

## PAPER TIGER CATAMARAN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

### 1- NAME

The name of the Association shall be the PAPER TIGER CATAMARAN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION with the head office at the office or home of the current International Secretary.

### 2 - INSIGNIA

The emblem of the class shall be the recognised stylised tiger symbol, and the insignia of the officers shall be those prescribed by by-law.

### 3 - VISION

To see the Paper Tiger Catamaran established as a strong and healthy class in many countries

### 4 - MISSION

The Paper Tiger Catamaran Class remains strong and healthy through:

- attracting new people into the class;
- providing support for new owners;
- conducting National Championships each supplying many competitors to a regular and highly competitive International Championships;
- maintaining the class rules so that it is a great boat to sail, has excellent competition, and is affordable;
- ensuring the association is well managed and features good communication throughout the Regional associations.

### 5 - PURPOSE

The Purpose of the Association is to:

- (1) Provide a medium of exchange of information among Paper Tiger Catamaran sailors throughout the world and to enhance the enjoyment of their sailboats.
- (2) Promote and develop Paper Tiger Catamaran class racing in all countries under uniform rules.
- (3) Encourage and foster the enjoyment of the sporting and recreational aspects of sailing.

### 6 - POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Association to promote and maintain the Paper Tiger Catamaran as a one-design catamaran.

### 7 - JURISDICTION

The association has authority over all activities of the Paper Tiger Catamaran Class throughout the world, and its powers shall be vested in and carried out by the International Committee, and Regional Associations as provided in this Constitution and any by-laws passed pursuant to the provisions hereof; all subject to and in accordance with the General Rules and By-Laws of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).

### 8 - BUILDERS

- (1) The Paper Tiger Catamaran may be built by either amateur builders, or commercial builders, provided all royalty and association registration fees are paid. All builders, both amateur builders or commercial organisations must be a member of a Regional Association.
- (2) The royalty fee is required upon commencement of building a pair of hulls.
- (3) The registration number shall be indelibly marked inside the hulls, viewable through an inspection port.

### ORGANISATION

### 9 – INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

- (1) The Association shall be governed by the International Committee, comprised of the following voting and non-voting members.

The voting members shall be:

- the President elected by each Regional Association
- the Vice President elected by each Regional Association
- the International Measurer elected by each Regional Association

The non-voting members shall be:

- The International Secretary
- The International Publicity Officer
- The National Secretaries elected by each Regional Association
- The National Measurers elected by each Regional Association
- The Immediate Past President from the International Committee.

This committee organisation is illustrated in appendix 1.

- (2) The International Committee shall meet during each International Contest or on agreement of each Regional Association from time to time as required. A Region may request a special meeting of International Committee providing they have the unanimous agreement of their Regional Association.
- (3) The International Committee shall select from amongst themselves, the International President who shall hold office until the next meeting of the International Committee. The office of International President shall alternate between presidents of member Regions, unless otherwise decided by unanimous decision of the International Committee. In event of any tied vote, the International President shall hold an additional casting vote, which must be cast for the status quo if one exists.
- (4) The International Secretary shall be elected by the International Committee and shall hold office for a term until the next meeting of the International Committee. The office of International Secretary will alternate between member Regions, unless otherwise decided by unanimous decision of the International Committee. The International Secretary shall be responsible for all secretarial duties, including all communications of the International Committee, subject to and in accordance with the constitution, by-laws, and the direction of the International Committee, including:
- (a) The initiation of inter-Regional activities at the direction of the International Committee (e.g. ensuring that international events are initiated).
  - (b) Liaison between the Association, the ISAF, and all other yachting authorities.
  - (c) Liaison between the International Committee and the Regional Associations.
- (5) The International Publicity Officer shall be elected by the International Committee and shall hold office for a term until the next meeting of the International Committee. The International Publicity Officer shall be Web-Master for the International Paper Tiger Catamaran Web Site and be responsible for all publicity duties, in accordance with the constitution, by-laws, and the direction of the International Committee.
- (6) The International Measurers shall rule on all questions and challenges relating to the Class Rules and shall issue Interpretations thereof deemed necessary by them. All such Interpretations shall be binding until approved, rejected or modified by decision of the International Committee and duly published to the members of the Association.
- (7) The International Committee may invite the Immediate Past president from the International Committee to join the Committee as a non-voting member.

