

The Events Committee met from 0900-1800 on 26 May 2022 at the Rosewood Hotel, Abu Dhabi



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Present:

John Derbyshire (GBR) Chair
David Abercrombie (NZL)
Aiko Saito (JPN)
Ben Remocker (CAN)
Piotr Oleksiak (POL)

Sofia Tedin (ARG) Vice Chair
Guillaume Chiellino (FRA)
Graham Biehl (USA)
Daniel Belcher (AUS)
Markus Schwendtner (GER) Olympic Classes

Apologies:

Anna Holmdahl White (SWE)
Marco Predieri (ITA)
Walter Boddener (BRA)
Ke Su (CHN)

Eliana Fierro (MEX)
Gelly Skarlatou (GRE)
David Hughes (USA) Athletes's Commission

In attendance:

Sarah Kenny (AUS) Vice President
Alastair Fox (Director of Events)

Cory Sertl (USA) Vice President
Michael Downing (Olympic Manager)

1. Opening of the Meeting

- 1.1 The Committee received an update from the Committee Chair.
John Derbyshire noted that this was the first in person meeting since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic and that it was a pleasure to see everyone again. John gave his thanks to all sailors, Classes and MNAs for helping to ensure that sailing was now taking place again and in particular thanked event organisers for making things happen. John also thanked the Committee and everyone who had worked so hard to support the Events Committee Working Parties.
- 1.2 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest.
Ben Remocker and Markus Schwendtner noted their conflicts of interest in topics relating to agenda item 5.2 and 5.3 and stated that they would abstain from all voting on these matters.

2. Minutes

- 2.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the Events Committee meetings of 26 & 28 October 2021 (circulated after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

- 2.2 There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

3. Update from the Board

- 3.1 The Committee noted the Board minutes from their meetings since last the Events Committee meeting. In particular, updates on Governance, the war in Ukraine and the subsequent actions taken against Russia and Belarus, the IPC application process re-instatement of Sailing to the 2028 Paralympic Games.
- 3.2 The Committee received an update from the Events Committee Vice President. Sarah Kenny noted the creation of the Olympic Vision Working Party following recommendations from the Events Committee at the 2021 Annual Conference. Sarah also thanked the Events Committee for all their hard work.
- 3.3 The Committee received an update from the Director of Events about the Olympic Vision Working Party established by the Board following the 2021 Annual Conference. The World Sailing Board has created a Working Party made up of:

- Tomasz Chamera – Vice President
- Sarah Kenny – Vice President
- Yann Rocherieux – Vice President
- Cory Sertl – Vice President
- Jo Aleh – Chair of Athletes' Commission
- John Derbyshire – Chair of Events Committee
- Alastair Fox – Director of Events
- Jaime Navarro – Director of Technical and Offshore
- Alexandra Rickham – Head of Sustainability
- Michael Downing – Olympic Manager

It was noted that McKinsey and Company were supporting World Sailing in creating a new long-term Olympic Vision.

Work has been split in to four main topics:

- Accessibility
- Marketability
- Diversity
- Sustainability

A final report will be prepared for the Board in September and will then be reviewed at the 2022 Annual Conference.

4. Paris 2024 Olympic Games

- 4.1 The Committee received a report on the Paris 2024 Olympic Games from the Director of Events and Olympic Manager.

It was noted that:

- The World Sailing website for the Games has been launched: paris2024.sailing.org
- The Sailing Sport Manager has been appointed and started in January 2022
- Training opportunities for competitors are being coordinated by the Metropole
- The 2023 Olympic test event Notice of Race is scheduled to be published in July 2022

- The IOC have confirmed the ITO allocation, Qualification System and competition schedule by day.
- This will be a very different Games for teams as the venue is not going to be accessible until just before Games.
- Paris 2024 has a different delivery model that emphasises MNAs being more self-sufficient.

4.2 The Committee received an update on from the Quotas and Qualification Working Party on the implementation of the Qualification System for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Daniel Belcher, the Chair of the Working Party, gave an update on the work of implementing the Paris 2024 Qualification System.

