

Classes and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition

Regulation 16.1.6

A submission from the International Kiteboarding Association

Proposal

Delete Regulation 16.1.6 and replace with:

16.1.6 ISAF's criteria for selecting Equipment shall be that it

- (a) **must allow athletes around the world, male, female and of different sizes and weights, to participate in the same event on equal opportunities**
- (b) **gives the best sailors in each country the opportunity to participate in readily accessible equipment**
- (c) **meets any of the IOCs criteria for participation in the Olympic Programme**
- (d) **must be considered as “high-performance”**
- (e) **must have a focus on media and youth appeal**
- (f) **include equipment for each of the five different sailing vessel categories (Dinghy, Multihull, Keelboat, Windsurfer, Kiteboard)**

Current Position

Current Regulation 16.1.6.

Reason

Several Classes have a clear focus on certain target weights and sizes to have a chance to compete successfully. This discriminates large parts of the world and prevents broader participation at least in the Olympic Qualification.

All Olympic Equipment should be “high performance”, as no one is interested in “low performance” – the Olympic Sailing Competition needs to create a “buzz” for spectators and media.

All different kinds of sailing vessel should be presented at the Olympic Games – the listed categories highly vary in construction and handling as well as technical and tactical skills and thus showcase the full range of Sailing