## 10 – REGIONS

*A Region is a country, and may be referred to as National Associations. (e.g. Australia, New Zealand,)*

- (1) The International Committee shall, by By-Law, establish Regions in distinctive areas deemed appropriate and relevant, having regard to all considerations including geography, language, distance, and population, for the development of the Paper Tiger Catamaran Class and the fulfilment of the objects of the association
- (2) The International Committee, upon establishing regions, shall appoint Regional Associations, comprised of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to hold office until their successors are elected by the members. Such Regional Associations may also be termed more commonly National Associations.
- (3) The Regional Association shall consist of the foregoing officers, and may appoint such additional officers to hold office for such a term as it may determine.
- (4) Each Region shall administer in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the constitution of the Region, approved by the International Committee, or if the Region has no constitution, the Regional Association By-Law of the International Committee, and the officers of each Regional Association shall be elected annually by the members of the association within the region in accordance with the provisions of the Regional Constitution, or, in the absence thereof, the Regional Association By-Law
- (5)
  - (a) The boundaries of the Regions may be varied by the International Committee on the application of any Region concerned, and one or more regions may be amalgamated or any Region sub-divided into one or more Regions with the approval of the Regional Associations concerned.
  - (b) Any Region may be sub-divided into Sub-Regions by the Regional Association concerned.
- (6) A Regional Association shall elect a National Measurer. Nothing precludes a National Measurer from acting as Measurer for more than one Region.
- (7) A Regional Association may make By-Laws, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, and the Regional Association By-Law or Regional Association's constitution (as the case may be), for any purpose necessary to carry out its functions and responsibilities in the management of such Region.
- (8) If any Region is within the jurisdiction of a National Authority, such a Regional Association shall, in addition to any other requirements of this constitution, be subject to such rules, regulations and directions of such National Authority.

## 11- SUB REGIONS

*(Sub Regions will generally encompass areas of provincial interest, and may be referred to as State or Provincial Associations. e.g. Victoria, New South Wales)*

- (1) A Regional Association can, by By-Law, establish Sub-Regions in distinctive areas deemed appropriate and relevant, having regard to all considerations including geography, language, distance and population, for the development of the Paper Tiger Catamaran Class and the fulfilment of the Objects of the Association.
- (2) A Regional Association, upon establishing Sub-Regions, shall appoint Sub-Regional Associations comprised of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to hold office until their successors are elected by the members.
- (3) The Sub-Regional Association shall consist of the foregoing officers, and may appoint such additional officers to hold office for such a term as it may determine.
- (4) Each Sub-Region shall be administered in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the constitution of the Sub-Region, approved by the International Committee, or if the Sub-Region has no

constitution, the Sub-Regional Association By-Law of this constitution, and the officers of each Sub-Regional Association shall be elected annually by the members of the association within the Sub-Region in accordance with the provisions of the Sub-Regional Constitution, or, in the absence thereof, the Sub-Regional Association By-Law.

- (5) The boundaries of Sub-Regions may be varied by a Regional Association on the application of any Sub-Region concerned, and one or more Sub-Regions may be amalgamated or any Sub-Region may be sub-divided into one or more Sub-Regions with the approval of the Sub-Regional Associations concerned.
- (6) A Sub-Regional Association may appoint Measurers to assist the National Measurer in the conduct of their responsibilities and the enforcement of the Rules, and nothing precludes a Sub-Regional Measurer from acting as Measurer for more than one Sub-Region. A Sub-Regional Measurer shall have the authority to rule on all questions and challenges relating to the Rules and Interpretations of the International Measurers, but may not issue Interpretations except with the prior approval of the International Measurers.
- (7) A Sub-Regional Association may make By-Laws, subject to the provisions of this constitution, and the Regional General By-Law for any purpose necessary to carry out its functions and responsibilities in the management of such Sub-Region..
- (8) If any Sub-Region is within the jurisdiction of a National Authority, such a Sub-Region Association shall, in addition to any other requirements of this constitution, be subject to such rules, regulations and directions of such National Authority.

