

Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games

Windsurfing Equipment Tender

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The next edition of the Youth Olympic Games will be held in Dakar, Senegal from 31 October to 13 November 2026 and is known as Dakar 2026.
- 1.2. The IOC have awarded sailing 2 Events in the sport program of Dakar 2026: Men's and Women's Windsurfing, each with 24 athletes for a total of 48 athletes.
- 1.3. The age limit for the YOG sailing competition is athletes who are 14, 15 or 16 years of age at the time of the competition.
- 1.4. World Sailing is responsible for the conduct of the YOG Dakar 2026 sailing competition, and this includes the selection of the format, equipment to be sailed, appointment of the race officials and publication of the sport rules.
- 1.5. This tender is calling for bids from World Sailing Classes, or windsurfing equipment manufacturers or suppliers to supply equipment to support the development of windsurfing in Africa and for the YOG Dakar 2026 sailing competition.

2. The Process

- 2.1. The World Sailing Board shall select the Equipment to be used in YOG Dakar 2026 Sailing Competition after receiving the recommendation of the World Sailing Office.
- 2.2. Bidders, World Sailing Classes, manufacturers, suppliers and interested parties are not permitted to lobby the World Sailing Board or World Sailing Office to promote or disparage any possible candidate.
- 2.3. The World Sailing Office shall conduct a document based tender process and analyse the bids based on the elements defined in this tender, and World Sailing's business and operational needs.
- 2.4. Bidders are required to enter a binding Heads of Terms agreement with World Sailing that will be included in the recommendation to the World Sailing Board. The Heads of Terms will reflect the key commitment of each party so that the decision may be quickly communicated to the sailing community whilst the contract is finalised.
- 2.5. Bids are required to include endorsement and a commitment of support from the relevant World Sailing Class. Manufacturers, suppliers and World Sailing Classes may endorse more than one bid.
- 2.6. All registered bidders, bids and Heads of Terms shall be received and held in confidence. Information contained within the bid or about the bidder will not be shared outside the World Sailing Office and World Sailing Board.
- 2.7. The timeline is:
 - 2.7.1. Publication of the tender on 21 February 2025,
 - 2.7.2. Expressions of interest including proposed equipment and contact person for the bid shall be registered at bid@sailing.org by 23:59 UTC on 5 March 2025,
 - 2.7.3. Bid submission, including a signed Heads of Terms shall be received at bid@sailing.org by 23:59 UTC on 24 March 2025, and
 - 2.7.4. World Sailing's intention is to inform all bidders of its decision by 22 April 2025.

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3. Equipment Criteria

- 3.1. Each tender shall explicitly address each of the Equipment Criteria set out in **3. Equipment Criteria**.
- 3.2. The Equipment to be used in the YOG Dakar 2026 Sailing Competition shall be
 - 3.2.1. Suitable for the weather conditions reasonably expected during Dakar 2026,
 - 3.2.2. Appealing and suitable for the age of the athletes who will participate,
 - 3.2.3. Of design that is non-foiling and suitable for the broad range of abilities that can be expected to try to qualify for the YOG Dakar 2026 Sailing Competition,
 - 3.2.4. Available throughout the world, including readily available spare parts,
 - 3.2.5. Of significant participation rates throughout the world to be suitable for the YOG Dakar 2026 Sailing Competition (statement of membership, last 3 years of World Championship participation, and national class association membership),
 - 3.2.6. Available throughout the world at a reasonable retail price for the target participants in each market (statement with number of retail outlets per continent and medium & mean recommended retails price per continent),
 - 3.2.7. Of a reasonable cost to campaign for the target participants in their continent (sample for a 3 year international campaign with life expectancy and replacement cost of each equipment item – sail, mast, mast step, boom, board, fin/foil),
 - 3.2.8. Able to be customised or have Look applied to highlight the unique Dakar 2026 identity and brand, and
 - 3.2.9. Compliant with the World Sailing Advertising Code and IOC branding requirements for supplied equipment.
- 3.3. Equipment and supporting services supplied free of cost to World Sailing and OCOG is preferred to equipment athletes bring themselves.
 - 3.3.1. The transport of equipment by individuals and for the provision of supplied equipment will be considered,
 - 3.3.2. The experience of the Class, supplier or manufacturer in the provision of supplied equipment and maintenance personnel for high level competition will be considered, and
 - 3.3.3. The details and requirements of a supply proposal should be included in the proposal.
- 3.4. The maturity, quality and readiness of the Class rules, equipment inspection procedures and production quality controls will be assessed for suitability.
- 3.5. The sustainability credentials of the proposal should address:
 - 3.5.1. Environmental impact of the waste, recyclability and life cycle of the equipment in production, use and post life,
 - 3.5.2. State how much non-reusable or non-recyclable building waste is produced; it should be less than 20% of the items finished weight,
 - 3.5.3. Any initiatives the bidder has directly undertaken to increase the sustainability of the equipment and its use, and
 - 3.5.4. Packaging and transport of equipment including distance to transport equipment and recyclability/reduction of packaging in recognition of potential limitations of recycling options in country.
- 3.6. Supportive and enhancing of the legacy objectives as set out in **4. Legacy**.

