World Championships of the Olympic Classes

World Championships or Grand Final

A submission from US SAILING

Proposal

18.2 Each ISAF Class is automatically granted the right, subject to the notification requirements of Regulation 18.10, to hold one annual World Championship. ISAF Classes selected for the Olympic Games shall not hold a World Championship in the year of the Olympic Games.

Current Position

As above

Reason

The intent of this submission is to confirm that the Olympic Classes have the right to hold an annual World Championship. The change would be that the Olympic Classes may hold a World Championship in the first, second and third years of the Olympic cycle, but not in the fourth year.

US SAILING agrees with the Olympic Commission that there must be only one annual pinnacle event. The choice is either a World Championship or a new Grand Final of the Sailing World Cup. These two events are mutually exclusive, one or the other, but not both. The World Championships of the Olympic Classes have a long heritage and tradition that should not be discarded.

The schedule of events during the year of the Olympic Games is too crowded. The pinnacle event of that year should be the Olympic Games.

This submission is not intended to change the obligation of the Olympic Classes to participate in the ISAF Worlds whenever it may be scheduled. Although it is not part of this submission, US SAILING recommends that ISAF organize an ISAF World Championship in year two and year three. The Olympic Classes would organize a traditional World Championship in year one. Continental qualification for the Olympic Games would occur in year three and year four.

2010 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE

COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2010

Council received Submission 113-10 from US SAILING

Decision:
On a proposal from Chris Atkins, seconded by Peter Hall, Council deferred submissions 112-10, 113-10 and 116-10 to Mid-Year 2011 (1 reject, 0 abstain, 35 approve – 36 participated).

Recommendation From The Reporting Committee

**Events Committee**

**Recommendation to Council: Defer**

The Events Committee recommends there should be further progress on the Sailing World Cup and a decision should be finalised at the 2011 Mid-Year meeting.

Opinion From The Other Committees

**Constitution Committee**

**Opinion: Approve**

Subject to Council approving the policy.

**Equipment Committee**

**Opinion: No Recommendation**

**ISAF Classes Committee**

**Opinion: Reject**

The ICC supports the recommendation from the Olympic Classes Sub-committee to reject the submission