

World Sailing Regulations

Regulation 8.9.2 – Athlete Commission Membership

A submission from the International 49er Class Association and International Nacra 17 Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To ensure the Athletes Commission remains full throughout the Olympic Quad by allowing replacements if members withdraw for any reason.

Proposal

Amend Regulation 8.9.2(f) as follows:

- (f) in the event of a resignation during a member's first four years, a replacement member shall be elected **by vote of athletes present at the next Sailing World Cup Europe or World Sailing Championship** ~~at, or appointed after the next Olympic Sailing Competition to serve a four year term;~~ **to serve the remainder of the term vacated;**

Current Position

As above.

The current position is that if a member of the Athletes Commission resigns or vacates their position it vacates for the remainder of the Olympic cycle.

Reasons

1. The good functioning of the Athletes Commission is optimised if the Commission is full, with as wide a set of backgrounds and skillsets as possible
2. Empirically there have been vacancies on the Commission for significant periods during a quad, increasing the workload of those remaining. Vacancies also have the impact of reducing the pool of advice and guidance that can be imparted.