

THE CANADIAN FIREBALL ASSOCIATION

1. TITLE

The title shall be the Canadian Fireball Association.

2. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag shall be a red disc on a blue ground.

For Class racing it shall be Pennant 1.

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Canadian Fireball Association is:

1. To further the interests and govern the affairs of the International Fireball class in Canada.
2. To represent the interests of the Canadian Fireball class with Fireball International.
3. To represent the class with the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) and with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to every Fireball helm and crew. Each member shall be registered as a full member with in the Canadian Fireball Association and Fireball International. Membership is required of all participants in provincial, national, and international Fireball events. Each member is entitled to one vote.

5. BOAT REGISTRATION

Every Fireball actively raced must be registered by the boat owner with the Canadian Fireball Association on an annual basis. Change in ownership requires a new registration. The National Measurer/Treasurer shall be notified of all changes in ownership by the new owner through the provincial Vice-President or provincial association concerned. The National Measurer shall issue a new Measurement Certificate in the name of the new owner.

6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Annual Subscription for boat registration and membership in the Association shall be determined by the Council of the Association. The subscription includes all monies due to Fireball International, National administration costs and may include a levy to cover provincial administration costs. Provincial levies are determined by each provincial association and may be collected independently of the national dues. Any provincial levies remitted to CFA will transferred to the appropriate provincial association.

The Council may provide a discount to members 23 years of age and younger.

The Annual Subscription for all classes of membership shall be due on January 1st of each year and shall cover the period January 1 through December 31. New members paying their dues after September 30 will be considered as having paid their dues for the following year.

7. MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES

Measurement Certificates shall be issued to a boat which complies with the current Rules and which has been measured by a recognized Fireball Class Association Measurer. Measurement Certificates shall be issued only by the National Measurer. The completed measurement form should be sent to the National Measurer by the approved measurer and if the boat complies with the rules of Fireball International, the measurement certificate will be sent to the owner and the National Treasurer informed.

A Measurement Certificate is only valid for racing purposes when a current subscription receipt is attached.

8. MANAGEMENT

8.1. Canadian Fireball Association

- 8.1.1. A National Council consisting of the President and Vice Presidents only shall be responsible for the general management of the Association. The Rear Commodore (America) shall be an ex-officio member of the National Council.
- 8.1.2. In any matters requiring a vote in Council, the Provincial Vice Presidents only shall have one vote each with the President holding the right to a casting vote in the event of a deadlock.
- 8.1.3. The National Council may make such arrangements as they think suitable for expenses.
- 8.1.4. The day to day affairs of the Association shall be handled by the Secretary in conjunction with the Treasurer. The President shall be kept fully informed of correspondence between the National Secretary, National Treasurer, Vice-presidents, Fireball International, the National Authority (Sail Canada), and other National Fireball Associations.
- 8.1.5. In any decisions regarding Class Rules, measurement changes or other matters physically concerned with the Fireball boat itself, the advice of the Technical Committee should be sought by the National Council before voting on the issue.

8.2. Fireball International

The National Council shall nominate, elect or appoint such representatives as are required or authorized by the Constitution of Fireball International. The Rear Commodore (America) of Fireball International shall be an ex-officio member of the National Council

8.3. Technical Committee

The National Council shall appoint a Technical Committee of which the National Measurer shall be chairman and which will include as ex-officio members, representatives of all licensed builders in Canada. The Committee shall be responsible to the Council for all matters of a technical nature and shall, as it deems necessary, forward to the National Council recommendations for measurement rule revisions.

The Technical Committee shall be responsible for advising on the technical proficiency and manufacturing integrity of prospective Class Builders together with providing reports on existing registered builders as required by the National Council.

9. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

No official of the Association described above may be connected commercially in any way with the manufacture or sale of Fireball dinghies.

With the exception of Class Measurers all officials of the Association described above shall be required to be members of the Association.

9.1. President

The President shall be elected by the Vice Presidents and shall hold office for a one-year term initially, and may be re-elected for further one-year terms thereafter. Each term of office shall be from November 1st to October 31st.

The election or re-election of the President shall normally be made by the Vice Presidents by September 30th in each year and he shall hold office for one year from November 1st to October 31st in the ensuing year. However, the retiring or past President and Officers shall perform the reporting function at the Annual General Meeting.

The President shall be responsible for coordinating all matters of an International, National or Interprovincial nature, shall exercise a general oversight of the Association affairs and shall make a report of the Annual General Meeting following his year of office.

He shall preside at all General Meetings of the Association and its Council at which he is present. In his absence at a Meeting of the Council, the Vice Presidents shall by vote choose a Chairman from among themselves. In the absence of the president or a Vice president at a General Meeting of the Association the members present shall choose a Chairman from among themselves.

The President shall not hold office in a provincial Association.

9.2. Vice President

A Vice President shall be elected by the provincial Membership to hold office in that Association initially for a one-year term and may be re-elected for further one-year terms thereafter. Each term of office shall be from November 1st to October 31st. The name and address of a Vice President elected in a province should be sent to the past year's National Secretary to arrive not later than November 1st.

A Vice President shall, by his election, become the President of the Provincial Fireball Association and shall, as such be responsible for the general management of the Association within his Province.

