

Selection of Equipment for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Kiteboarding

A submission from the International Kiteboarding Association

Proposal

To select as events and equipment for the 2016 Olympic Sailing programme Men's and Women's Kiteboard Racing

Current Position

Kiteboarding is currently not included in the Olympic Sailing programme

Reason

Kiteboarding meets the criteria for Type 1 **and** Type 2 events because it has public and media appeal, it exploits the diversity of the sport of sailing and it maximizes excitement.

Kiteboarding is second only to Windsurfing and single handed dinghies in the number of participants.

Kiteboarding is the least expensive of the Olympic Equipment. Equipment is available and sailed worldwide, especially in emerging nations.

The distribution of medals in recent championships has shown that it is not dominated by any single country or area of the world.

Kiteboarding is colourful, exciting and fast, and beautiful in the eye of the camera, adding to sailing's overall media appeal.
