Finn International Development Support

The Finn was designed in 1949 by Rickard Sarby and has been used at the Olympic Games since 1952.

The Finn International Development Support (FIDeS) is an official programme of the International Finn Association.

The aim of FIDeS is to promote and facilitate Finn sailing throughout the world, by helping sailors and National Finn Authorities in those Countries where the Finn dinghy and the sport of sailing are not well established.
1 ADMINISTRATION

1.1 ABBREVIATIONS AND LANGUAGE

1.1.a
FIDeS: Finn International Development Support
IFA: International Finn Association
IFA EC: International Finn Association Executive Committee
NFA: National Finn Association
ISAF: International Sailing Federation
MNA: ISAF Member National Authority OR: Olympic Regatta
FGC: Finn Gold Cup
EC: Finn European Championship
JE: Finn Junior European Championship
JFGC: Junior Finn World Championship

1.1.b
The official language of the Finn Class is English and in case of dispute over translation of this document, the English text shall prevail.
The word “shall” is mandatory and the word “may” is permissive.

1.2 AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.2.a
The authority governing the FIDeS program is the IFA EC.

1.2.b
No legal responsibility with respect to FIDeS and these Rules rests with: the ISAF, the MNA, the IFA, any NFA.

1.2.c
No claim arising from these Rules can be entertained.
1.3 ADMINISTRATION OF FIDeS

1.3.a: Administrators

The IFA EC nominates the IFA Vice President Development and the IFA Executive Director as administrators of FIDeS.

1.3.b: Decisions

In all matters concerning FIDeS, decisions made by the administrators shall be unanimous. Such decisions are subject only to review by IFA EC.
2 FIDeS COMPONENTS

2.1 INVOLVED PARTIES

2.1.a
IFA will endeavour to involve the biggest possible number of Finn Friends in FIDeS programme. The whole Finn Family is invited to cooperate in the programme.

2.1.b
The day-to-day responsibilities of IFA with respect to FIDeS will be undertaken by the IFA Vice President Development, the IFA Executive Director and the IFA Development Coach. These officers may delegate operational responsibilities to third parties.

2.1.c
It is hoped that others will take part in helping FIDeS Recipients, in particular:
- Finn Equipment manufacturers (including boat builders, sail makers, mast makers, and other manufacturers of equipment normally used and needed by Finn sailors)
- Current and former top Finn sailors and Olympians
- Current and former Finn coaches
- NFAs of Countries in which Finn sailing is well established
- The ISAF

2.2 FIDeS DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

2.2.a
The FIDeS program will support its Recipients by offering them:
- Guidance for administration of Training Programmes and Development Schemes
- Specific Finn sailing knowledge and information.
- Organisation of Development training camps.
- Coaching help on site and at major Finn events.
- Logistic facilities.
- Allocation of FIDeS racing material.
- The possibility to take advantage of special financial arrangements made with major Finn Equipment manufacturers.
- The possibility to take advantage of specially arranged Equipment leasing arrangements.
All the items mentioned above are “FiDeS Development Tools”.

2.2.b

FiDeS Development Tools will be donated / lent to this program by the involved parties mentioned at point 2.1.c, or possibly bought by IFA. IFA may offer discount on advertising in Finnfare and advertising on the IFA website to commercial organisations cooperating with this program.

2.2.c

Details of participation, donations, loans, or offers from involved parties to FiDeS will not be divulged by IFA unless these parties ask for and agree to the release of this information. Cooperation agreement may be underpinned with a non-disclosure agreement between the IFA and the involved party.

2.2.d

All FiDeS Development Tools (including contacts and special financial arrangements) remains in the ownership of IFA, and their allocation to FiDeS Recipients is the prerogative of IFA alone. IFA can rescind the allocation and require the return of a FiDeS Development Tool at any time.

2.2.e

IFA will assist each individual sailor or NFA with the most appropriate FiDeS Tool, following the relevant FiDeS allocation guidelines and other discretional considerations (such as the results achieved, and the will and determination shown by the Recipient).

2.2.f

All Equipment provided as FiDeS Development Tools will be labelled or printed by IFA. One Register of all FiDeS Development Tools, including provenance and allocation shall be kept by the Administrators.
3.1 FIDeS RECIPIENTS

3.1.a.
A Sailor or NFA is eligible to become a FIDeS Recipient under this IFA program, if one or more of the following conditions apply:
- There is a confirmed serious intention of developing Finn Sailing in a Nation/Area where there is no active Finn fleet sailing
- There was no Finn representative from this Nation at the last two OR
- There were no Finn Sailors representing this Nation at the last four FGC or EC.
- The Country is identified as a sailing developing nation by ISAF.

