

The Events Committee met from 1900 - 2200 UTC on 26 and 28 October 2021 online via BlueJeans.



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Present:

John Derbyshire (GBR) Chair

David Abercrombie (NZL)

Aiko Saito (JPN)

Ben Remocker (CAN)

Eliana Fierro (MEX)

Graham Biehl (USA)

Marco Predieri (ITA)

Walter Boddener (BRA)

Piotr Oleksiak (POL)

Michael Röllich (FIN) Match Racing Sub-committee

Charles Glover (GBR) Youth Events Sub-committee

Sofia Tedin (ARG) Vice Chair

Guillaume Chiellino (FRA)

Anna Holmdahl White (SWE)

Daniel Belcher (AUS)

Gelly Skarlatou (GRE)

Ke Su (CHN)

Marco Predieri (ITA)

Markus Schwendtner (GER) Olympic Classes

David Hughes (USA) Athletes' Commission

Fiona Kidd (CAN) Team Racing Sub-committee

Apologies

Gelly Skarlatou (28 October)

Eliana Fierro (28 October)

In attendance:

Sarah Kenny (AUS) Vice President

Cory Sertl (USA) Vice President

Alastair Fox (Director of Events)

Michael Downing (Olympic Manager)

Matt Wheaton (Competitions Manager)

Maddie Dunn (Race Officials Manager)

1. Opening of the Meeting

1.1 The Committee received an update from the Committee Chair.

John Derbyshire congratulated everyone involved in delivering the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and in particular thanked current Events Committee member Aiko Saito for all of her help and former Events Committee member Takao Otani for all of his support.

1.2 Committee members Conflicts of Interest were noted.

2. Minutes

2.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the Events Committee meetings of 10 & 11 May 2021. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

2.2 There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. Update from the Board

- 3.1 The Committee noted the Board minutes from their meetings since last the Events Committee meeting.
- 3.2 The Committee received an update from the Events Committee Vice President. Sarah Kenny gave an overview of the Board activities since the Mid-Year meeting. It was noted that the Board had been focused on delivering the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and reviewing the future governance of World Sailing.

4. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

- 4.1 The Committee received a report on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games from the Technical Delegates and the Olympic Manager. It was noted that:
- The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games had been successfully delivered in unique and challenging circumstances;
 - There had been great collaboration from MNAs and Olympic Classes to ensure the Olympic Qualification Events and the Olympic Games took place;
 - There had been real challenges with Covid-19 but the Tokyo 2020 Playbooks worked very well
 - 10 incredible Olympic Champions had been crowned
 - 350 sailors from 65 nations compete at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and 96 nations competed at the qualification events
 - The Committee gave its thanks to Tokyo 2020, JSAF, athletes, coaches, MNAs and officials for such a memorable Olympic Games.

Additionally, the Events Committee noted the key recommendations from the TD report and the Olympic Manager report. It was agreed that those recommendations would be further reviewed by the Committee.

5. Paris 2024 Olympic Games

- 5.1 The Committee received a report on the Paris 2024 Olympic Games from the Director of Events and Olympic Manager. It was noted that:
- The postponement of Tokyo 2020 has created some challenges for all stakeholders for Paris 2024
 - For the 2022 test event mid May was being considered
 - For the 2023 test event the plan was to host an event at the beginning of July
 - Paris 2024 was working to appoint the Sailing Sport Manager as a soon as possible
 - Training camp information had been released <https://prepare.paris2024.org/search/?olympic-sports=Sailing>
 - Venue development had not yet started
- Additionally, it was agreed that key recommendations from the Tokyo 2020 reports will be reviewed and taken forward where appropriate.
- 5.2 The Committee received a report from the Quotas and Qualification Working Party on recommendations for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. It was noted that:
- (a) It is generally accepted that the number of MNA's that seek qualification for the Olympic Games is the primary metric for participation used by the IOC and country participation within the Olympic Games is what typically drives viewership of the broadcast. The audience of the 10 Events is a key factor in determining the distribution World Sailing receives from the IOC.

- (b) At the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games there were 65 MNA's participating within the Olympic Sailing Competition and the recommendations aim to maintain this level of MNA participation going forward.
- (c) The total number of athlete quota has been reduced by the IOC from 350 to 330 and maintain gender equity amongst athlete quota, as well as Events, is mandatory from the IOC.
- (d) Increasing the current threshold of what constitutes a valid qualifier was strongly supported and there is unanimous support to increase the threshold to at least 2 unqualified nations to constitute a valid qualifier for the LA 2028 Qualification System.