## 12 MEMBERS

- (1) Any person may become a member of the Association by making application to either:
  - (a) The appropriate Regional Secretary, or
  - (b) The appropriate Sub-Regional Secretary, or
  - (c) The International Secretary if the person is located outside any of the member Regions, provided that the applicant has not been previously disqualified from membership of a Region
- (2) An application for membership implies that the applicant undertakes and agrees to be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association upon being accepted to membership.
- (3) A member of the Association belongs to the Region in which the member normally sails, even though such place may not be the member's permanent residence, but such a member, for valid reason and with the approval of the Regional President may select instead the Region or Sub-Region in which the member has permanent residence.
- (4) The International Committee may grant honorary membership in the Association, for such period as it determines appropriate, to any person who, through special contribution to the Class or through special relationship to the Association, is considered meritorious.
- (5) The International Committee may grant an honorary life membership to any member who has achieved, in the opinion of the International Committee, international stature as a result of the member's yachting achievements.
- (6) An honorary and honorary life member are entitled to full privileges of membership, but are not required to pay the annual dues of the Association.
- (7) Membership in the Association shall not be open to any company, partnership, group or other association unless specifically authorised in any case or class of cases by the International Committee, and the International Committee may impose such terms, conditions or qualifications to any such membership as it shall deem appropriate.

## 13 - DUES

- (1) Association dues shall be the amount determined by and shall be payable within the time prescribed by By-Law of each Region or Sub-Region, and shall include all amounts required for International Committee and Regional and Sub-Regional purposes, as determined by each authority.
- (2) The Association may ask for special contribution in addition to dues, provided any such contribution shall be for a specific purpose and shall not be mandatory.
- (3) Dues shall be collected by the Regional or Sub-Regional Treasurer, and the International Committee may direct the Regional or Sub-Regional Treasurer to collect such dues under such terms and conditions as to reporting and accounting as may be required.

#### 14 - SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- (1) A member may be suspended by the International Committee, a Regional or Sub-Regional Association for repeated, deliberate violation of the Rules and By-Laws, for committing an unlawful act in relation to the Association or one of its members, or for any unsportsmanlike like conduct contrary to the interests of the members of the Association. In all cases, The International Committee shall be advised within fourteen (14) days of the suspended member's name, the reason for the suspension and the duration of the suspension, which may not exceed two (2) years. A suspended member shall during such period be precluded from racing or enjoying any other rights of membership.
- (2) A Regional or Sub-Regional officer may be removed from office by the International Committee for a wilful and unjustifiable act of commission or omission detrimental to the Association or to its members.

#### 15 - APPEALS

Any dispute arising in relation to Regions or Sub-Regions eligibility to race, the interpreting of this Constitution, By-Laws or similar matter, other than any dispute as to the interpretation of the rules or any protest within the jurisdiction of the applicable racing rules, may be made to the International Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.

#### 16 BY-LAWS

The International Committee may make By-Laws for the purpose of carrying out the objects of this Constitution and of the Association and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may make By-Laws:

- (1) Amending the Rules of the Paper Tiger Catamaran Class, hereby established as By-Law 1 of the Association, as provided in paragraph 17 thereof.
- (2) Respecting the establishment of Regions and Sub-Regions and powers of the Regional and Sub-Regional Committees.
- (3) Delegating specific powers of the International Committee to Regional and Sub-Regional Committees.
- (4) Respecting the Constitutions and By-Laws of Regional and Sub-Regional Associations.
- (5) Respecting registration of members.
- (6) Respecting the measurement of boats.
- (7) Respecting the conduct of sanctioned events.
- (8) Respecting the acceptance of deeds of gift of trophies.
- (9) Changing the Headquarters of the Association.
- (10) Respecting the procedures for meetings of the International Committee, Regional or Sub-Regional Committees, including the conduct of business by mail or other means of communication.

#### 17 AMENDMENTS

- (1) Amendments to these rules shall be by at least 2/3 majority of all ballot papers returned by financial Paper Tiger Catamaran Association members.
- (2) A ballot paper may be handed out or sent by mail, fax or electronic media to all members. Only one vote per member shall be returned in the allowed time.
- (3) A ballot paper shall be supported by a discussion paper, which contains sound and balanced rationale (both for and against) for the proposed amendment.

- (4) A period of 60 days shall be allowed from the date of posting the ballot papers for return mail.
- (5) All ballot papers shall be first reviewed and approved by the International Committee before being sent to members.
- (6) Any approved rule change shall apply from the first day of the next July or such date as may be determined by the International Committee.

