

2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

Events and Equipment

A submission from the Japan Sailing Federation, the Romanian Yachting Federation, the Chinese Yachting Association, the Yachting Association of India, the Russian Yachting Federation, the Portuguese Sailing Federation, the Sailing Federation of Ukraine, the Hungarian Yachting Association and the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

Purpose or objective

Japan Sailing Federation, Yachting Association of India,

To provide great opportunities for two person dinghy sailors around the world to participate in the Olympic Games. Men's and Women's two person dinghy-470 should be kept for 2016 Olympic sailing equipments.

Romanian Yachting Federation, Chinese Yachting Association, Russian Yachting Federation, Portuguese Sailing Federation, Sailing Federation of Ukraine, Hungarian Yachting Association, Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

To amend the provisional slate of the Olympic Events as stated in 23.1.4.

Proposal

That the following events and equipment are selected for 2016 Olympic sailing competition.

Event	Men	Women	Mixed
Board and/or KiteBoard	<u>RS:X / KiteBoard</u> (Evaluation)	<u>RS:X / KiteBoard</u> (Evaluation)	
One-Person Dinghy	Laser Standard	Laser Radial	
2 nd One-Person Dinghy	Finn		
Two-Person Dinghy (Spinnaker)	<u>470</u>	<u>470</u>	
Skiff	49er	Evaluation	
Two-Person Multihull			Evaluation
Total Events	5	4	1

Total Athletes in full team: 15
Male / Female Gender balance in full team: 8 Male Athletes / 7 Female Athletes
Events Open to Each Gender: 6 for Men / 5 for Women
Matched Events: 4

Current Position

Provisional Decision taken in November 2010 as per Regulation 23.1.4

Event	Men	Women	Mixed
Board or KiteBoard	Evaluation	Evaluation	
One-Person Dinghy	Laser Standard	Laser Radial	
2 nd One-Person Dinghy	Finn		
Two-Person Dinghy (Spinnaker)			<u>470</u>

Skiff	49er	Evaluation	
Keelboat Match		Elliott 6m	
Multihull			Evaluation
Total Events	4	4	2

Total Athletes in full team: 16
Male / Female Gender balance in full team: 7 Male / 9 Female Athletes
Events Open to Each Gender: 6 for Men / 6 for Women
Matched Events: 3

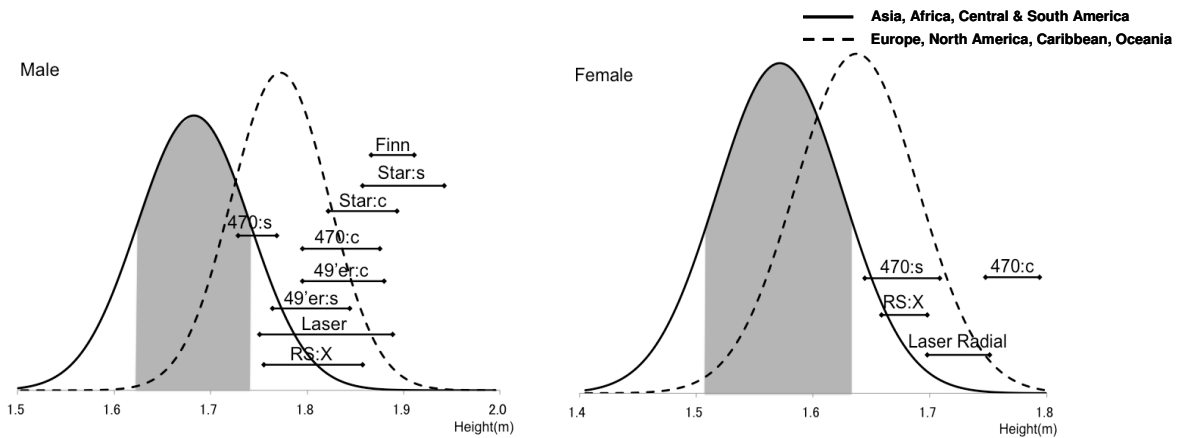
Reasons

Japan Sailing Federation

In order to keep sailing as Olympic Sports, we must consider the following factors;

