

Equipment for Olympics, WS Events and Regional Games

Antitrust Compliance

A submission from the Federación Argentina de Yachting and the Real Federación Española de Vela

Purpose or Objective

To take immediate action to create and enforce an Anti-Trust Policy for Olympic & Regional Games Equipment, and for Youth/Development/Paralympic, to comply with the applicable anti-monopoly laws.

Proposal

1. Starting from November 2018, World Sailing will not recommend or promote any World Sailing class of the following categories that does not enforce an antitrust criteria to comply with competition laws: (*)
 - Youth / Development / Paralympic.
2. Starting from January 2019, World Sailing will not include in WS Events any World Sailing class of the following categories that does not enforce an antitrust criteria to comply with competition laws: (*)
 - Youth / Development / Paralympic
3. Regarding the Olympic and Regional Games WS classes, a class that does not fully comply with competition laws before August 9th, 2020, will be excluded, from that date, from any World Sailing event and replaced by other classes.

Current Position

There are currently no regulations about this issue. There is currently one document, distributed as a policy: "Anti-Trust policy for Olympic Equipment" that it does not have the same effect as the one intended with this proposal.

Reasons

World Sailing shall actively lead the way in this area, showing to every World Sailing stakeholder that those entities not complying with competition laws will suffer consequences. This will result in safer and more affordable equipment to the athletes of our sport, bringing more fairness to our events. Also, World Sailing will reduce the legal risks of being related to those entities, while complying with, and enforcing, competition laws within its suppliers of equipment. A complete "Anti-Trust" regulation should follow the examples of the following WS Classes, which have an open system of licences: 420, 470 or Finn.

() Unless a contract between World Sailing and a class was signed before August 1st, 2018, in which case such contract should be reviewed, before proceeding with the proposal.*
