

Submission 100a-04 – Equipment Control for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

COUNCIL MINUTE – MAY 2005

Decision

Council deferred Submission 100a-04 to the working party appointed by the Equipment Committee.

COUNCIL MINUTE – NOVEMBER 2004

Decision

Council deferred Submission 100a-04 to the Equipment Committee to make a recommendation to the 2005 ISAF Mid-Year Meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – NOVEMBER 2004

Reporting Committee:

The Sailing Committee opinion is to support the submission and proposed that it should be referred to the new equipment committee to work with the relevant classes on an urgent basis.

Executive:

The Executive Committee supports submission 100a-04 from the President about equipment control for the 2008 Olympic Regatta.

Events:

The Events Committee supports the principles of submission 100a-04 from the President about equipment control.

ISAF Classes Committee:

The opinion of the Classes Committee is not to support submission 100 and 100A at the request of the OCC.

ORIGINAL SUBMISSION

From the President

Proposal:

Classes selected as equipment for the 2008 Olympic Regatta must work with ISAF on methods of reducing the cost of development, through changes in the Class Rules or the Measurement Regulations for 2008. This project must be completed by November 2005.

Current Position:

None

Reason:

Sailing is becoming an ever more expensive sport in which to compete at top level. The best funded teams have been shown to have a big advantage. This is bad for the image and future of our sport. In the Olympic arena, where ISAF is in control, we can and should take measures to reduce the advantage of high expenditure.

Equipment development is not the only or even most important area in which in high investment can bring success, but it is an important area, and the one in which ISAF can most easily make an impact. Development of new sails, rigs, foils etc for 2008 is inevitable if ISAF takes no action. This development will commence as soon as the equipment for 2008 is announced in November 2004.