2005 it was decided that the HC16 Youth European Championships will be sailed with spinnaker (SPI) at future events.
- 5) **Spot for Women:** At an Executive Committee e-mail vote on 18.03.2014 it was decided to lower the requirement of 12 entries to a minimum of eight (8) entries before granting one (1) spot for the Women category.
- 6) **Women HC16 Europeans sailed without spinnaker.** At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Castelldefels, March 1., 2014 it was decided by vote, that HC16 Women Europeans shall be sailed without spinnaker.
- 7) **Spot for Masters:** At an Executive Committee e-mail vote on 18.03.2014 it was decided to lower the requirement of 12 entries to a minimum of eight (8) Valid entries before granting one (1) spot for the Masters category.
- 8) **# Spot for Grand Masters:** At an EHCA Council e-mail vote 13.03.2016 it was decided to lower the requirement of 12 entries to a minimum of eight (8) valid entries before granting one (1) spot for the Grant Master category.
- 9) **Spot for Great Grand Masters:** At an EHCA Council e-mail vote 13.03.2016 it was decided to grant one (1) spot for the Great Grant Master category provided there is a minimum of 5 valid entries.
- 10) **Class policy and event requirements.** At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Noordwijk, February 18, 2017, it was decided by vote to adopt the following:
- Class policy and requirements for a European Championship and/or Eurocup:***
- i. *There must be a minimum of eight (8) starting boats representing a minimum of two (2) European nations to launch a European Championship and/or Eurocup.*
 - ii. *If an event is ranked as a European Championship, its title cannot be withdrawn. However, if above mentioned requirements are not met, the next European event will be ranked as a Eurocup.*
 - iii. *In case the number of boats entering a Eurocup at a "Multi-Europeans" is below the required number, the EHCA Executive Committee may decide to let the boats start anyway in an "EHCA Cup" if it can be arranged with the organizing authority*
- 11) **EHCA Class Event Fee.** At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Toulon, March 6, 2010, it was decided: *The EHCA Event (Europeans or Multi Europeans) Fee as agreed by the EHCA Council is nonnegotiable as well as expenses for the EHCA event coordinator including an initial event check-up meeting/site inspection and expenses for one person during the entire event plus at least 1-2 days prior to start of event. This prescription applies unless dictated by special circumstances. The Council through a 7 days hearing phase using the "silence procedure" principle must approve special circumstances and if expenses cannot be covered as outlined.*
- 12) **EHCA event individual membership fee.** At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Toulon, March 6, 2010, it was decided: *A sailor showing up at an EHCA event and who is not a paid up class member has to pay an individual membership fee as defined by the EHCA Council. The membership applies during the particular event only.*

- 13) EHCA Class Event Per Diem.** At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Toulon, March 6, 2010, it was decided: *Members of the EHCA Executive Committee or officials appointed by the EHCA Executive Committee working at a Europeans or representing EHCA at an IHCA AGM shall per day receive a per diem as defined by the EHCA Council, when he/ she is not participating in the sailing event at the same time and provided per diem is not received otherwise.*
- 14) Sailor Nationality.** In Amsterdam the 14th of February 1998 it was decided: *It shall be necessary for a sailor to have lived for a continuous period of 6 months in a country in order to qualify for another national status of that sailor". A sailor may represent a country if: "he is a paid up recognized member of the country association or region, and or; he has been living in this country for more than 6 months.*
- 15) Allocation of Pre-Qualified Spots for World Championships.** At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Castelldefels, Spain 01.03.2014, it was decided by vote, *that for future Worlds, each National Class Association in good standing will receive a prequalified spot under the restriction that the team getting the spot must be in the top ten percent (10%) (decimals to be rounded up) in the National Ranking List or latest National Championships in the class considered. Remaining spots will be allocated according to the calculation system in use.*
At the AGM in Noordwijk 18.02.2017 it was decided by vote to add following to the Bylaw: *If neither ranking list nor nationals only the basic spot will be allocated.*
- 16) # Cancellation of Bylaw 16.** *At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Noordwijk 18.02.2017, it was decided by vote to cancel Bylaw 1: "EHCA AGM – travel reimbursement of common national representatives".*
- 17) Nations reports:** At the AGM in Neusiedl 27.02.2016 the following was adopted:
- The annual report to be provided by all EHCA member nations at each AGM shall be a written report (free form) of maximum 1 page. Furthermore each nation shall provide the filled in report form even if some information are not available in the country. Missing key information might impact the number of spots to be allocated.
- 18) Hobie Europeans - host country report.** At the AGM in Amsterdam 02.02.1997 it was decided: *At each EHCA AGM, every country which is hosting a European Championship or similar event is to produce a report to the council.*
- 19) Membership requirements at national championships.** At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Toulon, March 6, 2010, it was decided: *National Associations within the EHCA area of jurisdiction have to ensure the Notice of Race for their national Hobie Class championships is prescribing all crewmembers on board a competing boat to be members in good standing of the national Hobie Class association in line with the definitions laid down in constitution of the EHCA.*
- 20) EHCA membership fee.** At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Hamburg 2009, it was decided by vote to raise the EHCA annual membership fee by two (2) EUR from 10 EUR to twelve (12) EUR, effective in 2011.