5.3 The Committee made the following recommendations to Council on the quotas and qualification system for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

(a) Athlete Quota:

The Events Committee unanimously recommended the following:

Paris 2024 Event	Boat Quota
W Windsurfing	24
M Windsurfing	24
W Kite	20
M Kite	20
W Dinghy	43
M Dinghy	43
W Skiff	20
M Skiff	20
MX Dinghy	19
MX Multihull	19
Boats	252
Athletes	330

(b) Qualification Pathway:

The Events Committee unanimously recommended the qualifiers as listed in hierarchical order of qualification, irrespective of the actual calendar of events.

Number of Boat Quota Places	Qualification Events
107	2023 Sailing World Championships The highest placed NOCs in each of the ten Sailing Events at the 2023 Sailing World Championships will be qualified as per the quotas in the table below.
14	2024 Class World Championships (2024 ILCA World Championship) The highest placed NOCs, not already qualified at the 2023 Sailing World Championships as per the quotas in the table below.
74	2023/2024 Continental qualifier The highest placed NOCs, not already qualified at the 2023 Sailing World Championships or the 2024 Class World Championships, in each of the regionally nominated competitions will be qualified as per the quotas in the table below.

39	2024 Last Chance Regatta The highest placed NOCs, not already qualified at the 2023 Sailing World Championships, 2024 Class World Championships, or Continental qualifier as per the quotas in the table below. The Last Chance Regatta will be held after the Continental Qualifications so that any declined or unallocated boat quota places from the 2023 Sailing World Championships, Continental qualifiers, Host NOC and 2024 Class World Championships are known.
8	Emerging Nation, Developing Nation and Tripartite
10	Host Nation

(c) Quota Allocation:

The Events Committee recommended the proposal from the Olympic Classes (10 votes for to 3 votes against) to modify the Working Party's recommendation to increase by 2 the Windsurfing, Kite and MX Dinghy by 1 Last Chance Regatta boat quota up from 3 and reduce the 2023 Sailing World Championship boat quota accordingly whilst maintaining at least 40% qualification per Event at the SWC, resulting in the recommendation as per the table below:

Paris 2024	Host NOC	Sailing World Champs	2024 ILCA World Champs	Continental Qualifiers						Last Chance Regatta	Tripartite	ENP Places	Boat Quota
				Africa	Asia	Europe	Oceania	North America & Caribbean	Central & South America				
W Windsurfing	1	11		1	1	1	1	1	1	5		1	24
M Windsurfing	1	11		1	1	1	1	1	1	5		1	24
W Kite	1	8		1	1	1	1	1	1	5			20
M Kite	1	8		1	1	1	1	1	1	5			20
W Dinghy	1	16	7	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	43
M Dinghy	1	16	7	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	43
W Skiff	1	10		1	1	1	1	1	1	3			20
M Skiff	1	10		1	1	1	1	1	1	3			20
MX Dinghy	1	8		1	1	1	1	1	1	4			19
MX Multihull	1	9		1	1	1	1	1	1	3			19
TOTAL Boats													252
TOTAL Athletes													330

(d) Qualifier Validity:

The Events Committee unanimously recommended the scenario as outlined in the extract below from the paper defining what constitutes a valid Qualification Regattas:

	Valid Continental Qualifier:	If not a valid continental qualifier, quota is reallocated to:
Current Position	Requires 1 unqualified MNA to participate within the continental qualifier.	Continental quota is reallocated to next top ranked sailor (at an open competition)
Selected Option – Requiring a minimum number of unqualified MNA's	Requires at least one more unqualified nation than boat quota places offered,	Continental quota is reallocated to top ranked Developing

OR Requiring a minimum result at the Sailing World Championships	OR Requires 1 boat from the MNA to finish in the top 90% of the Event at the SWC (regardless of the composition of the final 10% of boats), the nation is eligible for continental qualification if there are insufficient entries from other non-qualified nations.	Nation at the Last Chance Regatta.
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(e) The rest of the Quotas & Qualification Working Party report was approved unanimously.

5.4 The Committee received a report from the Format Working Party on recommendations for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

It was noted that:

- (a) The Working Party was hampered by COVID-19 and unable to substantially build on the existing work of the Events Committee's previous WP.
- (b) It was recognized that Tokyo 2020 fleet race format for all Events doesn't advance sailing at the Olympic Games and the WP's recommendations are the first steps to improving what World Sailing offers the Olympic Games but further work must be undertaken.
- (c) Research and testing of possible alternative formats needs to be conducted in 2022 and 2023 so there is reliable data and feedback ahead of needing to make decisions in 2024 for the next Games.
- (d) The improvements to the physical presentation of the athletes and their equipment has grown this component of sport presentation.
- (e) Assisting, briefing and resourcing commentators is the priority for improving sailing's Olympic media coverage and engagement.

