



The Youth World Championship Sub-committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours at the Kempinski Hotel, Haitang Bay, Sanya, China on Sunday 8 November 2015

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Present:

Cory Sertl - Chairman

Helmut Czasny-Bonomo

Rodney Wee Hong Tan

Charles Glover

Marek Wojcik

Nazli Imre – Vice President

Cathy MacAleavey

Bruno Lico Marques

Elena Papazoglou

Marina Psychoglou

Lijia Xu - Athlete's Commission Representative

Apologies:

Esperanza Perez-Crespo - Vice Chairman

Marianne Davis

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman welcomed members to the Youth Worlds Sub-Committee meeting and ISAF Sailing World Cup Manager introduced the new ISAF Events Manager, Alistair Dickson.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The Sub-committee noted the minutes of the Youth World Championship Sub-committee meeting of Sunday 2 November 2014 (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. Events Committee November 2014 and Mid-Year 2015 Meeting

There were no issues arising from the Events Committee meeting held in November 2014 or May 2015 that were not covered elsewhere in this agenda.

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It was noted that the Events Committee had commented that the SL16 had been a great asset to the youth event and evolution to the new Nacra 15 was to begin in 2016.

4. Annual Report

The committee noted the Chairman's report to the Chairman of the Events Committee on the activities of the Youth World Championship Sub-committee for the period 1 January 2015 to date.

5. Emerging Nations Programme

The sub-committee received a report on the ISAF Emerging Nations Programme (ENP).

It was noted that 79 nations registered for the 2015 ISAF Youth Worlds. This number is 12 more than in 2014 (67 nations) and means that the target set for the YW ENP project in terms of increasing participation at the 2015 event by 11 nations, has been met.

A discussion was had on the future of the ENP clinics and it was commented that there should be more involvement from the classes in terms of targeting specific areas to host clinics. The gap between good sailors and events needs to be merged so the clinics do not act as a learn to sail course but more as an improvement clinic.

6. The ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2015 – Langkawi, Malaysia

- (a) The Sub-committee received verbal a progress report from the ISAF Technical Delegate. He expressed concerns over the lack of communication with the Malaysian sailing association and worries over boat shipment timings.
- (b) The Sub-committee received a verbal progress report from Malav Shroff on behalf of the Organizing Committee on the preparations for the 2015 Youth Sailing World Championship.
- (c) The Sub-committee received a presentation from ISAF Website and Media Coordinator on the media plan for the event.

It was noted that in sufficient internet speed and capacity is something which needs to be thoroughly considered at any future events.

The Marketing and Media department are to look at the possibility of integrating a similar timing style system used for the Sailing World Cup to allow parents and friends follow racing throughout the day.

- (d) Any other matters arising

There were no other matters arising.

7. The ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2016 – Al Musannah, Oman

- (a) The Sub-committee received a verbal progress report from the Organizing Committee on the preparations for the 2016 Youth Sailing World Championship. All budgets remain in order and the event has received support from the Ministry of Sport and Tourism.
- (b) Any other matters arising.

It was noted that the contracts are in their final stages and due to be signed shortly.

8. The ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2017 – Akko, Israel

- (a) The Sub-committee received a progress report on the contractual arrangements and preparation for the event from the representatives of the Organizing Committee.
- (b) Any other matters arising.

It was confirmed with the Organizing Committee that they could accommodate an increase in entry numbers if required. It was noted however that this may mean that additional accommodation would need to be found but this would be clearly communicated if this were to happen.

9. The ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2018, Corpus Christi, USA

- (a) The Sub-committee received a progress report on the contractual arrangements and preparation for the event from the representatives of the Organizing Committee.
- (b) A report was given from the ISAF Sailing World Cup Manager following an initial site visit to the venue
- (c) There were no other matters arising

10. Review of Event Strategy

The Sub-committee received a review of a paper re-stating the goals of the event.

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11. Future Championships

- (a) Bids 2019

The Sub-committee were informed of those MNAs to have sent in 'Intention to Bid' forms for the 2019 ISAF Youth World Championship and reviewed the summary of each bid. It was during this time that Cyprus withdrew their bid for the 2019 Youth World Championship.

- (b) 2020 and beyond

It was commented that any unsuccessful bids from the 2019 Youth Worlds should be encouraged to apply again for 2020.

The Sub- committee reviewed the overall bid process. It was noted that this new system was running smoothly and that the new process was implemented to allow bidders more time to present their proposal.

Concerns were raised over the new process and that the Sub-committee need to make sure that they are following the good governance in sport practice. It was noted that in future and where possible the bid panel would be made up of representatives from each continent.

