Racing Rules of Sailing

Non-Discrimination

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To insert provisions concerning non-discrimination into the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Proposal 1

1.1 Amend rule 76.2 as follows:

76.2 The rules for a race or competition may restrict entries on the basis of age, gender or disability classification, and may limit entries to one nationality or a group of nationalities. However the organizing authority or the race committee shall not otherwise reject or cancel the entry of a boat, exclude a competitor, or limit participation in an event for:

(a) advertising provided the boat or competitor complies with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, or

(b) any reason which is discriminatory in nature.

1.2 Add rule 76.2(b) to the list of rules in rule 86.1(a).

Proposal 2

Insert new Basic Principle:

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Participants in the sport of sailing are entitled to take part without any discrimination on the grounds of colour, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. [A breach of this principle by organizing authorities or race officials may be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a)]

Proposal 3

These changes should be made for the 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing in accordance with Regulation 28.1.2
Current Position

There is no non-discrimination provision in the Racing Rules of Sailing at present.

Reason

1. Following its February 2016 meeting, the Executive Committee believes there should be a statement in the Racing Rules of Sailing that sets out clearly the principle of non-discrimination. The above statement matches Fundamental Principle 6 of the Olympic Charter.

2. The proposal also takes the opportunity to clarify the entry restrictions (e.g. gender-based) that are permitted and appropriate within the sport of sailing.

3. If approved, a new case should be prepared for the 2016 Annual Conference explaining that discriminatory acts by competitors or officials may constitute misconduct and discriminatory acts by organizing authorities or race committees may be improper actions under RRS 62.1(a).