Selection of Core Events

Regulation 23.1.5

A submission from the Chairman of the Events Committee

Purpose or Objective

1. To amend the regulation so that Core Events are no longer decided at the same Council meeting as the decision on Events.

2. To provide the option for Equipment to be specified at the same time as Core Event is agreed.

3. To enable ISAF to make this decision in November 2012 for the Olympics in 2020.

4. To include within the regulation the voting system for Core Events

Proposal

1. Delete current 23.1.5 and replace it with the following.

23.1.5 Core Events

(a) Council may decide, at its first meeting after an Olympic Games, that an Event already selected for the next Olympic Games in four years time is a “Core Event”, and as such is also selected for the Olympic Games in eight years time.

(b) Council may also at the same time select the current Equipment for a Core Event for the Olympic Games in eight years time.

(c) Any recommendation or decision to establish an Event as a Core Event, or on Equipment for a Core Event, requires at least two-thirds of votes cast to be in favour. At any time there shall not be more than eight Core Events.

(d) The voting system to be used by Reporting Committees for Core Events uses a single ballot paper with ten yes / no votes, one per Event, and the motion of each vote being that “Event xxx should be a Core Event and selected as an Olympic Event in 20xx”. In the event that more than eight Events receive the required two-thirds of votes cast, the eight with the highest number of votes in favour are selected as Core Events. In the event of a tie that needs to be broken, a run-off ballot is held.

(e) The voting system to be used by Reporting Committees for Equipment for Core Events is that for each Core Event, a vote is held on the proposal to select the current Equipment. To be selected, a vote in favour of two-thirds of votes cast is required.

(f) Council may choose to accept or reject a recommendation of a Reporting Committee. If Council chooses not to accept a recommendation of a Reporting Committee it shall also use the voting system(s) above to make its decision(s).

2. Amend first sentence of (new) regulation 23.1.3(e) (submission 099-11) to read:

23.1.3 The Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in regulation 23.1.4. Any change to regulation 23.1.4 shall be made according to the process below.
(e) Submissions to Change Olympic Events or Olympic Equipment

A submission to change Olympic Events or Equipment shall propose a complete set of Olympic Events equal in number to the number of sailing Events at the Olympic Games, and shall include any Core Events or Equipment already selected for that Olympic Games.

Current Position

Current Regulation 23.1.5.

Reasons

1. In order for sailors to plan multi-Olympic campaigns, and for MNAs to plan effective investments in squad structures, coaching resources and Equipment, there is demand from MNAs and sailors for greater continuity and certainty in ISAF’s choices of Olympic Events and Equipment.

2. The Olympic Commission recommended this be delivered through the option to specify up to eight Events as “Core Events” pre-selected ahead of the normal decision on the set of 10 Events.

3. At ISAF’s May 2011 conference, there was clear demand from MNAs and sailors to have the option to pre-select Equipment too. There was also a desire to select Core Events at a different time from the normal decision on the set of 10 Events.

4. This submission proposes that the decisions on Core Events and Equipment should be made at the same Conference as any Equipment is selected following evaluation, and any Equipment evolution is agreed. This will allow the decision on Core Events and Equipment to take into account these selections, and any lessons from Equipment evaluation.

5. Because the motivation behind the support for early selection of Events and Equipment is continuity, only current Event and Equipment choices are eligible for consideration as Core Events. This can therefore be a standard item on the agendas of Council and appropriate committees at the specified meeting, and no submissions are therefore required.

6. No specific regulation is included for reversing a decision on Core Events as the decision is being made two years later than in the current regulations and only eight years before the Olympics at which they apply. If the option to reverse the decision is retained, then the certainty demanded by MNAs and sailors is not being delivered.

Note: If the submission proposing the new regulation 23.1.3(e) is not agreed, it is proposed that the change above is made to the current 23.1.3(a).