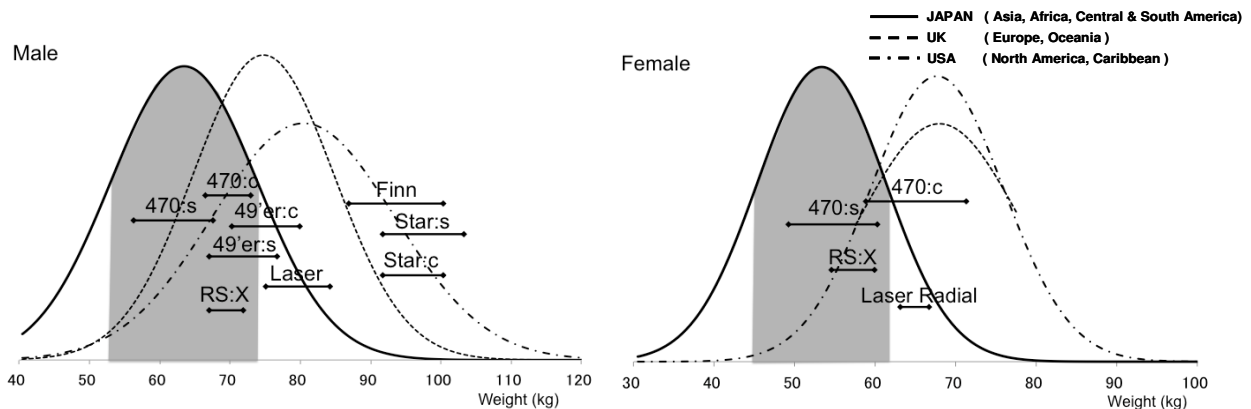
- To ensure globally equal accessible opportunities beyond the physical differences. In Asia and Africa, a lot of small size and light weight sailors are active in the front lines. But there are little events for them to compete in the existing Olympic games. If Men and Women 470 are dropped out from the Olympic equipments, this inclined trend would be further accelerated. Needless to say, if the weight is same, the taller sailors have advantages since they could use their weight effectively in the sailing competition.

Average height distribution by region and best fit height by equipments



S: Skipper, c: Crew *the shadowed area shows 70% of Aisa & Africa & Central & South America.

Average weight distribution by region and best fit weight by equipments

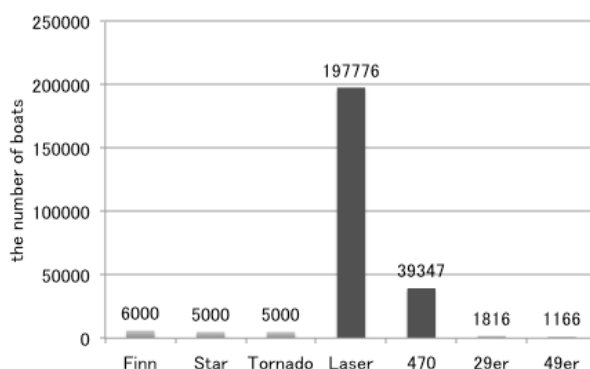


S: Skipper, c: Crew *the shadowed area shows 70% of Japan (Aisa & Africa & Central & South America). The horizontal bar for each class skipper or crew shows the range of weight or height of the top 8 teams at Beijing Game. Need to consider that the sailors joined the Beijing Olympic were forced to reduce weight in order to suit the light wind condition in Qingdao.

2. To contribute promoting sailing world-wide.

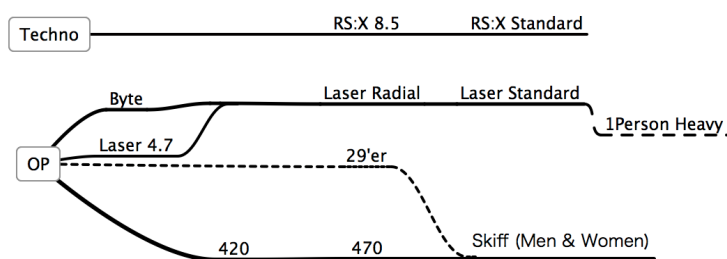
Laser, Laser Radial and 470 are the most popular and accessible sailing equipments in all over the world. In order to contribute promoting sailing in Asia & Africa where national population, and also sailing population is expected to increase, it is absolutely imperative to maintain these 4 equipments in Olympic games. (ISAF REGULATION 23.1.2 (d)).

