2016 Olympic Events and Equipment

Regulation 23.1.4

A submission from the International Speed 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.

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:

- Women’s Kiteboarding - Women’s Board – RS:X
- Men’s One Person Dinghy - Laser
- Women’s One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
- Men’s 2nd One Person Dinghy – Finn
- Men’s Kiteboard - Evaluation
- 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 and has proven to be ready for inclusion in ISAF major events

3. Women’s participation in kiteboarding is currently low.

4. Two men’s single handed dinghy events still exist in the current slate which is contradicting the ISAF Olympic Commissions report and subsequent submissions and decisions. ISAF needs to put a stronger focus on young, dynamic athletes to showcase sailing in the Olympic Games.
5. 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.

6. The proposed slate offers especially emerging nations an additional low cost equipment to expand their chances of participation in the Olympic Games.

7. The inclusion of both windsurfing and kiteboarding supports a development towards more youth and spectator/media friendly events as requested by the IOC.

8. The inclusion of a men’s kiteboarding events allows ISAF to later add a women’s kiteboarding event, a route similar to the introduction of windsurfing to the Olympic Games.

For clarification, “Board” means “windsurfing”, and “Kiteboard” means “kiteboarding” as different disciplines of sailing.

Kiteboarding Equipment is subject to an evaluation report by the Equipment committee.