

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Selection of 470 for Two-Person Dinghy Events

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Purpose or Objective

To select the Two-Person Dinghy Men (470 Class equipment) and Two-Person Dinghy Women (470 Class equipment) for the 2024 Olympics.

Proposal

In line with Regulation 23.1.3(b) and Regulation 23.1.3(c)(i) to select the Two-Person Dinghy Men (470 Class equipment) and Two-Person Dinghy Women (470 Class equipment) for the 2024 Olympics.

Current Position

The Two-Person Dinghy Men (470 Class equipment) and Two-Person Dinghy Women (470 Class equipment) are current Olympic events.

Reasons

1. The IOC Agenda 2020 goals are clearly stated as gender equality, universality, innovation and engagement with youth.
 2. The IOC has cleared requested that sailing achieve equivalent events for men and women at the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competitions, which means equivalent opportunity in both events and equivalent opportunity in athletes quotas. Continuity of existing matched events supports gender equality.
 3. Continuity of events is essential for the sustainability of the sport. The Olympic events and equipment shape the development of youth sailing and the future sailing pathways, and accessibility of Olympic events enables countries to aspire to and achieve Olympic participation. Continuity is key to accessibility.
 4. Olympic participation drives funding which in turn filters down to the pathway programme. The combination of events/equipment selected for the Olympic Sailing Competition must support a broad range of countries to have access to a choice of Olympic events.
 5. The Two-Person Dinghy Men and Two-Person Dinghy Women events using the 470 Class bring immense value to the Olympic Games, demonstrating a modern, youthful and skillful discipline of sailing which is easily, efficiently and cost-effectively part of the Olympic Sailing Competition. The events meet the requirements of Regulation 23.1.2 and the IOC Agenda 2020:
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6. The 470 delivers mainstream sailing to the Olympics:
 - Two-person dinghy sailing represents the sport's universal appeal and the 470 brings mainstream participation to the Olympics, stimulating opportunity and growth
 - From 5-35 knots, the 470 guarantees exhilarating racing in strong wind and waves, balanced with sensitive tactical racing in light conditions
 - Symmetric spinnaker sailing and the range of sail and rig controls allow optimum tuning, a skill fundamental to sailing in the widest context
 - Sailors must be accomplished in all aspects of sailing; tuning, tactics, strategy, technique, boat handling, agility and teamwork
7. The 470 makes the Olympic Sailing Competition accessible
 - An easily sailed boat, providing emerging nations realistic access to the Olympics
 - From club trainer > intercollegiate class > national events > regional games > the Olympics
 - Attractive choice for youth sailors, with natural progression and an achievable pathway to the Olympics
 - Modern and economical "off the shelf" equipment is available around the world
 - Enables diverse weight and height participation, taking Olympic Sailing to a large % of the world's population
8. The 470 delivers strength in Gender Balance:
 - Two events in one class make the 470 the only matched events and equipment on the Olympic programme
 - Men and women train together, sharing coaches and resources
 - Matched events and standardized equipment support solid growth and stronger, more sustainable development programmes
 - The 470 is the only boat for lightweight men and women opening the Olympics up to a large % of the population.

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