

## Event Committee Minutes



The Event Committee met at 09:30 – 17:00 hours on Friday 9 May 2014 at the Grand Harbour Hotel, Southampton, UK

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### Present:

Pablo Masseroni – Chairman	Sari Multala
Chris Atkins – Vice President	Takao Otani
Gary Bodie	Stefam Rahm
Tomasz Chamera	Corinne Rolland-McKenzie
Guillaume Chiellino	Cory Sertl
Jan Dawson	Nadine Stegenwalner
Kamen Fillyov	Adrian Stoggall
Nelson Ilha	Sylvia Vogl
Oleg Ilyin	George Wossala
Sarah Kenny	Zvi Ziblat
Fiona Kidd	

### Also in attendance:

Alastair Fox (ISAF Head of Competitions)	John Craig (ISAF Head of Sailing World Cup)
Antonio de la Madrid (ISAF Sailing World Cup Manager)	Katherine Mason (ISAF Events Administrator)
Madeleine Dunn (ISAF Competitions & Race Officials Administrator)	

### Apologies received:

Riccardo Simoneschi – Vice Chairman	Alejandro Abascal
Carolijn Brouwer	Wearn Haw Tan
Alfredo Ricci	Pedro Rodrigues

## 1. Welcome & Introduction

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the members.

## 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

### (a) Minutes

The minutes of the Events Committee meeting held in November 2013 were approved.

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- (b) Minutes Matters Arising  
There were no matters arising.

### 3. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest arose

### 4. Executive Committee Updates

- (a) The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held in February 2014 were noted.

### 5. 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

- (a) The Committee received a report from the ISAF Head of Competitions about the Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.

The Aquece Rio - International Sailing Regatta 2014 will be held from 2-9 August and will be the first test event of any sport for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Over 250 entries from 34 nations have been received which will give ISAF, Rio 2016 and the CB Vela the opportunity to properly test the Field of Play, race management, officials and the venue.

A new plan for the redevelopment of the Marina da Gloria is being reviewed by the Rio 2016 and it is hoped that work will begin on 1 September 2014.

Pollution in Guanabara Bay is still of major concern; the Brazilian and Rio authorities have plans in place to improve the water quality in time for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games however these plans have to be closely monitored by ISAF and the IOC

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- (b) The Format Working Party presented a report on the format for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.

#### **Medal Race Format**

The Events Committee reviewed the Working Party report on the 49er & 49er FX Medal Race format.

**Recommendation:** For the 2014 Rio Test Event only the format recommended by the International 49er Class will be tested by ISAF and the Rio 2016 event organisers. The format to be tested will be finalised by 31 May. At the Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships the 49er & 49er FX will have one medal race.

For: 18; Against 1; Abstain 1

#### **Courses**

The Events Committee approved the recommendation of the Working Party report. At the 2014 test event a longer first windward leg and a shorter second windward leg should be trialled for the medal races.

#### **Target Times**

**Recommendation:** The Events Committee approved the recommendation from the Working Party with 25 minutes being approved for the Laser, Laser Radial, Finn, 470 Men and 470 Women. It was recommended that these target times are tested at the 2014 test event.

For: 19; Against 1; Abstain 0

#### **Competition Schedule**

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The Events Committee approved the recommendation of the Working Party report.

### **Course Assignment**

The Events Committee approved the recommendation of the Working Party report.

### **Rule 42**

The Events Committee approved the recommendation of the Working Party report.

### **Discards**

The Events Committee reviewed the Working Party report about discards.

**Recommendation:** The Events Committee approved a change to the discard policy for the Rio 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition and the 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships so that the 1 discard of the opening series will apply after 3 races.

**For 20; Against 0; Abstain 1**

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- (c) The Quotas and Qualification Working Party presented a report on the 2016 Olympic Qualification System.

- i) Published Qualification System

The Events Committee reviewed a request from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee and the President of the Pan Am Sailing Federation to include the Pan Am Games as part of the qualification events for North America and South America.

Recommendation: the Events Committee approved the request subject to the requirements set out in Agenda Item 16.

**For 16; Against 0; Abstain 3**

- ii) List of MNAs by Continent

It was noted that some nations were listed in the wrong continent. The full list should be circulated to ISAF Council members from each continent before the final list is approved by the ISAF Secretariat.

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- iii) Qualification Events

- Santander 2014 ISAF Worlds
- 2015 Class World Championships
- Continental Qualification Events

See Appendix \*

## **6. Olympic Classes Sub- Committee Report**

The committee received a report from the Chairman of the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee about future plans of the Olympic Classes and ISAF. The Chairman of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee noted that Olympic status stability across all Olympic events will bring maximum benefits to the sailors and MNA in terms of pathway, campaign planning, transfer of knowledge and equipment investment.

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## **7. 2014 ISAF Sailing world Championships**

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- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Head of Competitions on the Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships.

