

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition Events & Equipment Selection - Procedure FAQs Updated 8 February 2018

This document is intended to answer the anticipated frequently asked questions concerning the 2024 Events and Equipment procedures. It will be updated on the World Sailing website if further questions come in.

This is version 1.2. Amendments and new FAQs appear in red.

Role of the Procedure Working Party

The role of the Procedure Working Party (which prepares this document) is only to provide guidance on what the current Regulations say and how to implement the process within them.

It is not the role of the Working Party to create or change the selection process, nor to propose changes to the process that do not comply with the current Regulations.

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1) What is happening in 2018?

In 2018, World Sailing must take a number of important decisions concerning what Events and Equipment will be used at the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition (in Marseille, FRA).

2) What is an “Event” and what is “Equipment”?

An Event is the name for a competition at the Olympic Games. It is not specific to a certain class or piece of equipment. The list of Events and Equipment for the 2020 Olympic Games are:

EVENT	EQUIPMENT
Men’s Windsurfer	RS: X
Women’s Windsurfer	RS: X
Men’s One Person Dinghy	Laser
Women’s One Person Dinghy	Laser Radial
Heavyweight Men’s One Person Dinghy	Finn
Men’s Two Person Dinghy	470
Women’s Two Person Dinghy	470
Men’s Skiff	49er
Women’s Skiff	49er FX
Mixed Two Person Multihull	Nacra 17

The reason the two are considered separately is that a number of different classes equipment could be considered for a single Event. The International Olympic Committee also considers events separately from the equipment used in them.

3) Why is this happening now?

The World Sailing Regulations require World Sailing to make decisions substantially in advance of the 2024 Games. This allows MNAs, sailors and teams to plan effectively.

The current requirements in the World Sailing Regulations are:

- By May 2018, World Sailing must decide the Events for the 2024 Olympic Games
- By November 2018, World Sailing must decide the Equipment (Classes) being used for each Event unless new equipment trials are recommended.
- No later than November 2019, any new equipment must be selected.

4) What meetings are taking place in May 2018?

The Events Committee will meet on 12 May 2018.

The Equipment Committee will meet on 13 May 2018.

The World Sailing Council will meet on 14 and 15 May 2018.

5) What is the deadline for any submissions for May 2018?

The deadline for submissions is eight weeks before the Council meeting. This means the deadline is Monday 19 March 2018.

6) What committees are involved?

The Events Committee is the main policy committee for Olympic Events. It makes recommendations to Council on what Events should be included in the Olympics, as well as the format and qualification systems used.

The Equipment Committee is the main policy committee for Olympic Equipment (Classes). It makes recommendations to Council on what Equipment should be used in the Olympic Events. The Equipment Committee oversees the work of World Sailing Classes, in particular the development and evolution of equipment.

7) What are the joint working parties?

In order to ensure a joined up and efficient approach to the decisions to be made in 2018, the World Sailing Board has appointed a joint working party of the Events Committee, Equipment Committee and Constitution Committee. This joint working party is responsible for advising on the procedures and Regulations that should be followed in deciding the 2024 Olympic Events and Equipment. This is the “**Procedure WP**”.

In addition, the Events Committee and Equipment Committee have appointed a joint working party to prepare specific proposals on the 2024 Olympic Events and Equipment. This is the “**2024 Events & Equipment WP**”.

8) What is the role of Council?

Council is the policy-making body of World Sailing, and sets the World Sailing Regulations. It is advised by its policy committees and it will make the decision on what Events and Equipment are included in the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition.

9) What is the current timeline for the decisions?

Based on the complexity of the procedures that must be followed, and the available time after the November 2017 meetings, the tight timeframes that apply in 2018 and the new electronic voting requirements, the current timeline for the decisions is as follows:

Date	Stage
15 December – 8 January 2018	Events & Equipment WP will hold conference calls to discuss proposals for the Events that should be placed under review and the 2024 Olympic programme.
8 January 2018	The World Sailing Board will decide what Olympic Equipment is being reviewed under World Sailing’s antitrust review procedures.
17 January 2018	The Events & Equipment WP will issue an update on its work to the Events Committee and guidance ahead of the Events Committee ballot on which Events to put under review.
17 – 24 January 2018	The Events Committee will debate electronically which Events to place under review. If necessary, a conference call will be arranged.

