

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Olympic Events & Equipment

A submission from the Chairman of the Events Committee

Purpose or Objective

To propose events for the 2024 Olympic Games for the 5 events placed under review by the decision of Council on 19 February 2018.

Proposal

Current Event & Equipment	2024 Event Proposal	2024 Equipment Proposal
Men's One Person Dinghy – Laser	Retained	Retained
Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial	Retained	Retained
Men's Skiff - 49er	Retained	Retained
Women's Skiff – 49erFX	Retained	Retained
Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17	Retained	Retained
Men's Windsurfer - RS:X	Men's Windsurfer Combined	New Equipment
Women's Windsurfer – RS:X	Women's Windsurfer Combined	New Equipment
Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy – Finn	Mixed Team Kiteboard (Two Person)	New Equipment
Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Men's One Person Short Course	New Equipment
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Women's One Person Short Course	New Equipment

New Equipment Criteria

Men's / Women's Windsurfer

1 registered production board

Maximum of 3 registered production rigs

1 registered production foil and 2 registered production fins

The equipment must be able to launch from the beach and be suitable for winds from 6-30 knots and both racing formats and slalom.

Mixed Team Kiteboard

High performance hydrofoil system (single mast), hull open
High performance foil kite quiver up to 4 kites to cover wind range of 6-40 knots
Registered series production systems for hydrofoil and kites

Men's /Women's One Person Short Course

To suit an athlete physique different to the ideal physique for the retained singlehanded events.
Must be highly maneuverable over a wind range of 5 – 25 knots.

Hiking or trapezing allowed.

Should offer configurations that allow equipment to be tailored to an individual sailor's physique.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

General

The background to the various Submissions from the Chair of the Events Committee is set out in notes (a) – (d) below. The reasons for putting forward this proposal are as follows.

1. This proposal provides for 2 mixed events and 4 men's and 4 women's events in the Sailing event program. It retains separate men's and women's windsurfer events but proposes format changes to the current event to better showcase windsurfing. It includes a Mixed Team Kiteboard event because kiteboarding meets the objectives of World Sailing and the IOC. The additional singlehanded events for men and women provides more flexibility than additional double handed events to manage the athlete quota and will accommodate a different range of physiques to the retained single handed events.
2. Windsurfing and kiteboarding are off-the-beach events with a number of exciting disciplines, which opens new opportunities to showcase this part of sailing as an "urban" sport with high youth and media appeal. The equipment proposal for the windsurfer and kiteboard events enables access to high performance equipment at a competitive price and increases team or individual sponsorship opportunities with multiple equipment suppliers involved.
3. The Men's and Women's One Person Short Course events must be sufficiently different to the retained singlehanded events for them to have a unique signature and meet the IOC focus of event based programs. This could be achieved with innovative formats.

Men's / Women's Windsurfer Combined

4. An event that showcases exciting windsurfing disciplines will meet the key objectives of World Sailing and the IOC for an Olympic event. The disciplines should include slalom and may include a long distance race and/ or short course racing or other suitable disciplines, with a combined score determining the places.
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5. The accessibility of Windsurfing creates significant potential to grow the number of countries currently participating in Olympic qualification events for sailing and with the retained singlehanded events, ensures that we have at least 4 universal events included in the 10 events in the Sailing program.
6. Windsurfing is attractive to the media, to youth and both genders. A separate women's event will build on the existing strength of women in windsurfing and enable the retention and increase in the participation of women.

Mixed Team Kiteboarding

7. Kiteboarding meets the objectives of World Sailing and the IOC for an Olympic event. It is particularly appealing to youth and the media and can be both universal and innovative.
8. The kiteboard event is off-the-beach and has a number of exciting disciplines, which opens new opportunities to showcase sailing. The kiteboard event could showcase one or potentially multiple racing format disciplines which may include border-cross, speed and short course racing
9. There is strong interest from the IOC in the inclusion of kiteboarding events as evidenced by the awarding of an additional medal for the event at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.
10. Although a separate men's and women's kiteboard event would be capable of meeting the key objectives of World Sailing and the IOC for an Olympic event, two kiteboard events in addition to the two windsurfer events limits the options at this time to include events which showcase other parts of sailing and enable a diverse group of athletes to compete at the Olympic Games.
11. A mixed team of one male and one female would compete as a team with the scores of both male and female sailors counting and combining to determine the overall place. The format would be investigated and tested but by way of example only, could be a short track relay style event with short (10 minute) 4 lap courses (men and women alternating). One gender starts, does one lap, then after passing the leeward mark sails into a "change zone" and the other member of the team starts over the wake of the first sailor.

Men's and Women's One Person Short Course

12. Single handed sailing is accessible, affordable and enables more countries to compete in the event at the Olympic Games because of athlete quota restrictions (which may be further reduced for future Games).
 13. The equipment and/or format will accommodate a different range of physiques to the retained single handed events.
 14. This event will make Olympic sailing a possibility for a wider range of both male and female sailors and help increase the participation, growth and retention of women in sailing at the Olympic level.
 15. The format should not be traditional fleet racing. This event must be sufficiently different to the retained singlehanded events for it to have a unique signature and meet the IOC focus of event based programs. This could be achieved with innovative formats such as multiple short, fast races each day with rules relaxed to allow more kinetics, different courses such as
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gates at the midpoint on windward and/or leeward leg, a reaching leg, and different structures such as knock out rounds or elimination series leading to a final of a small number of boats.

Notes

- (a) The 2024 Events and Equipment Working Party with input from the broader Events Committee has identified a number of potential slates for the 2024 Olympic Games which have been included in Submissions M10-18, M11-18, M24-18, M28-18, M34-18 and M36-18 from the Chairman of the Events Committee.
 - (b) The Working Party will continue to work on the advantages and disadvantage of the events proposed in these Submissions, review the other Submissions made and any further input provided by the broader sailing community.
 - (c) After reviewing all the Submissions, the Working Party and the Events Committee will prepare a report and make a recommendation for the May Council Meeting.
 - (d) In relation to the names of the events, including in the Events Committee Chair's Submissions, the Events Committee intends to put a Submission forward for the 2018 Annual Conference to modify Regulation 23 to allow a change to Event names to be considered in 2019. It is important to review the names of all 10 events after all 10 events have been determined.
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