#### 18 TRANSITION PROVISIONS

- (1) This Revision of the Constitution will come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2003 (target date at this stage, dependant on further revision and voting).
  - Previously revised 1<sup>st</sup> February 1983.
  - Rule 17 in the constitution has been amended as at July 2000 to streamline the future rule amendments

## **BY-LAWS**

### BY-LAW 1 (Measurement)

### CLASS RULES - Revised July 2002

### BY - LAW 2

#### REGIONAL GENERAL BY-LAW

##### 1 - NAME

The name of the Regional Association shall be the (name or geographic designation) Paper Tiger Catamaran Association and it shall have its offices at:

Address.....  
in the city of.....

##### 2 - OBJECTS

- (1) To provide a medium of exchange of information among Paper Tiger Catamaran sailors within the region
- (2) To promote and develop Paper Tiger Catamaran class racing within this Region.
- (3) To encourage and foster the enjoyment of the sporting and recreational aspects of sailing through the development of fleets within the Region.

##### 3 – REGIONAL (NATIONAL) ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The Regional Association Committee shall be comprised of a:

- (1) Regional President who shall be responsible for the co-ordination of all activities of the Regional Association within the Region, shall represent the Region at annual meetings of the International Committee in accordance with the Constitution of the Paper Tiger Catamaran International Association, shall chair all Annual Meetings of the Regional Association, and shall otherwise perform the normal functions of the President within the Region.
- (2) Regional Secretary who shall be responsible for maintaining all membership and other records and correspondence of the Regional Association, and shall otherwise carry out such responsibilities as may be assigned by the Regional President.
- (3) Regional Treasurer who shall be responsible for determination of the entitlement of applicants to membership in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Constitution, the collection of dues to be levied for membership in accordance with paragraph 13 of the said constitution, the maintenance of all accounts to the Regional membership thereon and preparation of an annual financial statement for the membership.
- (4) National Measurer who shall carry out the responsibilities set forth in By-law 4.
- (5) International Measurer who shall carry out the responsibilities set forth in By-law 8.
- (6) Regional Publicity Officer who shall facilitate the promulgation of class news to Regional Media and shall coordinate the establishment and regular updating of a regional web site which complies with the direction of the International web site and the International Committee.
- (7) Regional Newsletter Editor who shall coordinate the production of a regular newsletter which facilitates the promulgation of class news to the members of the Regional Association. In a region with existing sub-regions, this responsibility may be deferred to sub-regional newsletter editors.

- (8) The Regional Association may appoint such additional officers to perform such duties or to carry out such special projects as may from time to time be determined by the Regional Association, and they shall hold office for such time as it may determine.
- (9) The Regional Association may appoint such committees, as may be deemed appropriate from time to time to carry out the functions and duties as prescribed by the Regional Association, and the Regional President shall be a member ex-officio of any committee so established.

#### 4 - REGIONAL ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION TO OFFICE

- (1) The Regional Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time as may be determined by resolution of the Regional Association, but not later than fifteen (15) months from the date of the last annual meeting.
- (2) Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be sent to all members of the Regional Association not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting and such notice shall include:
  - (a) An agenda for the said meeting;
  - (b) A notice of any special by-law whether to amend the Regional General By-Law or to enact any other By-Laws;
  - (c) A summary of the annual reports of the Regional President and the Treasurer;
  - (d) A report of the nominating committee, if any, for the election of offices for the ensuing year.
- (3) Any member of the Regional and Sub-Regional Association shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) A majority of members voting in favour of a resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall be sufficient, except for resolutions which report to amend the Regional General By-Law or to enact any other By-Law which shall require a two thirds majority thereof to be effective.
- (5) Officers of a Regional Association elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Association shall hold office until their successors are elected.

#### 5 - REGIONAL DUES

The annual dues of the Regional Association shall be payable to the Association not later than the first day of November in any year or such other day as the Regional Association shall by By-Law determine provided that no person may race a Paper Tiger Catamaran in any Sanctioned Event after the last date for payment has fallen due unless the said dues have been fully paid and that person is a member of the Paper Tiger Catamaran Association as required by Rule 12.

#### 6 – REGIONAL (NATIONAL) CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (1) The Regional Association shall annually sponsor a Regional Championship sailing event which shall be open to any member of the Regional Association to be held at such place within the Region as the Regional Association shall determine.
- (2) The Regional Championship event shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Racing By-Law passed by the International Committee.