	Minutes will be made available following any formal Committee meeting.
24 – 31 January 2018	The Events Committee will vote electronically on which Events to place under review. The final decision will be sent to Council for approval.
5 – 11 February 2018	Council will receive the Events Committee recommendation and will debate this electronically. A conference call will be arranged to enable discussion. Minutes will be published following any formal Committee meeting.
12 – 19 February 2018	Council will vote electronically on the Events Committee recommendation. Minutes will be published following any formal Committee meeting.
20 – 27 February 2018 28 February – 7 March 2018	If Council rejects the Events Committee recommendation, Council can debate which Events it wishes to place under review. A further conference call will be arranged to enable discussion. Council will vote electronically on which Events to place under review. Once the Council process has been completed the list of Events under review will be published. Minutes will be published following any formal Committee meeting.
19 March 2018	Deadline for submissions for the Mid-Year Meeting. Submissions putting forward Event proposals must match the Events under review.
12 May 2018	The Events Committee will meet in London and discuss the submissions received. It will make recommendations to Council on all submissions.
13 May 2018	The Equipment Committee will meet in London and discuss the 2024 Equipment decisions (noting these are not made until November 2018). Equipment Committee will recommend to Council the evaluation criteria for the antitrust reviews for the equipment put under review by the Board.
14 & 15 May 2018	Council will meet in London and consider all submissions received. Council will decide the Events for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition.

	Council will approve the evaluation criteria for the antitrust reviews.
1 August 2018	Deadline for submissions for the Annual Conference
November 2018	Annual Conference meetings. The Equipment Committee will make final recommendations to Council on whether to retain, evolve or to select new equipment where necessary. Council decides on these recommendations. If new equipment is to be selected, evaluation trials must be held. Council will receive the results of the antitrust reviews and decide on any recommendations made.
No later than November 2019	Council must decide on any new equipment to be used for 2024.

10) What is the status of Council's decisions in November 2017?

In November 2017, Council made a number of strategic decisions concerning the 2024 Olympic Events & Equipment. These decisions are now World Sailing policy.

11) When will the IOC approve the World Sailing event programme for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition?

At the present time, the IOC is expected to confirm the event programme in Autumn 2020. World Sailing is making its decision based on 10 Events, however it is possible that the IOC could change the number of Events for Sailing (as in all sports). In this case, World Sailing would need to review its decisions and react to any IOC decisions.

However, it is clear World Sailing must follow its own decision-making process and timetable as set out in the Regulations.

12) What happens if an Event is under review?

If an Event is under review, then World Sailing can then proceed to make one of the following four decisions:

- Retain Event and retain Equipment
- Retain Event and evolve Equipment
- Retain Event and select new Equipment
- Select new Event and select new Equipment

13) Can an Event be kept the same but the Equipment changed?

Yes, this is possible under the option in question 12 if the event is put under review.

14) What happens if an Event is not reviewed?

If an Event is not under review, no further changes can normally be made for 2024.

For example, it is not possible to review or evolve Equipment under Regulation 23 if its associated Event is not selected for review.

15) If an Event is not under review, can any further changes be made?

There would not normally be any further changes. Exceptions to this would be:

- Any recommendations made under the antitrust review Regulation
- The 75% vote process set out in Regulation 23.1.6

16) How are Events placed under review?

The process is set out in Regulation 23.1.8.

There will be a ballot of the Events Committee. There will be a single ballot paper listing the ten Olympic Events. Each voting member of the committee will mark an X against those Events he or she wishes to be reviewed. Members must vote for a minimum of 4 Events (there is no maximum number).

