

Continental Associations

Position within World Sailing

A submission from the UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation

Purpose or Objective

The objective of this submission is to give the ISAF Continental Associations more autonomy and to assist resource their activities

Proposal

That the Continental Associations be recognised as a separate entity that answers direct to the Board and is included in the Council as a separate committee

Current Position

The current position is that the Continental Associations are part of the regional games committee as a sub committee

Reasons

1. The current organisation of ISAF is upside down and it its focus on mostly the Olympics neglects the grass root sailing activity in emerging and developing MNA's
 2. The organisation has little or no connection with grass roots sailing since the issue is so complex in many regions it is impossible to connect from the centralised style of corporate management that exists in ISAF today
 3. The Continental Associations are in direct contact with their MNA'S and are in a strong position to influence the Continental Olympic Committees to ensure that sailing is always included in their event
 4. Because of the marked disparity of development amongst ISAF MNA's there is a constant battle for the Continental Associations to highlight our sport to the authorities and seek the funding they need to continue to market and promote our sport
 5. As most Continental Associations have a democratic constitution there is always pressure on their executive to perform unlike the situation now where the Board of ISAF is not inclined to be strongly influenced by the smaller MNA's
 6. The organization of ISAF where Council members are meant to highlight the issues affecting there is unwieldy and the member is often out of touch with the real needs of their MNA's
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7. Continental Association are better place to hold regular Continental competitions that are on a more level playing field and attract much more local interest that leads to better sponsorship and local funding
 8. Finally the Continental Associations should be at the forefront of ISAF activities and lead the promotion of our sport into the countries that have possibly not even heard of ISAF but are familiar with sailing
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