#### 7 - REGIONAL BY-LAWS

The Regional Association may make By-Laws for the purpose of carrying out the objects of these General By-Laws and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may make By-Laws:

- (a) Determining the fiscal year of the Regional Association.
- (b) Determining the period within which the Annual General Meeting must be held.
- (c) Establishing nominating committees and methods of formation thereof.
- (d) Subject to any By-Law of the Paper Tiger Catamaran International Association, respecting the conduct of any regatta within the Region and the eligibility of members for major racing events.
- (e) Respecting the acceptance of deeds of gift of trophies.

- (f) Changing the Head Office of the Region.
- (g) Respecting the conduct of business of the Region.
- (h) Giving effect to the provisions of any local or general public law having application in the Region enacted by any governmental body having jurisdiction.
- (I) Respecting the organisation, constitution, and operation of fleets within the Region.
- (j) Respecting the constitution and eligibility for committees including nominating committees.

#### 8 - COMING INTO FORCE OF REGIONAL GENERAL BY-LAW

- (1) This By-Law comes into force on the 1st February 1983
- (2) The International Committee, upon establishing a Region, shall designate the name of the Region and the location of the offices thereof and may, in addition, approve any addition to the said Region General By-Law as may be required to meet the laws of such Region or any special circumstances, provided such additions are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution or this By-Law.

#### BY-LAW 3

##### MEASUREMENT BY-LAW

- 1. If a National Measurer finds that a yacht does not comply with the rules, the National Measurer shall report the fact to the Race Committee.
- 2. If a protest is lodged alleging that the class measurement rules have been infringed, the protest committee may call upon the National Measurer to resolve the question(s).

#### BY-LAW 4

##### NATIONAL MEASURERS BY-LAW

- 1. The responsibilities of the National Measurer and any assistant shall include;
  - (1) Generally, ensuring that throughout the Region, the principles of the Rules are understood and complied with.
  - (2) For Sanctioned Events and other events designated by the National President as requiring the attendance of the National Measurer:
    - (a) Perform a pre-race inspection of all boats to be sailed in such event and report to each owner and to the Race Committee Chairman the owner and number of any boat which, if sailed in such event, would violate the rules and be subject to protest.
    - (b) Assist the Race Committee at such event, upon request, with any protests to which the Measurement By-Law applies.
    - (c) Issue interim rulings respecting the Rules, not previously the subject of an interpretation of the International Measurers, provided that such interpretation shall be committed to writing following such event and submitted to the International Measurers for confirmation of variation as seen fit. Any such interim ruling shall be binding and valid for the event for which it has been issued.
  - (3) Carry out such additional responsibilities (as a member of the executive of the Regional or Sub-Regional Association) as may be assigned.
- 2. No person shall be nominated for the position of National Measurer unless they have displayed to the satisfaction of the National President and Secretary:
  - (1) An appreciation of the Constitution of the Paper Tiger Catamaran class.
  - (2) An appreciation of the principles as set forth in the Rules.
  - (3) A thorough knowledge of the Rules, the interpretations issued there under and the Measurement By-Law of the Class, including the ability to carry out measurements in accordance with the Measurement By-Law.
  - (4) That they maintain a Paper Tiger Catamaran in a condition which does not violate any of the rules of the Class and whose attitude towards the enforcement of the Rules has been, and is likely to be, beyond reproach.

3. A Regional Association shall elect a National Measurer subject to satisfying the items set forth in paragraph (2) above. The International Secretary shall be notified in writing of the appointment.
4. The International Secretary shall forthwith communicate the appointment to the International Committee.
5. National Measurers, with the approval of the Regional President, may appoint Assistant National Measurers from time to time, who meet the requirements of paragraph (2) for the purpose of attending a Sanctioned or other event designated as requiring the presence of the National Measurer. Such appointment shall be for one specific event.

#### BY-LAW 5

#### SANCTIONED EVENTS

1. The following events shall be deemed to be Sanctioned Events for the purposes of the Constitution, the Rules, and the By-Laws of the Association:
  - (1) International Championships events.
  - (2) Regional (National) and Sub-Regional (State or Provincial) Championship events.
  - (3) Such other events as may be designated by the International Committee.
2. Any Sanctioned Event shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of By-Law 1 (Class Rules, Measurement)
3. Only fully paid up members of the PAPER TIGER CATAMARAN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION Regional or Sub-regional Associations shall be eligible to compete in Sanctioned Events.

