2016 Olympic Events and Equipment

Regulation 23.1.4

A submission from the International Formula Windsurfing Class

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

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

**Men’s Kiteboarding** – **Mixed (Two Person) Kiteboard**

**Women’s Kiteboarding** – **Mixed (Two Person) Windsurfer**

Current Position
As above

Reasons

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 and has proven to be ready for inclusion in the Olympic Sailing programme.

3. Women’s participation will be encouraged and increased by inclusion of mixed team events.

4. The inclusion of mixed teams requires no change to athlete quotas for other events – it is envisaged that 16 teams (32 sailors), representing 16 countries, could participate in the windsurfing and kiteboarding events. This structure lends itself to both fleet racing and elim...

5. The windsurfing and kiteboarding equipment is both suitable and proven for different disciplines (racing, speed) and formats (course racing, slalom, marathon).

6. The proposed slate presents a much more balanced approach and achieves more of the objectives outlined in the ISAF Olympic Commission report than the current slate.

7. The proposed slate offers developing nations an additional low cost event to expand their chances of participation in the Olympic Games, especially those nations in Africa & Asia.

8. Training and coaching opportunities can be shared between men and women; and between both disciplines.
9. The inclusion of both windsurfing and kiteboarding supports the development towards more youth and spectator/media friendly events, as requested by the IOC.