

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition and Beyond

Events and Equipment Regulations 23.1.3, 23.1.4, 23.1.5, 23.17 and 23.1.9

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To revise and simplify the processes for Olympic Event and Equipment selection to provide assured continuity of Events and Equipment in most Olympic Events, while enabling and encouraging innovative change where appropriate.

To schedule the selection of new Equipment to be at the latest five years before the Olympic Sailing Competition to improve the global availability of that Equipment at the start of the next Olympic cycle.

Proposal 1

1. Eight years before an Olympics (i.e. November conference immediately after an Olympics) Council decides which Events shall be reviewed and possibly changed. **There shall be a minimum of one and maximum of three such Events.**
 2. The remaining Events (seven, eight or nine), and their Equipment, shall at this time be confirmed for the Olympics in eight years time. Normal evolution of confirmed Equipment may still be required.
 3. Seven years before an Olympics, Council decides for each of the reviewed Events:
 - i. to retain the Event and retain the current Equipment; or
 - ii. to retain the Event and evolve the current Equipment; or
 - iii. to retain the Event and select new Equipment following trials; or
 - iv. to change the Event and select new Equipment following trials.
 4. If Council decides to evolve the current Equipment, it shall at the same time decide the scope of such evolution.

If Council decides to change the Event, it shall at the same time select what the new Event shall be.

If Council decides to select new Equipment, it shall at the same time decide the criteria for the selection of new Equipment.
 5. Five years before an Olympics (or earlier), Council selects any new Equipment and confirms any Equipment evolution.
 6. By 1 May four years before an Olympics, the Olympic Classes contract, and ISAF's relationships with the Olympic Class Associations and manufacturers, shall be agreed to give ISAF an appropriate level of control and authority over the continued availability of fair Olympic equipment.
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7. As in the current Regulations, Council can thereafter, in exceptional circumstances, change an earlier decision if 75% of votes are cast in favour of a motion to do so.
8. The Regulation changes to implement the above are detailed below.
9. If this submission is passed, then a follow-on submission will be proposed in 2014 to define the submissions and voting processes to support this process.

The table below shows how this would be reflected in the 2024 Olympic decisions

Council Meeting	2024 Decisions
November 2016	Post Olympic report. Select at least one, & maximum three 2020 Events for review. Confirm all other 2020 Events & Equipment are retained for 2024
November 2017	Select new or same Events & decide whether to retain, evolve or select new Equipment
November 2018	
November 2019	Select any new Equipment after trials (could be earlier – in 2018)
November 2020	Initial availability of new Equipment
November 2021	
November 2022	
November 2023	
August 2024	2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Proposal 2

Replace Regulation 23.1.3 with the following:

23.1.3 The Olympic Events and Equipment selected for the next two Olympic Sailing Competitions are defined in Regulation 23.1.4. Any change to Regulation 23.1.4 shall be made according to the process below.

- (a) If Sailing is allocated an additional medal for 2020, a Kiteboarding Event shall be selected. This paragraph shall be deleted at the conclusion of the 2020 Olympic Games.
- (b) At Council's first November meeting after an Olympic Games, Council shall decide by 31 December of the year of the Olympic Games which of the Events selected for the next Olympic Sailing Competition (in four years time) to review for possible change for the Olympic Sailing Competition in eight years time. There shall be a minimum of one and a maximum of three such Events. All other Events and their associated Equipment shall be included in the Olympics in eight years time.
- (c) For each Event it is reviewing under 23.1.3(b), Council shall decide by 31 December of the following year either:
 - (i) to retain the Event and retain the current Equipment; or
 - (ii) to retain the Event and evolve the current Equipment; or
 - (iii) to retain the Event and select new Equipment; or
 - (iv) to select a new Event and select new Equipment.
- (d) For its decisions under 23.1.3(c), if Council decides:
 - (i) to evolve the current Equipment, it shall at the same time specify where evolution is required;

- (ii) to select new Equipment, it shall at the same time decide the criteria for the selection of new Equipment;
- (iii) to select a new Event, it shall at the same time select what that new Event shall be.
- (e) New Equipment shall only be selected following Equipment trials or other evaluation against the specified criteria, and shall be selected no later than 31 December of the year five years before the Olympic Games.
- (f) ISAF may at any time require evolution of selected Equipment and shall liaise with the Class organisation and manufacturers before so deciding. Any such evolution shall be decided no later than 31 December of the year five years before the Olympic Sailing Competition.

