ISAF Sailing World Championships

Regulation 17.2.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Events Committee

Proposal

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Current Position

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Reason

In November 2008, Council approved a recommendation from the Events Committee not to hold an ISAF Sailing World Championships in 2013.

In May 2009, the Events Committee reviewed the ISAF Olympic Events Structure and agreed to recommend that it is preferable to hold the ISAF Sailing World Championships once every 4 years, in the year preceding the Olympic Games, for the following reasons:

1. ISAF has now established the ISAF Sailing World Cup as an annual series to promote Olympic events between Olympic Games, and having the ISAF Sailing World Championships every two years risks complicating the calendar and confusing the public with no particular benefit.

2. To attract significant sponsorship and the best sailors, and retain its quality and stature, the ISAF Sailing World Championships needs associating with the Olympic Games. This can be achieved once every four years by using the Championships as the main Olympic qualification event. Any event in the year after the Olympic Games would be a lesser event, devaluing the stature of the ISAF Sailing World Championships.

3. A Class World Championships is a significant event for the class. It is a class’ premier event, and enables the class to spread its appeal to new nations. It is appropriate that Olympic classes can organise their own independent World Championships three years out of four.

4. Selecting the venue, and then organising the event, places a significant burden on ISAF resources. ISAF does not currently have the resources to run the event every two years, and running it every two years would also involve overlapping the venue selection processes.

5. This submission gives effect to that recommendation.