

2020 Olympic Sailing Competition

Support to Continental Qualification Events

A submission from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee on behalf of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee

Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this submission is to ensure that full support is given from World Sailing to the organisation and sailors attendance to all classes Continental qualification to maximise country participation potential.

Proposal

That World Sailing is allocating sufficient logistical and financial support to the organisation of the 2020 Olympic Continental Qualification event, and the training and racing events leading up to it, to ensure that attendance of sailors and MNAs is maximised. The support provided by World Sailing should be financial and logistical to ensure sufficient equipment availability, high level of race officials, and sailors support in terms of clinics, coaching, and equipment supply on an equal level for all continents and classes.

Current Position

The World Sailing board has declared as a main objective to allocate and concentrate funds and logistics to maximise the outcome of the 2020 Olympic Continental Qualifiers.

Reasons

1. The Olympic Continental Qualifiers exist since the 2016 Olympic cycle. The 2016 Olympic Games Continental Qualifiers did not achieve the expected results in terms of number of nations represented and sailor participation, mainly due to a lack of involvement and funding from World Sailing.
 2. Continental Qualifications are the events that can maximise the participation potential and increase the number of MNAs.
 3. The IOC is assessing each sport based on the number of countries taking part in the whole qualification process. Expanding the number of participations is mainly possible through the continental qualification events.
 4. With large quota in some of the women events, the intention is to focus development funding into programmes of training and events leading to the Continental qualification to maximise the number of participating women and countries especially in such events.
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