3.1.b
Notwithstanding 3.1.a, IFA can take into account other circumstances when deciding whether a sailor or NFA can become or remain a FIDeS Recipient.

3.1.c
There will be no more than four FIDeS Recipient sailors per Nation. These sailors shall ideally be Juniors.

3.2 ALLOCATION AND USE OF FIDeS TOOLS

3.2.a: Restricted Tools Allocation Criteria

If, on a particular occasion, the number of possible Recipients is restricted, the available Tools will be allocated:
- i) to one Recipient Sailor per Nation
- ii) to one Recipient Junior per Nation for the remaining spots.

If there are insufficient FIDeS Development Tools to allow for allocation as in (i) and (ii) above, allocation will be at the discretion of the Administrators.

3.2.b: Programmes, Schemes and Teaching Materials.

Every FIDeS Recipient is entitled to ask IFA for one copy of all the papers, videos, and any kind of Finn teaching material that has been produced for FIDeS.
3.2.c: Training camps and coaching

- Usually, FIDeS training camps and coaching will be arranged to precede Major IFA Championships. When a development training camp is organised on the occasion of a Major Finn Event / Championship, all FIDeS Recipient sailors taking part to the event will be invited for collegial training.
- Specific on site coaching in one particular Country or Region can be organised.

3.2.d: Logistics

Logistic help (organisation of on site material, transport, etc) for FIDeS Recipients will be included in the FIDeS programme.

3.2.e: Materials

Boats, sails, masts and rigging parts donated to FIDeS by third parties or directly purchased for this program by IFA, will be allocated to FIDeS Recipients. As a minimum, but subject to 3.2(a), one sail per Recipient will be allocated. Thereafter, subject to 3.2(a), one sail per additional junior per Nation will be allocated up to a maximum of four sails per Nation.

3.2.f: Special Financial and Leasing Arrangements

IFA will work to arrange Special Financial Arrangements with Finn Equipment Manufacturers, and special Leasing Arrangements. These Development Tools will only be allocated to Recipients who undertake in writing to remain with the FIDeS Programme and not to sell or transfer possession of the Tool(s) under any legal title to any third party without the prior written authorisation of IFA or the FIDeS Administration. Authorisation Application Forms will be available from IFA.

3.2.g

All FIDeS allocated Tools shall be used only by the specified Recipients. Reallocation of Tools within a specific Nation is subject to authorisation by the FIDeS Administrators.

3.3 FIDeS RECIPIENTS’ OBLIGATIONS

3.3.a: Insurance

Every Recipient allocated a FIDeS mast or boat will arrange for this item to be insured against third party liabilities, damage, loss or theft. One copy of the insurance policy will be sent to the IFA Executive Director at the first reasonable opportunity.

3.3.b: Feed-back to IFA

Every NFA having one or more athletes officially assisted by this development programme, will send a written progress report to the FIDeS Administrators every six months, as a minimum.
The progress report will describe the status of local Finn sailing, the targets achieved and future plans. This description will be supported by pictures.

3.3.c: FGC Obligatory Participation

NFAs who are FIDeS Recipients themselves, or have among their members one or more FIDeS Recipient sailor(s) shall arrange for at least one athlete to compete at the next Finn Gold Cup.

3.3.d

Non-observance of points 3.3.a, 3.3.b and 3.3.c may result in cancellation / suspension of FIDeS Recipient status and withdrawal of allocated FIDeS Tool(s). In such a case the re-transportation costs of Tools to a place to be determined by IFA shall be covered by the FIDeS Recipient allocated the Tool.

3.3.e

When allocated FIDeS Tools, the Recipient will sign one copy of this document, and hand it over to IFA.
By doing this the Recipient explicitly declares that he has understood the rights and obligations herein described and accepts them in toto.
4. MISCELLANEOUS

4.1. OFFICIAL FIDeS REPORTS

4.1.a
Every year the IFA Vice President Development will officially report the IFA AGM about the status of FIDeS, the targets achieved and future plans.

4.1.b
Every year, before the ISAF AGM, IFA will send one full report to ISAF describing the status of FIDeS, the targets achieved and future plans.

4.2 FIDeS PUBLICITY
IFA will give ample publicity to FIDeS in the official IFA publication “Finnfare”, on the IFA website and in other ways.
All commercial organisations cooperating with the program will be identified as Official FIDeS partners.