2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Events and Equipment

A submission from the Irish Sailing Association

Purpose or Objective

To amend the provisional slate of the Olympic Events as stated in 23.1.4 and in Regulation 23.1.9.

Proposal

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
Men’s Multihull- Tornado
Men’s Keelboat- Evaluation
Women’s Keelboat- Elliot 6m

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
Mixed Multihull- Evaluation
Mixed 2P Dinghy (Spinnaker) - 470

Reasons

Our submission is in support of Regulation 23.1.2.

It is time to modernise the dinghy section of Olympic Sailing. Introducing a Women’s Skiff will assist in this aim and will improve gender balance. Men will have a broad weight range in which to compete. There will be choices of one person and two person’s sailing.

Mixed sailing will fail due to:
- Extra costs of housing.
- Athlete resistance because of relationship difficulties.
Cultural resistance.
Therefore it should not be included.

Keel boat racing is a huge part of our sport it represents:
Part of the diversity of the sport
It does not overlap with any other events.
It particularly addresses Regulation 23.1.2 as it provides for continuity of events for athletes emerging from other sailing disciplines.

Men’s keelboat racing should stay in the existing format with possible evaluation of equipment. Women’s keelboat racing should be evaluated for 2016 to determine whether the costs and penetration of match racing are appropriate to longer term inclusion in the Olympic Games.