The Event receiving the most votes, second, third and fourth most, is recommended for review. In addition, any Event receiving more than 50% of the votes cast (excluding abstentions), is recommended for review.

This recommendation is then sent to Council. Council will decide whether or not to approve the recommendation. If it is approved, then the Events are then formally under review.

If Council does not approve the recommendation, it will conduct the ballot process in the same way and the result will be the decision of the Council.

17) Why is the ballot being conducted by electronic vote?

Regulation 23.1.8 (concerning the next stage of the process) states:

... To be valid, a submission shall propose, for all Events that are being reviewed, the choice of Event, and whether:

(i) the current Equipment is to be retained;

(ii) the current Equipment is to be evolved (in which case it shall summarise that evolution); or

(iii) new Equipment is to be chosen following trials (in which case it shall summarise the main criteria for the selection of new Equipment).

Under this Regulation, a submission is only valid if it matches the Events that are under review.

Therefore, it is vital to know before the submission deadline what the Events under review are. This can only be decided by the Events Committee and Council under the process described above being conducted electronically.

18) What will happen after Events are under review?

The list of Events under review (and those not under review) will be published.

Submissions can be then made in relation to the Events under review. The Procedure WP will issue further guidance in January 2018 on how to draft submissions.

19) Can a new Event be selected in May 2018 in place of an existing event?

Yes, this is permitted under Regulation 23.1.9(b)(ii).

20) Do submissions need to be made to make these decisions?

Yes, Regulation 23.1.8(c) does not permit the final decisions to be made on “recommendations not based on submission”. They must be made based on submissions.

21) How do I make a submission? What must it contain?

Submissions can only be made by certain groups: Member National Authorities, World Sailing Class Associations, the Board, the Chairmen of Committees established by Council, International or Recognized Rating Systems, the Chairman of the Women’s Forum and the President.

World Sailing will issue the template submission document in early 2018. Submitters are strongly requested to use this document.

The Procedure WP will issue guidance in January 2018 on the content of submissions. Submitters are strongly recommended to read this guidance to avoid fatal technical errors with their submissions.

When can I make a submission?

Submissions can be made at any time prior to the submission deadline, however for the reasons noted in question 17 in *“Why is the ballot being conducted by electronic vote?”*, the Procedure WP strongly recommends that submitters wait until the list of Events under review is published.

22) If I made a submission in 2017 that was deferred to May 2018, do I need to do anything?

Your submission will be carried over automatically by World Sailing. However, it may not be valid for May 2018 if it does not align with the Council decisions in 2017 or does not match with the Events that are under review. A submitter can always withdraw the deferred submission and then submit a new one having considered this process.

23) What will happen in May 2018 at the meetings?

The Events Committee will consider all submissions under the procedures in Regulation 23.1.8(d)-(e). This will produce the Committee’s recommendation to Council.

At Council, Council will first decide whether or not to approve the recommendation of the Events Committee. If this is approved, the recommendation becomes the decision of Council and this concludes the Event-level decision process.

If the recommendation of the Events Committee is not approved, Council will proceed to consider the submissions under the same procedures in Regulation 23.1.8(d)-(e).

The Procedure WP will produce further guidance closer to the Mid-Year Meeting once submissions have been received.

24) What will happen after the May 2018 meetings?

Once Council has decided the Events for 2024, the Equipment Committee will review the Equipment for the Events which are under review. The Events & Equipment WP will again discuss the options and provide guidance to the Equipment Committee.

Submissions on equipment can also be made to the November 2017 meetings proposing decisions in the same manner.

25) How does the new antitrust review process fit in to this process?

Under the new Regulation approved by Council in November 2017, the Board will select which Olympic Equipment is to be reviewed in the first round of antitrust reviews.

The Board will make this decision at the start of January 2018 and notify the Olympic Classes and Events & Equipment Working Party of its decision.

Following the selection of the Olympic Equipment being reviewed, the Equipment Committee and Executive Office will prepare the evaluation criteria to be used. Council will be asked to approve these criteria at its Mid-Year Meeting.