A Vice President may appoint other Provincial Association Officers as required.

9.3. National Secretary

The National Secretary shall be nominated by the President and approved by the Council. He shall deal with the day to day correspondence of the Association, the circulation of all voting ballots and results of same, notice of meetings and minutes of meetings. He shall act on behalf of members in those Provinces which are not eligible to have a Vice President. The position may be combined with that of the National Treasurer.

9.4. National Treasurer

The National Treasurer shall be nominated by the President and be approved by the Council. He shall be responsible for all financial matters. The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by a suitable person approved by the Provincial Association in which the Treasurer resides. He shall keep the National Secretary informed by means of a list of paid up members. The position may be combined with that of the National Secretary

9.5. National Measurer

The National Measurer shall be appointed by the National Council with the approval of the Class Measurer of Fireball International. He shall be Chairman of the Technical Committee, responsible for the issuing of Measurement Certificates, Measurement Forms, the maintaining of all measurement records and the publishing of all Measurement Rule interpretations. He shall send copies of all measurement forms to Fireball International.

9.6. Class Measurers

Class Measurers shall be nominated by a Vice President and appointed by the National Measurer. A Measurer may measure any Fireball and shall be reimbursed at a fee not exceeding those established annually by the National Council. The Vice President concerned shall be responsible for recommending the number of Measurers required in a given area.

9.7. Media Officer

The Media Officer is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Internet presence for the Class and for the publication and distribution of any publications issues by the Association.

10. MEETINGS

10.1. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held during the National Championships. A notice of meeting and an agenda shall be included with the Notice of Race for the National Championship and circulated to all members not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting.

Reports shall be submitted by the President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Measurer and Vice Presidents. Provincial financial statements shall be included with the Vice Presidents' reports.

A quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be at least one Officer of the National Association and ten members in good standing.

At any Annual General Meeting no vote can be taken which will change the Constitution or which will override a previous decision of the Association or its Council. A decision can be made at such a meeting to put a motion, proposed and seconded, to a postal or electronic media vote of the total membership of the Association. The Chairman of the meeting shall submit the motion and the minutes of the meeting to the National Secretary for action.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting shall be circulated to all members within thirty (30) days of the meeting. In addition, the reports of the provincial Vice Presidents and of the National Measurer shall be sent to all Vice Presidents within thirty (30) days of the Meeting. Posting of the report to an accessible internet site is considered to adequately meet these requirements.

10.2. Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary on receipt of such a request signed by the President or by not less than 10 members. Such a request shall provide an agenda in writing and shall be submitted to the National Secretary twenty-eight (28) days before the date of the Meeting. Such a request may stipulate the time and place at which such a meeting is to be held. Notice of the meeting shall be circulated by the National Secretary to all members not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting. If the National Secretary is not present at such a meeting, a member present shall be appointed to keep minutes of the meeting,

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The minutes of all Special General Meetings (together with ballot forms if required) shall be circulated to all members within thirty (30) days of being received by the National Secretary.

The quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be ten members in good standing in the Association. A record of the names of the attendees at a Special General Meeting shall be attached to the minutes thereof.

The Association recognizes the desirability of holding a Special General meeting at the major Fireball regattas. Such a Special General Meeting may be called on application to the National Secretary by the Vice President of the Province in which the regatta is to be held.

10.3. **Voting Procedure**

Recommendations to alter the Constitution, By-Laws and Class Rules, made at an Annual or Special General Meeting shall be put to a postal or electronic media vote and must be approved by two-thirds of the eligible ballots received. All other items requiring a postal or electronic media vote shall be considered approved by a simple majority of the eligible ballots received. For the purpose of a postal vote, a quorum shall be considered ten percent of the eligible members.

A postal or electronic media vote not received by the National Secretary by the closing date specified on the notice shall be deemed to be null and void. The closing date shall in no case be less than fourteen (14) days from the date of posting.

The results of all postal and electronic media votes shall be circulated to all members within thirty (30) days of the closing date. The results should indicate the number of eligible voters, the number of eligible votes received and the votes for and against the motion, and the numbers of abstentions and spoiled ballots.

10.4. **Provincial Association Meetings**

The Annual General Meeting of each Provincial Fireball Association shall be held between the period October 1st and October 30th of that year at a place to be determined by the Provincial Executive.

Reports shall be submitted by the Vice President and shall include a financial statement.

A Notice of Meeting and an agenda shall be circulated to all members of the Provincial Association not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

11. **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 11.1. The location of the Canadian National Championship shall be decided by the Council. Proposals from Provinces must be presented prior to October 31st of the preceding year to receive consideration.
- 11.2. A Fireball entered in the National Championship shall have a Measurement Certificate valid for racing which must be produced upon registration. The helm and crew shall be paid up members of the Canadian Fireball Association or a member in good standing of any other Fireball Association recognized by Fireball International.
- 11.3. The National Council can designate other major Canadian regattas (e.g. CORK) as having the status of National Regatta for the purpose of the application of these eligibility rules.
- 11.4. The date and location of Provincial Championships shall be decided by the Provincial Executive concerned not later than April 1st of that year. The Provincial Championship shall be the responsibility of the Provincial Association.