

2024 and 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition

Retain the 2020 Olympic Events and Equipment for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

A submission from the Hungarian Sailing Federation, Korea Sailing Federation, Serbian Sailing Association, and the International RS:X Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To retain the 2020 Olympic Events and Equipment for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Proposal

23.1.3 **The Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in Regulation 23.1.4.** The 2020 **and 2024** Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in Regulation 23.1.4.1. **The 2028 Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in Regulation 23.1.4.2. Changes to the 2020, 2024, and 2028 Olympic Events and Equipment shall not be made.** Any change **considering the 2032 Olympic Sailing Competition** ~~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:

- (a) The ten Olympic Events and Equipment in Regulation 23.1.4 are selected for the 2020, **2024 and 2028** Olympic Sailing Competition. **For the 2032 Olympic Sailing Competition** Equipment evolution shall be permitted and shall be decided in accordance with Regulation 23.1.3(d). **For the 2032 Olympic Sailing Competition and any subsequent Olympic Sailing Competition** World Sailing may propose additional Olympic Events(s) using the voting process for each Event as set out in Regulation 23.1.8(d) - (f) as applicable.
 - (b) **For the 2032 Olympic Sailing Competition and any subsequent Olympic Sailing Competitions** Council shall decide by 31 December of the year of the Olympic Games **(first by 31 December 2028 for the 2032 Olympic Sailing Competition)** 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. All Events and their associated Equipment which are not selected for review shall be included in the Olympics in eight years' time.
 - (c) For each Event it is reviewing under Regulation 23.1.3(b), Council shall decide by 31 December of the following year either:
 - (i) to retain the Event and retain the current Equipment; or
 - (ii) to retain the Event and evolve the current Equipment; or
 - (iii) to retain the Event and select new Equipment; or
 - (iv) to select a new Event and select new Equipment.
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- (d) For its decisions under 23.1.3(c), if Council decides:
- (i) to evolve the current Equipment, it shall at the same time specify where evolution is required;
 - (ii) to select new Equipment, it shall at the same time decide the criteria for the selection of new Equipment;
 - (iii) to select a new Event, it shall at the same time select what that new Event shall be.
- (e) New Equipment shall only be selected following Equipment trials or other evaluation against the specified criteria, and shall be selected no later than 31 December of the year ~~five~~ **three** years before the Olympic Games.
- (f) World Sailing may at any time require evolution of selected Equipment and shall liaise with the Class organization and manufacturers before so deciding. Any such evolution shall be decided no later than 31 December of the year ~~five~~ **three** years before the Olympic Sailing Competition.

23.1.4 Olympic Events and Equipment:

23.1.4.1 2020 and 2024 Olympic Events and 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 Skiff - 49er
 Women's Skiff - 49erFX
 Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470
 Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470
 Mixed Two Person Multihull - Nacra 17

23.1.4.2 ~~2024~~ 2028 Olympic Events and Equipment

Men's Windsurfer - RS:X
 Women's Windsurfer - RS:X
 Mixed Kite - IKA Formula Kite
 Men's One Person Dinghy – Laser
 Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
 Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore -
 Mixed Two Person Dinghy - 470
 Men's Skiff - 49er
 Women's Skiff - 49erFX
 Mixed Two Person Multihull - Nacra 17

23.1.9 Notwithstanding any other Regulation, for the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event at the ~~2024~~ **2028** Olympic Sailing Competition:

- (a) no later than 31 December ~~2020~~ **2024**, Council shall approve the criteria that Equipment usable for qualification shall meet. A list with examples of equipment which meet the criteria will be provided at that time.
- (b) no later than 31 December ~~2020~~ **2024**, Council shall approve an additional set of criteria that Equipment for the Olympic Event shall meet;
- (c) no later than 31 December ~~2023~~ **2024**, Council shall select the Equipment for the Event using the criteria approved under Regulation 23.1.9(b).

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. World Sailing's decision to change the slate of the 2020 Olympic Events and Equipment for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition was approved at the AGM in 2019.
 2. The IOC has not yet approved the changes proposed by World Sailing. The IOC decision is expected by December 2020.
 3. Considering the current world crisis due to COVID-19, and the resulting extreme financial predicaments of many World Sailing Member National Authorities (MNAs), sailors and sponsors, we the undersigned, do not believe that now is the right time to introduce widespread changes to the Olympic Sailing Competition, as has been proposed by World Sailing to the IOC.
 4. Under the World Sailing proposals, half of the current 10 Olympic sailing events would be changed and three completely new classes of equipment introduced. If carried through, it would be the most costly and far-reaching change to Olympic sailing ever. Not only will the new equipment be expensive, but also existing equipment and investments will lose considerable value. Many sailors, MNAs, and NOCs just cannot afford this at the present time.
 5. NOCs, MNAs and especially sailors are all heavily invested in the current slate of Olympic sailing events, both financially and structurally, and not just in terms of equipment but also in terms of training and development programmes. The many changes proposed by World Sailing to the IOC for 2024 are a waste of those resources.
 6. We understand that change is sometimes necessary, but we think that such a radical rate of change in light of the current world situation would be unprecedented and irresponsible.
 7. The coronavirus crisis, combined with the delayed Tokyo 2020 Olympics Games will have huge consequences for many sailors, MNAs and NOCs over the coming 4-8 years with budgets severely affected, unknown travel restrictions into the future and a general lack of confidence about what will be possible over the next few years. Even the experts do not know whether this period of uncertainty will last for months or years.
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8. We therefore urge Council to consider retaining all current (2020/2021) sailing events and classes of equipment until at least 2024 to maintain some stability and consistency. In line with IOC Agenda 2020 over the coming years, we are all going to have to find ways to reduce the cost of running Olympic campaigns, and in the sport of sailing the easiest way to do that is to limit change in events and equipment.
 9. Otherwise:
 - a. Almost every Olympic sailor and MNA will have to reinvest in new equipment for the proposed programme for 2024, and discard former equipment, at a huge financial and environmental cost. For many MNAs this will not be possible, meaning many countries will not participate in some of the new events.
 - b. Some of the new events and equipment will require significant investment both in the short and long term. The current crisis will further separate those sailors and MNAs with small budgets and those with previously large budgets which is the polar opposite to the objectives of the IOC Agenda 2020 for more urban and more youth focused sports.
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