**ISAF Sailing World Cup Events**

Add Windsurfing as an ISAF SWC Event – Regulation 24.3.1

A submission from the Norwegian Sailing Federation

**Purpose or Objective**

Several submissions to reinstate windsurfing as the board equipment for the 2016 Olympics have been issued. This submission will keep windsurfing as an ISAF event even if the effort to bring windsurfing back on the 2016 program is not successful. Windsurfing should be reinstated as an Olympic event and in order not lose momentum in the period windsurfing is not on the Olympic program, it is important to keep the discipline as an ISAF event.

**Proposal**

1. That the 2012 ISAF Conference still recognise windsurfing as an ISAF event in the ISAF World Cup and ISAF Worlds even though it is no longer one of the Olympic classes.
2. That ISAF make an evaluation of Olympic Windsurfing format and Equipment. This evaluation to be made soonest possible and in due time before the ISAF 2014 Annual Meeting.

**Current Position**

During the ISAF Mid-year meeting at Stresa, Italy 2012 it was decided to change board equipment from the RS:X to kite course racing for the Olympic Sailing Competition 2016 in Rio. Windsurfing will, according to this, after the 2012 games not be represented in the Olympics.

**Reasons**

Windsurfing is among the most spectacular and popular types of sailing. This makes Windsurfing a natural part of the Olympics. Therefore we wish to facilitate a process to reinstate Windsurfing in the games. This is in line with the Olympic Commission Report which does not acknowledge and comply to the IOC criteria for Olympic Events.

Because of this, Council may revote windsurfing back into the Olympics for 2020. Obviously, windsurfing will suffer in the meantime, and to keep continuity and development, ISAF must make actions to secure the position of windsurfing through facilitating for ISAF events.

An equipment evaluation will clarify whether RS-X course racing should still be the preferred format and equipment, whether adjustments should be made, or whether other formats and equipment should be selected for men’s and women’s windsurfing.