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4. Legacy

- 4.1. The legacy from YOG Dakar 2026 shall be focussed on Africa and Senegal.
- 4.2. The selected World Sailing Class, ASCON and manufacturer or supplier shall actively commit and contribute to the generation of a legacy ahead of YOG Dakar 2026 as well as during the Games period.
- 4.3. The IOC have made it clear, that leaving competition equipment in Senegal or Africa without a detailed and supported usage plan would not be considered a legacy. A 'soft legacy' of knowledge, skills, experience and motivation should accompany any legacy assets.
- 4.4. The ambition is to develop windsurfing in Africa and Senegal to target a legacy of 14 competitive athletes from African and Senegal for Dakar 2026.
- 4.5. World Sailing prefers a plan that focuses on increasing the skills and experience of sailors, coaches and race officials, that culminates in a strong qualifying performance and a long-term commitment to the sport.
- 4.6. When assessing the legacy proposals of the equipment bidders, the value of the following in 2025 and 2026 shall be considered:
 - 4.6.1. Coaching provided at Class regattas, to French, Portuguese and Arabic, as well as English speaking sailors and coaches,
 - 4.6.2. Participation and entry support to Class regattas, particularly the 2026 World Championships
 - 4.6.3. Coaching provided to continents and MNAs, particularly within Africa,
 - 4.6.4. Equipment provided to MNAs and regional training centres ahead of YOG Dakar 2026 for training and development,
 - 4.6.5. Equipment and services provided to the competition during YOG Dakar 2026; and
 - 4.6.6. The promotion and marketing of sailing, especially in Africa.
- 4.7. Initiatives and proposals made by the bidder in addition to the above elements will be well received.

5. Weather and Environment

- 5.1. Historical weather data for Saly Beach indicates light winds with averages noticeably under 10knots.
- 5.2. Sea state has been reported as relatively flat during the Games period and this fits with wind that is said to be 6-9 knots and stable in direct when present, limiting fetch.
- 5.3. Saly Beach is a flat beach with noticeable sand movements that see a very flat gradient of beach in and out of the launching area. Any equipment that needs deep water will see the athletes someway off the beach before they can start sailing.

6. Venue

- 6.1. Sailing has been confirmed in the Saly cluster at the Saly Beach West venue and will be conducted in the first week of the Games.
- 6.2. All athlete boats shall remain in the boat park within the venue throughout the competition; stored and handled according to the Notice of Race.
- 6.3. Sails, boards, fins and spars shall be stored and rigged in the locations defined by the Competition Rules and supplier instructions.

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- 6.4. The venue is a sand beach only and any infrastructure for supplied equipment will most likely be tents on the sand beach.

7. The Competition

- 7.1. The competition schedule is expected to be 8 days including distribution to athletes and official training. No athletes will be permitted to arrive ahead of the defined arrival days or stay after their departure days.
- 7.2. The format shall be a single series with up to 2.5 hours racing per day; (i.e. no medal series) and race management shall set courses such that all entries participate in each start/race (i.e. no heats) that are suited to the equipment selected.
- 7.3. Technology, particularly tracking, shall be available for the race officials to adjudicate with and maintain safety for all participants.
- 7.4. There shall not be any vessels for NOC support persons or with NOC support persons allowed on the Field of Play; NOC support persons shall stay ashore throughout the competition.
- 7.5. The qualifier for YOG Dakar 2026 sailing competition shall be an existing World Sailing Class championship no later than August 2026. The World Sailing Class associated to the bid shall explicitly acknowledge that World Sailing will appoint international race officials for this World Championships at the cost of the organising committee and the World Sailing shall have final authority on the content of the competition documents (NOR, SI, ER, etc) including quota, eligibility rules, format, scoring and equipment rules.

8. Further Information

- 8.1. Please contact bid@sailing.org for further information. World Sailing is happy to meet online to discuss a bidders concept.
- 8.2. Should there be any material change to the competition or this tender process this document will be updated accordingly and all registered bidders will be informed.