

Classes and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition

Regulation 16.1.1(a)

A submission from the International Kiteboarding Association

Proposal

16.1.1 Council shall make the following decisions on Olympic Events and Equipment (classes):

~~(a) at the November meeting of Council seven years before the Olympic Sailing Competition, decide the Olympic Events and Equipment selection criteria (regulation 16.1.5).~~

(a) The Event Format at the Olympic Sailing competition shall be:

- Fleet Racing Format**
- Match Racing Format**
- Team Racing Format**
- Speed Racing Format**
- Slalom Racing Format**

~~(b) at the November meeting of Council five years before the Olympic Sailing Competition, decide the Events.~~

and renumber 16.1.1 (c)) to 16.1.1(f) accordingly

Current Position

As above

Reason

The Olympic Sailing Competition needs a change from the current classes based system towards discipline diversification.

Having different disciplines instead of ten times fleet racing adds spectator and media interest, helps reducing time frame and technical costs and thus makes Sailing more attractive to the International Olympic Committee to keep Sailing in the Games.

Other sports do not reinvent their Events for each Olympic Games. The current discussion of Sailing Events is hopelessly intertwined with the selection of Equipment. Equipment should be selected to perfectly fit the Olympic Sailing Venue in the light of fixed event formats.
