

## **2024 Olympic Sailing Competition**

### **Mixed One Person Dinghy Format**

A submission from the Danish Sailing Association, Estonian Yachting Union, Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation, and the Norwegian Sailing Federation

#### **Purpose or Objective**

We present a race format for the Mixed One Person Dinghy Event that is taking the team dynamics and performance into account while ensuring a level field of play for the men and women team members.

The race format is based on qualification in separate men and women fleets and a combined medal race using a relay format with multiple races until one team has two wins (Medal Race 2.0).

The main objectives are to acknowledge good performance in the men and women qualification fleet race and using the teams combined result to leverage qualification to the medal race.

The proposed race format is both fair and exciting for competitors and spectators to follow up to the last minute of the last race and it offers a new team aspect to the Olympic Sailing competition never seen before.

The proposed race format should be tested and evaluated during regattas the coming year in order for World Sailing Committees and Council to make the final decision at the World Sailing Annual Conference 2019.

#### **Proposal**

The qualification format is fleet racing in separate men and women fleets.

Four teams can qualify for the medal race. The winner of the men and the winner of the women fleets qualify their teams directly to the medal race (two teams will qualify directly unless the winner of men and women qualifier are from the same team). The remaining two or three medal race teams are qualified according to their combined qualification score in the fleet racing.

The medal race format is a series of Short Track Relays on a simple up-down course. The male and female team members are covering alternating laps with a changeover in a zone just above the bottom gate. The changeover is conducted by passing behind the stern of the boat finishing its lap.

The first team to win two races wins.

The qualifying score counts as one race. Teams race until one team has two wins, which concludes the event. Rank 2, 3 and 4 are determined by low point scoring with either the last race or the qualifying series breaking a tie (if more weight on the qualifying series is desired it should be the latter).

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A score board would look like this:

		Q	F1	F2	F3	F4	Score
Gold	BRA	1	4	4	1	-	-
Silver	GER	2	1	3	2	-	8
Bronze	NZL	1	2	2	4	-	9
4	JPN	3	3	1	3	-	10

Or like this:

		Q	F1	F2	F3	F4	Score
Gold	BRA	1	1	-	-	-	-
Silver	GER	3	2	-	-	-	5
Bronze	NZL	2	4	-	-	-	6
4	JPN	4	3	-	-	-	7

There will be a minimum of one and a maximum of four final races in the medal race. Every race will be a high-stake race with the finalists pursuing the final and deciding second win – and the gold position.

#### Option

The medal race course can be four-lap to have more changeover action.

To have more races with more teams sailing the Short Track Relays, a repechage (semifinal) can be added to the qualification for the medal race (the final).

The repechage is sailed in the same Short Track Relay format as the medal race. The winner of the men and the winner of the women fleets qualify their teams directly to the medal race (two teams will qualify directly unless the winner of men and women qualifier are from the same team). The remaining two or three medal race teams are qualified in a repechage among the top four teams not qualified directly. The team ranking is the combined qualification score in the fleet racing.

The medal race format (and the repechage format) can be three wins to win instead of two which will give a minimum of three and maximum of eight races in the medal race.

Teams not qualifying for the medal race can have concluding fleet races to settle the ranks from 5 and downwards.

Current Position

None

Reasons

1. The medal race have both male and female team members in action on the same course.
  2. Every final race is an intense high-stake race that is easy to follow and easy to understand.
  3. The teams combined performance in the qualification race is important even though the teams winning the men/women qualification has an advantage.
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