

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee met at 1400 - 1700 UTC on 23 October 2021 online via BlueJeans.

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Present:

Corinne Rolland-McKenzie (Chair)
Marcus Spillane (VP)
Dimitris Dimou (470)
Eric Faust (ILCA)
Jyrki Järvi (49er)
John Gimson (Nacra 17)
Mirco Babini (Formula Kite)

Tomasz Chamera (VP)
Ronnie Meir (iQFoil)
Andrus Poksi (ILCA)
Ben Remocker (49erFX)
Markus Schwendtner (Formula Kite)

In attendance:

Piotr Oleksiak (Event Review WP Chair)
Cory Sertl (VP)
Alastair Fox (Director of Events)
Michael Downing (Olympic Manager)
Andreas Kosmatopoulos (470)

Sofia Tedin (Format WP Chair)
John Derbyshire (EC Chair)
David Graham (CEO)
Matthew Wheaton (Competitions Manager)

Apologies:

Quanhai Li (President)
Daniel Belcher (Q&Q WP Chair)
Graham Biel (Rankings WP Chair)

Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (iQFoil)
Dorian van Rijsselberghe (iQFoil)
Pawel Kolodzinski (Athletes' Commission)

1. Opening of the Meeting

- 1.1 The Sub-committee received a welcome and an update from the Committee Chair.

2. Minutes

- 2.1 The Sub-committee noted the minutes of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee meeting of 19 October 2020 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.
- 2.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere.

3. Update from the Board

- 3.1 The Sub-committee received an update from the Olympic Classes Vice President on the Board activities from their meetings since last the Olympic Classes Sub-committee meeting.

4. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

- 4.1 The Sub-committee received a report on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games from the Director of Events and Olympic Manager.

It was noted that:

- The Games were successfully delivered in unique and challenging circumstances
- There was great collaboration to ensure the Olympic Qualification Events took place
- Sail branding material and locations need review at the test event
- Tracker locations need universal definition for each boat
- There were a number of equipment protests and Class rules could assist clarifying
- Race Officials' development remains a focus for WS
- Thank you to JSAF, Race Officials, Volunteers for their commitment and sacrifices

5. Paris 2024 Olympic Games

- 5.1 The Sub-committee received a verbal report on the preparations towards Paris 2024 Olympic Games from the Director of Events and Olympic Manager.

It was noted that:

- 2022 test event – mid May is being considered
- 2023 test event – beginning of July is the goal
- No Paris 2024 sailing staff appointed yet
- Training camp information released <https://prepare.paris2024.org/search/?olympic-sports=Sailing>
- Venue development hasn't started yet
- Key decisions are being made at Annual Conference 2021

- 5.2 The Sub-committee received an update from the Events Committee Quotas and Qualification Working Party on recommendations for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

It was noted that:

- The compromises resulting from a multiclass event especially on the sport side (quota, racing schedule, ...) should be avoided so as not to impact the Olympic selection too heavily. The 2022 Worlds, two years from the Olympic Games, for 3 Events of the 5 Events remaining on the Olympic programme are one of the more secure options to conduct Olympic qualification
- The sub-committee representatives of the 5 new Events, believe that the nations will not be well prepared to conduct half of their Olympic qualification in the 2023 worlds. To shift 3 places to the Last Chance regatta will allow the MNA's and sailors access to equipment, prepare new teams, master the new event in order to be fully ready for Olympic qualifications therefore limiting economical and geographical constraints.
- It should be a requirement that to qualify for the Olympic Sailing Competition, a nation should have to beat another nation.
- The Last chance regatta concept is fully endorsed by the OCSC. However, all regatta options should be carefully studied in order to deliver the best events. There was a sentiment that multiclass regattas do not necessarily achieve this goal.

Recommendation:

For the Men's and Women's Skiff and Mixed Multihull events take 3 quota places from the 2023 Sailing World Championships and reallocate them to the 2022 World Championships.

Recommendation:

For the Men's and Women's Windsurfing, Men's and Women's Kite and Mixed dinghy events take 3 quota places from the 2023 Sailing World Championships and reallocate to the Last Chance Regatta.

Recommendation:

Using reallocation Scenario 5 with the adjustment to be: there must be one more non-qualified entry than quota places available.

Recommendation:

World Sailing to ensure that the events chosen to be qualification events will meet the best standards with equipment compliance, on water judging, and delivery.

