

**World Championships**

## Continental Participation – Regulation 10.4

A submission from the Chairman of the Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee

**Purpose or Objective**

To increase the relevance of World Champion title.

**Proposal**

To increase the required number of continents represented by sailors necessary to meet the minimum participation levels in world Championship to three.

| <b>Category According to Hull Length</b> | <b>Number of Entries</b> | <b>No. of Countries</b> | <b>No of Continents</b> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Boats up to 6.0m                         | 30                       | 5                       | <del>2</del> <b>3</b>   |
| Boats >6.0m to 9.0m                      | 25                       | 4                       | <del>2</del> <b>3</b>   |
| Boats >9.0m to 12.0m                     | 20                       | 3                       | <del>2</del> <b>3</b>   |
| Boats 12.0m to 15.0m                     | 12                       | 3                       | <del>2</del> <b>3</b>   |
| Boats >15.0m                             | 8                        | 3                       | <del>2</del> <b>3</b>   |

**Current Position**

As above

**Reason**

1. World titles can be awarded with participation of 29 sailors from one continent and just one sailor from another continent. Such event can hardly be considered a real World Championship.
  2. One of the most important criteria the International Olympic Committee looks for in a sport to be considered for the Olympic Games is geographic distribution of participation. ISAF recognizes six continents. This submission proposes that half this number of continents be represented in order to meet the minimum participation. The current situation devalues the significance of a sailing world title and allows for a number of events without international relevance to be called World Championship.
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3. This proposal will also provide additional incentive for the classes to expand participation in new countries.