

Qualification System for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

Number of Participants in the Olympic Games

A submission from the Slovenian Sailing Federation

Proposal:

Proposal for the change of the number of participants on the Olympic Games 2008

We suggest changing the numbers of participants for the Olympic Games 2008 to:

- 49-er to 20 crews
- Tornado to 20 crews
- Star to 20 crews
- Yngling to 20 crews

Current Position:

Table based on 400 athletes:

	Host NOC	Other NOC	Entry Quota	Athletes
NP RS:X Men	1	34	35	x1 = 35
NP RS:X Women	1	27	28	x1 = 28
Finn	1	25	26	x1 = 26
Laser	1	39	40	x1 = 40
Laser - Radial	1	25	26	x1 = 26
470 Men	1	29	30	x2 = 60
470 Women	1	18	19	x2 = 38
49er	1	18	19	x2 = 38
Tornado	1	15	16	x2 = 32
Star	1	15	16	x2 = 32
Yngling	1	14	15	<u>x3 = 45</u>
				400

Reason:

The Olympic Games are the final encounter of the sailors on a regatta and putting the margin of participants below 20 turns away the interest of participants to compete in these classes in smaller countries. This is especially true for keelboats, which are the most popular racing boats on the world (90-95% of sailors), but in the Olympic Games they don't have even 15 to 16 places.