Olympic Classes Sub-committee Minutes

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee met at 14:30 – 18:00 hours on Saturday 1 November 2014 at the Melia Palas Atenea Hotel, Palma, Mallorca

Please refer to the ISAF website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda/referred to in these minutes.

1. Opening of the Meeting
   The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Olympic Classes Subcommittee in Palma, Mallorca.

2. Minutes from the Previous
   (a) Minutes
      The Sub-committee noted the minutes of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee meeting of Sunday 10 November 2013 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

   (b) Minutes Matters Arising
      There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda

3. ISAF Olympic Classes Contract and Partnership
   The Sub-committee received an update on the ISAF Olympic Classes Contract and partnership. It was agreed that Stanislav Kassarov and Balazs Hajdu would work with the ISAF Secretariat on a new version of the Olympic Classes contract. As much work as possible would be done ahead of the OCSC Meeting in February 2015, with the aim to finalize in May 2014.

4. OCSC Structure and Work
   (a) Length of Meeting
The Sub-committee believes that at future ISAF Conferences the Olympic Classes Sub-committee be allocated a full day meeting. There is currently insufficient time to discuss the Agenda issues during the scheduled 3.5 hour meeting especially when other Committees chairman and WP are invited to address various relevant topics.

(b) It is also noted that the OCSC meeting clashes with the executive meeting preventing the corresponding VP to attend. It would be preferable in the future if there is no clash.

Noting Submission 009-14, Terms of Reference for the Athletes’ Commission and 8.9.4(d), that the same right to have input to “… other Committees and Working Groups on matters concerning Olympics …” be included in the Terms of Reference of the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee, as previously discussed and agreed at the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee meetings in January 2013 and January 2014. The OCSC will discuss making a submission in this regard at their meeting in February 2015.

5. 2014 ISAF Worlds report

The Sub-committee received a report on the 2014 ISAF Worlds from the ISAF Head of Competitions.

The Sub-classes recommended that a full report be prepared on the 2014 ISAF Worlds, with input from all parties and the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee, in order to ensure thorough preparation for the 2018 ISAF Worlds and ahead of signing the final contract with Aarhus for the 2018 Worlds.

The Olympic Classes Sub Committee also recommends that ISAF undertake a SWOT analysis on the ISAF Worlds.

6. 2018 ISAF Worlds

The Sub-committee received a progress report from the ISAF Head of Competitions.

The Sub-committee recommend that no decision be taken on the entry quotas and entry process for the 2018 ISAF Worlds until a SWOT analysis has been undertaken and input from the Olympic Classes and 2018 Aarhus Organizing Committee has been received.

It was also noted that the quota numbers for Aarhus will need to link to the qualification strategy for Tokyo 2020.

7. 2020 Olympic Games Qualification Events and Schedule

A verbal update was given from the ISAF Head of Competitions, who advised that the IOC do not need to receive a recommendation until 2017.

Noting that the IOC does not require ISAF to recommend the 2020 Olympic Games qualification system until 2017, the OCSC noted that ISAF should first evaluate the qualification process implemented for the 2016 Olympics and apply the strategy underlined in the Olympic Commission report to ensure development of the sport and equal opportunity, including “one event in each IOC Continent, acting as a qualification event for the Olympic Games.”
8. **2016 Olympic Games**

The Sub-committee received a report from ISAF Head of Competitions on the 2014 Test event.

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee made the following recommendations;

(a) If Submission 084-14 is rejected the Olympic Classes Sub Committee support Option 2 B (Theatre style race for 49er and 49erFX Classes only) of the Events Committee Format working party report.

(b) That the Continental Qualification events for the 2016 Olympic Games must be “open” events in order to ensure that all nations from the Continent can be appropriately represented.

(c) To note that the Olympic Classes recommended to ISAF the continental qualification events for the 2016 Olympic Games at the Olympic Classes Meeting held on 20-21 January 2014.

9. **Subsidiary World Championships**

The Sub-committee discussed the Junior and Gender specific World Championships. The Sub-committee noted the need to encourage the Olympic pathway, and recommended to the ISAF Classes Committee that Regulation 10.4(b) be amended for subsidiary Junior/Youth and Women’s World Championships to allow those subsidiary Worlds that exceed the ISAF numeric criteria for nations and continents to be allowed flexibility if they don’t meet the ISAF numeric criteria for the number of entries.