The review will then be conducted during Summer 2018 and any recommendations presented to Council in November 2018. This will ensure that all Equipment decisions for the 2024 Olympic Games are made in November 2018 at the same time.

It follows that if the Equipment associated with an Event is selected for an antitrust review, then the Procedure WP's view is that very strong consideration is given to placing the connected Event under review in order to allow World Sailing to make all appropriate decisions in November 2018.

26) Does Regulation 23.1.6(b) – the 75% voting procedure – apply to this process?

Full Question: Does Regulation 23.1.6(b) requiring a 75% majority to change the Events selected for review by the preceding Council decision taken by email vote apply when Council is asked to finalize its decision in May 2018? So once an Event has been selected for review, to reverse that decision does it require a 75% majority vote by Council?

No, a decision to review an Event cannot be reversed under the current Regulation. Once an Event has been selected for review, Council must proceed to make one of the four decisions outlined in Regulation 23.1.2(c) in relation to the Event. If Council does not wish to go ahead with any changes, then it has the option to do so.

The procedure in Regulation 23.1.6(b) applies to any decisions to change specific Events or Equipment outside of the normal Regulation 23 process. For example, the 75% procedure

would apply to any request to change an Event which is not selected for review, or to change an Event after Council had finalised the list of Events in May 2018.

27) Can the Events Committee make an equipment recommendation to Council?

Full Question: The terms of reference of the Events Committee (Regulations 6.6.3(a) and (b)) indicate the Events Committee has a role in the Equipment review. Compared against FAQ 6 above, can you please clarify the roles of the Events Committee and Equipment Committee in terms of the equipment review process?

The roles of the Committees are as set out in their terms of reference. There is a joint working party of the two Committees which is providing co-ordination and communication between the two Committees. Whilst the Events Committee can make an equipment recommendation to Council under its terms of reference, the main policy committee for equipment matters is the Equipment Committee. Its terms of reference state it is “...responsible for recommending equipment policy with regard to the Olympic Sailing Competition and at World Sailing Events, conducting equipment trials or other evaluation, and making recommendations to Council on any change or evolution of Olympic Equipment, in accordance with the strategy and timescales in Regulation 23.” [Regulation 6.5.4(c)]

28) Why was the change in the review process and timeframe not notified to the Events Committee or Council in November?

There has not been any change in the Regulation 23 process. The Procedure WP was appointed at the 2017 Annual Conference to give guidance to all stakeholders on the Regulation 23 process. The Procedure WP published the guidance in the FAQ paper in December 2017.

29) How is World Sailing evaluating interest in order to make the most informed and evidence based decisions?

Full Question: If Events are changed for the Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition, this should be because they collectively generate a surge of interest in the sport – across sponsors, viewers and increased participants. How is WS evaluating this “projected” interest in order to make the most informed and evidence based decisions?

The Events & Equipment WP, the Events Committee and the Equipment Committee will be evaluating information from many different sources, including the PWC data research, etc. The WS Technical & Offshore Department is working with the WP and the Equipment Committee to finalise the key data criteria that will be used to support the decision-making process.

This answer was provided by the Events & Equipment WP.

30) What parameters, benchmarks and data evaluation are being used?

Full Question: What parameters, benchmarks and data evaluation are the Events and Equipment Working Party, the Events Committee and the Council exactly using to reason their debate and validate their decisions?

See FAQ 29.

31) Why can submissions not be made concerning which Events to place under review?

Full Question: This review process has taken away the right to make submissions to support or oppose 2024 Olympic events. Once the electronic vote has been taken by Council, the subsequent process as set out in the Review Procedure limits submissions for May 2018 to only regarding events already decided as “for review”, as the FAQ document states that by 19 March 2018: “Submissions putting forward event proposals must match the events under review.”

Please can you clarify how this will work in practice, as it appears to affirm that submissions can only be made regarding the events which are under review, and removes the right for members to make submissions about the events which Council has decided to be “retained” by electronic vote?

