

## 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

### Events and Equipment

A submission from Yachting Australia

#### Purpose or Objective

To amend the provisional slate of the Olympic Events as stated in 23.1.4

#### Proposal

That the following events and equipment are selected for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

<b>Event</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Mixed</b>
Board <u>and</u> /or KiteBoard*	(Evaluation)	(Evaluation)	
One Person Dinghy	Laser	Laser Radial	
Two Person Dinghy	<b><u>470</u></b>	<b><u>470</u></b>	<del>470</del>
Skiff	49er	Evaluation	
2 <sup>nd</sup> One Person Dinghy	Finn		
Two-Person Multihull			Evaluation
Keelboat			<del>Elliott 6m</del>
Total Events	5	4	1

\*Note (to be consider as part of this proposal)

Both Windsurfing and Kiteboarding should have a place in the Olympic Competition in 2016. ISAF should build a strong case to the IOC for two new medals for Kiteboarding as a new, dynamic area of the sport that is attractive to the youth market. There is strong precedent for new medals being introduced for these reasons, medals for snowboarding in winter sport being an obvious example.

In the interim, a format should be developed that will allow both Kiteboarding and Windsurfing to be included in the Olympic Competition in 2016, even if ISAF is unsuccessful in securing additional medals. This would see two athletes competing for a single medal, with the exact format to be decided. Whilst it is recognised that this is a compromise, it is preferred to not having both disciplines of the sport represented in Rio.

#### Current Position

Men's board or kite board – Evaluation  
Women's board or kite board – Evaluation  
Men's one person dinghy – Laser  
Women's one person dinghy – Laser Radial  
Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> one person dinghy – Finn  
Men's skiff – 49er  
Women's skiff – Evaluation

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Women's keelboat – Elliott 6m  
Mixed multihull – Evaluation  
Mixed two person dinghy (spinnaker) – 470

Reasons

The Proposal provides a slate that closely meets the objectives set out in the report of the Olympic Commission and in Regulation 23.1.2, endorsed by Council in November 2010, by:

1. Ensuring diversity in the skills required for racing the different types of boats, and that a wide range of athlete size and weight is catered for.
2. Providing a clear pathway from Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment, with similar or matched events (with the current exception of Kiteboarding).
3. Including equipment that generally has low capital and development cost, can be shipped at relatively moderate rates, is largely but not entirely one design 'out of the box' and, in most cases, can be provided by the organisers at major events if required.
4. Moving towards the objective of an equal number of events for men and women, improving gender balance and increasing the number of matched events.

<b>Event</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Provisional Decision</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
Total Athletes (in full team)	16	16	17
Events for each gender	6 M / 4 W	4 M / 4 W / 2 Mixed	5 M / 4 W / 1 Mixed
Events open to gender	6 M / 4 W	6 M / 6 W	6 M / 5 W
Gender balance	9 M / 7 W	7 M / 9 W	9 M / 8 W
Matched Events	3	3	4

5. Introducing significant change but maintaining the one and two person events in which many nations have considerable investment, so ensuring continuity of participation without the need for significant investment, whilst at the same time encouraging evolution.
6. Introducing the new discipline of Kiteboarding, currently practiced in over 90 countries, with athletes from 66 nations competing internationally and with 30 nations in membership of the International Kiteboarding Association (and 6 pending). 2020 will be too much too late! (Data courtesy of the IKA).
7. Maintaining in a widely accessible 'conventional' 2 person dinghy for both men and women, , with boats sailed in emerging areas of the world and at Regional Games and other and Regattas, so reflecting a widely practiced part of the sport and providing continuity of investment.
8. Removing Match Racing which has proved difficult and expensive for organisers, is exclusive and is difficult for emerging nations to participate in and has a good, well established circuit outside the Olympic Games.
9. Through the introduction of a Women's Skiff and Kiteboarding, and the reintroduction of the Multihull, ensuring an appropriate balance of dynamic events whilst retaining classes that

also offer global spread, ensuring an effective platform for the promotion of the sport at and between Olympic Games.

