

Olympic Sailing Competition

Selection of Core Events – Regulation 23.1.5(a)

A submission from the International Kiteboarding Association

Purpose or Objective

To establish a reliable long term structure of events which ensures continuity in events while maintaining flexibility for the inclusion of new events and equipment.

Proposal

Amend Regulation 23.1.5(a) as follows:

- (a) Core events and Core Equipment shall be decided at ~~Council's first ordinary meeting after an Olympic Games~~ **any ordinary Council meeting before the next Olympic Games.** Only Events and Equipment already selected for the next Olympic Games may be considered."

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The original Olympic Commission has clearly recommended to select not more than 8 core events (and possibly equipment) at any time to ensure continuity, but keep 2 events (and equipment) open for new developments.
 2. It is understood that ISAF has to demonstrate to IOC that there is more continuity to ensure sailors have a clear pathway for a period longer than one Olympiad, and that MNAs have more financial safety for their investments into events.
 3. If ISAFs campaign to achieve an 11th medal for sailing through kiteboarding is not successful, "freezing" the current events and equipment till 2020 or even 2024 would mean that there is no possibility to include any new events or equipment before 2024 or 2028. This applies to the selection of kiteboarding in the same way as for any other type of events like gender separated multihulls, keelboats etc., but also for the selection of new equipment for windsurfing classes, e.g. to allow for new competition formats.
 4. If ISAF chooses to have exactly the same events and equipment in the 2020 and 2024 Games as in 2016 then there is no room for development. One of the key arguments for de-selecting wrestling from the list of Olympic Core Sports was that wrestling did not adopt to new opportunities.
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5. Many other Olympic Sports continue to change their program (not radical, but with 1-2 of their events) to adopt to new opportunities that are youth and media attractive, for example cycling (BMX disciplines) or Basketball (3-on-3 discipline).
 6. The original Olympic Commissions report, which recommended a maximum of 8 core events and 2 "flexible" events, achieves the goals to give sailing the required continuity while maintaining flexibility in an ideal way. This principle should be upheld. The 8 core events to achieve continuity should be able to be selected at any time before the next Olympic Games (which is currently not the case).
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