12. Multihull

The Sub-committee received the Youth Multihull Evaluation report which was presented at the Mid-Year meeting to the Events Committee on the multihull position at ISAF Youth World Championships.

Further discussion on age limits and the possibility of using helmets will be held during the next meeting.

13. 2015 Submissions

To consider the following submissions;

- (a) Submission 019-15 from the Executive Committee regarding changes to the committee structure for 2017-2020
Opinion: Approve
- (b) Submission 020-15 from the Executive Committee regarding Sub-committee recommendations to Council.
Opinion: Approve
- (c) Submission 024-15 from the Executive Committee regarding the Youth Worlds Sub-committee recommendations to Council.
Opinion: Approve
- (d) Submission 052-15 from the Executive Committee regarding Associate Members Regulation 1.17(d) for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.
Opinion: Approve
- (e) Submission 106-15 from the Executive Committee regarding regulation 24.4.
Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
To remove the ~~Note~~ based on verbal confirmation of the 2017 & 2018 29er events being approved.
- (f) Submission 107-15 from the Events Committee regarding the regulation 24.4.9 and the Youth Multihull Equipment.
Opinion: Approve
- (g) Submission 108-15 from the Equipment and Events Committees regarding the regulation 24.4.9 and the Youth Multihull Equipment.
Opinion: Approve
- (h) Submission 118-15 from Deutscher Segler-Verband regarding age criteria in regulation 25.2.5.
Opinion: Reject
It should be the decision of the classes to set their own age criteria. The Sub-committee recommends further study on the current age limits and also address the 'Youth' and 'Junior' terminology issues.

14. Event Registration System

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The Committee received a brief update on the Event Registration System. It was noted that on the whole, the initial implementation of the new registration system was working well and that the Secretariat were working closely with MNAs to ensure that they understood the registration process.

A full evaluation will be given after the 2015 Youth World Championship.

15. Sponsorship and Equipment Suppliers

To Sub-committee received a brief verbal report on the recent updates, challenges and any potential future opportunities.

16. 2018 Youth Olympic Games

The Committee received a verbal report on the 2018 Youth Olympic Games. The committee noted the letter from the IOC confirming 5 events for sailing:

Boy's Windsurfer – Techno 293+

Girl's Windsurfer – Techno 293+

Boy's Kiteboarding – Equipment to be confirmed

Girls Kiteboarding – Equipment to be confirmed

Mixed Multihull – Nacra 15

It was reported that the Working Party would now be working of the final formats for the event and the qualification system. It was commented that the kiteboarding race format would be racing not freestyle to remain in line with the IOC's message.

17. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

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Appendix 1

ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships- Strategy Discussion Paper- updated October 2015

Challenge: to retain and strengthen the key principles and unique features of the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships that differentiate this event and keep it relevant to future youth sailors and a top priority for MNA's to allocate resources to.

Needs to be a compelling event for top sailors.

What makes the ISAF YSWC unique and relevant to MNA's and youth sailors?

- Olympic-style atmosphere- nation teams (only one representative per nation per event), teams stay together in village environment, eat meals together and are exposed to the next step of competition
- ISAF Event tradition- only ISAF event dating from 1971- media focus on heroes who have become Olympic champions
- Educational component- WYST funds coach, daily debriefs, anti-doping program introduced by current athletes, those attending from smaller sailing nations become ambassadors when they return
- "Level playing field"- no equipment or coaching advantage at the event
- Equipment used is universally available and reflective of MNA junior and youth training
- Cost is contained and those unable to afford are identified and can attend with APP support
- Elite pinnacle event of youth sailing- the best sailors qualify to represent their nation
- A set of events/equipment type that represent youth sailing- a combination of traditional and high performance
- Representation open to all sailing nations- typically close to 70 nations
- Format of racing resembles what is occurring at class championships familiar to youth sailors
- Event remains relevant to established sailing nations with large numbers of youth sailors

Event Pressures

1. Event competes for attention from busy ISAF management
2. Sustainability in event management: concerns about maintaining high standards year to year
3. Race Management- maintaining expected level of quality
4. Managing a growing number of entrants- balance needed with desire for universality and more sailing nations and the event becoming too big
5. Limitations on supplied equipment- equipment suppliers in current economic climate are finding it difficult to supply the fleet sizes needed to supply every entrant with a new boat
6. Cost to host event and cost to competitor must be reasonable and contained
7. Venue capacity with enough suitable accommodation for athletes and officials
8. Appropriate equipment choices for youth sailors that are inexpensive and as universally accessible as possible

Recommendations

#1- ISAF Event Support:

