

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Olympic Events & Equipment

A submission from the Japan Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To select the remaining 5 events for the 2024 Olympic Programme which meets the (i) policies set by the Council at the 2017 Annual Conference and (ii) requirements for the Olympic Events and Equipment as set out in World Sailing Regulation 23.1.2.

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
Women's Windsurfer – RS:X*	Retain	Retain
Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy – Finn	New Event – Mixed Kite	New Equipment
Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Retain	Retain
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Retain	Retain

* *Subject to antitrust review*

Mixed Kite / New Equipment - Mixed Kite surfing: low cost as much as possible, widely available, and sailed on all continents.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The 5 Events proposed in this submission together with the 5 Events that are retained meet the policy decisions made by the Council at the 2017 Annual Conference some of which are more specifically discussed below.

A) Offer the best possible value to the IOC and the Olympic Games and strengthen the position within Olympic Games

Media Appeal. Sailing can provide media appeal that is unique from any other sport, which are becoming increasingly attainable with less cost due to improvements in technology such as onboard cameras, position tracking and drones. The current equipment for Two Person Dinghy (470) and Windsurfing (RS:X) can compete under wide spectrum of wind-speed and sea conditions that allows for breathtaking shots even when conditions may prohibit racing of some Events that are already retained. New Events such as Kites can provide eye-catching moments that demonstrate the innovativeness of the sport and may be done close to the beach. Furthermore, the current Two Person Dinghy (470) would be an ideal Event to show the strategic nature of the sport that have been difficult to capture prior to the innovation of the above mentioned technologies.

Universality. Sailing is strong in some regions, but is much weaker in emerging areas and developing nations. The proposed slate reflects the Events and equipment which are already spread around the world (especially for Men's Two Person Dinghy and Women's Two Person Dinghy, that are active in all continents including Africa), but which are also most easily accessible to developing and emerging MNAs, thereby promoting Universality. It also reflects the Events and Equipment which have high global participation and a diverse and broad range of nations currently participating.

B) Ensure that men and women of different physiques have an opportunity to compete.

It is critical to retain Men's Two Person Dinghy and Women's Two Person Dinghy with the current equipment (470). 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 the current equipment for Two Person Dinghy (470) is dropped out from the Olympic equipment, their opportunities would be further lessened. It should be noted that for the Two Person Dinghy, retaining the Event as matched paired Events rather than a mixed Event will ensure opportunity for wider range of physiques of both genders to compete.

2. The 5 Events proposed in this submission together with the 5 Events that are retained meet the requirements for Event and Equipment set out in Regulation 23.1.2, some of which are more specifically discussed below.

A) Diversity of skills required to race various types of boats and minimize overlap between Events (Reg. 23.1.2 (a)).

The proposed 5 events together with the already selected 5 events represent the diversity of styles and skills required in sailing which are participated in around the world. While Windsurfing and Kite represent sailing that is different from 'standard' boat sailing, the Two Person Dinghy represents the technical boat with symmetric spinnaker which is sailed universally but not otherwise represented as an Olympic Event for sailing. The current equipment for Two Person Dinghy (470) also ensures

competitors' need for accomplishments in all aspects of sailing-tuning, tactics, strategy, technique and boat handling.

- B) Be attractive and accessible to young athletes from all continents, and of different size and weight, with a clear pathway from World Sailing Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment (Reg. 23.1.2(d)).

Men's and women's Two Person Dinghy (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's and women's Two Person Dinghy (470) disappear from the Olympic event, the pathway of Junior (420) to other Olympic events (e.g. Skiff) would be also collapsed.

- C) Offer continuity of Events and evolution of Equipment to give MNAs and sailors a dependable pathway into Olympic competition with continuity of investment (Reg.23.1.2(i)).

This submission retains 4 Events out of 5 that are under review, offering clarity to the sport and significant benefit to smaller sailing nations with less funding. Not only from the obvious cost advantage of sharing equipment and logistics, but also in the development of the specific skills required to race the boat and access to the technical knowhow, such as coaches. Continuity of Events is crucial for the promotion of sport as foundation to build confidence of the MNAs and sailors in order for them to investment time, money and effort into the sport and campaign for the Olympics.

- D) Minimize environmental impact (Reg.23.1.2(k)).

The current Two Person Dinghy equipment (470) can be sailed safely under wide range of wind conditions and has minimum need of coach boat minimizing environmental impact. Minimal need for coach boat is also important form the promotional aspect of the sport, as it impacts the cost and need for manpower.