

### Olympic Sailing Competition

#### Olympic Events and Equipment - Regulation 23.1.2

A submission from the Japan Sailing Federation

#### Purpose or Objective

To give fair chance for all young athletes of different size and weight.

#### Proposal

Amend Regulation 23.1.2 as follows: (add (e) and renumber the rest)

In choosing its Olympic Events and Equipment, World Sailing shall seek to ensure that each Event at the Olympic Sailing Competition is, and will be likely to remain, the pinnacle Event for that discipline or area of sailing. In addition, the Olympic Events and Equipment taken together shall meet the requirements and objectives of the IOC and to:

- (a) demonstrate the diversity of skills required to race various types of small boats, and minimise the overlap between Events;
  - (b) place an emphasis on athlete skill rather than equipment development, and limit the impact of equipment on performance;
  - (c) demand a high level of athletic ability as well as excellent sailing skills;
  - (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;
  - (e) optimum size and weight of sailors for equipment should be allocated widely to make sure all young athletes of different size and weight will be competitive.**
  - (f) maximise the participation of the world's best sailors and showcase the diversity of the sport;
  - (g) provide an effective platform for promotion of the sport, and elite sailors, between Olympics;
  - (h) progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in;
  - (i) avoid unnecessary or excessive equipment costs, development costs, measurement costs, coaching costs, race organisation and race official costs, and television and other media costs;
  - (j) offer continuity of Events and evolution of Equipment to give MNAs and sailors a dependable pathway into Olympic competition with continuity of investment;
  - (k) provide suitable Events and Equipment for Regional Games and other regattas;
  - (l) minimise environmental impact.
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Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The basic aim of IOC requirements and objectives when choosing the events and equipment is to give fair chance to all athletes regardless of gender, size, height and weight.
2. Most of the current events and equipment provide more opportunity for the taller and heavier sailors.
3. WS needs to consider that there are various sizes of athletes in Asia, Africa and Middle /South America which are the target area to get more countries challenging Olympic dream.
4. Distributions curves for Weight and Height with the range of sailors at Rio 2016. See attached.

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