

2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Continental Qualifiers

A submission from the International 49er Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To have qualification for the 2016 Olympic Games at the 2014 ISAF World Championships/ Class World Championships and Continental Qualifier Events as per the IOC recommendation with Universality and Continental Qualification as priorities

Proposal

- 1) The total quota for sailing is 380 Athletes.
 - a. Each Equipment to be allocated a certain number of places in the 2016 Olympic Games based on the Events Committee Continental Qualifier Working Party recommendation with a minimum of 20 entries for all new Equipment
 - b. In each Equipment category, one entry per Nation as per previous Olympic Games. The Host Nation will be allowed one entry in each Equipment. The Host Nation entry will not be counted towards a Continental Quota
 - c. Where Continental Qualification is discussed, the 6 continents to be considered are:
 - i. Europe
 - ii. North America
 - iii. South America
 - iv. Asia
 - v. Africa
 - vi. Oceania

Division of Nations between North and South America should be the same as the split for the IOC Youth Olympic Games qualification. North America includes Mexico and the Caribbean Islands. South America includes all Central America Mainland south of Mexico.

- d. 50% of all places for each Equipment will be allocated to Nations on the basis of performance at the 2014 ISAF World Championships/ Class World Championships.
 - e. For Equipment with fleets of less than 30 boats, 1 place per Continent will be allocated to the Continental Qualifier process. Remaining places will be allocated at either a 2015 or 2016 (before March 30th) Class Regional or World Championship or similar ISAF approved event.
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- i. North and South American Continental Qualifier shall be held together and both spots be pooled into one (i.e. 2 spots for North or South America or one each depending on the top 2 finishing positions in the Continental Qualifier)
 - ii. Asia, Oceania and African Continental Qualifier will be held together and will be in Asia and all three spots be pooled into one category (i.e. a maximum of 3 spots for Asia, Oceania or Africa or one each or any other combination depending on the top 3 finishing positions in Continental Qualifier)
 - iii. The European Qualifier will be held in Europe and will not be pooled with any other qualifier
- f. For fleets of 30 boats or more, 2 places per continent will be allocated equally for all continents
- i. All continents will host their own Continental Qualifier i.e. there will be no pooling.
- g. Continental Qualifier Events shall be held before March 2016 and shall have ISAF approval for the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, International Jury and Principal Race Officer.
- 2) ISAF will determine the Continental Qualifiers after receiving input and feedback from the relevant Continental Associations and Olympic Classes.
- 3) Unfilled quotas from Continental Qualifiers and the 2014 ISAF World Championships will be added as IOC Tripartite and ISAF invitational places.

Current Position

There is no current position for the qualification procedure to the 2016 Olympic Games.

Reasons

1. This submission is as per the IOC requirements
 2. Sailors in emerging Nations will be able to start their Olympic Campaigns later which will help due to restrictive funding in smaller Nations
 3. Continental Qualifiers will retain their importance
 4. It will encourage more Nations to participate at Continental Qualifiers in their respective regions
 5. It will make it easier and cheaper for sailors by reducing the travel for required to attend multiple events with Olympic standards
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Practical Example 1:

For Olympic Equipment with 20 spots:

- 10 spots are based on finishing positions at 2014 Worlds + 1 for the host Nation
- 3 spots based on finishing positions at a 2015 or 2016 (before March 30th) Class Regional or World Championship or similar ISAF approved event.
- CQ Europe - 1 spot at SWC 2015 or an early 2016 (before March 30th) SWC
- CQ Asia/Oceania/Africa - 3 spots at an Asian regatta, late 2015 or early 2016
- CQ North and South America - 2 spots at a SWC or Pan-American

Practical Example 2:

For a Olympic Equipment with 40 spots:

- 20 spots based on finishing positions at 2014 Worlds + 1 for host Nation
- 7 spots based on finishing positions at the 2015 or early 2016 Class Regional or World Championship or similar ISAF approved event.
- CQ Europe - 1 spot at SWC 2015 or an early 2016 (before March 30th) SWC
- CQ Africa - 2 spot at a 2015 or an early 2016 (before March 30th) African Championships
- CQ Asia - 2 spot at SWC 2015 or an early 2016 (before March 30th) SWC or Asian Championships
- CQ Oceania - 2 spot at SWC 2015 or an early 2016 (before March 30th) SWX or Oceanic Championships
- CQ North America - 2 spot at SWC 2015 or an early 2016 (before March 30th) SWC or North American Championships
- CQ South America - 2 spot at SWC 2015 or an early 2016 (before March 30th) SWC or South American Championships

Allocations with hypothetical class numbers:

Option 4; Every Continent gets One or Two, also 2015 WC													
	2014	2015 WC	Europe	N.America	S.America	Asia	Africa	Oceania	Host	Subtotal	Tot Boats	Athletes	
Laser	23	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	44	46	46	2 invites
Radial	19	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	36	37	37	1 invites
RS:X M	18	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	34	36	36	2 invites
RS:X Wm	13	5	1	2			3		1	25	26	26	1 invites
470 M	13	6	1	2			3		1	26	26	52	
470 Wm	10	3	1	2			3		1	20	20	40	
Skiff M	10	3	1	2			3		1	20	20	40	
Finn	12	4	1	2			3		1	23	23	23	
Nacra 17	10	3	1	2			3		1	20	20	40	
Skiff Wm	10	3	1	2			3		1	20	20	40	
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