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Appendix C

EHCA Bylaw Supplements

A) Format Guidelines of the Hobie Europeans. At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Toulon, March 6, 2010 , it was decided by vote to adopt the Guidelines of the Hobie Europeans as shown below:

Hobie Multi-Europeans all classes/EuroSPicup

Friday/ Day one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration Youth, Women, Masters, Grand Masters, EHCA Hobie 16 Open Spi Cup, Dragoon. • Opening Ceremony.
Saturday/ Day two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 races scheduled Youth, Women, Masters, Grand Masters, EHCA Hobie 16 Open Spi Cup, • 2-4 races scheduled Dragoon.
Sunday/ etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 races scheduled Youth, Women, Masters, EHCA Hobie 16 Open Spi Cup, • 2-4 races scheduled Dragoon. • Registration Qualifiers Open Hobie 16 Europeans. • Prize Giving Ceremony Women, Masters/ Grand Masters, EHCA Hobie 16 Open Spi Cup.
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 races scheduled Youth, 2-4 races scheduled Dragoon. • 2-4 races scheduled Qualifiers Hobie 16 Open.
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 races scheduled Youth, • 2-4 races scheduled Dragoon. • 2-4 races scheduled Qualifiers Hobie 16 Open. • Registration PreQual Hobie 16, Hobie 14, Tiger, Wild Cat and FX 1/FX 1-2. Prize Giving Ceremony Youth and Dragoon, Hobie 16 Cut Party.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 races scheduled Finals Hobie 16 Open Gold & Silver fleet 2-4 races scheduled Hobie Tiger • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie Wild Cat • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie 14 • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie FX 1/FX 1-2
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 races scheduled Finals Hobie 16 Open – Gold & Silver fleet • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie Tiger • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie Wild Cat • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie 14 • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie FX 1/FX 1-2
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 races scheduled Finals Hobie 16 Open – Gold & Silver fleet • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie Tiger • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie Wild Cat • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie 14 • 2-4 races scheduled Hobie FX 1/FX 1-2
Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 races scheduled Finals Hobie 16 Open – Gold & Silver fleet • 2 races scheduled Hobie Tiger • 2 races scheduled Hobie Wild Cat 2 races scheduled Hobie 14 • 2 races scheduled Hobie FX 1/FX 1-2 • Dinner & Prize Giving Ceremony Hobie 16, Hobie 14, Tiger, Wild Cat and FX 1/FX 1-2.

Hobie Multi-Europeans w/o Hobie 16/EuroSPicup

Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration – Opening Ceremony.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2-4 races scheduled.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2-4 races scheduled.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2-4 races scheduled.
Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 races scheduled.• Dinner & Prize Giving Ceremony.

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Appendix D

History of changes to the EHCA Bylaws. Previous editions of the Bylaws

- 1) **Nominating a European Champion.** *At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Aachen 19.02.1994, it was decided by vote, that at European Championships with competitors from other regions that the best team overall receives the winner's awards and that the best European team receives the title European Champion.*
 - ***This By-law was canceled at the AGM in Neusiedl, Austria 27.02.2016.***

- 2) **Allocation of Pre-Qualified Spots for European Championships.** *At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Aachen 09.02.95, it was decided by vote to adopt the proposed system of calculation using the National Ranking list with 150 participants as limit and maximum 10 teams per Nation.*
 - ***The wording in this Bylaw was changed at the AGM in Breitenbrunn, Austria 25.02.2011.***

2b) Deadline for national Hobie Class Associations to report name and contact details of pre-qualified skipper(s)/helm(s) to the EHCA shall be 3 weeks prior to start of the Hobie 16 European Championships.

 - ***This class policy was augmented at the AGM in Breitenbrunn, Austria 25.02.2011.***

2b) At the AGM in Breitenbrunn, Austria 25.02.2011 it was decided that: Deadline for national Hobie Class Associations to report name and contact details of pre-qualified skipper(s)/helm(s) to the EHCA is two (2) weeks prior to start of the Hobie 16 European Championships Gold Fleet series.

 - ***This class policy was augmented again at the AGM in Noordwijk, Holland 18.02.2017.***

- 3) **Hobie 16 Europeans - formula for allocation of Gold Fleet spots to the Youth discipline.**

The Youth category shall have spots in the Gold fleet at the European Championships equaling 10% of all valid entries not already prequalified in the Youth category with a minimum of 5 spots.

