

**INTERNATIONAL J/70 CLASS ASSOCIATION**  
**CLASS RULES PROPOSAL**  
**(March 10, 2018)**

**(CRC-1) Class Membership of Crew Members**

**Proposed Rule Change**

C.3 CREW

C.3.1 LIMITATIONS ON THE CREW

- (b) All members of the **crew** shall be current class members in good standing, except that a **crew** member other than the driver is not required to be a class member if he or she holds a valid Group 1 Classification in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 22.
- (c) No **crew** member shall be substituted during the world championship and any event of 6 or less consecutive days, without the approval of the Race Committee or event Technical Committee.
- (d) For events of two or more consecutive days, all **crew** shall be registered and shall be identified in any entry list, scratch sheet and results listing where the helmsperson, skipper or owner is identified.

**Current Rule**

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**Reason for Changes**

With the tremendous growth and popularity of the J/70 Class, there has been a significant influx of professional sailors into the class. The involvement of professional sailors has been a significant contributor to the strength of the class because of the expertise and knowledge they willingly and freely share with the class and its members, and because of the exciting high level of racing that they provide. Consistent with their important involvement in the class, it would be beneficial if they extended their involvement by becoming class members and partners with other class members. In those extremely rare cases where some discipline might be required, the class would have the ability to impose limitations on their participation. (This provision would apply to all crew except those who are classified Group 1 under World Sailing's regulations. Many professional sailors choose not to be classified Group 3, and choose instead to simply remain unclassified, so they would be covered by this rule.)

It is also important for the class if the public can see all members of the crews who are participating in an event, so that people are aware of the high level of racers who are participating in the class. Every member of the crew is an important contributor to the results of the competing team, and should be acknowledged as such.