#### BY-LAW 6

The International Committee may conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic communication or, as an alternative, by post. The Minutes of any such meeting must be circulated by the International Secretary and signed by each member of the International Committee before coming into force.

#### BY-LAW 7

The International Committee may issue dispensations for boats participating in sanctioned international events. Such dispensations shall be granted only if :

- (a) The International Committee is satisfied that no advantage will be gained and
- (b) The performance of the boat shall not be materially affected.

Any dispensation will be applied only in cases of genuine building error. The specific departure from class rule 2 must be recorded on the boats measurement certificate. The International Committee shall delegate this authority to Regional Associations in respect of Regional Events.

## BY-LAW 8

### INTERNATIONAL MEASURERS

1. The responsibilities of the International Measurer shall include;
  - (1) Generally, ensuring that the principles of the Rules are maintained, understood and complied with.
  - (2) Maintain the class measurement rules in accordance with the provisions of the constitution:
    - (a) prepare proposed amendments to class measurement rules and gain approval from all the International Committee prior to voting by members.
    - (b) provide interpretations on class measurement rules in response to written inquiries from National Measurers, following protocol and procedure outlined in by-law 9.
    - (c) maintain a register of the interpretations made on class measurement rules, which shall be held by the International Secretary.
  - (3) Carry out such additional responsibilities (as a member of the executive of the Regional or Sub-Regional Association) as may be assigned.
2. No person shall be nominated for the position of International Measurer unless they have displayed to the satisfaction of the National President and Secretary:
  - (1) An appreciation of the Constitution of the Paper Tiger Catamaran class.
  - (2) An appreciation of the Rules.
  - (3) A thorough knowledge of the Rules, the interpretations issued there under, and the Measurement By-Law of the Class, including the ability to carry out measurements in accordance with the Measurement By-Law.
  - (4) An ability to facilitate resolution of disputes regarding issues with Class Measurement rules.
3. Each Regional Association shall elect an International Measurer subject to satisfying the items set forth in paragraph (2) above. No person shall hold the position of International and National Measurer concurrently.
4. The International Secretary shall be notified in writing of the appointment. The International Secretary shall forthwith communicate the appointment to the International Committee.

## BY-LAW 9

### Procedures for Resolving Measuring Disputes

The National and International Measurers shall follow this procedure for resolving class measurement rule disputes.

#### Stage 1 – Rule Clarification

- (1) When a measurement issue is in dispute it shall be put in writing. The National Measurer shall make a ruling according to the class rules and official interpretations.
- (2) If the National Measurer is unsure regarding the ruling made on an issue, he may issue an “interim ruling” in accordance with by-law 7.

#### Stage 2 – Rule Interpretation

- (1) If a National Measurer is unsure regarding a ruling on a measurement issue, the issue is referred to an International Measurer for an interpretation.
- (2) The International Measurer consults all other International Measurers who will draft an interpretation. In the event that the International Measurers cannot reach a consensus decision, they shall escalate the issue to the International Committee.
- (3) The draft interpretation is passed back to the National Measurers for comment.
- (4) The International Committee then ratifies the Interpretation.
- (5) Once ratified the interpretation is documented and forwarded to National Measurers and National Secretaries for publication, and the International Secretary for recording in the official register of interpretations. This final interpretation will replace any interim interpretations previously made.

### Stage 3 – Rule Amendment

- (1) If the International Committee do not agree on an interpretation, a rule amendment shall be drafted by the International Measurers. In the event that the International Measurers cannot reach a consensus decision, they shall escalate the issue to the International Committee.
- (2) The proposed rule amendment is passed back to the National Measurers for comment.
- (3) The final draft of the proposed rule amendment is then approved by the International Committee for voting in accordance with section 17 of the constitution.

### Protocols for the International Committee

- (1) All correspondence shall be by email, and should be replied to within a prescribed period of 7 days.
- (2) Correspondence between International Measurers during their debate on proposed rule amendments should be “reply to all” and “copy” to all International Committee members.
- (3) A consensus decision should generally be reached, however in the event that the International Committee cannot reach a decision, then majority vote of the International Committee is required to approve any rule interpretation or proposed amendment before it is published for voting in accordance with section 17 of the constitution.

