

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Equal Opportunity for Men over 85 kg

A submission from the International Finn Association

Purpose or Objective

Pursuant with World Sailing Regulation 23.1.2 (d), male athletes over 85 kg should be allowed to compete in the 2024 Olympic programme with adequate disciplines and equipment.

Proposal

Events and equipment selected for the 2024 Olympic Sailing competition should cater for the widest range of men's physiques and include adequate disciplines and equipment for male athletes over 85 kg.

Regulation 23.1.2 (d) states: "*The Olympic Events and Equipment taken together shall meet the requirements and objectives of the IOC and to:*

*(d) be attractive and accessible to young athletes from all continents, and of **different size and weight**, with a clear pathway from World Sailing Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment*".

The men's events should provide opportunities to sailors from 60 to 110 kg.

Current Position

The 2020 Olympic sailing events and equipment provide opportunities to men from 60 to 110 kg.

However quota available for men over 85 kg represented 10.8 % of the total male quota.

Reasons

The male population worldwide is developing towards taller and stronger physiques especially in the youth. This trend is exponential however the sailing Olympic programme has seen the constant decrease of equipment and quota for men over 85 kg. From three disciplines in 2000 (3 persons Keelboat with the Soling, the two persons keelboat with the Star and the one person dinghy with the Finn) we are now down to one (Finn). Olympic quota for men over 85 kg went from 105 (36%) to 19 (10.8%) between 2000 and 2020.

The other men's Olympic disciplines mainly all cater for the same physical range of sailors (under 85kg), thus excluding a large percentage of male athletes.