10. **Sailing World Cup**

The Sub-committee received a report from the Head of the ISAF Sailing World Cup and recommended the following to the ISAF Classes Committee;

(a) ISAF Sailing World Cup

That the situation regarding provision of equipment (bring your own, supplied, charter) be decided at least 6 months before the 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Grand Final, in order to ensure equal opportunity to compete for sailors from all classes.

(b) 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Final

That ISAF consult with the Olympic Classes regarding the qualification process for the 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup Final, especially in the case of classes whose World Championships take place after the Final in 2015.

(c) ISAF Sailing World Cup Management Group

That a representative from the Olympic Classes Sub-committee be appointed to the ISAF Sailing World Cup Management Group.

(d) Dates of future ISAF Sailing World Cup

That the dates for all the 2015 ISAF Sailing World Cup events be finalized and communicated as soon as possible. That the dates for the 2016 and 2017 ISAF Sailing World Cup events be published as soon as possible for calendar co-ordination.

(e) Equipment Inspection
Dimitris Dimou gave an update on what can be done to make a meaningful process of minimum check of equipment without too much expense and time at ISAF Sailing World Cup events and it was noted that each Class has submitted a list of items to be inspected.

11. **ISAF World Rankings**

The Sub-committee discussed the ISAF World rankings and recommended that a quality factor (to reflect a sailor’s performance and quality/depth of the fleet at an ISAF Graded Event) be introduced to the ISAF Sailing World Rankings, and that the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee work with the ISAF Sailing World Rankings Sub-Committee.

12. **Advertising Code for the Olympic Classes**

The Sub-committee discussed the advertising code for the Olympic Classes. See Submission 011-14.

13. **Race Officials**

The Sub-committee received a report from Jan Stage, the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee. The following topics were discussed:

- Collaboration
- Race Officials development (core group, transfer of knowledge, new talent)
- Rule 42 clinic (Palma)
- Sailor Rep

14. **Equipment Evolution**

The Sub-committee noted that this was an on-going discussion with the Equipment Committee.

15. **On-board cameras for Olympic Games**

It was noted that OBS were working to ensure that the on board cameras that would be used during the 2016 Olympic Games would be available at the 2015 test event.

16. **Submissions**

The Sub-committee considered any submissions deemed important by the Olympic Classes Sub-committee and made recommendation to the ISAF Classes Committee:

(a) Submission No 006-14 – Regulation 6.6.4

Recommending to ISAF Classes Committee: Approve

Noting the amended wording of proposal 2 should reference Regulation 6.6.4 and refer to “The ISAF Classes Committee ….”

(b) Submission No 007-14 – Constituting the Committee Regulation 6.6.4.2

Recommending to ISAF Classes Committee: No Opinion

(c) Submission No 011-14 – Advertising on the Jib of Olympic Class boats

Recommending to ISAF Classes Committee: Approve
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(d) Submission No 017-14 – Affiliated Continental Members
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: No Opinion
   However, note regulation 25.2.2 which awards the right to host Class Continental Championships to ISAF Classes.

(e) Submission No 018-14 – Affiliated Continental Members
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: No Opinion
   However, note regulation 25.2.2.

(f) Submission No 055-14 – Distribution of Supplied Equipment
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: Approve

(g) Submission No 056-14 – All Changes of Equipment to be Made Public
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: Approve

(h) Submission No 057-14 – RS:X Sailor to Bring Own Equipment
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: No Opinion

(i) Submission No 058-14 – RS:X Sailors to Bring Own Equipment
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: No Opinion

(j) Submission No 059-14 – Equipment Rules of Sailing
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: Approve

(k) Submission No 083-14 – Increasing the Target Medal Race Time
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: Reject
   Medal race target times were approved in 2013

(l) Submission No 084-14 – Final Day format for the 49er & 49erFX
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: Approve

(m) Submission No 085-14 – Continental Qualifiers
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: Approve
   To note that the other Olympic Classes did not put forward a submission on the continental qualification events for the 2016 Olympic Games as all Olympic Classes had previously given their recommendations to ISAF at the Olympic Classes Meeting held on 20-21 January 2014.

(n) Submission No 200-14 – Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix P
   Recommendation to ISAF Classes Committee: Approve

17. Relevant issues to be addressed by the OCSC in other Committees
   There were no issues discussed.

18. Any Other Business
   The status of the ISAF database and online entry system was briefly discussed
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.