

Youth Olympics

Events in Youth Olympics

A submission from the Sailing Cook Islands

Purpose or Objective

To make sure the Events in the Youth Olympics has equipment available and actively sailed in at least 50% of member MNAs of ISAF

Events Committee proposal to eliminate Single Handed Dinghys and replace with Mixed Kitesurfing and Mixed multihull will greatly reduce the number of countries who try to qualify and compete in the Youth Olympics.

Proposal

Youth Olympics 2018 should have the following 4 events which are sailed in at least 50% of MNAs of ISAF:

1. Single Handed Dinghy Boys- Laser 4.7 if 14/15 – Laser Radial if 16/17 ages
2. Single handed Dinghy Girls- Laser 4.7- Laser 4.7 if 14/15 – Laser Radial if 16/17 ages
3. Single Handed Windsurfer Boys- Bic Techno 293
4. Single Handed Windsurfer Girls- Bic Techno 293

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. Olympics are first and foremost about universality
 2. Media is important to Olympics but in the above 4 categories Media can be managed with good production
 3. Youth Sailing is declining in the world and a move to use equipment and events at the youth level which are not universal will ensure the further decline of the sport
 4. In Olympic Games sailing has 10 medals and hence to have 2-4 events which are only for media is justifiable
 5. In Youth Olympics with only 4 events, it is very important for all ISAF MNAs to have equal opportunity to compete. Changing equipment which is not universally available will increase
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costs for all smaller MNAs and decrease the growth of the sport in the entire developing world

6. Laser 4.7 and Bic Techno 293 and the most prominent equipment in the world of Youth sailing today. These events can be made Media friendly if ISAF works with the classes and media in regards to colours, formats, timing etc.