

2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Events and Equipment

A submission from the Royal Dutch Sailing Federation (KNWV)

Purpose or Objective

To amend the provisional slate of the Olympic Events as stated in 23.1.4

Proposal

That the following events and equipment are selected for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition:

| Event | Men | Women |
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| Board <u>and/or</u> KiteBoard | <u>RS:X / KiteBoard</u> (Evaluation) | <u>RS:X / KiteBoard</u> (Evaluation) |
| One-Person Dinghy | Laser Standard | Laser Radial |
| Skiff | 49er | Evaluation |
| Two-Person Multihull | Evaluation | Evaluation |
| Keelboat (Match) | Evaluation | Elliott 6m |
| Total Events | 5 | 5 |

Current Position

Provisional Decision taken in November 2010 as per Regulation 23.1.4

| Event | Men | Women | Mixed |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Board or KiteBoard | Evaluation | Evaluation | |
| One-Person Dinghy | Laser Standard | Laser Radial | |
| 2 nd One-Person Dinghy | Finn | | |
| Two-Person Dinghy (Spinnaker) | | | 470 |
| Skiff | 49er | Evaluation | |
| Keelboat Match | | Elliott 6m | |
| Multihull | | | Evaluation |
| Total Events | 4 | 4 | 2 |

Reasons

This submission meets the criteria put forward by the Olympic Commission for the Olympic Sailing Competition for the following reasons:

1. Gender equity and Participation

- This submission supports ISAF's strategic move towards gender equality, matched pairs of events and clear equipment pathways.
- This submission delivers the most balanced gender ratio for a "full team" of equal men and women athletes.
- The submission meets the requirements of ISAF Regulation 23.1.2(g) to "progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in."
- This submission reflects how sailing is widely practiced during the 204 weeks outside the Olympic Games.
- Mixed sailing is not a solution, it is a compromise. The sailors/athletes do not want mixed sailing in the Olympic competition. In some countries men and women cannot compete together due to cultural and religious reasons.

2. Events and Styles of Sailing

- This submission supports the five disciplines and skill range within the sport of sailing covering all areas of our sport.
- The submission offers diversity in terms of weight and size of the athlete, enabling a broad range of physiques and weights to compete.
- The submission represents the diversity of styles and skills required in sailing which are participated in around the world. The equipment can readily be sailed by sailors in developing nations, while at Olympic level they represent excellence in a wide range of sailing skills to challenge sailors and showcase our sport.

3. Diversity

- The ten Olympic sailing events allow a range of size, weight and skill sets to be taken into account. By maximising the range of sailor skills and physiques catered for in the ten events, this also maximises the number of sailors and nations that can aspire to going to the Olympic Games.
- This slate increases the diversity in our sport allowing for a wide range of different formats: slalom, match, fleet, marathon, short course racing.

4. Continuity and Evolution

- The submission achieves the right balance between ensuring continuity in existing events/equipment and encouraging evolution with new events/equipment. Using proven equipment and protecting a nation's investment for the majority of events is critical for the success of Olympic Sailing and sailing at the broad base. As is the case of large investments in the Elliott 6m in the past Olympic cycle.
- The submission delivers the pathway between youth events, the ISAF World Youth Sailing Championships and the Olympic Games, as highlighted by Olympic Commission, which required that events and equipment selected are appealing and accessible to youth and deliver a single-step pathway from youth to Olympic competition.

5. Cost and Accessibility of Equipment

- The submission delivers matched events for up to 10 events, offering clarity to the sport and significant benefit to smaller sailing nations with less funding. Not only from the obvious cost advantage of sharing equipment and logistics, but also in the development of the specific skills required to race the boat and access to the technical knowhow, such as coaches.
- Cost is not just the cost of buying new equipment, but the cost of the current investment already made in equipment around the world, and the cost of campaigning. This events and equipment slate proposed enables equipment evolution, and yet will also contain the cost of Olympic participation to MNAs and athletes.

6. Building popularity

- The proposed slate in this submission allows for the creation of heroes in the Olympic sailing arena encouraging young athletes and the parents that support their sailing careers to aspire to be like them.
 - The submission offers events and equipment which are dynamic, fast and provide media appeal. The athletes, key to the media mix, in these events represent the highest levels of physical fitness and athletic ability. It is imperative that ISAF selects events/equipment which have media appeal and, equally, it is important that ISAF, Olympic equipment, MNAs, athletes and event organizers work collectively to achieve and deliver a unified media strategy for Olympic sailing.
 - This submission offers a broad range of different formats, skills and techniques that will enhance the sport's spectator and media appeal.
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