2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Remove Men’s Windsurfer and Replace with a Kite Event (IFA3)

A submission from the International Finn Association

Purpose or Objective

To remove the Men’s Windsurfer and replace with a Kite Event, either Men’s or Mixed.

Proposal 1

Under Regulation 23.1.6(b), Council agrees to consider changing the Men’s Windsurfer event for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Proposal 2

To make the following change to Regulation 23.1.4 (the Events for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition):

2024 Olympic Events and Equipment

Men’s Windsurfer – RS:X  Men’s Kite –
Women’s Windsurfer – RS:X
Mixed Kite – IKA Formula Kite
Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser
Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore -
Mixed Two Person Dinghy - 470
Men's Skiff - 49er
Women's Skiff – 49erFX
Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17

Proposal 3

To make the following change to Regulation 23.1.4 (the Events for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition):

2024 Olympic Events and Equipment

Men’s Windsurfer – RS:X  Mixed Kite –
Women’s Windsurfer – RS:X
Mixed Kite – IKA Formula Kite
Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser
Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore -
Mixed Two Person Dinghy - 470
Men's Skiff - 49er
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Current Position
As above.

Reasons

1. The International Finn Association (IFA) is proposing this submission to change the Men’s Windsurfer event. This can only be considered if Council agrees to ‘unlock’ the event under Regulation 23.1.6(b).

2. Proposal 1 will therefore require 75% of the votes cast to be in favour in order to pass.

3. The IFA is raising several submissions in order to re-balance the Olympic events for 2024. These submissions will make it possible for men over 85Kg to compete. Under the current slate there is no event suitable for these athletes. It also provides greater opportunity for Lightweight women to compete. Taken together, these submissions retain complete gender equity across the Olympic events while allowing athletes with a larger range of bodyweights to compete. This is IFA submission IFA03.

4. If submission IFA01 has been successful, then there will be no Kite event on the 2024 Olympic programme. This submission allows council to reintroduce one.

5. The Kite creates new media and marketing opportunities for World Sailing and provides an exciting televiual platform for board sailing athletes. Athletes from existing classes are already moving into the event.

6. Proposal 2 removes the Men’s Windsurfer and introduces a Men’s Kite event.

7. Proposal 3 removes the Men’s Windsurfer and introduces a Mixed Kite event.

8. Proposal’s 2 and 3 mean that once the event is unlocked Council can decide which new event to choose.