	Europe	N America & Caribbean	Oceania	Africa	Asia	Central & South America	Total
NOCs	49	24	17	53	44	18	205
ISAF MNAs	46	20	11	17	26	10	130
ISAF MNAs/NOCs (%)	94%	83%	65%	32%	59%	56%	



3. Consistent pathway from youth generation

Men & Women 470 are completely consistent with the global pathway of Junior to Olympic. They are well allocated as one of the integrated pathway from Junior (420) through Olympic (Skiff). If Men & Women 470 disappear from the Olympic equipments, the pathway of Junior (420) to Olympic (Skiff) would be also collapsed.



4. Problem by selecting 470 Mixed

470 sailors are comparatively younger. In Asia and Africa, it would be so difficult to seek understandings of young men and women's mixed activities in small yacht, because of religious issues and their social habits.

For full reasons copy and paste the following link in your browser:

[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/JPNAdditionalInformation-\[10406\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/JPNAdditionalInformation-[10406].pdf)

Romanian Yachting Federation

1. This submission supports ISAF's strategic move towards gender equality, matched pairs of events and clear Equipment pathways.
2. This submission recommends a small change to the provisional slate agreed in November 2010, representing in a better way the men and women top sailors and MNAs.
3. The submission recommends that in place of Women's Keel-boat and Mixed 2 Person Dinghy (470), ISAF selects Men's 2 Person Dinghy (470) and Women 2 Person Dinghy (470).
4. The submission increases the number of events available for participation by women to 5 events, up from 4 events at the 2012 Olympics which meets the requirements of ISAF Regulation 23.1.2(g) to "progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in."

The total number of athletes in a "full team" is 15 athletes, reduced from the 16 in the "provisional decision" in November 2010 and the existing 2012 Olympics. This reduction in athletes directly increases the number of nation slots across the ten events, which has the potential to increase the number of nations able to participate at the Olympic Games.

5. This submission supports the introduction of "mixed sailing", but believes that the rate of change is better if in 2016 this is restricted to a single event that is already "Open" in the ISAF Youth Worlds.
 6. The submission offers diversity in terms of weight and size of the athlete, enabling a broad range of physiques and weights to compete.
 7. The submission represents the diversity of styles and skills required in sailing which are participated in around the world. The equipment can readily be sailed by sailors in developing nations, while at Olympic level they represent excellence in a wide range of sailing skills to challenge sailors and showcase our sport.
 8. The submission notes the growth of non-technical high-performance dinghies and believes that ISAF should preserve a technical dinghy within the Olympic events for both men and women.
 9. The "provisional decision" approved by ISAF in November 2010 proposed potentially five new events (kiteboard men, kiteboard women, skiff women, 470 mixed, multihull mixed) for the 2016 Olympic Sailing competition – a change of 50% of the current events. Such a significant change will have a major impact on sailing around the world and may affect the investment on current equipment and the nation's/athletes' ability to purchase the new equipment and acquire the expertise to compete at world class level on the new equipment.
 10. The submission achieves the right balance between ensuring continuity in existing events/equipment and encouraging evolution with new events/equipment. Using proven equipment and protecting a nation's investment for the majority of events is critical for the success of Olympic Sailing and sailing at the broad base.
 11. The submission delivers the pathway between youth events, the ISAF World Youth Sailing Championships and the Olympic Games, as highlighted by Olympic Commission, which required that events and equipment selected are appealing and accessible to youth and deliver a single-step pathway from youth to Olympic competition.
 12. Sailing is strong in some regions, but is much weaker in emerging areas and developing nations. The proposed slate reflects the events and equipment which are already spread most around the world, but which are also most easily accessible to developing and emerging MNAs. It also reflects the events and equipment which have high global participation and a diverse and broad range of nations currently participating.
 13. The proposed equipment is easily available around the world, reflects the equipment primarily used in sailing at Regional Games and multi-sports games, and reflects the current investment and popularity of equipment.
 14. The submission supports those MNAs that have invested in 470 programmes as their target Events for ladies moving up from the 420s and for light weight men.
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15. Cost is not just the cost of buying new equipment, but the cost of the current investment already made in equipment around the world, and the cost of campaigning. This events and equipment slate proposed enables equipment evolution, and yet will also contain the cost of Olympic participation to MNAs and athletes.
16. The submission delivers matched events for up to 8 events, offering clarity to the sport and significant benefit to smaller sailing nations with less funding. Not only from the obvious cost advantage of sharing equipment and logistics, but also in the development of the specific skills required to race the boat and access to the technical knowhow, such as coaches.
17. The submission offers events and equipment which are dynamic, fast and provide media appeal. The athletes, key to the media mix, in these events represent the highest levels of physical fitness and athletic ability. It is imperative that ISAF selects events/equipment which have media appeal and, equally, it is important that ISAF, Olympic equipment, MNAs, athletes and event organizers work collectively to achieve and deliver a unified media strategy for Olympic sailing.