Proposal 3

Amend Regulation 23.1.4 as follows:

23.1.4 Olympic Events and Equipment

2016 Olympic Events and Equipment:

Men's Board - RS:X
Women's Board - RS:X
Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser
Women's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
Heavyweight Men's 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

2020 Olympic Events and Equipment:

Men's Board - RS:X
Women's Board - RS:X
Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser
Women's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy - Finn
Men's Skiff - 49er
Women's Skiff – 49erFX
Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470
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Proposal 4

Delete Regulation 23.1.5 Core Events and Equipment

Proposal 5

Amend Regulation 23.17 as follows:

- 23.1.7 Council may ~~decide to~~ **only** change a ~~specific part of Regulation 23.1.4 closer in time to the Olympic Games than permitted in Regulation 23.1.3~~ **decision already made with regard to selection of an Olympic Event or Equipment** if at least 75% of votes cast are in favour of a motion to ~~do so~~ **change that specific Olympic Event or Equipment selection.** In such an event, the timescales in regulation 23.1.3 shall not apply, and any subsequent voting process shall ensure that an Event or Equipment is de-selected, or new Event or Equipment is selected, only after a vote of more than 50% of votes cast in favour of the decision.
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Proposal 6

Delete Regulation 23.1.9 – see Proposal 1 paragraph 9 above.

Current Position

There is no assurance of continuity of Olympic Events or Equipment. Council can decide to change any or all Events before every Olympics. New Events are decided six years before the Olympic Games and new Equipment four years before the Olympic Games.

Reasons

1. The proposed process is similar to the process now adopted by IOC for balancing the need for change of sports while assuring continuity to most sports. Most sports are identified as “safe”. The consideration of change is focused on a small number of sports that IOC identifies are “at risk”. IOC then selects one for possible change.
 2. The proposed process extends the current “Core Events & Equipment” process by confirming continuity for at least 8 years for most Events & Equipment. It will therefore make it far easier for ISAF to establish clear pathways for sailors from junior to Olympic sailing, and for MNAs to invest in these pathways and develop their sailors.
 3. The process will encourage Olympic Classes to work in partnership with ISAF on the growth and promotion of sailing worldwide. It will also give ISAF the ability to initiate equipment evolution or other change within Olympic Classes when this will be beneficial to ISAF, MNAs and sailors.
 4. The process will reduce the risk of short-term changes to the Olympic Events and Equipment, and will therefore provide a better outcome for MNAs and enhance the IOC’s assessment of sailing as an Olympic sport.
 5. Any decision on new or evolved Equipment will be made at a time that should allow for the new Equipment to be globally available four years before its first Olympics.
 6. Young sailors, and their parents and MNAs, will be able to chart with confidence their route to Olympic participation. It is widely agreed that Olympic sailing success is typically at least an 8-year campaign. The process will enable sailing at the IOC Youth Games and ISAF Youth Worlds Championships always to reflect Olympic pathways.
 7. Relations with sponsors, broadcasters and other stakeholders that are essential for the future promotion of the sport, will benefit from the greater certainty and continuity.
 8. Other regatta planning, and liaison with future OCOGs, will be made easier as there will be less possibility of significant late change.
 9. ISAF Council and Committees will have to spend less time on the Olympic debate so will be able to focus more on the challenge of continuing to broaden and improve the appeal of the sport.
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