

Events at Olympic Games

Representation of Sailing Disciplines

A submission from the Austrian Sailing Federation

Proposal:

- 16.1.5 (a) ISAF’s criteria for selecting Events & Equipment shall be **that they must:**
- (i) allow athletes around the world, male, female and of different sizes and weights to participate;
 - (ii) give the best sailors in each country the opportunity to participate in readily accessible equipment;
 - (iii) combine both traditional and modern events and classes, to reflect, display and promote competitive sailing; **achieve the current IOC objective of the minimum level of participation for women:**
 - (iv) include at least two events for men and two events for women designed to maximize excitement, innovation, public and media appeal; and
 - (v) meet the International Olympic Committee’s criteria (if any) for participation in the Olympic Programme and achieve the current International Olympic Committee’s objective (if any) for the minimum level of participation for women
 - (vi) **include Events for each of the five worldwide most popular disciplines (1 Person Dinghy, 2 Person Dinghy, Multihull, Keelboat, Windsurfer)**

Current Position:

As above.

Reason:

It would also ensure that the Sailing Regatta presents the wide range and diversity of sailing, within the practical constraints of the Olympic Regatta.

It would place differing athletic skills ahead of equipment considerations, so better meet IOC objectives and also provide a clear strategy to the choice of Events.

Multihull sailing is one of the five core sailing disciplines with global representation in both developed countries and emerging markets. It would otherwise be unrepresented at the Games.

Multihulls are the most media-friendly sailing boats because they are the fastest craft in the regatta, highly athletic and exceptionally suited to be camera platforms.