

2016 Olympic Events and Equipment

Regulation 23.1.4

A submission from the International RS:One Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To re-instate windsurfing for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition and select the best events and equipment to represent sailing in the Olympic Games.

To amend the slate of events currently selected.

Proposal

That Regulation 23.1.4 is amended in accordance with regulation 23.1.7 as follows:

~~Men's Kiteboarding –~~ **Men's Windsurfer – RS:X**
~~Women's Kiteboarding –~~ **Women's Windsurfer – RS:X**

Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser

Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial

Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy - Finn

Men's Skiff - 49er

Women's Skiff – 49erFX

Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470

Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470

Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17

Current Position

As above

Reason

1. By selecting kiteboarding at the expense of windsurfing ISAF has deleted one of the most popular events in terms of participation and global spread.
 2. Kiteboarding is a new and fascinating discipline of sailing but has not proven to be ready for inclusion in the Olympic Sailing Regatta.
 3. Women's participation will be decreased by the removal of windsurfing.
 4. The current slate deprives emerging nations of a low cost event, and reduces their chances of participation in the Olympic Games.
 5. Windsurfing represents an event that is established as a youthful and spectator/media friendly event, as requested by the IOC.
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1. Windsurfing has an established, worldwide, junior and youth development programme.
2. Windsurfing is an event in both the Youth Olympic Games and the annual ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.
3. Windsurfing is adaptable and suitable for all disciplines (*Racing, Expression, Speed*) and especially all formats of *Racing*, including *course racing, slalom, and marathon*.

Note. “Windsurfing” or “Windsurfer” means “Board” as specified in the 2012 ISAF Yearbook #23.1.4. It is proposed, for clarity and continuity in Regulations, that the event is referred to as “Windsurfer” (see ISAF Youth – #24.4.9) and the discipline is “Windsurfing”.