The process being followed is in line with Regulation 23. The process to decide which Events are reviewed is not decided by submission under Regulation 23, and so nothing has been changed.

The Events Committee has begun a formal debate on the events that should be placed under review ahead of their vote. Council will have the same opportunity. Regulation 23 makes it clear that it is the Council that votes on the Events that should be placed under review.

32) What happens if Council does not approve the Event Committee recommendation?

Full Question: If Council does not approve the Events Committee decision/recommendation through the electronic vote process due to conclude on 19 February, what will be the process for Council to propose alternative events to be “reviewed” or “retain” within the timeframe of 20-27 February 2018?

If the Council rejects the Events Committee recommendation they will have the opportunity for debate ahead of their own vote to decide which events are placed under review. The Council will then by ballot, as required by the Regulation, to decide which Events it wishes to place under review.

33) Where is the Register of Interests on the website?

Full Question: In respect of Council, Regulation 3.5.1 requires that conflicts of interest of Council members is published on the website on a quarterly basis, and please can you advise me where we can find this register of interests online?

The 2018 register of interests is on the website on the Governance pages.

Regardless of this, it remains a fundamental principle that any Council or Committee member with a conflict of interest must notify this to the Chairman as required by the email voting procedure approved by Council in November.

34) Can Council Members appoint Alternates for the electronic votes?

Full Question: In respect of Council voting, Regulation 3.4.2 states: “A Council Member shall notify the Chief Executive Officer if he/she is unable to attend a Council meeting and may appoint an alternate in accordance Article 54 of the Constitution.” As the vote by Council on the 2024 Event Review will be digital and over a period of days, I presume all Council Members should be able to attend the meeting. Please confirm the status of Regulation 3.4.2 in the case of digital votes. Please also confirm the status in relation to conflicts of interest of Council Members and as the intent of regulation 3.4.2 does not appear to permit the appointment of an alternate for this purpose?

Every Council Member has the right to appoint an Alternate under Article 54 of the Constitution. If a Council Member has a conflict of interest, then the Procedure WP does not see any objection in an Alternate being appointed. Otherwise the countries in the Group will not be represented in the debate and vote.

Constitution Committee Interpretation 002-08 confirms this Answer:

<http://www.sailing.org/documents/regulations/interpretations.php>

35) How does the World Sailing Conflict of Interest Policy apply to the Events Committee members?

Full Question: In respect of the Events Committee, to which the WS Conflict of Interest policy also applies, we believe there are some members who have conflicts of interest due to their involvement with and positions on some Olympic Class Organizations. Therefore, please can you confirm to me how these persons will be involved in the review process, in terms of: 1. receiving the Events and Equipment Working Party recommendation, 2. debating that recommendation, and 3. voting on that recommendation?

All members of the Events Committee have received the recommendation of the WP – as is their right. The Chairman is responsible, alongside the individual members, to determine where a conflict exists and the Chairman will then determine whether that member can take part in a discussion on a specific topic or vote on a decision.

36) This new process has removed the right of MNAs to make submissions on their preferred events and please can you explain the justification for this fundamental change in process?

Please see FAQ 31 above. The decision of which Events should be placed under review was never capable of being decided by submission.

37) Why do Events decisions have to be made in May 2018?

Full Question: Regulation 23.1.9(b) states that: “Regulation 23.1.3(b) applies except that Council shall decide by 31 May 2018... (i) Which of the events will be selected for review under that Regulation; and ...”. The statement made under point 3 in the FAQs states that: By May 2018, World Sailing must decide the Events for the 2024 Olympic Games.”. This statement appears to contravene the requirements of Regulations 23.1.9(b) which only requires that the events for “review” shall be selected by 31 May 2018, and therefore infers a

later stage to make the final decision on the ten events, as per the complete Regulation 23.1.9.

Regulation 23.1.9(b) states that Council must decide by May 2018 which Events are selected for review. This process is now being undertaken sooner to allow the Mid-Year Meeting to make the final decisions on Events. In turn, this allows the Annual Conference meetings to make all decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(c) by the deadline of 31 December 2018.

