



International Jet Model Committee IJMC Constitution, 2024

1. Name

1.1 The name of the association shall be the International Jet Modellers Committee, here after referred to the IJMC.

1.2. The Constitution is a mandatory Code of Ethical Behaviour, whose words are designed to help and serve the IJMC and is not proof against challenge in any Court of Law.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1. The IJMC has been formed by Jet Modellers for Jet Modellers for the purpose of promoting the interest and participation in jet model aircraft. Its main aim is to ensure that the IJMC as an organisation, the IJMC Jet World Masters are recognised internationally. To serve these ideals, a member country may host a Jet World Masters competition every two years.

2.2. The IJMC is composed of representatives from each member country. The representatives elect the IJMC Board members for a term of office of four years. Elections take place during the main meeting held on a yearly Annual General Meeting, so called AGM.

2.3. In order to guarantee continuity in the administration of the IJMC, the election of the board members will be made in two groups of four, with elections held every two years.

2.4. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Judges Representative will be one group and will be elected at the yearly AGM. The Treasurer, Technical Adviser, Public Relation Officer and Liaison Officer will be in the second group and elected at the meeting after the next, two year apart.

In the event of a Board member retiring from the board for whatever reason, the remaining board members will have the authority to appoint a member to fill the vacant position. This appointment will be valid for the remaining term of office.

2.5. Retiring board members are eligible for re-election.

2.6. The IJMC shall be a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian non-discriminatory group.

2.7. The official domicile of the IJMC is the home town of the current chairman.

2.8. The official language of the IJMC is English.

3. Membership

3.1. Every country can become a member of the IJMC for a yearly membership fee which is determined at the AGM and shall apply on the first day of January preceding the AGM and be valid until the 31st of December of that year. New member countries which come back with active reps are requested to pay the membership fee for two years in advance.

3.2. Each country is elected to membership at the IJMC AGM.

3.3. In 1996 it was decided that Scotland, Northern Ireland and England would be recognised as separate countries, each having its own representatives. In line with the IOC and the FAI regulations, the team from China Mainland will participate as the people's Republic of China. The team from Hong Kong will participate as the Hong Kong Special Administration Region of China. The team from Taiwan will participate as the Chinese Taipei Team.

3.4. Each member country with a representative present is entitled to one vote only per resolution at IJMC meetings, if more than one rep is attending the meeting a spokesman and voting member have to be appointed in advance of the meeting.

3.5. Failure to pay the membership fee excludes the right to vote at any IJMC meeting and excludes the right to compete in the Jet World Masters.

3.6. Countries who are current members will be listed on the IJMC website along with lapsed member countries.

The national flag of member countries, including lapsed member countries will remain on display on the IJMC homepage.

Lapsed member countries who wish to renew their membership, will be levied two years subscriptions.

4. IJMC Country Representatives

4.1. In the event that member countries have a national jet modeller association, they will be responsible for the appointment of a country representative, so called rep.

His duties will be to represent his country at IJMC Meetings and to disseminate the activities of the IJMC.

The representatives of each country must be a member of their national association.

The formation of a new jet association in a country requesting recognition, must submit written application to the IJMC Board. The application will be tabled at the AGM for approval by the member countries.

4.2. The approved representatives of each member country are responsible to coordinate the running of IJMC matters in their respective country.

4.3. In the case of two or more rival national associations in one country, only one national association is entitled to nominate the IJMC reps, as well as the participating pilots at the JWM. The IJMC itself or the IJMC board is not involved in the arbitration and selection of reps and pilots. This duty is the sole responsibility of the rival parties.

4.4. The nominated country representatives are responsible for the organization of the qualifiers in their country for participation in the Jet World Masters.

In the event that no qualifiers are held, associated pilots from that country may enter the Jet World Masters and shall be supported by the Country Representative.

4.5. The representatives or their nominee will provide the Jet World Masters Organiser with national team entry details.

4.6. The representatives or their nominee will channel information such as constitutional and/ or Rule Change proposals between their national association and the IJMC. They will also prepare proposals from their association for the Annual General Meeting.

5. IJMC Associate Members

5.1. Individuals who undertake key responsibilities during Jet World Masters competitions must be recognised as members of the IJMC. They are classed as IJMC Associate Members to distinguish them from the Country Representatives. They will be proposed by the Board and submitted to the IJMC Country Representatives for approval.

5.2. Competitors competing at the Jet World Masters will be automatically recognised as Associate Members of the IJMC for a period of two years.

