

2016 Olympic Events and Equipment

Regulation 23.1.4

A submission from the International Funboard Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To reinstate windsurfing for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.

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:

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~~ **Men's Board – Evaluation**

~~Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470~~ **Women's Board – Evaluation**

Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17

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 ISAF major events
 3. Two double handed dinghy events (470 and skiffs) exist in the current slate which is contradicting the ISAF Olympic Commissions report and subsequent submissions and decisions. There is a big overlap by giving 2 medals for “Two Person Dinghy” and 2 medals for “Skiff”. By selecting Skiff as a High-Performance 2 person boat there is no need for a “Low-Performance” 2 person 470.
 4. 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
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5. The proposed slate reduces the number of double handed events in favour of single handed events, allowing for a higher quota of participating nations.
 6. The proposed slate offers emerging nations an additional low cost equipment event 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.
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