Olympic Sailing Competition

AGM to Decide Olympic Events and Equipment – Regulations 6.6.3 & 23.1

A submission from the Hellenic Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To give the Annual General Meeting of World Sailing the responsibility to take decisions on any review of and changes to the events and equipment for the Olympic Games.

Proposal 1

The Board proposed Submission E27-17 to the Council with amendments to Regulations 23.1.2, 23.1.3(a) and (b), 23.1.4, 23.1.8(b), 23.1.9 which were voted on by email vote in between Friday 28 July and Friday 4 August 2017.*

*At the time of making this submission, the decision of Council is not known and the final amended regulation wording is therefore not known. Therefore the proposal above amends the wording of the existing World Sailing Regulations, with the relevant change of “Council” to “Annual General Meeting”, and does not take into account the proposed changes in Submission E27-17.

Amend Regulation 6.6.3 as follows:

6.6.3 The Events Committee shall:

(a) every four years, at the meeting immediately after the Olympic Games, provide to Council and the Annual General Meeting a review of the Olympic Sailing Competition, and identify possible opportunities for change to World Sailing’s Olympic strategy, or to Olympic Sailing Events or Equipment;

(b) recommend to Council the Annual General Meeting any change to Olympic Events, and any change or evolution of Olympic Equipment, in accordance with the strategy and timescales in Regulation 23.1

(c) in conjunction with the President and Chief Executive Officer recommend to Council the format of courses to be sailed at the Olympic Sailing Competition;

(d) recommend to Council the policy (and implementing actions) to be used in World Sailing Events and other major international events, including the Olympic Qualification system and events;

(e) recommend to Council the policy (and implementing actions) to be used concerning the World Sailing Calendar and World Sailing Ranking Lists:

(f) in matters concerning equipment, Olympic or otherwise, liaise with the Equipment Committee.
Proposal 2

Amend Regulation 23.1 as follows:

Events and Equipment

23.1.3 The Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in Regulation 23.1.4. Any change to Regulation 23.1.4 shall be made according to the process below (subject to the provisions of Regulation 23.1.6) and the associated voting process and submission requirements are specified in Regulation 23.1.8:

(a) The ten Olympic Events and Equipment in Regulation 23.1.4 are selected for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition. Equipment evolution shall be permitted and shall be decided in accordance with Regulation 23.1.3(d). World Sailing may propose additional Olympic Events(s) for 2020, including a showcase event. World Sailing may propose Event(s) and Equipment as determined by Council the Annual General Meeting based on submissions made by 10 January 2017 using the voting process for each Event as set out in Regulation 23.1.8(d) – (f) as applicable.

(b) Council the Annual General Meeting 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.

(c) For each Event it is reviewing under Regulation 23.1.3(b), Council the Annual General Meeting 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.

(d) For its decisions under 23.1.3(c), if Council the Annual General 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.

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23.1.6 Council the Annual General Meeting may only change a decision already made with regard to selection of an Olympic Event or Equipment if:

(a) Regulation 23.1.9 applies; or

(b) 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.

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23.1.8 Olympic Event and Equipment Voting Processes

(a) Committees voting on a recommendation to Council the Annual General Meeting shall use the appropriate process defined below. Council The Annual General Meeting may vote to accept the recommendation of a reporting committee. If Council the Annual General Meeting 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 the Annual General Meeting) shall mark an X against those whose inclusion in the Olympics after next he or she wishes to be reviewed. Members can vote for any number of Events to be reviewed (including none). The Event receiving the most votes shall be subject to review. The Events receiving the second and third most votes shall also be subject to review if they received more than 50% of votes cast (excluding abstentions). If no Event receives any votes, then, notwithstanding Regulation 23.1.3(b), no Event shall be reviewed.

(i) When there is a tie that needs to be broken, a separate run-off ballot shall be held between the tied Events to break it. When a tie involves more than two Events, and a run-off ballot only partially breaks that tie, another run-off ballot shall be held between those who are still tied.

(ii) When all tied Events remain tied after a run-off ballot, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

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(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 the Annual General Meeting by a member of Council the Annual General Meeting). A member may propose or second more than one submission. If a submission is not so proposed and seconded it is deemed rejected.

Stage 2: which selects either one submission from those that have been proposed and seconded in Stage 1, or selects to retain the current Events and Equipment (see Regulation 23.1.8(e)).

(e) The Stage 2 procedure is as follows:

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

(ii) If an option receives more than 50% of votes cast (excluding abstentions), it is selected and the voting process is concluded.

(iii) If no option receives more than 50% of votes cast, then any option that has received zero votes, and of the remaining options, the one receiving the fewest votes, are rejected.

(iv) The procedure in (i), (ii) and (iii) above shall then be repeated with the remaining options.

(v) After each round of voting, the rejected option, but not the number of votes, shall be declared. The totals of all votes in all rounds shall be declared at the end of the process.
(vi) In the event of a tie that needs to be broken in step (iii) above, it shall be broken as follows:

1. the tie is broken in favour of the option that received more votes in the previous round of Stage 2;
2. if this fails to break the tie, or it is the first round of Stage 2, then a run-off ballot shall be held.
3. if a tie between more than two options is only partially broken by (a) or (b), the tie break process continues between the options that are still tied.
4. if a run-off ballot fails to break a tie, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

23.1.9 For the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition, Regulation 23.1.3(b) applies except that Council the Annual General Meeting shall decide by 31 December 2017 which of the Events will be selected for review under that Regulation.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The Annual General Meeting is constituted by a representative of each of the World Sailing Member National Authorities, and therefore represents the interests of the sport around the world.
2. Major decisions which will impact the sport around the world and particularly the development, stability and growth of the sport must be taken with full consultation to the entire MNA membership.