If the decisions on Events are not made in May 2018, then the Procedure WP cannot see how the deadline set by Council when it made Regulation 23.1.9(c) on Equipment decisions can be met.

38) Why is there a difference in approach between Event and Equipment decisions?

Full Question: It seems that submissions are required to make any decisions on changes to “equipment”, as per Regulation 23.1.8(c), but this policy is not being applied for decisions to change “events”. Please advise the reasons for the difference in approach to “events” and “equipment” review?

The Procedure WP is responsible for advising on how to implement the Regulation 23 process within the current Regulations. As it did not make the Regulations in question, it cannot comment on the reasons as to why it is written as it is.

39) What is the timeframe after the respective votes for making the announcement of the result?

Full Question: Within what timeframe after the respective votes, as identified below, will the announcement of the vote be made public to all WS stakeholders online and via email communication: 31 January 2018 - Events Committee vote, 19 February 2018 or 7 March 2018 – Council vote

The decision on announcing a vote is a matter for the Chairman of each body. However, the Procedure WP sees no reason why the results cannot be announced the next working day by email and online.

40) Can there be a second conference call of Council on 12 February?

This is not a matter for the Procedure WP but it understands an answer has been provided to Council.

41) What is the case for urgency?

Full Question: I am still trying to understand the case for urgency given by the chairman as stated in 3.4 of CC recommendation not based on submission for model procedure for Electronic Voting.

Please see the answers to FAQs 17 and 37 already issued which explain why electronic voting is necessary and urgent to meet the current Regulations.

42) What is the case for urgency when the IOC will decide the events in Autumn 2020?

Full Question: Regulation 23.1.3 (b). says: „Council shall decide by 31 December of the year of the Olympic Games which of the Events selected for the next Olympic Sailing Competition (in four years’ time) to review for possible change for the Olympic Sailing Competition in eight years’ time. There shall be a minimum of four such Events” Our understanding is, that Council did not fulfill this duty in 2016, but as the IOC will confirm the overall 2024 Olympic Games Event Programme as late as Autumn 2020, which is more than 2,5 years from now, the Midyear Meeting would be the best platform to decide: we do’nt see any need for urgency. If you do, please explain the reasons.

In 2017, Council revised the deadlines in Regulation 23 to the current deadlines. Please see the answers to FAQs 17 and 37 already issued which explain why electronic voting is necessary and urgent to meet the current Regulations.

43) Should Regulation 23 be changed?

Full Question: Written resolution of the EC of 31 January 5.1: “It is clear that World Sailing Regulation 23 does not provide the best process for reviewing the Olympic sailing events and equipment. The WP strongly recommends that a wholesale review of the regulation is undertaken to ensure the process is improved for the future.” The “wholesale review” should be done by allowing members to comment via submissions, could be approved at the Midyear Meeting and taken in consideration at an open debate in Concil on the E&E 2024 issue in May to reach a comforting result. Do you agree?

The Procedure WP was requested to advise on the process within the current Regulations. As noted at the start of the document, it is not its role to make up a new process.

Any changes to the current Regulation can only be made via submission in the normal way.

44) If Council rejects the Events Committee recommendation, what happens?

If Council rejects the Events Committee recommendation, Council must vote via ballot on which events to place under review (in the same way the Events Committee conducted its ballot). The process is set out in Regulation 23.1.8.

The timeframe for this process (if required) is set out in FAQ 9.

45) Will the Council conference call be streamed?

Full Question: We imagine that as with every other Council meeting, the meeting on Thursday 8 February will be streamed so stakeholders around the world can listen to the discussion. Please confirm that this service will be available?

The call will not be streamed live.

46) Will a recording of Council's call be published?

Full Question: If for any reason the Council meeting cannot be live streamed, we request that a recording be made of the meeting and within 24 hours of the meeting be published on the World Sailing website.

