

REPORTING COMMITTEE – EVENTS

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Selection of windsurfing equipment for the 2008 Olympic Regatta

A submission from the IFWC, IMCO, IRC, MJOD, the Brazilian Sailing Federation, the Israel Yachting Association, the Bulgarian Sailing Federation, the Federacion Venezolana de Vela and the Fédération Royale Belge du Yachting

PROPOSAL:

1. That windsurfing equipment for use at the 2008 Olympic Regatta shall be selected at the 2004 November Conference;
2. That the windsurfing equipment for use at the 2008 Olympic Regatta shall be One-Design, and a “hybrid” design;
3. That, if after the ISAF Trials in September in the UK, suitable “hybrid” equipment is not available for selection, the existing Mistral One Design (in a “White Board” format) shall be re-selected for use at the 2008 Olympic Regatta;
4. That ISAF formally request the windsurfing industry to co-operate with existing ISAF International windsurfing classes to develop the “hybrid” equipment and format over the next 4 years for possible selection / re-selection for the 2012 Olympic Regatta.

CURRENT POSITION:

The Mistral One-Design is the current Olympic windsurfing equipment.

REASON:

- a) The ISAF Council voted unanimously to select windsurfing men and windsurfing women as events for the 2008 Olympic Regatta;
- b) The ISAF Evaluation Team have conducted extensive trials of potential equipment;
- c) The Mistral One Design is suitable equipment for use at the 2008 Olympic Regatta;
- d) Many MNAs support the re-selection of the existing Mistral One Design;
- e) The ISAF initiative to stage trials for possible new windsurfing equipment has focused many producers on this new development in windsurfing equipment – the “hybrid”;
- f) ISAF should allow one quadrennial of continuous development to refine new concepts, and to ensure that the best possible equipment is selected for use in 2012 and future Olympic Regattas;
- g) This submission supports and develops the position taken by the ISAF Events Committee taken at the 2004 Mid Year Meeting in San Diego.