

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Selection of RS:X for Windsurfer Events

A submission from the Hellenic Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To select the RS:X for Men and Women Event (RS:X Class equipment) for the 2024 Olympics.

Proposal

In line with Regulation 23.1.3(b) and Regulation 23.1.3(c)(i) to select the RS:X Men and Women (RS:X Class equipment) for the 2024 Olympics.

Current Position

The RS:X Men and Women (RS:X Class equipment) are current Olympic events.

Reasons

1. The IOC Agenda 2020 goals are clearly stated as gender equality, universality, innovation and engagement with youth.
 2. The IOC has cleared requested that sailing achieve equivalent events for men and women at the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competitions, which means equivalent opportunity in both events and equivalent opportunity in athletes quotas. Continuity of existing matched events supports gender equality.
 3. Continuity of events is essential for the sustainability of the sport. The Olympic events and equipment shape the development of youth sailing and the future sailing pathways, and accessibility of Olympic events enables countries to aspire to and achieve Olympic participation. Continuity is key to accessibility.
 4. Olympic participation drives funding which in turn filters down to the pathway programme. The combination of events/equipment selected for the Olympic Sailing Competition must support a broad range of countries to have access to a choice of Olympic events.
 5. The RS:X Men and Women events bring immense value to the Olympic Games, demonstrating a modern, youthful and skillful discipline of sailing which is easily, efficiently and cost-effectively part of the Olympic Sailing Competition. The events meet the requirements of Regulation 23.1.2 and the IOC Agenda 2020:
 6. The RS:X is a successful Olympic Class and equipment:
 - It delivers attractive sailing ,different from 'standard' boat sailing, to the Olympics
 - From 4-30 knots, the RS:X is the fastest Olympic Class and guarantees exhilarating racing in any wave condition
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- The RS:X Olympic Equipment is the cheapest Olympic sailing equipment ,saves the Olympic games budget and makes the Olympic sailing cheaper
- The new format offers everything the spectators want to see: it is easy to understand – no calculation on last races (finals), the first sailor on the finishing line is the winner and the races are short in finals and attractive for media

7. The RS:X solves most of the Olympic sailing 'problems' :

- spectators can understand the 'game'
- Media & TV have a short, understandable and dramatic show
- Race Management and Judgment is easy to run
- There is worldwide large fleet
- The equipment is cheap

8. The RS:X delivers strength in Gender Balance:

- Two events in one Class
- Men and women train together, sharing coaches and resources

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