Yes, a recording will be published on Friday 9 February.

47) Are the Events being reviewed under the antitrust review also under Regulation 23 review?

Full Question: On 12 January 2018, the Board confirmed that the following equipment will be reviewed as part of the Anti-Trust Review: Men and Women's Windsurfer and the Men and Women's One Person Dinghy. Does that automatically mean that these events are also being reviewed as part of the event review?

No. If an Event is only under antitrust review (i.e. not under Regulation 23 review), then the Event cannot be changed under the antitrust process. The antitrust review looks only at the Equipment associated with an Event

In November 2018, Council will be asked to decide if the Equipment associated with an Event under antitrust review is retained, evolved or replaced.

48) How will any secret voting work?

Full Question: We would like to request clarity around the voting. If for any reason there is a secret ballot, how can this be managed digitally when votes will be emailed into the office and therefore the votes cast by each Council member will be known?

At Council meetings, votes are collated in the normal way using the electronic voting system and then the Chairman of the Constitution Committee verifies the identities of individual Council members are not recorded.

If Council requests a secret vote is held, the votes will be collected using the online system and then the Chairman of the Constitution Committee will be asked to verify that the identities of individual Council members are not recorded.

49) Will the Ethics Commission be consulted on deciding conflicts of interest?

Full Question: We note that under the World Sailing Conflict of Interest Policy 7.1(a) the President is responsible to decide if a Council member has a conflict of interest or otherwise. As this is such a crucial debate and vote and conflicts of interest must be beyond question, we request that it is necessary for the Ethics Commission to be involved in deciding conflicts of interest as per the policy clause 7.1.

The President has decided which Council Members have a conflict of interest and has excluded 6 Council Members from the debate and vote. Reference to the Ethics Commission is only required if considered necessary to decide.

50) Where can you find the Register of Interests?

Full Question: Please can you circulate to Council the 'Declarations of Conflicts' as prepared for the meetings of the "Events and Equipment Working Party" and the "Events Committee", as per the World Sailing Conflict of Interest Policy 6.5?

The Register of Interests is publicly available to download at:

<http://www.sailing.org/about/governance/index.php>

This has been re-circulated to Council.

51) Please provide the data and information used by the Events Committee and its Working Party?

Full Question: We are very concerned in reading the Events Committee Minutes, that there does not appear to be any transparent evaluation between the ten events. There is nothing detailed in Appendix A of the minutes that justifies or explains why five events have been selected for review and 5 events have not. Please provide the data and information that was used and shared between the "Events and Equipment Working Party" and the "Events Committee" in order for them to be informed to make and be accountable for their recommendation.

The Events and Equipment WP has provided the following answer:

There has been no evaluation between Events because that is not the current task.

The current task is to select, as a minimum, 4 events for review that allow World Sailing to present the IOC with a program that meets their goals while also being aligned with World Sailing policy.

The paper discussed both. World Sailing's policy is presented in Section 1.1 of the Paper. Reasons for proposed the 5 events recommended by the Working Party and supported by the Events Committee can be found in Section 2. Specifically, please review Section 2.1 for reasons for not reviewing 5 of the current events, and section 1.2 for a discussion of why 10 events were not proposed for review.

52) Under what Regulation is an event name change prohibited?

Full Question: Written resolution of the Events Committee made on 31 January 2018: 3.4 The Procedure WP has advised that event names cannot be changed without putting the event under review. For the events put under review, the name issue can be considered during the event review process. To avoid unnecessary confusion during the event review process, the event names for the 5 retained events should be reviewed outside of the Regulation 23 process. The WP notes a regulation change will be required to achieve this. Our understanding is, that the event name can be changed at a later stage as for the other events not under review. Please inform us on the regulation based on which the Procedure WP-s opinion was formed.

Regulation 23.1.4 sets out the list of Events & Equipment for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition (i.e. the Event names).

