

Olympic Sailing Competition – Core Events

Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy as Core Event - Regulation 23.1.5

A submission from the Czech Sailing Association, Danish Sailing Association and Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation, Hungarian Yachting Association, Russian Yachting Federation

Purpose or Objective

To select the Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy as a Core Event and to secure hereby an Olympic Sailing Event for a longer term for male sailors above 85 kg.

Proposal

To select the Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy as a Core Event.

(The Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy was formerly called the 'One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight) Men's Event')

Current Position

There are currently no Core Events as per Regulation 23.1.5.

Core Events shall be decided at Council's first ordinary meeting after an Olympic Games. Only Events already selected for the next Olympic Games may be considered. The Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy has been already selected for the 2016 Olympic Games as an Olympic Event.

Reason/s

The Olympic Sailing Competition is currently showcased through 10 Olympic Events. For the 2016 Olympic Games, the men's sailing discipline is represented through 5 Events (4 dinghy events + men's kiteboarding) with the addition of a mixed gender Event. In the men's dinghy Events, male sailors above 85 kg have only one choice: the Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy. Male sailors under 85 kg have five events to choose from depending on their skills: three dinghies, the multihull and the kiteboarding event to choose from, depending on their skills.

The world male population is constantly getting taller and heavier. Sailing should not take the risk of excluding a growing range of young male athletes from the Olympic Sailing Competition. Nowadays young athletes are heavier and taller than their fathers and they often reach the 85 kg range at the age of 17-18 years old. With the selection of the Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy as a Core Event, ISAF would secure a longer term pathway to these young male sailors without fears that by achieving a nowadays average body size they would lose the chance to sail in any Olympic Sailing Event.

The constant evolution of the sport of sailing brings about 4 new sailing events (men's kiteboarding, women's kiteboarding, women's skiff and mixed multihull) for the 2016 Olympics. To

complement these new events, the longer term retention of one person dinghy events at the Olympic Sailing Competition would also mean that Olympic entry numbers and Olympic campaign costs are kept at a minimum.