2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Events and Equipment

A submission from the International Formula Windsurfing Class

Purpose or Objective

To amend the provisional slate of the Olympic Events as stated in 23.1.4

Proposal

Men's Board or Kite Board - Windsurfing Men and Women - Evaluation
Women's Board or Kite Board - Kiteboarding - Evaluation
Men's 1P Dinghy - Men and Women - Laser and Laser Radial
Women's 1P Dinghy - Laser Radial - Men's Kiteboarding - Evaluation
Men's 2nd 1P Dinghy - Keelboat - Finn Star
Men's Skiff - 49er
Women's Skiff - Evaluation
Women's Keelboat - Elliott 6m Evaluation
Mixed Multihull - Evaluation
Mixed 2P Dinghy (Spinnaker) - Men and Women - 470

Current Position

Men's Board or Kite Board- Evaluation
Women's Board or Kite Board- Evaluation
Men's 1P Dinghy – Laser
Women's 1P Dinghy – Laser Radial
Men's 2nd 1P Dinghy – Finn
Men's Skiff- 49er
Women’s Skiff- Evaluation
Women’s Keelboat- Elliot 6m Evaluation
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Reasons

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2. To ensure all formats of small boat racing are included in the Olympic Regatta.
3. To establish 3 “core events” built around the equipment most widely used today; equipment that is “matched”, with hulls that can be shared by men and women - Windsurfing Men & Women, One Person Dinghy Men and Women; Two Person Dinghy Men and Women.

4. To re-introduce one of the most popular classes of boat in use today – Multihull.

5. To introduce new events that are modern, youthful, exciting to watch and to compete in – Womens Skiff, Mens Kiteboarding, Womens Kiteboarding.

6. To introduce Gender Equality with regard to events and total athletes possible in a national team – 7 events for men, and 7 events for women; 10 men & 10 women.

7. To ensure that MNA’s can maximise their current investments in equipment and athletes, but also plan to introduce new athletes and equipment to suit their budgets and national preferences.

8. To broaden the opportunities for MNA’s and thereby increase MNA development and participation in Olympic Sailing.

9. To reduce costs to developing nations by introducing new one person event – Kiteboarding.

10. To enable ISAF to review, and to reduce, the costs of running the Olympic Regatta.

11. To eliminate the divisive nature of the selection of events for the Olympics and ensure all of the stakeholders within ISAF can support Olympic Sailing.

Additional Notes:

- no increase in athlete quota (from IOC) for sailing;

- at the Olympic Regatta only the finals are run in each event;

- qualification for Olympic Regatta at Continental events;

- reduction in course areas required, officials needed, events share course areas; shorten the duration of each event at the Olympic Regatta;

- format change for all events is written into Olympic contracts;

- match racing is dropped as a discipline / format – the pinnacle events are already established in the WMRT and ISAF Womens MR World Championships; the few MNA’s that have invested in Elliott can still pursue pinnacle events in Match Racing;

- adjust athlete quotas per event; to reflect the greater participation (currently) of men within sailing; this can be adjusted each Olympic cycle to reflect the expected growth in womens sailing.