

Olympic Equipment

Regulation 16

A submission from the Federacao Brasileira de Vela e Motor

Proposal:

To permit sailors or MNA's purchase any of the equipment mentioned in regulation 16.1.6 in the licensed builder of their own choice, without any restrictions based on market reserve.

Current Position:

Presently, in some of the classes cited in regulation 16.1.6, as per example the Laser Class, the world market is shared in zones. For instance, a sailor from Brazil can only buy a new Laser from the Licensed Builder in England. A sailor from Venezuela is forced to buy a new Laser in the Licensed Builder in USA.

Reason:

To comply with Regulation 16.1.5.a(iii) ("must give the sailors in each country the opportunity to participate in readily accessible equipment")

First of all, to allow the sailors to purchase the equipment wherever they think is more appropriate for their needs.

Second, to minimize the shipping costs

Third, to press the licensed builders for a better overall price. In the previous years, all Olympic equipment has come up in price astonishingly.