

2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Format

A submission from Sail Canada

Purpose or Objective

To establish the competition format for the 2016 Olympic Games in order to ensure fair competition that will reward those sailors who display consistent excellence.

Proposal

The Events Committee, in conjunction with the President and Secretary General, is asked to recommend to Council that the Olympic Regatta format shall consist of an opening series of nine races followed by one medal race. The format for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition shall be finalized by Council no later than May 31, 2014.

Current Position

The Olympic Regatta format has not yet been determined. ISAF is experimenting with different formats at World Cup events.

Reasons

1. The experimental period has not resulted in a format that is better than the opening series and single medal race format.
 2. The continuous changing of formats at different regattas is:
 - 2.1 Confusing to sailors, support teams, media and wider audiences.
 - 2.2 Not always fair. The best sailor has not always emerged as the winner.
 3. Easy to explain to the media and the public.
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