

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Olympic Events & Equipment

A submission from the Chairman of the Events Committee

Purpose or Objective

To propose events for the 2024 Olympic Games for the 5 events placed under review by the decision of Council on 19 February 2018.

Proposal

Current Event & Equipment	2024 Event Proposal	2024 Equipment Proposal
Men's One Person Dinghy – Laser	Retained	Retained
Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial	Retained	Retained
Men's Skiff - 49er	Retained	Retained
Women's Skiff – 49erFX	Retained	Retained
Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17	Retained	Retained
Men's Windsurfer - RS:X	Men's Windsurfer Combined	New Equipment
Women's Windsurfer – RS:X	Women's Windsurfer Combined	New Equipment
Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy – Finn	Men's Kiteboard	New Equipment
Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Women's Kiteboard	New Equipment
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Mixed Two Person Dinghy	New Equipment

New Equipment Criteria

Men's/Women's Windsurfer Combined

1 registered production board

Maximum of 3 registered production rigs

1 registered production foil and 2 registered production fins

The equipment must be able to launch from the beach and be suitable for winds from 6-30 knots and both racing formats and slalom.

Men's/Women's Kiteboard

High performance hydrofoil system (single mast), hull open

High performance foil kite quiver up to 4 kites to cover wind range of 6-40 knots

Registered series production systems for hydrofoil and kites

Mixed Two Person Dinghy

Two person, centreboard boat, with a single trapeze, and a spinnaker or gennaker.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

General

The background to the various Submissions from the Chair of the Events Committee is set out in notes (a) – (d) below. The reasons for putting forward this proposal are as follows.

1. This proposal provides for 2 mixed events and 4 men's and 4 women's events in the Sailing event program. It retains separate men's and women's windsurfer events but proposes format changes to the current event to better showcase windsurfing. It includes separate men's and women's kiteboard events because of the potential for kiteboarding to meet the objectives of World Sailing and the IOC and the focus on gender equal events.
2. Windsurfing and kiteboarding are off-the-beach events with a number of exciting disciplines, which opens new opportunities to showcase this part of sailing as an "urban" sport with high youth and media appeal. The equipment proposal for the windsurfer and kiteboard events enables access to high performance equipment at a competitive price and increases team or individual sponsorship opportunities with multiple equipment suppliers involved.
3. The second mixed event proposed is the Mixed Two Person Dinghy which is included in recognition of existing MNA investment in 2 person dinghy equipment particularly in youth and development classes.

Men's / Women's Windsurfer Combined

4. An event that showcases exciting windsurfing disciplines will meet the key objectives of World Sailing and the IOC for an Olympic event. The disciplines should include slalom and may include a long distance race and/ or short course racing or other suitable disciplines, with a combined score determining the places.
 5. The accessibility of Windsurfing creates significant potential to grow the number of countries currently participating in Olympic qualification events for sailing and with the retained singlehanded events, ensures that we have at least 4 universal events included in the 10 events in the Sailing program.
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6. Windsurfing is attractive to the media, to youth and both genders. A separate women's event will build on the existing strength of women in windsurfing and enable the retention and increase in the participation of women.

Men's / Women's Kiteboard

7. Kiteboarding meets the objectives of World Sailing and the IOC for an Olympic event. It is particularly appealing to youth and the media and can be both universal and innovative.
8. The kiteboard event is off-the-beach and has a number of exciting disciplines, which opens new opportunities to showcase sailing. The kiteboard event should showcase multiple racing format disciplines which may include border-cross, speed and short course racing
9. Separate men's and women's event will likely enable athletes from more countries to participate in kiteboarding at the Olympics and has the potential to increase the growth in female participation in kiteboarding and bring girls and women to the sport who may otherwise not be attracted to sailing.
10. There is strong interest from the IOC in the inclusion of men's and women's kiteboarding events as evidenced by the awarding of an additional medal for the event at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

Mixed Two Person Dinghy

11. The inclusion of a Mixed Two Person Dinghy event recognises the existing investment of MNA's in many countries in 2 person dinghy equipment particularly in youth and development classes.
12. A Mixed Two Person Dinghy event can open new opportunities for males/females to sail together in both youth and pathway classes as well as at the Olympic Games. Mixed dinghy sailing is typical in many adult international classes.
13. This event must be sufficiently different to the retained two person events for it to have a unique signature and meet the IOC focus of event based programs. This could be achieved with innovative formats such as multiple short, fast races each day with rules relaxed to allow more kinetics, different courses such as gates at the midpoint on windward and/or leeward leg, a reaching leg, and different structures such as knock out rounds or elimination series leading to a final of a small number of boats.

Notes

- (a) The 2024 Events and Equipment Working Party with input from the broader Events Committee has identified a number of potential slates for the 2024 Olympic Games which have been included in Submissions M10-18, M11-18, M24-18, M28-18, M34-18 and M36-18 from the Chairman of the Events Committee.
 - (b) The Working Party will continue to work on the advantages and disadvantage of the events proposed in these Submissions, review the other Submissions made and any further input provided by the broader sailing community.
 - (c) After reviewing all the Submissions, the Working Party and the Events Committee will prepare a report and make a recommendation for the May Council Meeting.
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- (d) In relation to the names of the events, including in the Events Committee Chair's Submissions, the Events Committee intends to put a Submission forward for the 2018 Annual Conference to modify Regulation 23 to allow a change to Event names to be considered in 2019. It is important to review the names of all 10 events after all 10 events have been determined.
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