

2016 Olympic Events and Equipment

Regulation 23.1.4

A submission from the Belarus Sailing Federation, Italian Sailing Federation, Yachting Union of Latvia, Polish Yachting Association, Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To reinstate windsurfing for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition and select the best events and equipment to represent sailing in the Olympic Games.

To amend the slate of events currently selected.

In case the proposal to amend Regulation 23.1.4 as follows:

~~Men's Kiteboarding~~ - **Mixed (Two Person) Kiteboarding**
~~Women's Kiteboarding~~ - **Mixed (Two Person) Windsurfing – RS:X**

is not accepted, the following one is presented:

Proposal

That Regulation 23.1.4 is amended in accordance with regulation 23.1.7 as follows:

Men's Kiteboarding
~~Women's Kiteboarding~~ - **Women's Windsurfing – RS:X**
Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser
Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
Men's 2nd One Person Dinghy - Finn
Men's Skiff - 49er
Women's Skiff – 49erFX
Men's Two Person Dinghy - 470
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470
Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 17

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. By selecting kiteboarding at the expense of windsurfing ISAF has deleted one of the most popular events in terms of participation and global spread.
 2. Kiteboarding is a new and fascinating discipline of sailing and has proven to be ready for inclusion in the ISAF events programme however having very little women' participation in racing world championship (7 women in 2009, 8 women in 2010).
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3. Women's participation in windsurfing is one of the strongest Olympic events and should be retained.
 4. The windsurfing and kiteboarding equipment is both suitable and proven for different disciplines (*racing, speed*) and formats (*course racing, slalom, marathon*).
 5. The proposed slate presents a balanced approach without too many changes to events.
 6. The proposed slate offers developing nations an additional low cost event to expand their chances of participation in the Olympic Games, especially those nations in Africa & Asia.
 7. Logistics are vastly simplified for groups and individuals, for national and international travel.
 8. The inclusion of both windsurfing and kiteboarding supports the development towards more youth and spectator/media friendly events, as requested by the IOC.
 9. The current junior pathway classes, the Techno 293 Class, selected as equipment for use in the Youth Olympics and RS:X 8.5m² as equipment for use in ISAF Youth Sailing Worlds, are suitable pathways to both Olympic windsurfing and Olympic kiteboarding.
 10. Both windsurfing and kiteboarding have well developed worldwide distribution networks.
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