

World Sailing Regulations

Regulation 23 – Olympic Sailing Competition

A submission from the Board

Purpose or Objective

To amend the Regulations concerning the review and selection of Events and Equipment for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Proposal

1. Amend Regulation 23.1.2 as follows:

23.1.2 In choosing its Olympic Events and Equipment, World Sailing shall seek to ensure that each Event at the Olympic Sailing Competition is, and will be likely to remain, the pinnacle Event for that discipline or area of sailing. In addition, the Olympic Events and Equipment taken together shall meet the requirements and objectives of the IOC and to:

- (a) demonstrate the diversity of skills required to race various types of ~~small~~ boats, and minimise the overlap between Events;
 - (b) place an emphasis on athlete skill rather than equipment development, and limit the impact of equipment on performance;
 - (c) demand a high level of athletic ability as well as excellent sailing skills;
 - (d) be attractive and accessible to young athletes from all continents, and of different size and weight, with a clear pathway from World Sailing Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment;
 - (e) maximise the participation of the world's best sailors and showcase the diversity of the sport;
 - (f) provide an effective platform for promotion of the sport, and elite sailors, between Olympics;
 - (g) progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in;
 - ~~(h) align with the requirements of IOC Olympic Agenda 2020 and future strategic agenda issued by the IOC;~~
 - (h) avoid unnecessary or excessive equipment costs, development costs, measurement costs, coaching costs, race organisation and race official costs, and television and other media costs;
 - (i) offer continuity of Events and evolution of Equipment to give MNAs and sailors a dependable pathway into Olympic competition with continuity of investment;
 - (j) provide suitable Events and Equipment for Regional Games and other regattas;
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- (k) minimise environmental impact.

2. Amend Regulations 23.1.3(a) and 23.1.3(b) as follows:

23.1.3 The Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in Regulation 23.1.4. Any change to Regulation 23.1.4 shall be made according to the process below (subject to the provisions of Regulation 23.1.6) and the associated voting process and submission requirements are specified in Regulation 23.1.8:

- (a) The ten Olympic Events and Equipment in Regulation 23.1.4 are selected for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition. Equipment evolution shall be permitted and shall be decided in accordance with Regulation 23.1.3(d). World Sailing may propose additional Olympic Events(s) ~~and Showcase Events(s) for 2020, including a showcase event. World Sailing may propose Event(s) and Equipment as determined by Council based on submissions made by 10 January 2017~~ using the voting process for each Event as set out in Regulation 23.1.8(d) – (f) as applicable.
- (b) Council shall decide by 31 December of the year of the Olympic Games which of the Events selected for the next Olympic Sailing Competition (in four years' time) to review for possible change for the Olympic Sailing Competition in eight years' time. **There shall be a minimum of four such Events** ~~one and a maximum of three such Events.~~ All other Events and their associated Equipment **which are not selected for review** shall be included in the Olympics in eight years' time.

3. Amend Regulation 23.1.4 as follows:

23.1.4 Olympic Events and Equipment:

~~2016 Olympic Events and Equipment~~

~~Men's Windsurfer - RS:X~~

~~Women's Windsurfer - RS:X~~

~~Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser~~

~~Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial~~

~~Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy - Finn~~

~~Men's Skiff - 49er~~

~~Women's Skiff - 49erFX~~

~~Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470~~

~~Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470~~

~~Mixed Two Person Multihull - Nacra 17~~

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4. Amend Regulation 23.1.8(b) as follows:

- (b) For ~~the a~~ decision under Regulation 23.1.3(b), there shall be a single ballot paper listing the ten Events and associated Equipment selected for the next Olympics. Each voting member of the committee (or Council) shall mark an X against those whose inclusion in the Olympics after next he or she wishes to be reviewed. Members ~~shall can~~ vote for a minimum of 4 Events (there is no maximum number of Events) any number of Events to be reviewed (including none). The Event receiving the most votes shall be subject to review. The Events receiving the second, third and fourth most votes, and any Event receiving more than 50% of the votes cast (excluding abstentions), shall also be subject to review if they received more than 50% of votes cast (excluding abstentions). If no Event receives any votes, then, notwithstanding Regulation 23.1.3(b), no Event shall be reviewed.

5. Delete the current Regulation 23.1.9 and insert as follows:

23.1.9 Notwithstanding any other Regulation, for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition:

- (a) In November 2017, Council will debate any strategic issues concerning the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition;
- (b) Regulation 23.1.3(b) applies except that Council shall decide by 31 May 2018:
- (i) which of the Events will be selected for review under that Regulation; and
- (ii) may at that time select a new Event in place of an existing Event;
- (c) The deadline for the process and decisions to be taken under Regulation 23.1.3(c) is 31 December 2018.
- (d) Any submission received in 2017 seeking to amend Regulation 23.1 or seeking to review or change an Event under Regulation 23.1.3(b) shall ~~be~~ not be considered in 2017 and shall be deemed to be deferred for consideration at the 2018 Mid-Year Meetings.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

- Over the past few weeks, the Board has been reviewing with the Events Committee and the Executive Office how to best proceed with the decision-making process for the 2024 Olympic Games Events & Equipment.
- The Board has concluded that the remaining key decisions for 2020 should be concluded before the November 2017 Annual Conference, in order that we can be forward looking at the Conference and not having to deal simultaneously with decisions for two Olympic Games. Therefore, the current intention is that the 2020 Quotas and Qualification systems will be proposed to Council through a recommendation of the Events Committee using an

electronic vote. Format decisions for 2020 that require more extensive debate will be taken at the November 2017 Annual Conference.

3. Following the quota reduction that World Sailing has received for the 2020 Olympic Games and the clear communication from the IOC that the international federations must meet gender equity at an event level in 2024, it is essential that World Sailing takes a strategic approach to its proposals for 2024 Events and Equipment. Regulation 23 currently envisages a process which would have commenced in 2016 and would have only provided the ability to evaluate between one and three Events & Equipment for the 2024 Games. The Board believes that this is now too restrictive, not because a wholesale change of Events is required, but should the sport be restricted by the current Regulation or be allowed to make the right decisions for the long-term future success of our sport within the Olympic movement?
 4. The Board proposes that the current Regulation 23 be amended by Council now and the following process is followed:
 - (a) The debate at the November 2017 conference for the 2024 Olympic Games will be focused on strategic issues: gender equity, mixed classes, multi-medals (without increasing the quota) and evaluating new disciplines such as team racing, match-racing, endurance events which are not on the Olympic programme today.
 - (b) The President will accept any submissions concerning these strategic topics until 20 August under his ability to accept late submissions which concern urgent matters.
 - (c) All other submissions made for the 2017 Conference that relate to specific event decisions should not be listed for November, but should be automatically deferred and listed for consideration at the Mid-Year Meetings in May 2018. This will allow Council to focus on strategic issues in November 2017.
 - (d) Specific decisions on 2024 events will then be made at the May 2018 Mid-Year meeting.
 - (e) As envisaged by the current Regulations (23.1.3(c)), Council must decide in November 2018 what equipment decision to take in relation to each event under review (retain, evolve or select new equipment, or in the case of a new event select the equipment).
 - (f) The 2024 Olympic programme will therefore be finalized (subject to IOC approval in December 2020) at the November 2018 Annual Conference.
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