Olympic Qualification

Regulation 16.2

A submission from the International Kiteboarding Association

Proposal

Olympic Entries

16.2 Olympic entries shall only be approved from Members of the ISAF. If applications for membership are received between the meetings of the ISAF, these may be approved provided that the Officers and the ISAF’s legal advisers are satisfied that the application follows the ISAF’s normal guidelines. These applications shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting.

16.2.1 Entries for Olympic Qualification Events shall only be accepted from Full or Associate Members.

16.2: Olympic Entries for all events shall be based on the chosen classes world ranking.

16.2.1: For individual events, the top 10 competitors from the classes world ranking shall be eligible to compete, regardless of the number of competitors from a given country. Beyond the top 10, competitors shall be eligible based on the classes world ranking, with a maximum of two eligible competitors from each country that does not already have two or more competitors among the top 10.

16.2.2: For team and crewed events, the top 5 teams or crews from the classes world ranking shall be eligible to compete, regardless of the number of competitors from a given country. Beyond the top 5, teams or crews shall be eligible based on the classes world ranking, with a maximum of one eligible team or crew from each country that does not already a team or crew among the top 5.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

We need to build “heroes” of our sport, just as other sports do. The ultimate goal to increase level of competition, spectator and media interest must be to have all the top sailors, teams and crews to participate in the Olympic Games.

Other sports have proven qualification systems that ensure that the top of the world is represented at the Games in complete, and Sailing needs to adopt such a system.