Olympic Sailing Competition

Make Men's 2nd and One Person Dinghy (Men's One Person Dinghy Heavyweight) Priority Event for Unused Quota Places

A submission from the International Finn Association

Purpose or Objective

To allow men racing in the one person heavyweight dinghy the opportunity to use “unused quota places” and have the same opportunities as the other one person events.

Proposal

ISAF has decided to give priority to the one person dinghy men and women and the windsurfing men and women, to use the “unused quota places” for the Olympic Games. ISAF should extend this to all the one person events to allow for more options and give the same opportunity to sailors of different size and weight racing in a one person event.

Current Position

ISAF is only allocating “unused quota places” to the Laser, Laser radial, RS:X men and RS:X women.

There is no article in the ISAF regulations **23.2 Olympic Entries**, stating the current position.

Reasons

By including the other one person dinghy event for men, bigger sailors will have the same opportunity to race at the Olympic Games filling their quota or exceeding their quota as the other one person events.

This will also give the chance to sailing and ISAF to bring in new countries.

For the 2012 Olympic Games, due to internal German qualification rules, the Finn didn't fill their quota of 25 Olympic entries and sailed in a fleet of 24 entries, despite requests from India, Norway, Lithuania, Cyprus and Bulgaria for using the German quota place. In the case of India, there was NO participant in the Olympic regatta from India at all, despite they requested the unused quota place to be allocated to their Finn sailor. The Heavyweight dinghy would have been the only opportunity for India in the Olympic regatta.