It was noted that:

- IOC approved the Qualification System and related documents as approved by Council. These can be found at paris2024.sailing.org
- MNAs are reminded of the need to have qualifiers meet the minimum entry number criteria (1 more non-qualified MNA than quota places available) so now is the time to work with your neighbouring MNAs to develop the sport
- Work underway to have Final qualifier decisions by the end of July, although they will likely be subject to contract
- The continental qualifiers are intended to be held after the 2023 Sailing World Championships concluding by January 2024. The Santiago 2023 Panam Games and the Olympic Class European championships are likely regattas for continental qualifiers.
- The Last Chance Regatta is slated for the window April to May 2024 with SOF 2024 identified for the single-handed Events.

4.3 The Committee received a report from the Format Working Party on the implementation of the formats for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Including:

- (a) A report from the Olympic Manager on the Paris 2024 Olympic Results and Information Services process.
- (b) Final recommendations from the Format Working Party on the formats and scoring systems the Windsurfing and Kite Events.

The Events Committee approved the changes to the formats for the Windsurfing and Kite events as recommended in the Paris 2024 Format Refinements paper with one additional recommendation:

- Increase the minimum fleet size for slalom race in the Windsurfing Events to 25 boats removing the need for heats
- Reduce the medal series fleet size in the Kite Events to 10 boats
- Change the Kite Semi-Finals to two equally split, four boat series
- Change the Kite Semi-Finals to first to three wins scoring format
- Assign the highest and second highest ranked boats at the start of each semi-final series 2 wins and 1 win respectively
- Designate all medal series races to be umpired
- Engage with the Race Management Sub-committee to ensure the race management policies to consider the fairness of a race in lighter conditions when only part of the fleet is foiling whilst maintaining a reasonable competition schedule.

- (c) Recommendations from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and ensure that key policy recommendations are developed for decisions at the 2022 Annual Conference.

The Director of Events noted that there were 10 key areas in the Technical Delegate report from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games that needed to be reviewed ahead of the Paris 2024 and LA 2028 Olympic Games:

- Test events & training opportunities
- Competition Area Regulations
- Olympic Qualification
- Digital Officiating
- OBS / OMEGA
- Support Team Regulations
- Key policies (Electronics, Discretionary Penalties, etc.)
- Medical Commission & Safety
- Race Officials Strategy
- Equipment

The Events Committee agreed that a Working Party should be created to ensure that any policy decisions needed for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games would be reviewed at the 2022 Annual Conference.

5. LA 2028 Olympic Games

- 5.1 The Committee received a report on the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games from the Director of Events and Olympic Manager.

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

The Chair of the Working Party, Piotr Oleksiak, presented the key areas of the report that was published on the World Sailing website on 18 March 2022. The report can be found here: <https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/18135339/Event-Review-Working-Party-Report.pdf>

Following the presentation of the report the Committee discussed the submissions listed in agenda item 5.3 and moved to a ballot vote.

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

- (a) Submission M03-22 from the Chairman of the Events Committee and the Chairman of the Equipment Committee.

Proposed: David Abercrombie; Seconded: Daniel Belcher

Recommendation: Approve

The Events Committee voted by ballot paper on Submission M03-22, M04-22 and M05-22. The following votes were recorded: M03-22: 5 votes, M04-22: 1 vote, M05-22: 2 votes, Abstain: 2 votes. Therefore M03-22 was approved as it received more than 50% of the votes. M03-22 reflects the recommendation from the Event Review Working Party.

- (b) Submission M04-22 from the Chairman of the Events Committee and the Chairman of the Equipment Committee.

Proposed: Sofia Tedin; Seconded: Graham Biehl

Recommendation: Reject

M03-22 was approved.

- (c) Submission M05-22 from the International Formula Kite Class Association and the International 470 Class Association.

Proposed: Guillaume Chiellino; Seconded: Sofia Tedin

Recommendation: Reject

M03-22 was approved.

- (d) Submission M06-22 from the Chairman of the Events Committee and the Chairman of the Equipment Committee.

Submission withdrawn.

6. LA 2028 Paralympic Reinstatement

- (a) The Committee received a report from the Para World Sailing Committee on the reinstatement process to the Paralympic Games including updates on:

- the IPC process and timeline for the reinstatement process;
- proposed Events and Equipment; and
- proposed formats.

Betsy Alison, the Chair of the Para World Sailing Committee, gave an update on the IPC application process Sailing to be re-instated for the 2028 Paralympic Games. It was noted that the deadline for the application was 4 July 2022 but that a final decision was not expected until January 2023. It was noted that the Back the Bid campaign had attracted a great deal of attention around the world.

