Olympic Sailing Competition

Core Events to be Decided at the November 2014 Council Meeting

A submission from the Hungarian Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To approve Olympic Core Events which represent the best interests of the sport of sailing.

Proposal

In line with (new) Regulation 23.1.5 approved in November 2010, Council to decide on Core Events first at its November 2014 meeting.

Amend Regulation 23.1.9 as follows:

23.1.9 The following Regulation shall apply for the choice of Event and Equipment for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition only, and shall take precedence over any other Regulation including 23.1.7. Council may provisionally decide some or all of the Events and Equipment options to be listed in Regulation 23.1.4 in November 2010. Council shall finally confirm or change these decisions, and make all other Events and Equipment options decisions, in May 2011. Classes and MNAs may make submissions on Events and Equipment options for decision in May 2011; any such submission shall propose a full set of ten Events. Council shall make decisions on Core Events in May 2011. This Regulation will cease to apply and be deleted after May 2011.

Current Position

According to (new) Regulation 23.1.5 approved in November 2010, Council may decide at its November meeting six years before an Olympic Games that an Event is a “Core Event” and as such is also provisionally agreed to be an Event at the Olympic Games in ten years time.

However, (new) Regulation 23.1.9 (also approved in November 2010) determines that Council shall make decisions on Core Events as early as in May 2011.

With the proposed change to Regulation 23.1.9 Council removes the obligation in the Regulation to decide on Core Events in May 2011.

Reason

Based on the provisional Council decision in November 2010, four of the ten Olympic Events / Equipment (40% of the approved slate) shall undergo further event and/or equipment evaluation before their presence will be confirmed on the Olympic program.

These are the following:
Men's Board or Kite Board - Evaluation
Women's Board or Kite Board – Evaluation
Women's Skiff – Evaluation
Mixed Multihull - Evaluation

Without exactly knowing the results of the evaluation trials and herewith the complete list of Events and Equipment at least for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition, it is generally felt that a decision on “Core Events” in May 2011 would be premature.

Given the amount and speed of changes in the Regulations in November 2010 and presumably in May 2011 concerning Olympic Sailing Events and Equipment, long term decisions aiming for stability, such as the one on Core Events, should be made once the final list of Events and Equipment will be available.