Chinese Yachting Association, Russian Yachting Federation, Portuguese Sailing Federation, Sailing Federation of Ukraine, Hungarian Yachting Association, Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

It is critical that the criteria put forward by the Olympic Commission for the Olympic Sailing Competition is accurately applied and the events/equipment as proposed are the best selection to meet the criteria approved by the ISAF Council in November 2010. Reasons supporting this submission include:

1. Gender and Participation

- This submission supports ISAF's strategic move towards gender equality, matched pairs of events and clear equipment pathways.
- This submission delivers a more balanced gender ratio for a "full team" of 8 Male / 7 Female athletes which is more representational of global participation in sailing, than the provisional decision of 7 Male / 9 Female athletes.
- The submission increases the number of events available for participation by women to 5 events, up from 4 events at the 2012 Olympics which meets the requirements of ISAF Regulation 23.1.2(g) to "progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in."
- The total number of athletes in a "full team" is 15 athletes, reduced from the 16 in the "provisional decision" in November 2010 and the existing 2012 Olympics. This reduction in athletes directly increases the number of nation slots across the ten events, which has the potential to increase the number of nations able to participate at the Olympic Games.
- This submission supports the introduction of "mixed sailing", but believes that the rate of change is better if in 2016 this is restricted to a single event. Selecting the multihull as a mixed event also reflects its status as an open event in the ISAF Youth Worlds.
- In some countries men and women cannot compete together due to cultural and religious reasons.

2. Events and Styles of Sailing

- The submission represents events which will flourish inside the Olympic programme.
- The submission offers diversity in terms of weight and size of the athlete, enabling a broad range of physiques and weights to compete.
- The submission represents the diversity of styles and skills required in sailing which are participated in around the world. The equipment can readily be sailed by sailors in developing nations, while at Olympic level they represent excellence in a wide range of sailing skills to challenge sailors and showcase our sport.
- The submission notes the growth of non-technical high-performance dinghies and believes that ISAF should preserve a technical dinghy within the Olympic events for both men and women.

3. Continuity and Evolution

- The “provisional decision” approved by ISAF in November 2010 proposed potentially five new events (kiteboard men, kiteboard women, skiff women, 470 mixed, multihull mixed) for the 2016 Olympic Sailing competition – a change of 50% of the current events. Such a significant change will have a major impact on sailing around the world and may affect the investment on current equipment and the nation's/athletes' ability to purchase the new equipment and acquire the expertise to compete at world class level on the new equipment.
- The submission achieves the right balance between ensuring continuity in existing events/equipment and encouraging evolution with new events/equipment. Using proven equipment and protecting a nation's investment for the majority of events is critical for the success of Olympic Sailing and sailing at the broad base.
- The submission delivers the pathway between youth events, the ISAF World Youth Sailing Championships and the Olympic Games, as highlighted by Olympic Commission, which required that events and equipment selected are appealing and accessible to youth and deliver a single-step pathway from youth to Olympic competition.

4. Universality

- Sailing is strong in some regions, but is much weaker in emerging areas and developing nations. The proposed slate reflects the events and equipment which are already spread most around the world, but which are also most easily accessible to developing and emerging MNAs. It also reflects the events and equipment which have high global participation and a diverse and broad range of nations currently participating.
- The proposed equipment is easily available around the world, reflects the equipment primarily used in sailing at Regional Games and multi-sports games, and reflects the current investment and popularity of equipment.

5. Cost

- The Olympic Commission highlighted cost as a “major factor” in deciding on the equipment and making decisions to change it, and that operational costs to the Organizing Committee was the reason the IOC reduced the number of sailing events and athletes on the Olympic Programme. The proposed slate will address the concerns of the IOC and help to contain the operational costs to the Olympic Games Organizing Committee.
- Cost is not just the cost of buying new equipment, but the cost of the current investment already made in equipment around the world, and the cost of campaigning. This events and equipment slate proposed enables equipment evolution, and yet will also contain the cost of Olympic participation to MNAs and athletes.
- The submission delivers matched events for up to 8 events, offering clarity to the sport and significant benefit to smaller sailing nations with less funding. Not only from the obvious cost advantage of sharing equipment and logistics, but also in the development of the specific skills required to race the boat and access to the technical knowhow, such as coaches.

6. Media Appeal

- The submission offers events and equipment which are dynamic, fast and provide media appeal. The athletes, key to the media mix, in these events represent the highest levels of physical fitness and athletic ability. It is imperative that ISAF selects events/equipment which have media appeal and, equally, it is important that ISAF, Olympic equipment, MNAs, athletes and event organizers work collectively to achieve and deliver a unified media strategy for Olympic sailing.

Yachting Association of India

1. It is critical that the criteria put forward by the Olympic Commission for the Olympic Sailing Competition is accurately applied and the events/equipment as proposed are the best selection to meet the criteria approved by the ISAF Council in November 2010. Reasons supporting this submission support ISAF's strategic move towards gender equality, matched pairs of events and clear equipment pathways. Through this submission we also wish to highlight that a more balanced gender ratio for a “full team” of 8 Male / 7 Female athletes which is more representational of global participation in sailing, than the provisional decision
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of 7 Male / 9 Female athletes. In addition, this submission also provides increased number of events available for participation by women to 5 events, up from 4 events at the 2012 Olympics which meets the requirements of ISAF Regulation 23.1.2(g) to “progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in.”

2. Through this submission, we also submit that the total number of athletes in a “full team” is 15 athletes, reduced from the 16 in the “provisional decision” in November 2010 and the existing 2012 Olympics. However, this reduction in athletes directly increases the number of nation slots across the ten events, which has the potential to increase the number of nations that shall be able to participate at the Olympic Games, thereby fulfilling IOC and ISAF’s objectives to increase the diversity of nations participating in the Olympic Games. Further, we also support the introduction of “mixed sailing”, but we believe that a gradual rate of change is better if in 2016 this is restricted to a single event. Selecting the multihull as a mixed event also reflects its status as an open event in the ISAF Youth Worlds. It is essential to note that in some countries men and women cannot compete together due to cultural or religious reasons, hence it would be prudent to adopt a phased approach and maintain separate gender classes for dinghies – the entry point for majority of female sailors.
 3. This submission also offers diversity in terms of weight and physical size of the athlete, enabling a broad range of physiques and weights to compete at the Olympic sailing events at the same time achieving the right balance between ensuring continuity in existing events/equipment and encouraging evolution with new events/equipment. Using proven equipment and protecting a nation’s investment for the majority of events is critical for the success of Olympic Sailing and sailing at the broad base.
 4. As highlighted by Olympic Commission, which requires that events and equipment selected are appealing and accessible to youth and deliver a single-step pathway from youth to Olympic competition this submission ensures consistency in the pathway between important youth events,
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