

**Olympic Sailing Competition – Core Events**

Men's Board [Windsurfing] and Women's Board [Windsurfing] - Regulation 23.1.5

A submission from the RS:X Class Association

**Purpose or Objective**

To select the Men's Board [Windsurfing] and Women's Board [Windsurfing] as Core Events and to secure thereby a longer term Olympic pathway for young windsurfers in the Olympic Games.

**Proposal**

To select the Men's Board [Windsurfing] and Women's Board [Windsurfing] as Core Events.

**Current Position**

There are currently no Core Events as per the ISAF Regulations. Both proposed Events have already been selected for the 2016 Olympic Games as an Olympic Event.

**Reasons**

Men's and women's windsurfing has been a major part of the Olympic Sailing Competition since 1984 [women 1992]. The current boards events allow more than 60 nations from 6 continents to participate on a level playing field using tightly controlled one design equipment.

Windsurfing has a strong youth development programme which attracts new participants and keeps campaign costs (both, equipment and travelling) low.

Single-handed events maximize the number of countries taking part in the Olympic Regatta, keep athlete numbers low (as preferred by the IOC)

Selecting these two Events as Core Events would create a long term strategy around which MNAS could continue to develop sailing in their countries based on a strong youth pathway leading to the Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Games.

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