Race Officials for Olympic Games

Conflict of interest for ITOs for Olympic Games – New Regulation 34.5

A submission from the Fiji Yachting Association and the Guam Sailing Federation

**Purpose or Objective**

To remove all direct conflict in Race Officials in the Olympic Games by adding regulation 34.5

**Proposal**

**34.5 For the Olympic Games, No Race Officials (Jury, Race officer, Equipment Inspector or other Technical Officer) shall be appointed if they are paid by the MNA or any Government Authority in a country on regular basis (except reimbursement of logistic expenses) for services rendered to any ISAF MNA.**

**Current Position**

34.1 A conflict of interest exists when an ISAF Race Official has, or reasonably appears to have, a personal or financial interest which could affect the official’s ability to be impartial.

**Reason**

1. In ISAF regulations, 34 conflict of Interest is subjective
2. Since the sport depends on volunteers, its is accepted that in any other regatta in the world Regulation 34 is needed
3. In Olympic Games, the fairness of Race Officials should be beyond reproach and subjectivity. Since Olympic Games is a competition between MNAs, no one who is directly paid in any manner by MNA or a countries Government to provide professional services to a particular MNA, he is presumed to have a direct conflict where he exercises it or not.