

Reporting Committee – Events Committee and Equipment Committee
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Alternative Proposal Submission for Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Mixed Match Racing Four Person Keelboat

A submission from Match Racing Sub Committee, endorsed by the Chairman of the Events Committee

ALTERNATIVE EVENT OVERVIEW	
<p>Name of proposed event. Must include reference to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mixed / not mixed (Men's or Women's) 2. Crew number 3. Dinghy/ Skiff/ Multihull/ Windsurfing/ Kitesurfing/ Keelboat/ (or specify other) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mixed Match Racing 2. Crew 4 (2+2) 3. Keelboat
<p>In relation to the proposed event, please specify the proposed Equipment, or relevant class association governing the use of Equipment.</p>	<p>Match racing can be done in any one design keelboat of equal performance, suitable for 4 people. To run a successful match racing event with 8 teams, the need for boats is four (4) and one spare. A four (4) person keelboat 26-28 feet with symmetric or asymmetric spinnaker would be suitable.</p>
<p>What is the format for the proposed event?</p>	<p>A match racing course is a windward/ leeward course and each race takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. The race course can use one of the 2024 course areas and the race course can be close to shore for easy accessibility for spectators to watch and for media to broadcast.</p> <p>The format for the event is to sail a round robin where each team sails against everyone else followed by knock-out stages which ultimately end in the final to decide first and second and a petit-final to decide third and fourth. The races are organised into flights. A flight is where one pair of boats start racing and five minutes later another pair will start their match on the same course area. There are typically three to five races in a flight.</p> <p>A typical event programme would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round robin days 1-3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 teams, 4 boats, 14 flights, 28 races • Semifinals day 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 teams, first to score 3 points continuous to Final, the other two to petit final, 3-5 flights, 6-10 races • Petit final day 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 teams, first to score 2 points wins bronze, 2-3 races • Final day 5:

	○ 2 teams, first to score 3 points wins gold the other wins silver, 3-5 races	
IOC CRITERIA		
Does the proposed event align with the Olympic Agenda 2020+5?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">aligns with agenda <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">relevance to the youthinnovationuniversalityparticipation of the best athletes	YES YES YES YES YES
Does the proposed event keep full gender equality for both number of events and athlete quotas? If yes, please detail how	YES Detail: This would be one event with eight (8) teams where the composition of the team is two (2) female and two (2) male. Athletes in total would be 32 (16 female and 16 male).	
Does the proposed event prioritise universality and maximise accessibility of the sport? <i>If yes, please detail how.</i>	<p>YES</p> <p>Detail: There are four world championships run within match racing. They are Open, Women, Youth and Blind, which shows how universal and accessible match racing is. In addition the Nations Cup is a programme for emerging match racing nations to grow their presence and accessibility. These world championships have been run from three (3) people up to seven (7) people on board one designs.</p> <p>Open Match Racing World Championships have been run for 30 years. The Open discipline means equal access for men and women sailors alike.</p> <p>Women's Match Racing World Championships have been run for 20 years.</p> <p>Youth Match Racing World Championships have been run for 7 years. The upcoming (9-14.8.2021) Youth Match Racing World Championship, organised by Balboa Yacht Club in conjunction with World Sailing will mandate mixed crew (there shall be at least one female and one male in the crew) aligning with Olympic Agenda 2020+5 to focus on Youth.</p> <p>Blind Match Racing World Championships for 5 years.</p> <p>Nations Cup have been run for 30 years</p> <p>Racing is done close to shore which makes the event very accessible and easy to televise.</p> <p>Match Racing exists world wide and within many MNAs and is enjoyed by all ages of sailors and genders.</p>	

Which World Championship organised by World Sailing was this proposed event tested at?	The last Open Match Racing World Championship/World Match Racing Tour Finals (2020 Bermuda Gold Cup) had mixed crews including male and female skippers. Mixed crews were not mandated at the event, per IOC requirement.
<p>In comparison with the sailing programme as a whole for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition, what would the impact of including the proposed event be against the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost / complexity to OCOG and NOCs • Cost/complexity to National Federation • Cost/complexity to athletes • Athlete quota size <p>Please be concise in your response to this question.</p>	<p>Match racing is done in supplied boats. For an event with 8 teams only four (4) boats are needed and one spare boat. In total five (5) boats are needed.</p> <p>Match racing can be done in any one design suitable for four (4) people and the selection of the boat can be done close to the Olympics since the crews are used to switching boat types between events.</p> <p>In terms of equipment there are boat manufacturers already who are supplying boats for the Olympics. The boats are one-design and do not require any complex instrumentation or equipment. Even if we are talking about supplied boats the boat manufacturers would probably be interested in getting their boats into the event and therefore the cost of boats is estimated to be low. For example a basic 28 feet keelboat would cost somewhere around 30.000€. Which means that 5 x 30.000€ = 150.000€. This investment would be carried by the OCOG and NOC in conjunction with the boat manufacturer.</p> <p>Low cost charter fleets can be provided (and shared) in multiple countries.</p> <p>Since match racing is done in supplied boats teams would not be required to buy and ship multiple campaign boats around the world, when qualifying, which would save on cost and environmental impact. The use of existing venues with existing boats would decrease the need for any new investments by organiser or competitors.</p> <p>To qualify to the Olympics there would be four (4) Olympic qualifiers in 2022, 2023 and 2024. The top two (2) from each advance to the Olympics. The qualification system would be based on nations qualifying rather than ranking as it is tested in the Nations Cup format.</p> <p>Quota: 32 athletes, 16 women and 16 men</p>
Will the proposed event use existing venues/fields of play at the 2024 Olympic Sailing competition?	<p>YES</p> <p>Detail: The event can fit in the existing proposed fields of play for Paris 2024 as per IOC requirement for use of existing venues, field of play.</p> <p>Data from the Olympics in 2012 show that the field of play is easy to secure and lockdown</p>
FURTHER CRITERIA	

If the proposed event is not a mixed event, please indicate which of the three existing mixed events you propose to split.	
If you propose to split a mixed event, please confirm that the two single gender events use the same equipment as the existing mixed event.	
What are the reasons for proposing this event? Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.	<p>Match racing is accessible to a broad reach of people of different gender and age, which resonates with universality and accessibility.</p> <p>The experience shows that the dramatic Women's match racing event which was televised and provided close and dramatic footage was very popular in Weymouth in 2012.</p> <p>To introduce gender balanced two plus two person mixed match racing will add a new and exciting discipline to the Olympics which will draw new interest and audience and serve to the IOC requirement innovation.</p>