

World Championships of the Olympic Classes

World Championships or Grand Final

A submission from US SAILING

Proposal

- 18.2 Each ISAF Class is automatically granted the right, subject to the notification requirements of Regulation 18.10, to hold one annual World Championship. **ISAF Classes selected for the Olympic Games shall not hold a World Championship in the year of the Olympic Games.**

Current Position

As above

Reason

The intent of this submission is to confirm that the Olympic Classes have the right to hold an annual World Championship. The change would be that the Olympic Classes may hold a World Championship in the first, second and third years of the Olympic cycle, but not in the fourth year.

US SAILING agrees with the Olympic Commission that there must be only one annual pinnacle event. The choice is either a World Championship or a new Grand Final of the Sailing World Cup. These two events are mutually exclusive, one or the other, but not both. The World Championships of the Olympic Classes have a long heritage and tradition that should not be discarded.

The schedule of events during the year of the Olympic Games is too crowded. The pinnacle event of that year should be the Olympic Games.

This submission is not intended to change the obligation of the Olympic Classes to participate in the ISAF Worlds whenever it may be scheduled. Although it is not part of this submission, US SAILING recommends that ISAF organize an ISAF World Championship in year two and year three. The Olympic Classes would organize a traditional World Championship in year one. Continental qualification for the Olympic Games would occur in year three and year four.
