

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Olympic Events & Equipment

A submission from the French Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To propose a slate of Events for the 2024 Olympic Games that is congruent with the guidelines made by Council in November 2017 and the recommendations of the IOC's Olympic Agenda 2020.

In particular the relevant recommendations that relate to:

- Move from a sport based to an event based programme,
- Foster gender equality,
- Universality and Appeal to Youth

The slate also showcases the wide diversity of the sport of sailing while keeping within the current quota and medal allotment

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	Retain	Retain – subject to anti-trust review
Women's Windsurfer – RS:X	Retain	As above
Heavyweight Men's One-Person Dinghy – Finn	Men's One-Person Power Dinghy	Retain
Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Women's One-Person Power Dinghy	New Equipment
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Mixed Two Person Offshore Long Distance (“Marathon”) Race	New Equipment

Suggested Criteria for Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat for consideration by Equipment Committee:

OSR Category 1 or 2 offshore keelboat, between 9 and 12m hull length, suitable for 3 day and 2 nights race offshore. Short-handed enabled for 2 or more persons, high performance (Asymmetric spinnaker etc.), reasonable cost, simple restricted sail inventory, reasonable base electronics package, strictly one design, global (worldwide) distribution.

Suggested Criteria for Women's One-Person Power Dinghy for consideration by Equipment Committee:

We recommend that New Equipment for Women's One Person Power Dinghy should be a boat that is designed to be used in inshore conditions for sailor weights 55-65 kg.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Gender equality and mixed events are key recommendations of the IOC's Olympic Agenda 2020. The above slate moves from 1 mixed event in 2020 to 4 events in 2024, which is also in keeping with the recommendations of World Sailing Council in November 2017. This submission ensures sailing has gender equality at both an athlete and event level. Mixed teams will not only mean gender equality at the Olympic Games, but will also drive more female participation in sailing, particularly in the pathway to Olympic events.
 2. The above slate keeps sailing at 10 events and 350 Athletes for 2024 yet incorporates the "new" discipline of Offshore. It also moves sailing from a "sport based" to "event based" focus.
 3. Introducing Offshore allows World Sailing:
 - (i) to introduce at the Olympic program the largest part of the sport of sailing,
 - (ii) to generate media and sponsors interest as Offshore racing has a very strong exposure worldwide (see Volvo Ocean Race, Vendée Globe etc),
 - (iii) to obtain the participation of the Offshore elite sailors and potentially allow Olympic sailors to get a second medal opportunity with this event (options with 2 to 4 mixed sailors with 2 of the sailors coming from the other events),
 - (iv) to engage fans with following worldwide 24h/day (camera on board, tracking) and esailing the longest event of the Olympic program (3 days – 2 nights) and generate greater interest for sailing, easy to understand (first crossing the line is Olympic Champion),
 - (v) this event would be supplied equipment at the OG and World Sailing will develop a plan to manage the challenges of the costs by creating training centers on all continents.
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- (vi) to encourage women's participation (strong in Offshore sailing) and facilitate the pathway to professional sailing for women.

4. Reasons for the introduction of a Women's One-Person Power Dinghy:

- (i) In November 2017 Council voted to ensure there are opportunities for sailors of a wide range of physiques within Olympic sailing competition. Currently there is no one-person dinghy suitable for light women.
- (ii) In November 2017 Council voted to ensure gender equity for Events and competitor numbers.
- (iii) In November 2017 the Women's Forum recommended the introduction of an Event for Light Women.
- (iv) We propose to have 2 One Person Dinghies for women because the competitive sailor weights in Laser Radials are within 4-5 kg. To cover different sailor physiques we need to introduce 2 boats in a racing community that is largest worldwide. Women's One Person Power Dinghy is for women in weight range 55-65 kg. They should sail most of the races inshore in wild conditions on traditional windward-leeward courses and have a traditional racing format with small number of long races per day.
- (v) The pathway for young sailors is critical to the attraction and retention of new generations of sailors. Appealing Equipment for Light Women is essential to excite young sailors, offer them an attainable pathway and build participation.
- (vi) If women's sailing participation is to be encouraged and developed (to achieve both IOC and World Sailing's objectives) in world regions that typically have light physiques, a Light Women's One Person Event is essential. One Person is significantly the most popular form of dinghy sailing where suitable opportunity exists.

5. We retain the "universality" events of Men's and Women's Windsurfer, two Men's and Women's One-Person Dinghy ensuring that we achieve further MNA/ NOC participation at the Olympic Games themselves as well as in the qualification process
