2016 Olympic Events and Equipment

Regulation 23.1.4

A submission from the Chairman of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee

Purpose or Objective

To reinstate the windsurfing for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition and to amend the slate of events currently selected.

In case in accordance with Regulation 23.1.7, a proposal to amend Regulation 23.1.4 is accepted, to amend the next event and equipment in Regulation 23.1.4 as follows:

Proposal 1

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

Men’s Kiteboarding

Women’s Kiteboarding

Mixed (Men and Women) Windsurfing – 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,

or

Proposal 2

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

Men’s Kiteboarding

Women’s Kiteboarding

Mixed (Two Person) Kiteboarding

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
Men’s Kiteboarding
Women’s Kiteboarding
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

Reasons

1. Kiteboarding is a new and fascinating discipline of sailing and has proven to be ready for inclusion in the ISAF events programme and in Olympic Games.

2. By selecting the kiteboarding ISAF has deleted the windsurfing - another strongest Olympic events and one of the most popular events as participation and global spread.

3. The kiteboarding and windsurfing are both suitable and proven for different disciplines (racing, speed) and formats (course racing, slalom, border cross, etc).

4. The logistic prices are vastly reduces for national and international travel especially for the kiteboards and also for the windsurfing.

5. 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 and Oceania.

6. The inclusion of both kiteboarding and windsurfing supports the development towards more youth and spectator/media friendly events, as requested by the IOC. The junior classes, the Techno 293 Class, selected as equipment for use in the Youth Olympics and RS:X 8.5m² as equipment for use in ISAF Youth Sailing Worlds, are suitable pathways to both Olympic kiteboarding and windsurfing.

7. Both kiteboarding and windsurfing have well developed worldwide distribution networks.

8. The proposed slate presents a balanced approach regarding to the other events.