

Regulation 23

Timelines and selection of new events

A submission from the World Sailing Classes Committee
on behalf of the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee

Purpose or Objective

In absence of a new regulation 23 and an Olympic Vision it is important that stakeholders have certainty about the process on how and when to select events and equipment for future Olympic Games.

Proposal

Amend Regulation 23.1 as follows:

23. OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION

Events and Equipment

23.1 Events and Equipment

- 23.1.1 World Sailing's vision for the Olympic Sailing Competition is that it is a pinnacle event, every 4 years, that showcases the skills and diversity of the best sailors from all parts of the world. Olympic Events, Equipment and formats are chosen to present the sport of sailing as a challenging but accessible and rewarding sport for participants from all countries, and as an engaging experience for spectators and remote audiences.
- 23.1.2 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:
- (a) demonstrate the diversity of skills required to race various types of boats, and minimise the overlap between Events;
 - (b) place an emphasis on athlete skill rather than equipment development, and limit the impact of equipment on performance;
 - (c) demand a high level of athletic ability as well as excellent sailing skills;
 - (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;
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- (e) maximise the participation of the world's best sailors and showcase the diversity of the sport;
- (f) provide an effective platform for promotion of the sport, and elite sailors, between Olympics;
- (g) progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in;
- (h) avoid unnecessary or excessive equipment costs, development costs, measurement costs, coaching costs, race organisation and race official costs, and television and other media costs;
- (i) offer continuity of Events and evolution of Equipment to give MNAs and sailors a dependable pathway into Olympic competition with continuity of investment;
- (j) provide suitable Events and Equipment for Regional Games and other regattas;
- (k) minimise environmental impact.

23.1.3 The Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in Regulation 23.1.4. Any change to Regulation 23.1.4 shall be made according to the process below (subject to the provisions of Regulation 23.1.5) and the associated voting process and submission requirements are specified in Regulation 23.1.6:

- (a) The ten Olympic Events and Equipment in Regulation 23.1.4 are selected for the ~~2024~~ **2028** Olympic Sailing Competition. Equipment evolution shall be permitted and shall be decided in accordance with Regulation 23.1.3(d). World Sailing may propose additional Olympic Events(s) using the voting process for each Event as set out in Regulation 23.1.6(d) – (f) as applicable.
 - (b) Council shall decide by 31 December ~~2025~~ **2021** which of the Events selected for the ~~2028~~ **2024** Olympic Sailing Competition to review for possible change for the ~~2032~~ **2028** Olympic Sailing Competition. ~~There shall be a minimum of four such Events.~~ All Events and their associated Equipment which are not selected for review shall be included in the ~~2032~~ **2028** Olympic Sailing Competition.
 - (c) For each Event it is reviewing under Regulation 23.1.3(b), Council shall decide by 30 June ~~2022~~ **2026** either:
 - (i) to retain the Event and retain the current Equipment; or
 - (ii) to retain the Event and evolve the current Equipment; or
 - (iii) to retain the Event and select new Equipment; or
 - (iv) to select a new Event and select new Equipment.
 - (d) For its decisions under 23.1.3(c), if Council decides:
 - (i) to evolve the current Equipment, it shall at the same time specify where evolution is required;
 - (ii) to select new Equipment, it shall at the same time decide the criteria for the selection of new Equipment;
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- (iii) to select a new Event, it shall at the same time select what that new Event shall be.
- (e) Equipment shall only be selected following Equipment trials or other evaluation against the specified criteria, and shall be selected no later than 31 December of the year five years before the Olympic Games, **except for "Discipline Led Events" where Regulation 23.1.7 applies.** ~~with the following exception:~~
 - ~~a. For a discipline led Event, Council shall decide by 31 December of the year five years before the Olympic Games the criteria for Equipment suitable for qualification events and the criteria for Equipment suitable for the Olympic Sailing Competition.~~
 - ~~b. For a discipline led Event, Council shall decide the Equipment by 31 December of the year one year before the Olympic Games.~~
- (f) World Sailing may at any time require evolution of selected Equipment and shall liaise with the Class organisation and manufacturers before so deciding. Any such evolution shall be decided no later than 31 December of the year five years before the Olympic Sailing Competition.

23.1.4 Olympic Events and Equipment:

2024 **and 2028** Olympic Events and Equipment

<u>Event</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
Men's Windsurfing	iQFOiL
Women's Windsurfing	iQFOiL
Men's Kite	IKA Formula Kite
Women's Kite	IKA Formula Kite
Men's Dinghy	ILCA 7
Women's Dinghy	ILCA 6
Men's Skiff	49er
Women's Skiff	49erFX
Mixed Dinghy	470
Mixed Multihull	Nacra 17

23.1.5 Council may only change a decision already made with regard to selection of an Olympic Event or Equipment if:

- ~~(a) Regulation 23.1.7 applies; or~~
- ~~(b) at least 75% of votes cast are in favour of a motion to change that specific Olympic Event or Equipment selection. In such an event, the timescales in regulation 23.1.3 shall not apply, and any subsequent voting process shall ensure that an Event or~~

Equipment is de-selected, or new Event or Equipment is selected, only after a vote of more than 50% of votes cast in favour of the decision.