 - ***This class policy was changed at the AGM in Hamburg 2009.***

Gold fleet allocations for Youth. At the AGM in Hamburg, 2009, it was decided to change the allocation formula for the Youth category to read: The Youth category shall have spots in the Gold fleet at the European Championships equaling 20% of all valid entries not already prequalified in the Youth category with a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 15 spots.

 - ***This Bylaw was changed at an EHCA Council E-mail vote 28.03.2014.***

- 8) **Introduction of the Grand Master class at Europeans.** *At the EHCA Annual General Meeting in Castelldefels, March 1., 2014 it was decided to introduce the Grand Master class at European Championships. Criteria for achieving a spot for the Gold fleet races must be the same as for the Masters with a minimum of 12 boats competing in the GM class.*
 - ***This Bylaw was changed at an EHCA Council E-mail vote 13.03.2016.***

- 16) **EHCA AGM – travel reimbursement of common national representatives.** *At the AGM in Amsterdam 02.02.1997 it was decided that in case two or more National Associations find it appropriate to go together on a voluntary basis about sending a common representative (carrying the necessary proxies) to an EHCA AGM, they can do so. A national representative representing more than one association shall in return receive the total amount of the travel contribution originally assigned to the national associations he/she is representing. However, a representative shall never be reimbursed more than the actual travelling costs for the meeting concerned.*
 - ***This By-law was canceled at the AGM in Noordwijk Holland 18.02.2017.***

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ENCLOSURE 1

Calculation formula

At the AGM in Aachen 09.02.95. it was decided by vote to adopt the proposed calculation system for allocating prequalified spots for European Championships.

The Calculation formula inserted in a table (including all updates to the formula)

figures in the chart are examples								
Country	Good Standing	Ranking list or Nationals	Allocating numbers (max. 150 re. EHCA Bylaw)	Basic spot	Add.spots iaw. the EHCA allocation formula	Additional spot(s) in whole figures	Pre-qualified teams (max. 10 spots)	Remarks
member nation	no	11	0	0	0,00	0	0	A
member nation	yes	48	48	1	4,36	4	5	
member nation	yes	0	0	1	0,00	0	1	B
member nation	yes	22	22	1	2,00	2	3	
member nation	yes	175	150	1	13,64	14	10	C
Total		256	220	4	20	20	19	
Country	enter all EHCA member nations							
Good standing	yes / no. In case of a no-pay nation, the formular must be changed manually as follows: for no-pay nations a 0 will be entered under Allocating numbers and Basic spot . (see remark A)							
Ranking list or Nationals	number of teams on the national ranking list (RL). If not available the number of teams participating at the National championship can be used (own members only. If neither list available a 0 will be entered (see remark B)							
Allocating numbers	same numbers as explained right above however if numbers exceeds the maximum enter 150 If neither RL nor Nationals lists are available enter a 0							
Basic spots	Each nation in good standing is entitled to 1 basic spot despite no RL or Nationals available (see remark B)							
Add. spots	The total number of additional spots to be decided by the Executive Committee. (usually around 20) Additional spots per nation are automatically calculated as follows: total number of additional spots (20) divided by total number of allocating numbers (e.g. 220) multiplied by each individual RL / NAT numbers							
Add. spots in whole figures	figures are rounded up/down to whole figures. Done automatically							
Prequalified teams:	each nations total number of spots will be: 1 Basic spot + the Additional spots in whole figures. No nation can have more than 10 prequal. spots in total. If 11 or more, 10 will be entered (see remark C)							
OPEN spots: example								
total number of spots (factory sails)			45					
minus the number of prequalified teams			19					
minus individual spots*			11					
OPEN qualifier spots in total			15					

* Individual spots:

Masters are entitled to 1 spot when there are minimum 8 entries in the Master discipline.

Grand Masters are entitled to 1 spot when there are minimum 8 entries in the GM discipline.

Great Grand Masters are entitled to 1 spot when there are minimum 5 entries in the GGM discipline.

Women are entitled to 1 spot when there are minimum 8 entries in the Women discipline.

Youth are entitled to have a min. of 1 and a max. of 15 spots based on 33 % of the number of the non-prequalified entries in the Youth discipline.

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ENCLOSURE 2

Supplement to the EHCA Constitution and Bylaws

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ACTUAL FEES etc.:	
EHCA membership fee (<i>applies to the fees due for payment January 2011</i>)	EUR 12
EHCA event individual membership fee	EUR 35
EHCA Class Event Per Diem/day	EUR 15
EHCA Class Event Fee – percentage of all entry fees	10 %

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