

Events at Olympic Games

Changed Voting System

A submission from the Austrian Sailing Federation

Proposal:

Change of voting system for future sailing events at Olympic Games (OG).

The vote shall be a clear orientation to more structured and spectacular and public-understanding Events.

The first vote is for the Gender ratio.

The second vote is for the ratio of Nation attracting Events and Events with less Nation's participation (less than 20 Nations) - because of IOC limited overall number of competitors.

Current Position:

The actual voting system makes no weighting and differentiation between suitable Events. This voting includes no strategy for long-term planning for MNA's and makes no differentiation between Events with higher or smaller number of participating nations.

Reason:

It is agreed to have the maximum of participating Nations – Target > 70 Nations – and absolute public- and media attractive Events.

The Sailing Events at OG should obviously present the actual topics of all different Disciplines of Sailing.

Seminal aspect: the actual assignment – without all disciplines - of events reflects not the novelty in our sport.

Age aspect: the reduction of Events and competitors strengthen the orientation to young sailors. The momentary situation allows sailors to switch over from event to event for decades instead of enough seminal events for our future – the young generations. Mainly the worldwide Multihull-scene animates a lot of young sailors.

Division of Events: the following overview shows a possible split of Events with still priority of Nations attracting Events. It should be obvious that all five Disciplines must have a place in the Olympic Events in an attractive, modern presentation.

Nation-Attracting-Events

Boards, F + M
One Person Dinghy, F + M
Two Person Dinghy, F + M

Events with limited Nations-Participation (Less than 20 nations)

HP-Dinghy
Multihull
Keelboat

Special determined
Event

The 10th Event could be a “Special determined Event” representing the last development of international available equipment according ISAF Requirements or for any other actual demand.

This mixture should be a representative of all varieties of sailing presented on the highest level at OG and will attract the worldwide public for our sport.