

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Olympic Equipment

A submission from the International Formula Kite Class Association, the International KiteFoil Class Association, the International TwinTip:Racing Class Association, the International TwinTip:Freestyle Class Association and the International IKA Open Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To select the equipment for the Mixed Kite event based on “specified criteria”.

Proposal 1

Regulation 23.1.3(e) gives Council the choice to select equipment for a “new event” based on “evaluation against the specified criteria”.

This submission proposes that Council takes the decision to use this option and select the equipment for the new Kite based on “evaluation against the specified criteria” rather than “equipment trials”.

The proposed equipment criteria for the Mixed Kite event is “series production registered equipment scheme”. Other than the selection of a “One Design” – be it a single builder one design or a multiple builder/measurement monotype – this concept does not have a variety of models that can be compared to each other. Therefore trials would not be needed, if the chosen class can be evaluated against specified criteria as outlined in the regulations.

Note: This submission should be read on conjunction with the submissions proposing the “specified criteria” for the Mixed Kite event.

Proposal 2

That Council select the equipment for the new Mixed Kite Event by the 2019 WS Mid-Year Meeting.

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Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Regulation 23.1.3(e) states

“New Equipment shall only be selected following Equipment trials or other evaluation against the specified criteria, and shall be selected no later than 31 December of the year five years before the Olympic Games.”

Therefore, Regulation 23.1.3(e) is explicit in giving Council the choice to hold “Equipment Trials” to decide equipment, or select equipment against “specified criteria”.

2. The only equipment model for kiteboarding used in competition is the “registered series production scheme”. There are no one design monotype classes. The “registered series production scheme” is supported by athletes and industry
 3. The “registered series production scheme” is currently successfully used in high performance hydrofoil kiteracing (Central American & Caribbean Games, PanAmerican Games, World Beach Games, African Beach Games). It has also been proven successful for the TwinTip:Racing boardercross event in the Youth Olympic Games.
 4. Evaluation against specified criteria would reduce the timeframe and costs for World Sailing and MNAs.
 5. Prolonging the selection of equipment will only serve to cast more doubt and uncertainty in equipment decisions. The sooner MNAs and sailors know the equipment the better it serves the sport.
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