2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Submission: 063 - 18

Olympic Equipment

A submission from the Danish Sailing Association

Purpose or Objective

The purpose is to present a slate of Olympic Equipment which complies to submission 068/17 Gender Equality, 069/17 Mixed Gender Events, 070/17 Athlete Physiques and 071/17 Universality/Innovation and at the same time acknowledge the necessity for continuity in current MNA programmes and equipment investments.

Proposal

Event	Equipment	Format				
			068/069/17 Gender	070/17 Physique	071/17 Universality	071/17 Innovation
Men's One Person Dinghy	Finn (note 1)	Medal Race 2.0		Х		
Women's One Person Dinghy	New Equipment (note 2)	Medal Race 2.0		Х	(X)	(X)
Mixed One Person Dinghy	Laser Std./ Laser Radial (note 3 and 4)	Qualifier Relay Medal Race 2.0	Х		Х	
Men's Two Person Skiff	49er	Medal Race 2.0				Х
Women's Two Person Skiff	49er FX	Medal Race 2.0				Х
Mixed Two Person Dinghy	470	Medal Race 2.0	Х			
Men's Windsurfer	RS:X (note 4)	Medal Race 2.0			Х	
Women's Windsurfer	RS:X (note 4)	Medal Race 2.0			Х	
Mixed Kite	Formula Kite (note 5)	Short Track Relay knockout series	Х	Х	Х	Х
Mixed Two Person Multihull	Nacra 17	Medal Race 2.0	Х			Х

Note 1) The current Heavy Men's One Person Dinghy equipment is the Finn. The class is well established and incorporated in current MNA programmes. By using the Finn equipment in the Men's One Person Dinghy event 2024, we protect current MNA investments and comply to submission 070/17 Athlete Physiques by having equipment for heavy men.

Note 2) New equipment must be selected according to Equipment Committees procedures for equipment trials and selection. The equipment must facilitate light women to comply to submission 070/17 Athlete Physiques Physiques and optionally 071/17 Universality/Innovation.

Note 3) The Laser Standard/Radial is suitable as equipment for the Mixed One Person Dinghy event because the men and women equipment can be based on the same hull and partly rig. The difference in speed and appearance between the men and women athletes will be minor. Using common equipment for men and women will leverage women programmes in emerging MNA's. The Laser Class is well established worldwide and can contribute to facilitate strong women development programmes. The proposed race format should be tested and evaluated during regattas the coming year in order for World Sailing Committees and Council to make the final decision at the World Sailing Annual Conference 2019.

Note 4) Equipment is under antitrust review.

Note 5) According to IKA Mixed Kite submission.

Current Position

None

Reasons

- 1. The aim of this submission is to present a coherent 2024 Olympic Sailing Programme acknowledging the principles laid down in submissions no. 68-71/17 of gender equality, mixed gender events, athlete physiques, universality and innovation.
- 2. Acknowledging that this submission will require changes in events not currently under review, this submission will in our opinion give the most coherent programme for Olympic Sailing, respecting investments and programmes already established in MNA's.
- 3. The Laser Standard/Radial is suitable as equipment for the Mixed One Person Dinghy event. Men's and women's equipment can be based on the same hull and partly the same rig and thereby optimizing MNA's investments in equipment and coaching. The difference in speed and appearance between the men and women athletes will be minor which will support the experience of one mixed event and not two individual events sharing scores and medals.
- 4. By having universal equipment (Laser Standard/Radial) in the Mixed One Person Dinghy event we will leverage women programmes in emerging MNA's. The Laser Class is well established worldwide and can contribute to facilitate strong women development programmes.
- 5. If using the Laser Standard/Radial equipment for the Mixed One Person Dinghy event, the principle of ensuring events to suit athletes of different physiques will be challenged. Therefore, the current equipment for the Men's One Person Dingy and Women's One Person Dinghy events should be changed in order to keep Olympic Sailing events attractive for athletes of different physiques.

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6. We propose the Finn for the Men's One Person Dinghy event. The Finn Class is well established and incorporated in current MNA programmes. By using the Finn equipment in the Men's One Person Dinghy event we protect current MNA investments and we comply to submission 070/17 Athlete Physiques by having equipment for heavy men.

- 7. For the Women's One Person Dinghy event, we propose equipment, which applies to lighter women. This will fulfil the principle of giving women of different physiques the opportunity to compete. At the same time, it could meet the principle of universality to make it easier accessible also for emerging MNA's. This could for example be the Byte CII or the Europe dinghy. Alternatively, the Women's One Person Dinghy equipment could meet the principles of innovation. This could be done by choosing foiling equipment or another spectacular form of equipment, which is attractive for spectators and non-sailing audience.
- 8. The Medal Race 2.0 format gives an easy understandable format, where the winner of the last race actually is the winner of the gold medal.
- 9. Even though the Men's One Person Dinghy and Women's One Person Dinghy events are not under review, it is possible for the Council to change the equipment by a 75 % vote.