2016, 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition

Core Events

A submission from the Japan Sailing Federation

Purpose or objective

To provide great opportunities for two person dinghy sailors around the world to participate in the Olympic Sailing Competition. Men's & Women's two person dinghy-470 should be kept for Olympic sailing equipment.

Proposal

In line with Regulations 23.1.6 and 23.1.9 to select the following 8 events listed below including two person dinghy Men and Women as the core events.

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<td>Board and/or KiteBoard</td>
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<td>One-Person Dinghy</td>
<td>Laser Standard</td>
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<td>Two-Person Dinghy (Spinnaker)</td>
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<td>Skiff</td>
<td>49er</td>
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Current Position

See Regulations 23.1.6 and 23.1.9 - there are currently no core events determined for the Olympic Sailing Competition.

Reason

In order to keep sailing as Olympic Sports, we must consider the following factors;

1. To ensure globally equal accessible opportunities beyond the physical differences. In Asia and Africa, a lot of small size and light weight sailors are active in the front lines. But there are little events for them to compete in the existing Olympic games. If Men and Women 470 are dropped out from the Olympic equipments, this inclined trend would be further accelerated. Needless to say, if the weight is same, the taller sailors have advantages since they could use their weight effectively in the sailing competition.
Average height distribution by region and best fit height by equipments

S: Skipper, c: Crew *the shadowed area shows 70% of Aisa & Africa & Central & South America.

Average weight distribution by region and best fit weight by equipments

S: Skipper, c: Crew *the shadowed area shows 70% of Japan (Aisa & Africa & Central & South America). The horizontal bar for each class skipper or crew shows the range of weight or height of the top 8 teams at Beijing Game. Need to consider that the sailors joined the Beijing Olympic were forced to reduce weight in order to suit the light wind condition in Quingdao.

2. To contribute promoting sailing world-wide.
Laser, Laser Radial and 470 are the most popular and accessible sailing equipments in all over the world. In order to contribute promoting sailing in Asia & Africa where population, and also sailing population is expected to increase, it is absolutely imperative to maintain these 4 equipments in Olympic games. (ISAF REGULATION 23.1.2 (d))
3. Consistent pathway from youth generation
Men & Women 470 are completely consistent with the global pathway of Junior to Olympic. They are well allocated as one of the integrated pathway from Junior (420) through Olympic (Skiff). If Men & Women 470 disappear from the Olympic equipments, the pathway of Junior (420) to Olympic (Skiff) would be also collapsed.

4. Problem by selecting 470 Mixed
470 sailors are comparatively younger. In Asia and Africa, it would be so difficult to seek understandings of young men and women’s mixed activities in small yacht, because of religious issues and their social habits.

For full reasons copy and paste the following link in your browser: