

## World Sailing Regulations

### Regulation 23

A submission from the Board

#### Purpose or Objective

To update Regulation 23 to allow Council to amend the Olympic Events and Equipment in the event of an IOC programme review

#### Proposal

1. Amend Regulation 23 and 23.1.2 as follows:

#### **23. OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION**

##### **Events Classes and Equipment**

##### 23.1 **Events** ~~Classes~~ and Equipment

23.1.1 World Sailing's vision for the Olympic Sailing Competition is that it is a pinnacle event, every 4 years, that showcases the skills and diversity of the best sailors from all parts of the world. Olympic Events, Equipment and formats are chosen to present the sport of sailing as a challenging but accessible and rewarding sport for participants from all countries, and as an engaging experience for spectators and remote audiences.

23.1.2 In choosing its Olympic Events and Equipment, World Sailing shall seek to ensure that each Event at the Olympic Sailing Competition is, and will be likely to remain, the pinnacle Event for that discipline or area of sailing. In addition, the Olympic Events and Equipment taken together shall ~~seek to:~~ **meet the current requirements and objectives of the IOC and to:**

[...]

2. Amend Regulation 23.1.3 and 23.1.3(a) as follows:

23.1.3 The Olympic Events and Equipment are defined in Regulation 23.1.4. Any change to Regulation 23.1.4 shall be made according to the process below **(subject to the provisions of Regulation 23.1.6) and** the associated voting process and submission requirements are specified in Regulation 23.1.8:

- ~~(a) Notwithstanding Regulation 23.1.3(b) to (f) below, the ten Olympic Events and Equipment in Regulation 23.1.4 are selected for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition. Equipment evolution shall be permitted and shall be decided in accordance with Regulation 23.1.3(d). If Sailing is allocated additional Olympic Events for 2020, Kiteboarding shall be selected.~~

3. Amend Regulation 23.1.6 as follows

23.1.6 Council may only change a decision already made with regard to selection of an Olympic Event or Equipment if:

**(a) Regulation 23.1.9 applies; or**

**(b)** at least 75% of votes cast are in favour of a motion to change that specific Olympic Event or Equipment selection. In such an event, the timescales in regulation 23.1.3 shall not apply, and any subsequent voting process shall ensure that an Event or Equipment is de-selected, or new Event or Equipment is selected, only after a vote of more than 50% of votes cast in favour of the decision.

4. Add new Regulation 23.1.9:

**23.1.9 IOC Programme Reviews**

**If the International Olympic Committee initiates a review of the programme of Events and ~~or~~ Equipment for an Olympic Sailing Competition, Council may on the proposal of the President:**

**(a) agree the procedure to be used for reviewing the Olympic Events and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition affected by the review;**

**(b) acting in accordance with the procedure agreed under Regulation 23.1.9(a), change the list of Olympic Events and Equipment in Regulation 23.1.4; ~~and/or~~**

**(c) agree any other procedures to be followed in respect of the review (including changing the dates set under Regulations 23.1.3(b) – (f)),**

**and Council may make decisions ~~acting by a simple majority~~ under this Regulation notwithstanding any other provision of Regulation 23.**

Current Position

As above.

Reason

1. These proposals amend the Regulations themselves and will do so by a normal simple majority vote (50% + 1).
  2. The changes above are the minimum necessary to achieve flexibility for the review process whilst retaining the current agreed procedures.
  3. The deletion of reference for Kiteboarding does not show any intentions with respect to Kiteboarding, it merely acknowledges that a programme review is looking at all Events and not just whether sailing will be allocated additional medals.
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4. The current 75% review process in Regulation 23.1.6 has been left in. This retains the current position that Council can, on a submission from any MNA or Class, change the list of events/equipment by a 75% majority vote.
  5. The Board does not consider it is appropriate to change or delete the current list of events/equipment now – the discussions between World Sailing and the IOC are not at this point, nor will be until early 2017. Instead, the proposal is that there is general Regulation that allows Council to put in place a process to change the list if the IOC has initiated a programme review. This means the current selected list remains in place and the current selected option for World Sailing.
  6. This approach means that World Sailing cannot change the list on its own motion outside the agreed time periods in Regulation 23.1.3. The IOC has to initiate a programme review in order to use this new procedure.
  7. If the IOC initiates a review, then the President must make a proposal to Council on how to deal with the review. Council retains the ability to approve/reject the President's proposals on how to proceed.
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