Regulation 23.1.3 says (emphasis added):

“23.1.3 *The Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in Regulation 23.1.4. Any change to Regulation 23.1.4 shall be made according to the process below (subject to the provisions of Regulation 23.1.6) and the associated voting process and submission requirements are specified in Regulation 23.1.8”*

An event name change would be a change to Regulation 23.1.4. Therefore, a change can only be made under the Regulation 23 process.

The Procedure WP understands a submission will be made in May 2018 to allow changes of Event name outside the Regulation 23 process.

53) How will a conference call achieve the optimum decision for our sport?

Full Question: We are concerned that this conference call does not facilitate an open and transparent debate. It is critical that we all understand the responsibility we have as Council members, representing the member national authorities around the world, to make decisions which will grow our sport, not just at the Olympic Games but around the world recreationally and competitively. How does the World Sailing Board feel that a conference call limited to one comment per Council member will achieve the optimum decision for our sport?

The Procedure WP has been advised that a conference call has been put in place to allow Council Members to share their opinions ahead of an electronic vote, as discussed at the November Council meeting.

54) Can a Council member speak more than once, and if so how do they request this?

Full Question: According to the proposed meeting agenda each Council member is permitted to speak only once and in a set order. Can a Council member speak more than once, and if so how do they request this?

The Procedure WP has been advised that in order to be fair to all participants, Council members and alternates will only be able to speak once. Questions and comments can be posted to all attendees via the chat function on Blue Jeans.

55) Why are the minutes of the previous meeting not on the Council conference call agenda?

Full Question: As per Reg.3 – below the agenda sent to council members doesn't comply with this regulations, item (b) is missing.

This is a debate and discussion call of Council. The minutes of November 2017 will be on the May 2018 agenda along with any matters arising.

56) Where are the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held in Santander in 2017 published?

These have been uploaded to the 2017 Mid Year Meeting microsite and are available in the minutes archive. They have also been emailed to all Council Members.

57) Will the Events Committee publish the names of who voted for its secret vote?

Full Question: Regulation 7.5.4 allows a committee member to ask for the names of committee members who voted for or against a motion, may the Council have those names on the vote for having a secret vote? Please don't make us ask an EC member to do so, it will just waste our time.

Under Regulation 7.5.4, the minutes will detail the names of committee members and how they voted on a motion when a requested to add these is received from a Committee Member. The Procedure WP understands that no such request has been received.

58) How was the Events Committee vote kept secret?

Full Question: Since I assume the secret vote was done by e-mails (cannot see you had the option to cast papers) meaning that a person has the names and how each voted – how is that secret?

The votes were tallied and confirmed separately by two members of staff who have not disclosed the names or votes further. This is the normal procedure for committee secret votes.

59) Was the PWC report part of the data used either by the WP or the EC for making its' recommendation?

There is no reliable data across the sport. The WP reviewed the data that was available but did not make recommendations based on that data.

This answer was provided by the Events & Equipment WP.

60) Will the Chairman of the Constitution Committee be present during the conference call to make any interpretations?

The Chairman cannot be present. However, if any interpretations are needed, these will be handled after the call in the normal way and issued by the full Constitution Committee.

61) What criteria were used to recommend the events were put under review?

Full Question: During the AGM 2017 it was noted that consideration should be given on events and equipment, which is best suited for women. Can you please advise what criteria were used in order to recommend these events to be put under review, based on weight, physique, access to boats, transition from youth classes etc? This is a very important aspect of research as we need to grow female participation by ensuring events and equipment best suited to women and accessible around the world are used.

Pending answer by the Events & Equipment Working Party.

62) Does the IOC Executive Board indicate the need for a new Olympic Event to be widely practiced around the world?

The IOC Executive Board has not made any such indication.

This answer was provided by the Events & Equipment WP.

63) Does the IOC set numeric requirements by number of countries, continents and gender participation for any new Olympic Event?

Pending answer by the Events & Equipment Working Party.

64) How will World Sailing evaluate the possible inclusion of new events meeting any IOC requirements?

Pending answer by the Events & Equipment Working Party.