

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Olympic Events & Equipment

A submission from Sail Canada

Purpose or Objective

Provide an event slate that is gender equal at event and athlete level, while providing the maximum diversity in physiques across the Olympic slate, utilizing equipment that is accessible world-wide while providing a showcase in the variety of disciplines within the sport of sailing.

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 Windsurfing (format TBD)	New Equipment (see note 1)
Women's Windsurfer – RS:X	Women's Windsurfing (format TBD)	New Equipment (see note 2)
Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy – Finn	Men's One Person Dinghy Power/Endurance (format TBD)	New Equipment (see note 3)
Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Women's One Person Dinghy Power/Endurance (format TBD)	New Equipment (see note 4)
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Mixed Double Dinghy (format TBD)	New Equipment (see note 5)

Note 1: Men's Windsurfing – Equipment: modern state of the art one-design class, concise measurement regulations, strict builder tolerances, with ability to compete across full range of conditions (4-25+ knots) and associated sea states, requires high athletic skill and includes a world wide distribution network, (target athlete size 175-185 cm and 68-78 kg)

Note 2: Women's Windsurfing – Equipment: same as the men's fleet windsurfing equipment with consideration to Fin and sail size to make it comparable in performance to men's

equipment recognizing differences in physique between men and women (target athlete size of 162-175 cm and 57-68 kg)

Note 3: Men's One Person Dinghy Power/Endurance – Equipment: with the ability to compete across full range of sailing conditions (4-25+ knots) and associated seas states. Requires high athletic skill, worldwide distribution, strict builder tolerance with concise measurement regulations and targets athlete size of 185+ cm and 90+ kg.

Note 3: Continued: The Finn as a current Olympic class meets the prescribed description, is accessible, affordable and campaigned worldwide, addressing many of the IOC Agenda 2020 principles.

The Finn accommodates a wide range of athletes; 180-200 cm and 83 to 104 kg as a sample from the Top 20 in the World Rankings, further it is affordable and boasts a significant worldwide interest. The class has been an Olympic fixture since 1952 and over this period evolved significantly into the quality racing platform that is state of the art and the ultimate test of physical, mental and sailing skill, with athletes comparable to the most elite from any other sport. As recently as the 2017 World Championships the class attracts upwards of 30+ countries on the Olympic scene and boasts a formidable Worlds Master (355 entries in 2016) and Junior programs. It has been the proving ground for countless members of sailings recognized legends.

Note 4: Women's One Person Dinghy Power/Endurance – Equipment: modern state of the art one-design class, with ability to compete across full range of sailing conditions (4-25+ knots) and associate sea states. Requires high athletic skill, has world wide distribution network, concise measurement regulations, strict/controlled builder tolerances (target athlete size of 150-165 cm and 50-60 kg)

Note 5: Mixed Double Dinghy - Equipment: modern state of the art one-design class, with ability to compete across full range of sailing conditions (4-25+ knots) and associate sea states. Requires high athletic skill, has world wide distribution network, concise measurement regulations, strict/controlled builder tolerances (target combined weight of 130+/- kg)

Note 6: Since the offshore and kite events were not accepted by the IOC program committee for the 2020 Olympics we ask World Sailing to seek for 2024, demonstration/special events in mixed offshore and mixed Kites.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. All formats for all events should be reviewed to ensure we have a sport that presents itself with obvious difference in appearance (format) and innovative formats which, provide media appeal, addresses areas of concern with IOC and provides diversity in the presentation of our sport. The formats can represent classic sailing but must also consider methods to truly showcase the sport of sailing, making it interesting and understandable to the consumer and by no means do they need to be the same for each contested event.
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2. Windsurfing is a discipline that is practiced by athletes from a diverse range of nations world-wide, it appeals to the common person as something they can relate to while at the same time demands the ultimate in physical preparation for success. Modernizing the equipment will attract and even wider range of athletes and make the event accessible to all wishing to compete.
3. Women's Power/Endurance aligns the sport from an event and athlete perspective. Proper care in selecting equipment that broadens the diversity in physique is fundamental to achieving an effective slate of events.

As a match/partner to the Men's Power/Endurance dinghy the overall diversity of the sport can be enlarged and the innovation around boat design and technical aspects of the sport can be delivered.

4. Mixed Double dinghy provides another avenue to grow the sport while at the same time reflecting the diversity of the competitors that it attracts. Mixed competition has proven to be a success in sailing and in other Olympic disciplines and appeals to the masses as an event that can be easily identified with (many people sail at all levels in mixed crews). The physiques required to compete effectively in this format will also provide increased range of diversity of physique in both the men and women's disciplines.
 5. In consideration of the IOC 2020 Agenda including principles of gender equality, universality, affordability, accessibility and innovation this submission seeks a balance of existing well recognized, affordable and accessible events and further seeks to make certain new event decisions encourage increased world-wide participation and more women's participation.
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