Olympic Sailing Competition - Events

Permanent Events

A submission from the International Dart Association

Proposal 1:
Regulation 16.1.5 (a) (iv) to be amended as follows:

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(iv) must include at least two events for men and two events for women designed to maximise excitement, innovation, public and media appeal; and separate Men and Women Events for each of the five disciplines (1 Person Dinghy, 2 Person Dinghy, Multihull, Keelboat, Windsurfer).”

Current Position:
As above.

Reason:
1. This would bring sailing into line with the convention among a majority of other Olympic sports for equal numbers of events for both genders in all their major disciplines. It would place differing athletic skills ahead of equipment considerations, so better meet IOC objectives and also provide a clear strategy to the choice of Events.

2. It would also ensure that the Sailing Regatta presents the wide range and diversity of sailing, within the practical constraints of the Olympic Regatta.

3. Should circumstances change, then this Regulation will need to be altered, but that is desirable because it will ensure that ISAF makes any change of strategy conscious and deliberate.

Proposal 2:
ISAF formally request IOC to include an 11th Event for the Sailing Regatta in the agenda for its next Meeting

Current Position:
None.
Reason:

1. Inclusiveness: Multihull sailing is one of the five core sailing disciplines with global representation in both developed countries and emerging markets. It would otherwise be unrepresented at the Games.

2. Excitement: Multihulls are the most media-friendly sailing boats because they are the fastest craft in the regatta, highly athletic and exceptionally suited to be camera platforms.

2008 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE
COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2008
Council received Submission 086-08 for the International Dart Association
Decision
Council deferred Submission 086-08. (31 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstain)

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE REPORTING COMMITTEE
Events Committee
Recommendation to Council: Defer

OPINION FROM THE OTHER COMMITTEES
Constitution Committee
Opinion: No Recommendation
The Constitution Committee has not considered the wording of the following submissions as Council needs to decide the policy and the Constitution Committee will then draft the appropriate Regulations:
084-08, 085-08, 086-08, 087-08, 088-08, 089-08
However, the Constitution Committee would like Council to note the following comments on these submissions:

• The event descriptions should reflect the current ISAF event terms, ie one person dinghy, rather than single-handed dinghy.

Equipment Committee
Opinion: Approve

Executive Committee
Opinion: Reject
This proposal is considered to be too prescriptive. The Executive Committee favours submission 82-08 to establish a strategy.

Women's Sailing Committee
Opinion: No Recommendation

The Women's Sailing Committee supports the intent of the submission to review the events. However, given the view that there needs to be freedom to review the overall strategy on Olympic events and equipment, without constraint, that this submission, with submissions 085-08, 086-08, 087-08, 088-08 and 089-08 be considered by the Olympic Advisory Commission proposed in Submission 082-08