

The Events Committee met online, at 1200 UTC on 24 May 2026

Members Present:

Wolfgang Mayrhofer (AUT) Chair	Aiko Saito (JPN) Vice-Chair	Walter Boddener (BRA)
Shevaun Bruland (AUS)	Saskia Clark (GBR)	Lisa Darmanin (AUS) Athletes' Committee Vice Chair
Tayfun Erey (TUR)	Eric Faust (USA) Olympic Classes SC Chair	Anna Holmdahl White (SWE)
Ferran Muniesa (ESP)	Ed Russo (FRA)	Piotr Oleksiak (POL)

In attendance:

Daniel Belcher (AUS) Vice President	Cory Sertl (USA) Vice President	Michael Downing (Interim Director of Events)
Tim Hancock (Project Manager)		

Apologies:

Paula Douat (COL)	Nuno Gomes (ANG)	Molly Vandemoer (USA)
Tian Wang (CHN)	Geoff Wooley (NZL)	

1. Opening of the Meeting

- a. The Chair of the Events Committee welcomed committee members and observers to the meeting.
- b. A quorum of 12 members was established.
- c. The chair noted apologies received from members prior to the meeting.
- d. The Committee noted the declarations made in the Conflicts of Interest register and the updates reported in the meeting.
- e. The Committee noted that a replacement representative of the OCSC had been appointed in accordance with the Constitution, with full speaking and voting rights for the meeting.
The Committee further noted that Ferran Muniesa (ESP) had resigned from his volunteer role due to a forthcoming staff appointment within World Sailing and would not participate in voting.

2. Update from the Board

- a. The Vice-President liaisons expressed appreciation to the Committee and the Format Working Group for their continued work and engagement. No substantive updates were provided given the short period since the previous meeting. No questions were raised by members.

3. Olympic Sailing Competition – Los Angeles 2032

- a. The Committee received the report and recommendations from the Format Working Group. The Working Group outlined that the recommendations:
 - Reflect extensive consultation with athletes, classes, coaches and organisers
 - Align with Council-approved parameters
 - Represent an iterative refinement based on testing and feedback
 It was noted that the outcome is not considered optimal in all respects, but reflects a balanced position with athlete endorsement and within existing constraints.

The Committee discussed the recommendations in detail, noting the significant work undertaken by the Format Working Group and the breadth of consultation informing the proposals.

The Committee noted that the retention of two formats (Boards and Boats) reflects the direction previously agreed by Council. It was acknowledged that a single-format approach had been considered earlier in the process but was not progressed.

The Committee discussed the proposed adjustments to the boat event format. Concerns were expressed by some members regarding the complexity of the format and the potential challenges for understanding by non-specialist audiences. It was noted that, within the current mandate, the changes represent incremental refinement rather than fundamental redesign.

The Committee noted general support for the revised progression structure in the board format, in particular the intention to better reward higher-ranked athletes from the qualification series. It was further noted that the recommendation remains subject to formal endorsement from the relevant classes and confirmation of operational feasibility, including umpiring considerations.

The Committee noted the importance of maintaining a defined broadcast window for finals races. It was highlighted that exceeding this window may result in reduced broadcaster engagement and audience reach, particularly where scheduling conflicts exist with other Olympic sports.

The Committee recognised that athlete acceptance has been a central consideration throughout the process. It was noted that the current proposal reflects a position that has been developed with athlete input and is considered more acceptable than earlier alternatives.

The Committee recognised that the current recommendations are constrained by prior decisions and the timing of implementation for LA28. It was noted that further work will be required to review and potentially evolve competition formats for future Olympic cycles, including Brisbane 2032.

The Committee considered each recommendation individually and recorded the following decisions:

Recommendation 1 – Overall Format Structure

The Committee approved the retention of two overall competition formats (Boards and Boats).

Approved (10 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention).

Recommendation 2 – Dinghy, Skiff and Multihull Format

The Committee approved the retention of the 9/18 scoring system for boat events.

Approved (9 in favour, 2 against, 0 abstentions).

Recommendation 3 – Windsurfing and Kite Format

The Committee approved the revised progression with 6 competitors in the Quarter Final and 4 in the Semi Final for board events, subject to both the iQFOiL Class and IKA endorsement, and confirmation that the cost, operational complexity and umpiring requirements of the expanded Quarter Final are considered appropriate by World Sailing staff and Race Officials, specifically the International Umpire Sub-Committee (IUSC).

Approved (10 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention).

Recommendation 4 – Target Times

The Committee approved the proposed target times for finals races as follows with the exact final target time within this range should be determined by World Sailing staff in consultation with relevant technical and broadcast stakeholders.

Event	Target Time (minutes) for Finals
Women's Windsurfing (iQFOiL)	Sprint Slalom 4 – 5 Upwind sprint 6 – 7
Men's Windsurfing (iQFOiL)	Sprint Slalom 4 – 5 Upwind sprint 6 – 7
Women's Kite (Formula Kite)	6 – 7
Men's Kite (Formula Kite)	6 – 7
Women's Dinghy (ILCA 6)	13 – 15
Men's Dinghy (ILCA 7)	13 – 15
Women's Skiff (49erFX)	13 – 15
Men's Skiff (49er)	13 – 15
Mixed Dinghy (470)	13 – 15
Mixed Multihull (Nacra 17)	13 – 15

Approved (11 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

The Committee recorded its thanks to the Format Working Group for its work.

4. Proposals

- a. None

5. AOB

- a. None

The Chair thanked members, staff, observers and those joining from difficult time zones. The meeting was closed at 1300 UTC