5.5 The Committee made the following recommendations to Council on the format for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The Events Committee unanimously recommended the Format Working Party report as amended on 26 October 2021.

The following formats are recommended for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games:

	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WINDSURFING OLYMPIC FORMAT
OPENING SERIES	5 Days of racing 18 races – 6 races per day Maximum 8 races per day 1 Long Distance race If the wind is under 15 knots then slalom races may be sailed. If the wind is over 10knots then course races may be sailed. If the conditions are over lapping (i.e. 10-15knots), then the race type shall be selected to ensure the ratio between the race types does not exceed 2 slalom races to 1 course race. Course race target time: 15 minutes Slalom heat target time: 6 minutes Long Distance race target time: 90 minutes 1 Reserve Day

FINAL SERIES	1 Day of racing, winner takes all Quarter Final: Boats ranked 5 to 12 in the Opening Series with the last 4 eliminated Semi Final: The first 4 from the Quarter Final plus 3rd and 4th ranked in Opening Series Grand Final: The first two from the Semi Final plus 1st and 2nd ranked in Opening Series Target time: 6 minutes 1 Reserve Day
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	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S KITE OLYMPIC FORMAT
OPENING SERIES	4 Days of fleet racing 16 races – 4 races per day Maximum 6 races per day Target time: 12 minutes
FINAL SERIES	1 day of fleet racing Up to 8 races Semi Final A & B: Equally split Boats ranked 3rd to 14th in the Opening Series into each Semi Final 3 races – a boat's rank relative rank is her score for the first race Target time: 6-9 minutes per race Final: First in each Semi Final and boats ranked 1st and 2nd in the Opening Series The Final is a first to 3 wins, with the 1st and 2nd ranked boats having 2 wins and 1 win respectively credited to them prior to the start of the first race. Up to 6 races – first to 3 wins with the remaining boats ranked according to those with the highest number of wins, any ties are sorted by the finishing order in the last race Target time: 6-9 minutes per race 1 Reserve Day

	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DINGHY OLYMPIC FORMAT
OPENING SERIES	5 Days of fleet racing 10 races – 2 races per day Maximum 3 races per day Target time: 45 minutes
FINAL SERIES	One race – 10 boat Medal Race Double points, not discardable Target time: 20 minutes 2 Reserve Days

	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SKIFF OLYMPIC FORMAT
OPENING SERIES	4 Days of fleet racing 12 races – 3 races per day Maximum 4 races per day Target time: 30 minutes
FINAL SERIES	One race – 10 boat Medal Race Double points, not discardable Target time: 20 minutes 2 Reserve Days

	MIXED DINGHY OLYMPIC FORMAT
OPENING SERIES	5 Days of fleet racing 10 races – 2 races per day Maximum 3 races per day Target time: 45 minutes
FINAL SERIES	One race – 10 boat Medal Race Double points, not discardable Target time: 20 minutes 2 Reserve Days

	MIXED MULTIHULL OLYMPIC FORMAT
OPENING SERIES	4 Days of fleet racing 12 races – 3 races per day Maximum 4 races per day Target time: 30 minutes
FINAL SERIES	One race – 10 boat Medal Race Double points, not discardable Target time: 20 minutes 2 Reserve Days

6. LA 2028 Olympic Games

6.1 The Committee received a report from the Event Review Working Party on recommendations for the LA 2028 Olympic Games Event slate.

It was noted that:

- (a) Conducting a formal review of an Event does not automatically lead to a conclusion the Event will change. A formal review is the process to delve deeper into the Event and it's Equipment to identify where they can be improved to better achieve World Sailing and the IOC's objectives for the Olympic Games. Changing an Event or Equipment can then be considered once the strengths and weakness of the incumbent and potential alternatives are known.
- (b) No Event was "100%". Events and their stakeholders not considered for review at this time, would benefit from completing actions across a variety of areas ahead of the next Olympic Event review in 2023.

6.2 The Committee made the following recommendations to Council on the Events to be reviewed for the LA 2028 Olympic Games:

The Events Committee unanimously approved the Event Review Working Party.

(a) Recommendation 1:

The following Events to be reviewed:

- M & W Kite - IKA Formula Kite
- MX Multihull - N17
- MX Dinghy – 470

(b) Recommendation 2

WS Board to establish a clearly defined vision and measure of success for Sailing at the Olympic Games.

(c) Recommendation 3:

Each stakeholder (Committee or Class) to address each Action below, ahead of the next Olympic Event review in 3 years.

Summary of Actions for Events not recommended for Review

- Each Class, Events Committee and Equipment Committee to take actions to meet their relevant commitments and requirements as stated in the World Sailing Sustainability Agenda 2030.
- iQFOil Class to implement a plan to deliver worldwide growth, particularly in women's participation, is evident at regional and international regattas.
- The iQFOil Class and Equipment Committee to review and evolve the Class Rules to bring them to maturity ahead of the Games
- iQFOil Class to implement measures to ensure foil development costs remain appropriate for a universal Event.
- The Events Committee and the Board to ensure that the Men's and Women's Dinghy Event remains valuable to the IOC.
- ILCA Class to evolve the current Equipment to maintain its value to the IOC.
- The Events Committee and Classes Committee to form a joint Working Party to review the Olympic slate to ensure each Event is distinct and has a unique signature that provides compelling media engagement.
- The 49er Class to evolve its Equipment to ensure it is best suited for the Skiff Event.

7. Regulation 23

7.1 The Committee received a report from the Regulation 23 Working Party.

It was noted that:

- (a) Due to the number of changes made to the Olympic Sailing programme from Tokyo 2020 to Paris 2024 Olympic Games and the reduced timescale due to the postponed Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the process for the 2028 selection must be transparent, minimise disruption and fast as possible to provide stability to MNAs, sailors, regatta organisers and Classes. This especially means compressing the timelines for decision making on the Events and Equipment reviews.
- (b) The process for 2028 can only be made as painless as possible while applying the principles of the current Regulation 23.1. A major revision of Regulation 23 is needed for the 2032 selection process, that separates Event and Equipment decisions to different regulations, that separates the mechanics of the decision-making process from the policies that define the criterion for the decisions, and the process for identifying, testing and maturing potential new Events needs defining.

7.2 The Committee reviewed the submissions on Regulation 23 and made the following recommendations to Council:

The Events Committee support in principle the policies within submission 018-21, however recognised the feedback received for more concise changes to the regulation and as a result the submission was withdrawn.

The following action plan was established:

- a) The WP will continue its work, with the support of the Constitution Committee and any other relevant Committees, focussing on the procedural elements of a revised Regulation 23 and prepare new urgent submissions to improve the process.
- b) The EC recommend that strategic working party is appointed by the Board with representatives from the Board, Council, Events and Equipment Committees to define appropriate selection criteria, and to review and draft a policy on Olympic Vision before the end of 2022.
 - (a) Submission 002-21 from the Board about Regulation 23, 24 and 25.
Proposed: Ben Remocker; Seconded: Piotr Oleksiak
Recommendation: Approve
 - (b) Submission 010-21 from the International Formula Kite Class Association about Regulation 23.
Proposed: Daniel Belcher; Seconded: Sofia Tedin

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (c) Submission 015-21 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about Regulation 23 – timeline.
Proposed: Markus Schwendtner; Seconded: David Abercrombie

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment:

There should be a clear definition of what a discipline led event is.

- (d) Submission 017-21 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about Regulation 23 – housekeeping.

Proposed: Markus Schwendtner; Seconded: Sofia Tedin

Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (e) Submission 018-21 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about Regulation 23 – selection criteria.

Submission 018-21 was withdrawn

It was noted by the Committee that although the submission would be withdrawn, the key policies should be developed, and a new submission should be made for the 2022 Mid-Year meeting. It was agreed that the Events Committee should work with the Constitution Committee when drafting the new submission.

- (f) Submission 019-21 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about Regulation 23 – voting.

Proposed: Sofia Tedin; Seconded: Markus Schwendtner

Recommendation to Council: Approve

8. The Hague 2023 Sailing World Championships

- 8.1 The Committee received an update on the Sailing World Championships in The Hague from the Director of Events, including plans for the Para World Sailing Classes.

It was noted that:

- A new event director has been appointed and will be announced shortly
- The Hague team to come to the 2022 Mid-Year meeting and 2022 Annual Conference
- The 2022 Youth Worlds are also in The Hague
- The Hague OC are working to finalise training opportunities for all Olympic Classes

- 8.2 The Committee received a report on the qualification system for The Hague 2023 Sailing World Championships from the Quotas and Qualification Working Party.

The Committee approved the qualification system however it was noted that: the quotas were finalised by the Events Committee Q&Q WP following the final IOC decision on Events for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. They need to be reviewed by the OCSC, the PWSC and The Hague 2023 Organising Committee. In addition, the PWSC will review the Para qualification pathway.

9. World Sailing Event Strategy

- 9.1 The Committee received a report from the Calendar Working Party with an update on the implementation of the new Calendar for 2021-2024.

The Committee noted that the Calendar Working Party was working to finalise the calendar following the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on international travel.

- 9.2 The Committee received a report from the Director of Events and the Chairman of the Calendar Working Party on the 2024-2032 event strategy including the World Cup Series, Sailing World Championships, the LA 2028 and Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.

The Committee agreed that the Calendar Working Party would continue its review of the World Sailing Event Strategy and develop recommendations for the 2022 Mid-Year Meeting.

- 9.3 The Committee received a report from the Rankings Working Party with an update on the implementation of the new Ranking system.

It was noted that:

Progress on developing the new Ranking model had been slowed due to the delayed roll-out of the new WS website. The Committee re-stressed the importance of the Rankings, especially for younger teams and those seeking funding. The Committee request that the Board allocate as many financial and technical resources to the project as possible to meet the proposed launch date in Spring 2022.

10. Youth Events Sub-committee

- 10.1 The Committee received a report from the Chair of the Youth Events Sub-committee.

- 10.2 The Committee received an update on plans for the 2021 Oman Youth Sailing World Championship.

It was noted that the preparations for the 2021 Youth Worlds were well under way and that there were entries from 443 sailors and 70 nations.

- 10.3 The Committee reviewed the submissions on the Youth Worlds and made the following recommendations to Council:

- (a) Submission 013-21 from the International iQFOiL Youth and Junior Class about equipment for the Youth Worlds.

Proposed: David Abercrombie; Seconded: Guillaume Chiellino

Recommendation to Council:

Approve

The Events Committee aligned with the Youth Events Sub Committee and unanimously recommended that the Youth iQFOiL be adopted as the windsurfing equipment for the Youth Sailing World Championships in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

This recommendation is made to help:

- **create a clear pathway to the Olympic event;**
- **give competing MNA's a clear direction for development and investment over the next 4 years;**
- **give clarity to potential hosts of the championship;**
- **enable the manufacturer to adopt a longer-term view of their investment in fulfilling the supply requirements of the championship;**
- **to help World Sailing meet its commitment to engage in supply contracts of not less than 4 years.**

- (b) Submission 014-21 from the International Techno 293 Class Association about equipment for the Youth Worlds.

Submission 014-21 was withdrawn

- (c) Submission 011-21 from the International Formula Kite Class Association about Regulation 24.5.3.

Proposed: Guillaume Chiellino; Seconded: Sofia Tedin

Recommendation to Council: Approve

11. Match Racing Sub-committee

- 11.1 The Committee received a report from the Chair of the Match Racing Sub-committee.

It was noted that:

The Committee recommended that the World Sailing Board of Directors shall dedicate more resources to ensure that the Calendar of Match Racing Events and the Rankings are updated urgently and on a regular basis.

11.2 The Committee reviewed the submission on Match Racing and made the following recommendation to Council:

11.3 Submission 008-21 from the RS21 International Class Association about Grade 1 and Grade 2 open boats.

Proposed: Markus Schwendtner; Seconded: Graham Biehl

Recommendation to Council: Approve

12. Team Racing Sub-committee

12.1 The Committee received a report from the Chair of the Team Racing Sub-committee.

It was noted that:

The Committee recommended that the bid process commence for the Team Racing World Championship 2022 to MNAs, Clubs and venues. To minimise event risk and cost and maximise participation it is recommended that the format for the event is 2x2 with a small keelboat considered for the equipment.

12.2 The Committee reviewed the submission on Team Racing and made the following recommendation to Council:

(a) Submission 012-21 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about Team Racing World Championships.

Proposed: David Abercrombie; Seconded: Guillaume Chiellino

Recommendation to Council: Approve

13. Other submissions

13.1 The Committee reviewed the remaining submissions and made the following recommendations to Council:

(a) Submission 009-21 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Regulation 10.

Submission 009-21 was withdrawn

(b) Submission 022-21 from the Offshore Racing Congress about the ORC International Double Handed World Championship.

Opinion to Council: No Opinion

14. Any Other Business

14.1 It was agreed that there should be a focus on developing younger race officials, women race officials and officials from developing nations. It was agreed that this is key for the long-term development of the sport. It is also important to develop officials for all/new Olympic sailing formats.

14.2 It was agreed the Board should work to initiate a program of World Sailing clinics and/or seminars at WS organized events in order to develop race officials.

14.3 The Chair thanked the members, particularly those on the Working Parties for their significant contributions. There being no other business, the Chair advise the members of the intention to schedule the meeting during the Mid-Year Meeting over 2 days and closed the meeting.