5.3 Each country can have more than one member, but only one of these members can be the appointed representative. These additional members will be classed as associate members.

6. IJMC Judges

6.1. The IJMC holds a list of recognised and appropriate judges which is held by the Judges Representative. Every country has the right to propose local judges for approval as a judge for the Jet World Masters.

All judges must be suitably qualified and must be approved at an IJMC Annual General Meeting. All judges automatically will be promoted the status of a country rep.

6.2. The three top scoring countries from the previous Jet World Masters competition have the fundamental right to nominate one judge from their own country or from another member country if they should have no judge in the IJMC approved judges list. In addition, the organising country also has the right to nominate one judge. The remaining judges will be nominated by the Judges Representative, who will present the judging team which he proposes to the AGM for approval.

6.3. The Scoring Officer, responsible for the evaluation of the competition, is part of the judging team and may be proposed by the host nation for approval at the AGM.

7. IJMC Board

7.1 The IJMC board is responsible to administer the business, the operational management of the IJMC and the issuing all necessary and approved operational and management regulations as required, such as the following:

- (a) It may delegate such tasks which may arise to individuals or project teams appointed by it.
- (b) It represents the IJMC externally through the Chairman.
- (c) It prepares the business of the AGM, the Jet World Masters.
- (d) It checks and accepts applications for admission of a new jet associations and after proof of existence, submits the application to the AGM.
- (e) It checks and accepts Representative application forms, nominations for judges, constitutional changes and rule change proposals.
- (f) The board has the right to submit own proposals for rule changes, constitutional changes and has the authority to nominate experienced judges to the AGM and the Jet World Masters.
- (g) The presence of a majority of the board members is required for a quorum.
- (h) Resolutions are agreed and passed by a simple majority and in equal in a vote; the Chairman has the casting vote. If the chairman is prevented from voting the Vice Chairman has the casting vote.
- (i) Board decisions can be made by circular or electronic means. In this case, the decisions to be taken require an approval of an absolute majority of the board members to become valid.
- (j) All resolutions must be recorded in the minutes of meetings.
- (k) The board is free to nominate a board member responsible to follow the organisation for a Jet World Masters.
- (l) The Board will convene a Board Members meeting around the first two weeks of November before the AGM.
- (m) The board has the authority to recruit a member to fill any casual vacancy, caused by whatever reason, for the remaining tenure of the vacant office
- (n) The board will invite in due time and convene an AGM (Annual General Meeting) in the first two weeks of January of a new year.

7.2 The IJMC board consist of following eight members linked with associated duties:

Chairman

- (a) The Chairman shall preside over and be responsible to all IJMC meetings. He has the authority to convene, cancel or postpone meetings with appropriate justification.
- (b) The Chairman will be the official spokesman for all IJMC interests.
- (c) The Chairman will ensure that a quorum of board members will be present.

- (d) The Chairman is responsible for the formulation of the Agenda for all IJMC meeting and authorizes the distribution by means of the secretary.
- (e) The Chairman shall see that proper notice has been sent to persons entitled to receive notice.
- (f) The Chairman is responsible for ensuring that the Agenda is followed. He may change the order of sequence by approval from the meeting participants.
- (g) He is responsible for keeping the meeting in order and to see that all present are given the opportunity to speak. He has the authority to limit the comments of each participant once the meeting runs out of time or out of control.
- (h) The Chairman is responsible for seeing that voting is conducted correctly and the result declared.
- (i) He is responsible to see that the business of the meeting is completed in the shortest possible time and to nominate the date of the next meeting.
- (j) The Chairman will organise the venue for the AGM with consideration to travel distance and cost to the venue for members.

Vice Chairman

In addition to the natural duty of support to the Chairman, the Vice Chairman will be a full working member of the Board. It is considered valuable experience for the Vice Chairman to interact with members of the Board in order to support and help where necessary.

The Vice Chairman shall deputise for the Chairman in the Chairman's absence or if requested by the chairman specifically.

He is responsible for the IJMC Constitution, all proposed constitutional changes and their updates and for all IJMC forms.

Secretary

The Secretary will take the minutes of all Board and IJMC meetings and will prepare any rule change proposals in conjunction with the Technical Advisor for the AGM.

The Secretary shall be the sole person responsible for all correspondence between the Board, the members and all outside parties.

All Board members may have direct contact, but must ensure that copies are lodged with the Secretary so that there is a central record of all correspondence.

