World Sailing Regulations

Regulation 23 – Olympic Sailing Competition - Selection of Events and Equipment

A submission from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

The selection of Events and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition to be made by the World Sailing General Assembly.

Proposal 1

Amend Regulation 23 as follows:

23.1.3(b) Council General Assembly shall decide by 31 December of the year of the Olympic Games which of the Events selected for the next Olympic Sailing Competition (in four years’ time) to review for possible change for the Olympic Sailing Competition in eight years’ time. There shall be a minimum of one and a maximum of three such Events. All other Events and their associated Equipment shall be included in the Olympics in eight years’ time.

23.1.3(c) For each Event it is reviewing under 23.1.3(b), Council General Assembly shall decide by 31 December of the following year either:

(i) to retain the Event and retain the current Equipment; or
(ii) to retain the Event and evolve the current Equipment; or
(iii) to retain the Event and select new Equipment; or
(iv) to select a new Event and select new Equipment.

23.1.3(d) For its decisions under 23.1.3(c), if Council General Assembly decides:

(i) to evolve the current Equipment, it shall at the same time specify where evolution is required;
(ii) to select new Equipment, it shall at the same time decide the criteria for the selection of new Equipment;
(iii) to select a new Event, it shall at the same time select what that new Event shall be.

[...]
while it remains Olympic Equipment. In the event that World Sailing is unable to agree the contract for particular Equipment, **Council General Assembly** shall decide alternative Equipment in November of the year four years before the Olympic Sailing Competition from a list of Equipment options provided by the Board.

23.1.6 **Council General Assembly** may only change a decision already made with regard to selection of an Olympic Event or Equipment if at least 75% of votes cast are in favour of a motion to change that specific Olympic Event or Equipment selection. In such an event, the timescales in regulation 23.1.3 shall not apply, and any subsequent voting process shall ensure that an Event or Equipment is de-selected, or new Event or Equipment is selected, only after a vote of more than 50% of votes cast in favour of the decision.

[...]  

23.1.8 Olympic Event and Equipment Voting Processes  

(a) Committees voting on a recommendation to **Council General Assembly** shall use the appropriate process defined below. **Council General Assembly** may vote to accept the recommendation of a reporting committee. If **Council General Assembly** does not so do, it shall then use the appropriate process defined below to make its decision(s).

(b) For the decision under Regulation 23.1.3(b), there shall be a single ballot paper listing the ten Events and associated Equipment selected for the next Olympics. Each voting member of the committee (or Council General Assembly) shall ...  

[...]  

(d) Voting for decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(c) shall be a two stage process as follows:

Stage 1: any submission must be proposed and seconded by a member of the committee (or if the submission is before Council General Assembly by a member of Council MNA). A member may propose or second more than one submission. If a submission is not so proposed and seconded it is deemed rejected.

[...]  

(e) The Stage 2 procedure is as follows:

(i) (Each voting member of the committee (or Council General Assembly) shall cast one vote for his or her preferred option from those Stage 2 options which have not so far been rejected.

[...]  

23.1.9 IOC Programme Reviews  

If the International Olympic Committee initiates a review of the programme of Events and Equipment for an Olympic Sailing Competition, **Council General Assembly** may on the proposal of the President:
(a) agree the procedure to be used in reviewing the Olympic Events and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition;

(b) acting in accordance with the procedure agreed under Regulation 23.1.9(a), change the list of Olympic Events and Equipment in Regulation 23.1.4;

(c) agree any other procedures to be followed in respect of the review (including changing the dates set under Regulation 23.1.3(b) – (f)).

and Council General Assembly may make decisions acting by a simple majority under this Regulation notwithstanding any other provision of Regulation 23.

**Olympic Entries**

23.2 Olympic entries shall only be approved from Members of the World Sailing. If applications for membership are received between the meetings of the World Sailing, these may be approved provided that the Officers and the World Sailing’s legal advisers are satisfied that the application follows the World Sailing’s normal guidelines. These applications shall be reported to the Council General Assembly at its next meeting.

**Proposal 2**

Due to the fact that decision on this submission by the Council is directly affecting the powers of the Council, there is a direct conflict of interest, the Council should not make any decision on this submission and the decision should be made by the General Assembly.

**Current Position**

As above.

**Reason**

1. The Olympic Sailing Competition is the pinnacle sailing event. Due to its importance the selection of Events and Equipment shall be made by the World Sailing General Assembly and not by the Council.

2. MNAs should be entitled to a direct vote on the selection of Events and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition.