

INTERPRETATION 004-21

REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FINN ASSOCIATION

Introductory Notes

The Committee notes that a number of amendments were made to Regulation 23 in April 2021, including the introduction of a new Regulation 23.1.11. The Questions relate to the Regulations as amended and the Committee has interpreted the Regulations as per the amended version.

Question 2 refers to compliance with 23.1.11(d). The Committee believes this should be a reference to 23.1.2(d) and have provided an answer on that basis.

Question 1

The long-standing principle that sailing should cater for people with different physiques has been recognised since the origin of the sport and restated in recent times.

In that latter regard, at the 2017 World Sailing Annual Conference, the Council endorsed the Board's Submission 070-17 and declared that:

“At the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition there will be Events that ensure that Men and Women of different physiques have an opportunity to compete.”

Please confirm that the above policy resolution is still in effect and is mandatory in nature for the Board and Council when selecting Olympic Sailing Events, including the selection of Alternative Events under Regulation 23.1.11.

Answer 1

The above referenced policy decision is detailed in Regulation 23.1.2(d). This Regulation is specifically stated as applying to the Olympic event slate as a whole. The ten events – taken together – must meet the requirements set out in Regulation 23.1.2, rather than each of the 10 events having to show that, individually, they meet the criteria in Regulation 23.1.2. Regulation 23.1.2 is to be read as in addition to any criteria set out elsewhere, including the requirements in Regulation 23.1.11.

Question 2

According to Regulation 23.1.2 (d): [In choosing its Olympic Events and Equipment, World Sailing shall seek to ensure that each Event at the Olympic Sailing Competition is, and will be likely to remain, the pinnacle Event for that discipline or area of sailing. In addition, the Olympic Events and Equipment taken together shall meet the requirements and objectives of the IOC and to:]

- be attractive and accessible to young athletes from all continents, **and of different size and weight**, with a clear pathway from World Sailing Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment;

Please confirm that Regulation 23.1.2 (d), especially the text highlighted above in bold, is mandatory in nature when selecting Olympic Sailing Events, including the selection of the two Alternative Events under Regulation 23.1.11, which means that the already approved Olympic Sailing Events and any of the Alternative Events approved under Regulation 23.1.11 taken together shall comply with Regulation 23.1.[2](d).

Answer 2

The opening text in Regulation 23.1.2 states that the Olympic Events and Equipment taken together shall meet the requirements and objectives of the IOC and the objectives set out in Regulation 23.

The 10 Olympic events, considered as a whole slate of events rather than individually, shall meet the requirements and objectives of the IOC including to, pursuant to 23.1.2(d), be attractive and accessible to young athletes from all continents, and of different size and weight, with a clear pathway from World Sailing Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment.

**Constitution Committee
World Sailing**

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