ISAF Classes World Championships


Proposal

ISAF Classes (including Olympic Classes) will be eligible to have one World Championships (including ISAF Combined World Championships) per year as per the current ISAF regulations, until and including 2020.

Current Position

In accordance with ISAF Regulation 18.2 ISAF Classes are “automatically granted” the right to hold one world championships every year.

Reason

1. Due to the introduction of the ISAF Sailing World Cup, the Olympic Commission has suggested that Olympic Classes which are ISAF Classes will not be able to conduct their annual World Championships and instead will hold an Annual International Event (AIE).

2. Olympic Classes World Championships have many sailors not on the Olympic Circuit competing in the event. These numbers are far bigger than sailors full time in Olympic Campaigns. These sailors are the backbone of Olympic Classes’ viability.

3. Olympic Classes do not have permanency in ISAF and the removal of World Championships removes the heart of the event structure for these classes.

4. Discontinuation of Annual World Championships will be alarmingly detrimental to the Olympic Classes should they lose their Olympic Status in the future and reduces the ability for these classes to have viable futures after they are no longer Olympic Classes, as there will be no event structure to support the class.

5. Many sports hold annual World Championships and Annual World Cup events and the sports federations and media manage these well.

6. The Olympic Commission concept to remove the right to hold World Championships from Olympic Classes and instead hold an Annual International Event (AIE).