

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Olympic Events & Equipment

A late submission from the President

Purpose or Objective

- Improving our gender balance, to be attractive to new sailors and to reduce the dropout rate among teenagers, high schoolers and university level students.
- Attracting and capturing the interest of youth and growing our global audience.
- Create a strong sports presentation, displaying the diversity of our athletes and sport.

Proposal

Current Event & Equipment	2024 Event Proposal	2024 Equipment Proposal
Men's One Person Dinghy – Laser	Retained	Retained*
Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial	Retained	Retained*
Men's Skiff - 49er	Retained	Retained
Women's Skiff – 49erFX	Retained	Retained
Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17	Retained	Retained
Men's Windsurfer - RS:X	Retain	Retain*
Women's Windsurfer – RS:X	Retain	Retain*
Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy – Finn	Mixed One Person Dinghy – Two Person Team event	New Equipment
Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Mixed Two Person Dinghy	New Equipment
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470	Mixed Kite Board – Two Person Team Event	New Equipment

* subject to equipment review – all options available

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. We should accommodate the three Board submissions from the annual conference in November and the WP recommendation for revision of events:

- (a) Four mixed events:

By creating a new mixed Olympic event for strong traditional and well rooted classes, we facilitate the growth of the class on a national basis and send a strong signal to young and new sailors that sailing as a sport has a clear pathway not only well defined for each gender separate. By linking the historic strong classes to mixed events the learning transfer from men to women's sailors around the world would be excelled to benefit gender balance and the growth of Sailing.

The new Mixed One Person Dinghy – Two Person Team event, should represent universality and compete in existing one-design equipment, being supplied equipment at the Olympics. The discipline should have the biggest competing numbers of athletes. The format should fleet racing for men and women having combined scores.

The new Mixed Two Person Dinghy, should represent universality and compete in existing one-design equipment at the Olympics. The discipline should have the biggest competing numbers of entries for double handed Olympic equipment.

Kiteboarding meets the objectives of World Sailing for a new Olympic event, appealing to youth being universal and innovative. The Kiteboard event could showcase one or potentially multiple racing format disciplines.

- (b) By retaining men and women's One Person Dinghy event and directing the equipment selection to secure a one person technical discipline for light women and heavier men, we are maintaining the spread of athletes for men, but increasing the reach of our sport for women worldwide. The technical disciplines should showcase our sport being equipment driven by displaying the equipment possibilities we have in our sport to adapt different physics for men and women to compete.

2. The proposals in this submission are developing World Sailing's sports presentation and at the same time maintaining existing equipment, only adding a cost-efficient Kite event and a new Women's technical class.
 3. With the present timeline for the approval of the changes each MNA has time for implementation at a relative low cost.
 4. With the proposed events format, World Sailing can make a strong move to develop our sport in improving the gender balance reducing drop outs and having a stronger sports presentation attracting new sailors.
 5. The event model (3+3+3+1) for the 2014 Olympic Games would look like this:
 - One Person Equipment (Women, Men, Mixed)
 - Two-person Equipment (Women, Men, Mixed)
 - Board (Women, Men, Mixed)
 - Multihull (Mixed)
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6. With the above proposal, a final slate in November for equipment could be as follows (which would be high impact in terms of sport presentation having mixed events and two new disciplines, but low-cost impact to MNAs and sailors):

One Person Technical Women	= BOX - Rule New Equipment
One Person Technical Men	= Finn
Mixed One Person Dinghy	= Laser
Mixed Two Person Dinghy	= 470
Mixed Multihull.	= Nacra
Mixed Kite.	= BOX- Rule New Equipment
Skiff Women.	= 49erFX
Skiff Men.	= 49er
Windsurf Women.	= RSX
Windsurf Men.	= RSX

7. To build a strong sport presentation and securing a broad representation of nations in our qualifiers and participating nations at the Olympics, the quota allocation could look like this:

One Person Technical Women	Entries 15 - total sailors 15
One Person Technical Men	Entries 15 - total sailors 15
Mixed One Person Dinghy	Entries 38 - total sailors 76
Mixed Two Person Dinghy	Entries 27 - total sailors 54
Mixed Multihull	Entries 20 - total sailors 40
Mixed Kite	Entries 15 - total sailors 30
Skiff Women	Entries 20 - total sailors 40
Skiff Men	Entries 20 - total sailors 40
Windsurf Women	Entries 20 - total sailors 20
Windsurf Men	Entries 20 - total sailors 20

The arguments and thought behind the new changes can be well sustained. They are at the same time supporting IOC's Agenda 2020, making the final presentation to the IOC events commission a strong and well rooted argument.

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