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Proposal:

The format for the 470 Class Final Series shall be:

// Opening Series

- Standard fleet racing as per current regulations (NOR/SI), leading to a qualification ranking.

// Semifinal (8–10 boats)

- Top 8–10 boats from the Opening Series qualify (number to be confirmed in NOR/SI based on event format and fleet size).
- Carry-in points (example for 8 boats):
 - 1st = 0
 - 2nd = 2
 - 3rd = 3
 - 4th = 4
 - 5th = 5
 - 6th = 6
 - 7th = 7
 - 8th = 8
- For a 9- or 10-boat Semifinal, carry-in points extend accordingly (9th = 9, 10th = 10).
- One Semifinal race, single points (finishing places = points), non-discardable.
- Ranking determined by carry-in + Semifinal points.
- Top 4 advance to the Grand Final.
- Ties broken in favour of lower carry-in points (better seed).

// Grand Final (Four-Point Final)

- A single race with the 4 boats advancing from the Semifinal.
- High-point entry system:
 - 1st from the Semifinal enters with 3 points
 - 2nd enters with 2 points
 - 3rd enters with 1 point
 - 4th enters with 0 points

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- Final Race scoring: Winner of the Final Race scores 4 points; all other competitors score 0.
- Total points after the Final determine the medal positions.

- Target time: 8–12 minutes, fully umpired, non-discardable.
- Ensures the Gold Medal is decided in the last race, while preserving merit from the Opening Series and Semifinal..

Current position:

The current 470 Class format for Finals follows the Olympic Medal Race model: the top 10 boats from the Opening Series contest a single Medal Race with double points.

Reasons:

This format aims to continue the traditions of sailing but package them to include a winner across the line wins gold final race that provides gold medal drama until the final moment but does not completely upset the merit based method sailing has used for 100 years to determine excellence in our sport.

Having all boats in the penultimate race maximises the impact of the full fleet race, ensuring many points are available to avoid or accumulate on the day. The racing will resonate with sailors worldwide, and showcase our sport in its pure form.

The final fleet race will determine which teams will make the Four Point Final, which order the top four boats will be in when they enter the final, as well as all the lesser places within the regatta, ensuring plenty of storylines to follow.

Then the Four Point Race will provide spectacular crescendo of intensity for that gold medal moment, where any team can win gold if they can sail their best when it counts.

Media Attractiveness

- All the medals are likely decided on the final day
- All the nations competing in the games get to be showcased on the broadcast, maximising our likely interested nations.
- We can fill the screen with action, more boats equate to a better visual than fewer boats.
- Continues the tradition of sailing, a fleet of boats doing a series of races, distilled for Olympic broadcast intensity

Sailing can rise to the challenge

- Umpiring a full-sized fleet of around 20 boats could be a challenge. However, this is something the race community can come together to solve. With technology or simply more umpires, the umpires leadership have determined they can umpire up to 25 boats in a race, which would be suitable for 8 of the 10 Olympic Events.
- Telling the story. A well prepared broadcast and commentary team can tell the story of fleet racing. Sail GP and other broadcast teams have already proven this over the years, and World Sailing should take the lead on ensuring the stories that should be told in the final day of the Olympics get be communicated.

Conclusion

- This proposal balances fairness and drama.

The Semifinal rewards performance in the Opening Series with a seeded ladder, whether for 8 or 10 boats.

The Four-Point Final ensures the championship is decided in a single, dramatic showdown.

By adopting this system, the 470 Class maintains integrity, clarity, and media appeal, aligning with World Sailing's drive for modern, exciting, and credible medal formats.