

Para World Sailing Committee Report to the Equipment Committee

Application for the 2028 Paralympic Sports Programme

The reinstatement to the 2028 LA Paralympic Games program has received widespread support from WS in media preparation, gathering and elaboration of key issues and communication of these through the WS website, various international media outlets and all social media channels through the #BackTheBid and #SailToLA campaign.

The project lead was Para World Sailing Manager Massimo Dighe, who involved WS CEO David Graham, Vice Presidents Cory Sertl and Marcus Spillane as well as the PWSC Chair and other PWSC members in the development of the strategy and its media implementation. In online meetings, athletes, coaches, MNA's and other stakeholders had the opportunity to contribute their perspective.

The PWSC has developed a Games Proposal that takes into account the identified IPC core requirements (i.e. provides for wide range of disability types and severity, include athletes with high support needs, provides broad regional representation addresses gender equity) without compromising the goals of the WS Para Sailing Strategy 2020-2023.

The resulting Games Proposal is comprised of four medal events and was submitted to the IPC along with the detailed application and supporting documents in July:

Two Person Keelboat - Mixed

Format: Two Flight Series, Semi Final Series and Grand Final to decide medals

One Person Keelboat (Technical) - National Teams of 1 Male and 1 Female

Format: Fleet Racing Pointscore Series - Combined score of male and female competitors from each MNA decides medals

One Person Keelboat (Non-Technical) - Male

One Person Keelboat (Non-Technical) - Female

Format: Qualification Fleet Race Series and Double Points Medal Race (5 boats) or Two Round Robin Series followed by a Semi Final Series and Grand Final to decide the medals

The competition would include a total of 70 Athletes - 35 Male & 35 Female (ratio 50/50).

If successful, equipment will be selected in 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

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