

2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Events and Equipment

A submission from the Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico

Purpose or Objective

To change the provisional list of The Olympic Events and Equipment inserted in Regulation 23.1.4 in November, 2010 as provided in that Regulation and in regulation 23.1.9.

Proposal

To delete the Provisional list of The Olympic Events and Equipment inserted in Regulation 23.1.4 in November, 2010 and substitute said Provisional list with the following Regulation 23.1.4:

Men's sail board or kite board – Evaluation
Women's sail board or kite board – Evaluation
Men's one person dinghy – Laser
Women's one person dinghy – Laser Radial
Men's 2nd one person dinghy – Finn
Men's two person dinghy (spinnaker) – 470
Women's two person dinghy (spinnaker) – 470
Women's keelboat Match Racing – Elliott 6m
Men's keelboat – Star
Mixed multihull – Evaluation

*Current Position

Men's board or kite board – Evaluation
Women's board or kite board – Evaluation
Men's one person dinghy – Laser
Women's one person dinghy – Laser Radial
Men's 2nd one person dinghy – Finn
Men's skiff – 49er
Women's skiff – Evaluation
Women's keelboat – Elliott 6m
Mixed multihull – Evaluation
Mixed two person dinghy (spinnaker) – 470

*The Position currently listed in Regulation 23.1.4 is actually a Provisional list designed to be decided finally in the May 2011 ISAF Mid Year meeting. The Current position of the Olympic Events and equipment are the events and equipment to be used in the 2012 Olympic Games.

Reasons

1. Gender

- This submission supports ISAF's strategy of gender equality, matched pairs of events and clear equipment pathways.
- This submission has a balanced gender ratio for a "full team" of 8 Male / 8 Female athletes.
- The submission increases the number of events available for participation by women to 5 events.
- This submission includes "mixed sailing". Selecting the multihull for a mixed crew reflects the current status in many classes of multihull.

2. Events

- The submission offers diversity in terms of weight and size of the athlete.
- The submission represents the diversity of skills required in sailing as practiced around the world. The equipment can readily be sailed by sailors in developing nations, with a wide range of sailing skills to showcase our sport.

3. Continuity and Evolution

- The proposal provides balance between continuity and evolution with new events/equipment.
- Protecting the investment made by MNAs is important for the success of Olympic Sailing, particularly as it relates to maintaining universality.

4. Universality

- The proposal reflects the events and equipment already in use around the world. It also reflects the events and equipment with high participation.
- The equipment is accessible around the world and available to all developing countries.

6. Media Appeal

- The submission offers the best mix of events and equipment for guaranteed media appeal.
- Match racing is easiest to understand and narrate for a worldwide audience and permits one on one competition that is easy to exploit for mass appeal.
- The multihull provides dramatic speeds and yet provides for tactical racing, particularly on downwind legs.
- The possibility of kite boarding presents a whole new opportunity for attracting youthful audiences and will make for dramatic viewing.
- The Star has the established and best known heroes of our sport for increased dramatic personal interest stories and drama from competition with the challenging talent.

The events and equipment represent sailing in all its disciplines allowing identification and interest from our established base of sailors worldwide.