All communication received by the Secretary will be distributed to the appropriate Board Members.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall administer all financial matters and will keep a record of all transactions. The Treasurer will make Annual Reports and specific yearly forecasts on the financial status to the Representatives at the AGM. He prepares a proposed budget for the ensuing year to the Board Members and representatives at the AGM.

Public Relation Officer

The Public Relations Officer will manage the IJMC Homepage including the social media channels in due time and shall be the link between the IJMC and the Press. He will gather press information world-wide concerning the IJMC or organisations under IJMC cover and will prepare press releases and arrange press conferences. He will assist the Secretary if necessary.

Technical Advisor

The Technical Advisor shall be responsible for the correct interpretation and application of the Rule Book at any time. During competition this duty has to be done in conjunction with the appointed Contest Director. The duties of this office will include, advising judges on the correct interpretation of the rulebook in conjunction with the Judges Representative and the supervision of the scoring at the Jet World Masters competition.

He is responsible for updating all IJMC Rule Books with all approved rule change proposals with the assistance of the Secretary.

Judge Representative

The judge representative takes the responsibility for the initial and recurrent training of IJMC Judges. A judging seminar will be organised ideally in an appropriate time frame before the JWM will take place. Physical presence of the judges during the seminar is mandatory for a qualified education.

He compiles and updates the list of competent judges, proposes the nominations of the Judges for Jet World Masters to the IJMC Board and to the Membership for ratification.

He acts as the point of contact between the judging panel and the organizers at Jet World Masters generally looking after the well being of the judges, checking judges travel arrangements and hotel bookings.

He nominates a spokesman/ Team Leader for the flying and static Judging Panels, attends and advises in the case of any disputes concerning judging issues, and/or protests and conduct competitor briefings as required.

He has the authority to appoint experienced judges to senior judge status.

Note

(a) In addition to the above positions, the Board may appoint in close cooperation with the organizer a Contest Director who will be responsible for all aspects of running the Jet World Masters, he will report to and be responsible to the IJMC Board.

(b) If one or more board members are involved in the competition as a participant, team member or team manager he/they must step aside to ensure the neutrality of decisions. The duty/ duties will be delegated to the contest director or other not directly involved board members.

Honorary Board Member

The promotion to become an Honorary Board Member is defined as a lifetime honour in an advisory position to the Board but without a vote. The Honorary Board members are explicitly visualized on the website.

The Honorary Board Members are not involved in any operational business of the IJMC board.

8. IJMC Meetings

8.1 Annual General Meeting

The AGM takes place at the beginning of each year during which all proposed constitutional changes, rule changes, applications to host competitions, applications for membership and any other competent business is presented by the Board for discussion and ratification by the Country Members present. The AGM is the supreme body of the IJMC, every AGM convened compliant with the constitution is competent and allows voting and taking decisions.

The IJMC board has the right to decide whether the AGM is held exclusively in physical, hybrid- or fully virtual mode. The decision as to where and in what form the AGM will be held should be based on the geopolitical situation or other circumstances that cannot be influenced at the time of the

AGM. The board must ensure that the Country Reps are offered the best option for participating either physical and/ or virtual in the AGM.

To be able to vote on proposed changes, the member country must have their elected representative or a nominee present. The only exception is the voting on rule changes, which can be done by proxy.

Proxy votes must be received by the Secretary and must be validated twenty-one days before the AGM take place.

All proposed constitutional changes and rule changes must be submitted in writing to the Secretary before the 1st November of the year preceding the AGM. The Secretary will collect the proposals and prepare them for the Board Members meeting. After ratification by the Board the Secretary shall prepare all proposals in such a way as to facilitate voting at the AGM. All proposals will be published on the IJMC Homepage after the Board Members meeting. These proposals will be submitted to the AGM for discussion and final decision by the approved Representative of the Country Members.

Notification for voting by proxy according to rule changes will be sent out 4 weeks ahead of the AGM by email.

Acceptance of all proposals will be carried by a majority vote including the request for a secret ballot.

Countries can only submit proposed changes on the appropriate forms to the Secretary, by their respective IJMC representatives.

During the year in which the Jet World Masters competitions are organised, no rule changes which would have any influence on the competition are allowed, unless the rule change is for safety reasons.

Any business not on the agenda can be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman, but not voted on. However, modification to tabled proposal may be accepted.

The Draft Minutes of the AGM will be posted on the IJMC home page.

