

ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

Events - Regulation 24.4.3

A submission from the 29er Class Association, Hong Kong Sailing Federation, Russian Yachting Federation and the Swedish Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To ensure parity with Olympic Class events by adding a girls and boys fleet to the ISAF Youth Worlds to replace the Open event as currently stands.

Proposal

24.4.3 The following events shall be included in the program of the Championship:

Boy's One Person Dinghy
Girl's One Person Dinghy
Boy's Two Person Dinghy
Girl's Two Person Dinghy
Boy's Windsurfer
Girl's Windsurfer
~~Open~~ **Boy's Two Person** High Performance Dinghy
Girl's Two Person High Performance Dinghy
Open Multihull

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. From 2016 forward, the Olympic Events and Equipment (Regulation 23.1.4) include a men's skiff (49er) and women's skiff (MacKay FX) which are core events through 2020 Olympic Games.
 2. The current events of the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship do not reflect the Olympic Events from 2016
 3. At the recent 2013 ISAF Youth Worlds, only 5 females and one all-female team competed (of 29 teams), with very similar numbers at the previous events (see chart below). However, when the 29er was chosen for boys & girls, full teams were fielded from both genders.
 4. There needs to be parity with the Olympic equipment and to provide a single step youth pathway to the Olympics, especially for women, to generate additional opportunities for girls in sailing.
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5. The Int. 29er Class has made a long term commitment to work with ISAF and the Youth Worlds to generate additional opportunities for women in the sport.

ISAF Youth Worlds - 29er participation

	male teams	female teams	mixed/f skipper	mixed/m skipper	
2007	23	18			Canada
2008	25	18			Denmark
2009	--	--			Brazil
2010	13	4	1		Turkey
2011	16	4	1	2	Croatia
2012	21	1		2	Ireland
2013	24	1	2	2	Cyprus

6. We request that this take place in 2014 or as soon as possible. The Int. 29er Class is prepared to work with builders and ISAF to make this possible for 2014.
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