

2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Increasing the Target Medal Race Time

A submission from the Confederação Brasileira de Vela (CBVELA)

Purpose or Objective

To guarantee a fair final race at the Olympic Regatta. This submission is part of a pack of proposals made by the Brazilian Confederation in order to provide a fair competition during Rio 2016 regatta held in its home waters.

Proposal

To increase the target time for all classes at the Olympic Regatta to 30 minutes.

Current Position

The target time range is between 20 to 25 minutes depending on the class.

Reasons

1. Short races are more likely to produce unfair results.
 2. The reduction of the race duration were based in two facts that are not correct. First, this was a tentative of producing more emotion at the final race by producing random results, however, most of the public likes to see the best athlete winning. The second reason is to facilitate the television. Nowadays, there are much more TV channels covering the Games and there is also the internet broadcasting. Long races means more time on television.
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