- New registration system- shift from event organizer run to ISAF run for 2015

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- Long term negotiation of equipment contracts. Negotiate long term contracts with equipment suppliers to use equipment at more than one event
- ISAF take a lead role in contracts with organizers and suppliers- principles to endorse: open, fair arrangements with publicity for partners who are suppliers
- ISAF manage the overall calendar to allow for maximum synergy of schedule and maximize use of equipment over a longer period of time than just one event. Consider options where equipment is stored between several events over several years.
- Ensure Branding is consistent year to year.
- Ensure consistent quality of event (ie. not too grand but not too bare bones).
- Secure a title sponsor and assist event hosts with managing all tiers of sponsorship and sponsorship fulfillment obligations.
- Improve PR and media including internet, social media and tracking.
- Race Official Committee involvement with long term approach to training of officials and volunteers years in advance of event.

#2- Manage reasonable growth of event over next 10 years to include sailors from more nations.

- Limitations by skill level- balance wide participation with making sure the experience for the back end of the fleet is still valid (many MNA's do not send a sailor unless they have reached a certain "standard"- no point in sending a sailor who finishes in last place every race way behind)
- Event quotas with first come/first serve signups- MNA's have some difficulty forecasting if they will have a sailor who meets their standard (young sailors can make a big jump in skill quickly)
- Event quotas for ENP athletes and "new" nations- requirement for sailor to have a minimum skill level (who determines this?)
- Limit overall # of athletes at event (Olympics limits at 380)
- Teams limited to maximum size (may not enter all events, must choose). Limit teams to only 6, 8, 10 sailors (less than max team) MNA has to decide which to enter.
- Qualification discussed and rejected due to the limitations in a youth calendar (school)- in many nations sailors must also qualify to represent their nation

#3-Impact of ENP Program

- YWs and ENP used to promote sailing
- Legacy
- Requirements for organizer to run ENP programs-

#4- Equipment Supply

- Sharing equipment: Not ideal: Less sailing time for competitors, future venues may not permit easy boat swapping, risk of exhausted race committee on the water for too long making poor decisions
- Smaller fleet sizes and sailors in groups rotating in to equipment
- Boat supply- change to BYOB- (bring your own boat)- not desirable to retain the level playing field but potential compromise in "manufacturer" classes- those closest BYOB, sails with branding still provided.

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This change would necessitate equipment control at least at a minimal level.

- Equipment used for events prior to YW's

#5- Cost

- overall cost for MNA to attend needs to be seen as good value- MNA's have choices and can elect to allocate resources to class international events where they can send more than one boat per nation giving more sailors from their MNA exposure to international events.
- Reduce number of days of event
- Contain overall budget and, specifically the MNA cost per sailor including entry fee, travel and team leader.
- Charge a charter fee for equipment- effectively raises the entry fee
- Teams racing in more than 4 events have to start paying additional equipment usage fees. (This would still keep universality in terms of the number of nations attending)

#6- Venue

- Changes to bidding process and venue selection-have "professionalized" process
- Consider limiting hosts to a list of venues that are most capable of hosting a larger event (sailing centers with necessary infrastructure, for both sailing and with close access to suitable accommodations, and with experience running major events)
- Consider fixing event in two alternating venues over a 4-year period or the same venue for two years.
- Consider access to supplied equipment
- venue selection should be part of long term overall ISAF Event Strategy a 4-8-12 year plan-
- SWC venues can also be the youth venue: race/event management teams can develop and focus on more events.
- Sailing World championships- should future site host a YW's first, or one year later?

#7- Equipment and Event Options- future planning

- Olympic pathway considerations- a "youth" option that "mirrors" each Olympic event
- Have moved to only one option for each event
- ISAF leadership designating youth equipment- effect on MNA programs/resources Amend regulations to put back in additional choices of equipment for some events – this would allow more options when negotiating with equipment suppliers but choices do not help MNA's planning youth development programs.
- Evolution of Multi-hull equipment
- Recommendation to make Multihull a mandatory "mixed" event

Past discussion items:

- Eliminate the least popular events. Event review analysis could determine there are too many choices of events (not reflecting what is actually occurring in youth sailing today)- could lead to a decision to focus on fewer events, perhaps only four or six.

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- Consider replacing RSX with Bic Techno 293 as a more suitable and less expensive options for windsurfing
- Consider just changing the girl's windsurfing equipment to Bic Techno 293 - one effect of this decision is a smaller number needed from a manufacturer but would entail another negotiation with a different supplier.
- Multihull might not fit in if forced to limit events- does multihull reflect what the youth are sailing today or is it more prevalent that Youth sailors switch from a dinghy to a multihull as older youths/young adults?
- Amend regulations to allow for changing equipment sooner than current 3-year timetable

New Discussion items

- Kites? Do we include?