

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee will met at 09:30 – 13:30 on 6 November at the Sheraton Buganvilias Hotel, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

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In attendance: Corinne McKenzie (Chair / Finn), Luissa Smith (Vice Chair / 470), Dimitris Dimou (470), Marcus Spillane (49er / Nacra), Ben Remocker (49er / Nacra), Jeff Martin (Laser), Eric Faust (Laser), Andrus Poksi (RS:X), Carlo Dalla Vedova (RS:X). Alastair Fox, Director of Events

1. Opening of the Meeting

- a) Update from the Committee Chair

2. Minutes

- (a) The Committee approved the minutes of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee meeting from November 2016 and February 2017 (circulated and approved after the meeting).
- (b) Minutes Matters Arising

3. Update from the Board

- (a) The Committee noted the Board minutes from their recent meetings.
- (b) The Committee received an update from the Director of Events on key issues.

4. Events Update

- (a) The Committee noted the presentation on the 2017-2020 World Cup Series by the Director of Events
The OCSC noted that the intention was to have a representative on the SWC Management Group, and the Director of Events confirmed he would address this issue subsequent to the Conference.
- (b) The Committee noted the report on the Aarhus 2018 Sailing World Championships. Klaus Natorp, Per Hjerrild and Sophie Christensen from the Aarhus Organising Committee gave a brief update on the preparations for the Championships. It was noted that the Notice of Race had been published and that the course allocation schedule was still being reviewed.
The Committee requested that the World Sailing media team confirm the media plan for the Championships and clarified the role, if any, expected of the Olympic Classes.

In respect of the qualification system for Aarhus 2018, it was noted that the deadline to use the rankings may need a change of date to include other events, and the Director of Events will review this. The Director of Events also noted that the Olympic Classes will be consulted on Commission places, and the Commission will include a representative of the OCSC.

- (c) The Committee noted the report on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

5. World Sailing Event Strategy

- (a) To review the long term World Sailing Event Strategy including:

- Calendar
- Classic Events
- World Cup Series
- Rankings

The Committee reviewed the report and made the following recommendation to Council:

Recommendation:

The Board has issued a long-term event strategy.

The Olympic Classes have concerns on the following points:

- a) the calendar will be crowded by a second level of regattas (inclusion of all Classical events) and with the obligation to avoid any clash with these events.
- b) the Olympic Classes World Championships are being defined as "Regional events"
- c) the 2020 Olympic fleet size is mirrored in the SWC events quota, which does not encourage universality

The Olympic Classes recommend that such a long-term strategy be worked on in proper consultation with members of the Events Committee and Olympic Classes and that a decision be deferred to November 2018.

- (b) The Committee noted that the World Sailing Executive Office was still reviewing the qualification system for the 2018-2020 World Cup

6. 2020 Olympic Games

- (a) The Committee reviewed the proposed qualification system for Tokyo 2020. The OCSC expressed the need to address each class separately to reflect the spread of the class around the world and demand from nations in each continent for the continental qualification places.

The OCSC agreed to recommend Option 2 of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualification paper.

- (b) In respect of the selection of the Continental Qualification events, the Director of Events asked each Class to submit their proposals.
- (c) The Committee reviewed the formats proposals for Tokyo 2020. Because of the late distribution of the working party paper, proper feedback from the classes could not be obtained. The Committee agreed to give final feedback ahead of the Events Committee meeting.

- (d) It was noted that further consideration may be required regarding the athlete eligibility requirements and level of event experience required in order to compete at the Olympic Games.

7. Race Officials

- (a) The Committee received a report from Vice-President Ana Sanchez on race official development, reports and appointments. and the OCSC recommended that a clearer process and earlier schedule be adopted for the event appointment.
- (b) Ana Sanchez advised that the EAWP would be appointing with a one year lead time and requested recommendations from the OCSC on their preferred officials.

8. Sustainability

- (a) Members of the committee had already received a report from the World Sailing Sustainability Manager during the Word Sailing Classes meeting on Sunday 5th.

9. Safety

- (a) Members of the committee had already received a verbal update on safety reporting, equipment and race management during the World Sailing classes meeting on Sunday 5th.

10. Olympic Classes Contract

- (a) The Committee reviewed the Olympic Classes contract for 2021-2024.

The Olympic Classes ask the Board to review a new clause added to the Olympic Classes contract that requires a new levy of 1% (on boat price excluding sails). This levy is in addition to the plaque fees already in place as set out in Regulation 10.3(c), and the OCSC expressed concern that this levy will directly affect sailors and MNA's.

The Olympic Classes contract does not give a reason for this levy nor what the income generated will be used for. The Olympic Classes are against any new levies when most of the WS revenue already comes from the Olympic Games. This new levy is not something currently allowed by the Regulations and has not been previously discussed. The Committee believes the Board should review the new levy. Therefore, at the current time the Olympic Classes cannot take the decision to accept its inclusion on the Olympic contract.

The Olympic classes also discussed the inclusion of point 5.4 on the contract that is mirrored in submission 065-17. The classes agreed that the aim of this new clause can be reached a different way, therefore have decided not to accept its inclusion in the contract.

11. Submissions

The Committee made the following recommendations on submission to the Council:

- (a) **Submission 035-16**

Olympic Sailing Competition - New Race Format to Meet the Requirement of "Winner Gets Gold"

Opinion: Reject

- (b) **Submission 004-17**
World Sailing Committees - Olympic Classes Sub-committee - Terms of Reference -
New Regulation 6.7.4.3
Opinion: Approve
- (c) **Submission 005-17**
World Sailing Committees - Olympic Classes Sub-committee - Submissions -
Regulation 15.1
Opinion: Approve
- (d) **Submission 065-17**
World and Continental Championships - Entry Quotas for Olympic Classes
Opinion: Reject
The committee understands the principles but feel the proposed wording is not clear enough, is over reaching and has unintended consequences. The committee supports a regulation that more clearly defines the events and process.
- (e) **Submission 066-17**
Olympic Sailing Competition – Decisions
Opinion: Approve
- (f) **Submission 068-17**
Olympic Sailing Competition - Gender Equity
Opinion: Approve
- (g) **Submission 070-17**
Olympic Sailing Competition - Athlete Physiques
Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
The Submission reinforces current Regulations.
- (h) **Submission 075-17**
2024 Olympic Sailing Competition - Establish Review Criteria & Parameters
Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
Approve in principle. The Events and Equipment Committee should take this into account.
- (i) **Submission 076-17**
2024 Olympic Sailing Competition - Data Collection & Evaluation
Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
Approve in principle. The Events and Equipment Committees should take this into account.
- (j) **Submission 084-17**
Olympic Class Events - RS:X Class - Final Race Format
Opinion: Reject
- (k) **Submission 085-17**
Olympic Class Events - RS:X Class - Medal Race Format
Opinion: Approve
- (l) **Submission 093-17**

World Championships - Youth & Junior World Championships

Opinion: Reject

Classes are different. Athletes develop at different ages in different Classes.

12. Any Other Business

1. Coaches Commission

Michele Marchesini, Chairman of the Coaches Commission, presented a report from the Coaches Commission highlighting issues for consideration by the OCSC:

- Equipment Control – to improve measurement of some classes/equipment to ensure safe and fair racing conditions.
- Continental Titles – to provide separate results from Continental Championships detailing the overall leaderboard, and separately the athletes from the specific continent. Stability and Certainty of Rules – to eliminate changes to the NOR and/or SIs which are made after an event has commenced, and impact the fairness of the competition.
- Event Calendars – to consider aligning events to reduce resources/costs on logistics for athletes/MNAs etc.