

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

That the following events and equipment are selected for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition:

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

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

Reasons

The criteria put forward by the Olympic Commission for the Olympic Sailing Competition addressed the objectives set by the International Olympic Committee with regard to the selection of events for the 2016 Olympic Games.

It is critical, for the future of sailing as an Olympic sport, that the criteria are accurately applied, and the reasons supporting this submission include:

1. Diversity

The submission offers optimum diversity of “small boat” sailing events and equipment. There is diversity in gender, weights, physiques, styles and skills.

Windsurfing and Kiteboarding are recognised as two distinctive sports by the IOC and as such should be both represented in the Olympic Games.

2. Costs

The submission minimises costs both to sailors, MNA's and event organisers.

Equipment costs are kept to the minimum including capital costs (price of equipment), maintenance costs and event participation costs (eg travel costs).

The submission offers a realistic balance for MNA's - between investment in equipment for new events (“changes” encouraged by IOC) and protecting current investment.

3. Gender Equality and Woman's Advancement

The submission achieves gender equality. There are an equal number of “matched” and mixed events for men and women; a full national team would include 8 men and 8 women.

Windsurfing and kiteboarding are different disciplines of the sport of sailing and both bring different and new sailors to the sport and the Games.

4. Youth and Media Appeal

The submission offers events and equipment which are dynamic and fast, providing media appeal and are attractive to our youth. The addition of kiteboarding attracts a completely new target group, which brings new competitors and a new audience into the sport of sailing.

5. Universality

The submission reflects events and equipment already widely used around the world, and most easily accessible to developing and emerging nations.

By retaining windsurfing and 470, and adding kiteboarding, events and equipment with high global participation (and investment) are included, and those parts of the world which do not have access to unlimited funding will be encouraged to participate in the Olympic Games and the Qualifying Events.

6. Maximises Participation

The submission optimises participation opportunities for nations: through gender equality, by focusing on 1P and 2P events, by reducing costs, in bringing back multihull, and by introducing a new discipline and new sailors to the Olympic scene.

7. Future Olympic Events

The addition of (mixed) kiteboarding enables the ISAF Executive Committee to request the IOC for an additional medal for sailing to unfold the full potential of this newest discipline of Sailing.