- 5.3 The Sub-committee received an update from the Events Committee Format Working Party on recommendations for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

It was noted:

- That moving an additional race to the first day of each Event will unduly physically challenge athletes and is not supported.
- The sport will benefit tremendously from providing assistance to commentators prior to the Olympic Games as well as during the Games and this should be done in as many languages as possible.
- Providing graphics and explanation of penalties to OBS and Right Holding Broadcasters to enhance the broadcast product.

Recommendation:

The additional race on the first day of an event should be removed.

6. LA 2028 Olympic Games

- 6.1 The Sub-committee noted the report from Events & Equipment Committee Event Review Working Party on recommendations for the LA 2028 Olympic Games Event slate.

7. Regulation 23

- 7.1 The Sub-committee received a report from the Events & Equipment Committee Regulation 23 Working Party.

8. The Hague 2023 Sailing World Championships

- 8.1 The Sub-committee received an update on the Sailing World Championships in The Hague from the Director of Events.

It was noted that:

- Frans Hin has stepped down and a new director has been appointed
- Next meeting planned in November and Markus Schwendtner will represent the Olympic Classes

- 8.2 The Sub-committee received a report on the qualification system for The Hague 2023 Sailing World Championships from the Quotas and Qualification Working Party and makes the following recommendations.

Recommendation:

Final quota for each Olympic Event at the Sailing World Championships to be set by agreement between the Olympic Classes, The Hague Organising Committee and World Sailing.

9. World Sailing Event Strategy

9.1 The Sub-committee received a verbal report from the Events Committee Calendar Working Party Chair.

It was noted that the WP will prepare a report with the following 3 themes:

- How to address events scheduled outside their defined window
- The structure and objectives of the Sailing World Championships
- How to optimise the calendar structure for 2028 and 2032 quad noting the location of those Olympic Games in each quadrennium

9.2 The Sub-committee received a report from the Events Committee Rankings Working Party with an update on the implementation of the new Ranking system.

It was noted that:

- With the resumption of international competition, Fleet rankings had restarted and were featuring the new Olympic Classes as planned, following the Tokyo Olympics.
- The pending release of the new World Sailing website will include rankings calculated under the current formula.
- The new website has the structure to have the new ranking formula implemented and it is anticipated to have this in place by the European spring of 2022.
- Event organisers and results providers must proactively work with the World Sailing Executive Office to collate and send their results in a timely and proper format until an automated service is resumes. Work is planned to reinstate the XRR results programme.

10. Race officials Appointments

10.1 The Sub-committee received an update on the EAWP.

It was noted that:

- The Olympic Classes are quite unhappy with the race officials appointment process and this is impacting the preparation of their upcoming events.
- The Board advised they have taken the lead on this matter to progress the issue and is fine tuning a proposal to evolve the EAWP and appoint members based on the feedback of the wide range of stakeholders.

11. Technical Update

11.1 The Sub-committee received a report from the Director of Technical and Offshore.

It was noted that:

- Once the outcome of the Event and Equipment decisions taken under Regulation 23 are known, actions will be taken to conduct reviews and reevaluations as needed
- There are various Classes with building specifications to be updated and approved (iQFOil, Nacra17, 49er, 49er FX)
- There is a structure in place to address the Tokyo 2020 learning regarding, OA provided equipment such as branding and trackers
- The Tokyo 2020 International Jury raise notable concerns about conflicts between Olympic Class rules, competition documents like the NOR and the RRS that need to be addressed to ensure consistent and fair competition.

- For Paris 2024, priority work is underway to complete the licencing of Kite equipment manufacturers and to finalise with the respective Classes how they will manage the provision of the Supplied Equipment for the Games

12. Submissions

- 12.1 The Sub-committee reviewed the submissions relevant to the Olympic Classes and make the following opinions to the World Sailing Classes Committee.

Recommendations:

Submission 001-21: Approved (Proposed: Eric Faust, Seconded: Andrus Poksi)

Submission 002-21: Approved (Proposed: Eric Faust, Seconded: Andrus Poksi)

Submission 009-21: Rejected

The Subcommittee didn't offer an opinion on any other submission.

13. Any Other Business

- 13.1 The Sub-Committee and Vice President on behalf of the Board acknowledged the significant contribution the outgoing Chair Corrine Rolland-McKenzie has made in the role over the last 9 years and thanked her for her considerable efforts.
- 13.2 The Vice President on behalf of the Board acknowledged and thanked the significant extra workload the World Sailing Executive Office has had to carry during this challenging period for World Sailing.

14. OCSC Elections

- 14.1 By unanimous decision, the Sub-committee selected its new chair to be Markus Schwendtner and the Vice Chair to be Eric Faust.