23.1.6 Olympic Event and Equipment Voting Processes

- (a) Committees voting on a recommendation to Council shall use the appropriate process defined below. Council shall vote to accept the recommendation of a reporting committee before considering any submissions on the matter. If Council does not accept the recommendation of a reporting committee, it shall then use the appropriate process defined below to make its decision(s).
- (b) For a decision under Regulation 23.1.3(b), there shall be a single ballot paper listing the ten Events and associated Equipment selected for the next Olympics. Each voting member of the committee (or Council) shall mark an X against those whose inclusion in the Olympics after next he or she wishes to be reviewed. ~~Members shall vote for a minimum of 4 Events (there is no maximum number of Events). The Event receiving the most votes shall be subject to review. The Events receiving the second, third and fourth most votes, and Any Event receiving more than 50% of the votes cast (excluding abstentions), shall also be subject to review.~~
 - ~~(i) When there is a tie that needs to be broken, a separate run-off ballot shall be held between the tied Events to break it. When a tie involves more than two Events, and a run-off ballot only partially breaks that tie, another run-off ballot shall be held between those who are still tied.~~
 - ~~(ii) When all tied Events remain tied after a run-off ballot, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.~~
- (c) Decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(c) shall be made based on submissions, with the option to retain the current Event and Equipment also available. To be valid, a submission shall propose, for all Events that are being reviewed, the choice of Event, and whether:
 - (i) the current Equipment is to be retained;
 - (ii) the current Equipment is to be evolved (in which case it shall summarise that evolution); or
 - (iii) new Equipment is to be chosen following trials (in which case it shall summarise the main criteria for the selection of new Equipment).
- (d) Voting for decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(c) shall be a two-stage process as follows:

Stage 1: any submission must be proposed and seconded by a member of the committee (or if the submission is before Council by a member of Council). A member may propose or second more than one submission. If a submission is not so proposed and seconded it is deemed rejected.

Stage 2: which selects either one submission from those that have been proposed and seconded in Stage 1, or selects to retain the current Events and Equipment (see Regulation 23.1.6(e)).
- (e) The Stage 2 procedure is as follows:

- (i) Each voting member of the committee (or Council) shall cast one vote for his or her preferred option from those Stage 2 options which have not so far been rejected.
- (ii) If an option receives more than 50% of votes cast (excluding abstentions), it is selected and the voting process is concluded.
- (iii) If no option receives more than 50% of votes cast, then any option that has received zero votes, and of the remaining options, the one receiving the fewest votes, are rejected.
- (iv) The procedure in (i), (ii) and (iii) above shall then be repeated with the remaining options.
- (v) After each round of voting, the rejected option, but not the number of votes, shall be declared. The totals of all votes in all rounds shall be declared at the end of the process.
- (vi) In the event of a tie that needs to be broken in step (iii) above, it shall be broken as follows:
 - 1. the tie is broken in favour of the option that received more votes in the previous round of Stage 2;
 - 2. if this fails to break the tie, or it is the first round of Stage 2, then a run-off ballot shall be held.
 - 3. if a tie between more than two options is only partially broken by (a) or (b), the tie break process continues between the options that are still tied.
 - 4. if a run-off ballot fails to break a tie, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- (f) Decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(e) shall be made separately for each Event for which a change of Equipment is being considered using the "Stage 2" procedure in (e) above. The Equipment options available for selection shall be only the Equipment options that participated in the Equipment trials or other evaluation prescribed in Regulation 23.1.3(e).

23.1.7 Notwithstanding any other Regulation, **for a "Discipline Led Event" the following applies:** ~~for the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event at the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition:~~

- (a) no later than 31 December ~~2020~~ **four years before the next Olympic Sailing Competition**, Council shall approve the criteria that Equipment usable for qualification shall meet. A list with examples of equipment which meet the criteria will be provided at that time.
 - (b) no later than 31 December ~~2020~~, **two years before the next Olympic Sailing Competition**, Council shall approve an additional set of criteria that Equipment for the Olympic Event shall meet;
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- (c) no later than 31 December ~~2023~~ **one year before the next Olympic Sailing Competition**, Council shall select the Equipment for the Event using the criteria approved under Regulation 23.1.7(b).

23.1.8 The Board may decide from time to time the descriptive names of the Olympic Events having received the recommendation of the Events Committee. The Board shall consult the relevant Olympic class association(s) before making any decision. In deciding on the names, the Board shall have regard to:

- (a) event naming standards used at the Olympic Games;
- (b) common sailing parlance and the history of the Event;
- (c) the marketability of the proposed name, in particular to international broadcast audiences; and
- (d) the vision and objectives of World Sailing for the Olympic Games.

For the avoidance of doubt, the power of the Board to decide or change a descriptive name does not change or alter the Events or Equipment chosen for the Olympic Sailing Competition nor the decision-making process set out in Regulation 23.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. Under the current Regulations, the decision-making process for the 2032 Olympic Sailing Competition begins at the Annual Conference 2024. Changes to this process should be agreed before the process is applied.
 2. All dates updated with the dates for the current/next quad to align for the 2032 quad.
 3. 5 out of 10 events have been changed from the 2020 to the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition. The concept of reviewing a minimum of 4 events (and potentially changing them) is not advisable.
 4. Instead, only events should be reviewed where the majority of stakeholders feels that change is required, instead of "change for change's sake" (which reflects the economic reality post-pandemic and with a war in the middle of Europe)
 5. Universal concept and timelines for "Discipline Led Events" added.
 6. No other changes to current Regulation 23
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