Proposals for the Sailing events, equipment, quotas and formats were discussed.

It was agreed that going forward, if Sailing is re-instated to the Paralympic Games, the Para World Sailing Committee and the Events Committee should work closely to ensure that the Events Committees expertise in event, qualification and format areas could help support Para Sailing.

7. Regulation 23

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

Markus Schwendtner, the Chair of the Working Party, gave a brief update and noted that the Board Olympic Vision Working Party report due in September would be helpful for setting out a high-level strategy for the Olympic Games. The Olympic Vision strategy should help the Regulation 23 Working Party make its final recommendations on how to improve Regulation 23.

8. Rankings

- 8.1 The Committee received a report from the Rankings Working Party.

Graham Biehl, the Chair of the Working Party gave a brief update on the World Rankings and the rankings database / website.

The Events Committee recommended that the Board urgently take forward the outstanding database and website issues to ensure that the World Rankings are fully implemented.

- 8.2 The Committee received a report from the Team Racing Sub-committee on Team Racing Rankings.

The Committee agreed that the Team Racing Sub-committee should further develop the ranking concept and that World Sailing should then implement the ranking system.

9. The Hague 2023 Sailing World Championships

- 9.1 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.

- 9.2 It was noted that the 2022 Youth Sailing World Championships would form part of the testing process ahead of the 2023 Sailing World Championships. It was confirmed that entries for the Class specific test events in The Hague, scheduled to take place from August to October 2022, were being finalised.

The Director of Events reported that an alternative venue for the Hansa 303 and RS Venture Classes was being reviewed and would be confirmed shortly.

- 9.3 The Committee received a report on the implementation of the qualification system for The Hague 2023 Sailing World Championships including plans for the 2022 Test Events.

10. World Sailing Event Strategy

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

- 10.2 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.

Ben Remocker, the Chair of the Working Party presented a paper on future options for the Sailing World Championships.

The Committee agreed that the paper should be further developed, and final recommendations should be made as soon as possible. Additionally, it was agreed that World Sailing should start engaging with MNAs and potential host venues at the earliest opportunity.

The Working Party should also develop proposals around the overall event strategy and World Sailing calendar.

11. Youth Events Sub-committee

- 11.1 The Committee received a report from the Chair of the Youth Events Sub-committee. It was noted that the timeline for the bid process for decisions on the 2023, 2024 and 2025 Youth Worlds was as follows:

- Publication of Bid Guidelines – 25 April 2022
- Final bids deadline – 15 August 2022
- Bid Presentation to the Event Evaluation Panel – 2 September
- Recommendation to the World Sailing Board of Directors – 10 September

The Director of Events confirmed that in 2023 the Youth Worlds would take place in December – not July.

There was an update on the strategic work being undertaken by the YESC including:

- Discussions around the format for the Championships going forward:
- Work with the Development and Regions Committee
- MNA guidance and communication
- The role of the continents developing participation
- Strengthening partnerships with key stakeholders including manufacturers.

- 11.2 The Committee received an update on plans for the 2022 The Hague Youth Sailing World Championship.

12. Match Racing Sub-committee

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

It was noted that there was a full calendar of events in 2022 including:

Youth Match Racing World Championship – 17-23 July, France

Women's Match Racing World Championship – 9-13 November, New Zealand

World Match Racing Tour

Women's Match Racing Tour

The Committee noted the concerns of the MRSC on the Match Racing Rankings:

Recommendation 1

The Events Committee recommended that the Board urgently take forward the outstanding database and website issues to ensure that the Match Racing Rankings are fully implemented.

Recommendation 2

The Events Committee recommends that World Sailing Board of Directors dedicate resources to make sure that the submission 089-19 passed will be included on the World Sailing new platform for easy access for skippers, teams, event organisers. We strongly suggest moving fast in this matter.

13. Team Racing Sub-committee

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

It was noted that the TRSC will be working on the bid documents of the Team Racing World Championship and will start a bid application process for a host of the Team Racing World Championships in 2023 and 2024 over the next few months. It is hoped that a host venue will be selected in time to be presented for approval to the Events Committee at the annual conference.

14. Any Other Business

- 14.1 There were no further items under Any Other Business.