The Standard Agenda for the AGM will be as follows (deviations from the Standard Agenda are allowed).

1. Welcome address
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the previous AGM Minutes
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report
Membership fee, Royalty fee
6. Elections:
New Members
New Judges
New Board Members
7. Nomination of Judges for next Jet World Master
8. Constitution and Rule changes
9. Future Jet World Masters
10. Any other competent business

8.2 Jet World Masters Meeting

This meeting is held during the Jet World Masters competition and is convened to process the business of the IJMC, the purpose of decision making and evaluating strategic orientation of the IJMC.

Most of the countries' representatives are present on this occasion which permits a more valued exchange of ideas, feedback from IJMC member countries and a forum in which to discuss the future of the IJMC.

If any matters are voted on, only the countries with representative present are allowed to vote.

No Constitutional changes or rule changes will be accepted at this meeting.

No proxy votes will be accepted at this meeting.

Standard Agenda (deviations from Standard Agenda are allowed to cope with urgent topics):

1. Welcome address
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Brief approval of the previous Jet World Masters Minutes
4. Brief Chairman's report
5. Brief Treasurer's report
6. Future Jet World Masters
 - Improvement ideas, new strategic orientation
7. Any other competent business.

8.3 Main Board Member meeting

The IJMC Main Board Meeting is convened before the January AGM for the sake of preparation and should be in the first two weeks of November and will be held in a place and manner of the Chairman's choosing.

Further specific board meetings can be convened by the Chairman or by 50% of the board members if necessary.

9. Finances

9.1. In order to function properly, the IJMC needs adequate financial resources, handled by the IJMC Board with extraordinary fidelity and responsible restraint.

9.2. In order for the business of the IJMC to be completed, the Chairman has the authority to release a maximum of 300 Euros, provided that the Chairman has the consent of the Treasurer. For amounts up to 1000 Euros requires the consent of the majority of Board Members. Larger amounts will require approval by the Members at an AGM.

9.3. The fee for membership of the IJMC is currently an annual subscription of 100 Euros from each IJMC member country. The fee amount will be reconsidered at each Annual General Meeting to ensure the viability of the organisation.

9.4. Travel expenses, accommodation and meals are provided for the Board Members, the judges, the scoring officer and invited guests by the IJMC.

9.5. At the Jet World Masters a proportion of the entry fee currently 25 Euros will be levied for the benefit of the IJMC. The fee will be reconsidered at the AGM.

It should be noted that the IJMC relies on the support of the member countries and on donations from industry.

10. Trophies

All cups and trophies awarded by the IJMC are the property of the IJMC.

It does not matter if these cups and trophies were sponsored by a company or private person. Each pilot or team commits himself with his signature at the registration to return won cups and trophies to the next JWM. The winner of a trophy is responsible for the won trophy regarding careful

handling, damage, theft or loss until the trophy is given to another winner. The medals won do not count towards this and become the property of the winner.

11. Applicable Rules and Guidelines

The competition rules will remain valid for at two years. The rules to be used for the upcoming Jet World Masters competitions must be published at the latest by the 31st March of the preceding year.

Rule changes that are made in the year of the competition that have any effect on the competition are not allowed, unless they are made for reasons of safety.

The IJMC legislates the following:

1. IJMC Constitution (latest accepted version)
2. Jet Scale Class Rules, Turbo Prop Class rules and Judges Guidelines
3. Guidelines for Organisers of Jet World Masters

11. Discipline and Complaints

Generally, all offences against IJMC competition rules and any disciplinary procedures are covered sufficiently in the IJMC rulebook and ready for application. However, following rules of behaviour should be seen as essential.

11.1. Any member who damages the reputation of the IJMC by unsportsmanlike or dishonourable conduct, may be excluded from IJMC competitions and have his membership withdrawn.

IJMC members agree to abide by the IJMC Code of Conduct. This includes in particular not to insult, unjustly accuse or disparage persons, teams and the IJMC itself in publicly accessible media.

In case of serious or repeated violations, the IJMC has the right to bring this forward at the next possible AGM and to exclude participants from the IJMC with the majority of the AGM.

11.2. Protests made during the Jet World Masters will be investigated in accordance with the competition rules immediately and tackled on-site.

11.3. Any disciplinary action taken on a complaint can only be decided by the Country Representatives at an AGM or any other constituted meeting of the IJMC.

11.4. Disciplinary action taken may be rescinded on written application and deliberation by the Representatives at an AGM or any constituted IJMC meeting.

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