It was noted that there was concern about the finances and management of the Santander 2014 event organisers but that ISAF is working with them closely to ensure the Championships success. The venue will be fantastic and a brand new spectator stadium has been adjacent to the medal race course. The Mayor of Santander is working closely with the Santander 2014 event organisers to deliver a festival alongside the Championships.

- (b) The Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Quotas and Qualification Working Party on the Santander 2014 Qualification System.

It was noted that the Qualification System was working well and that in most Classes the quotas should be reached.

### **8. 2018 ISAF Sailing World Bid Process**

The ISAF Head of Competitions gave a review of the bid process. There were four excellent bids from Aarhus (Denmark), Busan (Korea), Gdynia (Poland) and The Hague (The Netherlands). The ISAF Executive Committee appointed a panel to review the bids and make a recommendation for them to review on Saturday 10 May.

### **9. ISAF Sailing World Cup**

- (a) The Committee received a report from the ISAF Sailing World Cup Manager on the 2014 ISAF Sailing World Cup.

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- (b) The Committee received a report from the ISAF Head of Sailing World Cup about the future plans for the ISAF Sailing World Cup and the introduction of an annual Final event.

### **10. 2013 ISAF Youth Worlds**

The Committee received a report from the ISAF Sailing World Cup Manager on:

- (a) the Tavira 2014 ISAF Youth Worlds – Portugal;
- (b) the Langkawi 2015 ISAF Youth Worlds – Malaysia;
- (c) the Al Mussanah 2016 ISAF Youth Worlds – Oman; and
- (d) the Acre 2017 ISAF Youth Worlds – Israel.

### **11. Youth Olympic Games**

- (a) The Committee received a report from the ISAF Head of Competitions on the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.
- (b) It was noted that all of the qualification events had been completed and that there would be good representation from all continents in the sailing events in Nanjing. There will be a small but essential test event at the sailing venue, Lake Jinniu, from 20-22 June that would give ISAF and the Nanjing organizers the chance to properly prepare for the Youth Olympic Games.
- (c) The Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Events Committee on the Buenos Aires 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

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Buenos Aires is a great sailing venue with many high level regattas taking place every year.

- (d) The Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Youth Olympic Games Working party. It was agreed that it is essential that ISAF makes decisions on the age group, events and equipment as soon after the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games as possible. It is also important for ISAF to support the manufacturers who supply the equipment for the Youth Olympic Games

### 12. Kiteboarding

The Committee received a report about introducing Kiteboarding into the ISAF Sailing World Cup and the 2018 ISAF Sailing World Championships.

### 13. ISAF Classes

The Committee received a report from the Equipment Committee ISAF Class Status Review Working Party about ISAF Classes and World Championships. It was agreed that there should be more scrutiny of World Championship participation data going forward. It was noted that the ISAF Technical and Offshore Department and the ISAF Competitions Department would work together on the data and World Championship approvals.

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### 14. Team Racing 2013-2016

The Committee received a progress report from the Events Committee Vice President. It was noted that the ISAF Executive Committee has awarded the 2015 Team Racing Worlds to Rutland, GBR following the unanimous recommendation of Team Racing Sub-committee.

### 15. New Rankings system

The Committee received a progress report from the Chairman of the Sail Rankings Sub-committee on the ranking system. A full report will be prepared for the 2014 ISAF Annual Conference.

### 16. Urgent Recommendations for Council

Rio 2016 Olympic Qualification System:

Following a request from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee and the President of the Pan Am Sailing Federation, the Events Committee made the following urgent recommendation to Council that ISAF should request IOC approval for a change to the published Qualification System for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition:

Section D of the Qualification System should be changed to include two Continental Qualification Events for North America and South America in the Men's and Women's One Person Dinghy events.

There are a total of eight Continental Qualification Event quota places for North America and South America in the Men's and Women's One Person Dinghy events.

The following four quota places should be awarded at the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games, 10-26 July 2015:

	North America	South America
Men's One Person Dinghy	1	1
Women's One Person Dinghy	1	1

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The remaining four quota places will be awarded as per the published Qualification System. The total number of eight Continental Qualification Event quota places for North America and South America in the Men's One Person Dinghy and the Women' One Person Dinghy Events remain unchanged.

For this recommendation to be approved the Events Committee shall also require, in addition to approval by ISAF Council, confirmation from the Pan Am Organising Committee that:

- 1) all ISAF MNAs in North America and South America shall be eligible to qualify for the Pan Am Games. Information on the Pan Am Games qualification system can be found here: <http://panamsailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/140116-PASAF-2015-QUALIFYING-SYSTEM-AND-SCHEDULE-16-JANUARY-2014.pdf> and here: <http://panamsailing.org/panam-games/toronto-2015/2015-pan-am-games-qualifiers/>
- 2) the athlete quota for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games shall be increased to 16 for both the Men's and Women's One Person Dinghy events.

On receipt of Council approval, and this confirmation from the Pan Am Games Organising Committee, ISAF shall request IOC approval for a change to the published Qualification System. Any such approval will have to be granted prior the start of Olympic Qualification which begins at the Santander 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships.

### 17. Any other Business

No other business was discussed