

## **2024 Olympic Sailing Competition**

### **Establish Review Criteria & Parameters**

A submission from the Israel Sailing Association and International 470 Class Association

#### **Purpose or Objective**

To put in place the parameters by which the events and equipment review for the 2024 Olympic Games shall be undertaken.

#### **Proposal**

That the Events Committee establish the criteria/parameters by which the events and equipment review for the 2024 Olympic Games shall be structured, including data collection and evaluation processes, ahead of the decision making in May 2018.

#### **Current Position**

There is no published criteria/parameters by which existing and potential Olympic events/equipment shall be reviewed for the 2024 Olympic Games. The relevant World Sailing Regulations governing the events and equipment framework are Regulation 23.1.1 and 23.1.2 below:

- “23.1.1 World Sailing’s vision for the Olympic Sailing Competition is that it is a pinnacle event, every 4 years, that showcases the skills and diversity of the best sailors from all parts of the world. Olympic Events, Equipment and formats are chosen to present the sport of sailing as a challenging but accessible and rewarding sport for participants from all countries, and as an engaging experience for spectators and remote audiences.
- 23.1.2 In choosing its Olympic Events and Equipment, World Sailing shall seek to ensure that each Event at the Olympic Sailing Competition is, and will be likely to remain, the pinnacle Event for that discipline or area of sailing. In addition, the Olympic Events and Equipment taken together shall meet the requirements and objectives of the IOC and to:
- (a) demonstrate the diversity of skills required to race various types of small boats, and minimise the overlap between Events;
  - (b) place an emphasis on athlete skill rather than equipment development, and limit the impact of equipment on performance;
  - (c) demand a high level of athletic ability as well as excellent sailing skills;
  - (d) be attractive and accessible to young athletes from all continents, and of different size and weight, with a clear pathway from World Sailing Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment;
  - (e) maximise the participation of the world’s best sailors and showcase the diversity of the sport;
  - (f) provide an effective platform for promotion of the sport, and elite sailors, between Olympics;
  - (g) progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in;
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- (h) avoid unnecessary or excessive equipment costs, development costs, measurement costs, coaching costs, race organisation and race official costs, and television and other media costs;
- (i) offer continuity of Events and evolution of Equipment to give MNAs and sailors a dependable pathway into Olympic competition with continuity of investment;
- (j) provide suitable Events and Equipment for Regional Games and other regattas;
- (k) minimise environmental impact."

### Reasons

1. World Sailing should dictate and publish the parameters by which the events and equipment for the 2024 Olympics will be considered. This allows transparent and informed debate, and ensures an accountability in the decision-making process.
  2. The choice of events and equipment on the Olympic programme impacts funding and opportunities for national authorities and continental federation, and must be made in a transparent framework that all stakeholders will respect.
  3. Regulation 23.1.1 and 23.1.2 set out the overriding principles of the events and equipment, but there is currently no published parameters/criteria by which either incumbent or potential events and equipment shall be reviewed/evaluated.
  4. The Review process must support World Sailing's obligations, for both developed and less developed nations, particularly relating to:
    - Fairness and equality of opportunity
    - Development of sailing in all its forms
    - Inclusion and accessibility
    - Weigh excellence and universality
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