

Regulation 23

Selection of Olympic Events and Equipment

A submission from the International Formula Kite Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To change the principle how the decision of reviewing Olympic Events and Equipment is taken and move that power firstly to Council.

Proposal

Amend Regulation 23.1.6(a) and (b) as follows:

23.1.6 Olympic Event and Equipment Voting Processes

- (a) Committees voting on a recommendation to Council shall use the appropriate process defined below. **Except for decisions under Regulation 23.1.6 (b).** 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)~~ **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 Any Event receiving the most 50 % of 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.~~

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. 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.
 2. 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)
 3. The question which events to review is predominantly of political and financial nature. It should be first in the sole discretion of the MNA's (represented through Council) if a change in the Olympic Programme is desired. Only then, Events Committee and Equipment Committee as the expert committees should make their recommendations on potential alternatives.
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