

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Events for Light Women

A submission from the International Finn Association

Purpose or Objective

Pursuant with World Sailing regulation 23.1.2 (d), light women athletes should be allowed and encouraged to compete in the 2024 Olympic programme with adequate disciplines and equipment.

Proposal

Events and equipment selected for the 2024 Olympic Sailing competition should cater for the widest range of women’s physiques and include adequate disciplines and equipment for lighter women .

Regulation 23.1.2 (d) states: “*The Olympic Events and Equipment taken together shall meet the requirements and objectives of the IOC and to:*

*(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”.*

The women’s events should provide opportunities to sailors from 45 to 80 kg. Lighter women should have the opportunity to race in one person equipment.

Current Position

The 2020 Olympic sailing events and equipment provide opportunities to women from 45 to 80 kg, however the lighter women can only race in two persons boats.

There is no one person equipment for light women.

Reasons

Sailing needs to encourage young women to enter and stay in the sailing competition. Sailing development is influenced by the Olympic disciplines. However, new Olympic equipment has not attracted new women into Olympic sailing. WS needs to look at equipment that would attract and allow the lighter (and young) women to compete at Olympic level. One person equipment is well suited to foster development worldwide and would complement the existing opportunities with two persons boats, for women to compete at Olympic level.

An event for lighter women would help the globalisation of the sport of sailing. The average women physique especially in South America and Asia is lighter than what is ideal for the current Olympic women singlehanded dinghy event.
