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Ladies and Gentlemen

### **Mid Year Meeting Olympic Events and Equipment Submissions**

Following the approval of Submission 097-10 regarding the selection of events and equipment for the Olympic Games, I am writing to you to clarify the procedure for making submissions to Council for the 2011 Mid-Year Meeting.

Firstly, it is important to note that the Regulations have been re-numbered so you will find the relevant Regulations under 15 and 23, for ease I have attached the text of these parts of the Regulations to this letter. The new Regulations will of course also be in the 2011 Yearbook and are available on the ISAF website.

In November the Council decided provisionally on the Events and Equipment for the 2016 Olympic Games.

Provisional list:

Men's board or kite board – Evaluation  
Women's board or kite board – Evaluation  
Men's one person dinghy – Laser  
Women's one person dinghy – Laser Radial  
Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> one person dinghy – Finn  
Men's skiff – 49er  
Women's skiff – Evaluation  
Women's keelboat – Elliott 6m  
Mixed multihull – Evaluation  
Mixed two person dinghy (spinnaker) – 470

Council shall, in May 2011, confirm or change this list, and make all other Events and Equipment option decisions, in accordance with Regulation 23.1.9.

In order to be a valid submission, please note that Regulation 23.1.9 states: 'any such submission [submission to change event/ equipment in the provisional slate] shall propose a full set of ten events'.

Please also refer to Regulation 23.1.3. To summarise:

- Existing Equipment for 2012 can be decided in May therefore proposed;
- New or evolved equipment can only be adopted after evaluation and a different time scale (no later than November of the year four years before the Olympic Games) applies.

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For the sake of clarity the Executive Committee has decided that all submission on equipment and events are deemed urgent and can be addressed at the Mid-Year meeting. All those listed in Regulation 15.1 can make Submissions and **the deadline** for receiving submissions is **12:00 UTC on 10 March 2011**.

Furthermore I would like to ask that submitters keep their submission to-the-point and concise and if any lengthy or detailed explanation or equipment background is needed, please to do this on a website with a link provided in the submission. A submission template is available from the ISAF Website or contact the office to have one sent to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any more information about the submission process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JPels".

Jerome Pels  
Secretary General

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The 2011 Regulations are available at:

[www.sailing.org/downloads/committees/8.\\_REGULATIONS.pdf](http://www.sailing.org/downloads/committees/8._REGULATIONS.pdf)

The submissions template for the ISAF Mid-year Meeting is available at:

[www.sailing.org/2011-midyear.php](http://www.sailing.org/2011-midyear.php)

## **15. NOTICES AND SUBMISSIONS**

15.1 Submissions may be made by:

Member National Authorities, International Class Associations, the Executive Committee, the Chairmen of Committees established by the Council, International or Recognized Rating Systems, the Chairman of the Women's Forum and the President.

## **23. OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION**

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

23.1 Classes and Equipment

23.1.1 ISAF'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, ISAF 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:

- (a) demonstrate the diversity of skills required to race various types of small boats, and minimise the overlap between Events;
- (b) place an emphasis on athlete skill rather than equipment development, and limit the impact of equipment on performance;
- (c) demand a high level of athletic ability as well as excellent sailing skills;
- (d) be attractive and accessible to young athletes from all continents, and of different size and weight, with a clear pathway from ISAF Youth to Olympic Events and Equipment;
- (e) maximise the participation of the world's best sailors and showcase the diversity of the sport;
- (f) provide an effective platform for promotion of the sport, and elite sailors, between Olympics;
- (g) progress towards an equal number of Events for men and women to participate in;
- (h) avoid unnecessary or excessive equipment costs, development costs, measurement costs, coaching costs, race organisation and race official costs, and television and other media costs;

- (i) offer continuity of Events and evolution of Equipment to give MNAs and sailors a dependable pathway into Olympic competition with continuity of investment;
- (j) provide suitable Events and Equipment for Regional Games and other regattas;
- (k) minimise environmental impact.

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.

(a) Change to Olympic Events

A decision to introduce a new Event, or remove an Event, shall be made no later than November of the year six years before the Olympic Games. The requirements and other criteria for the choice of Equipment for any new Event shall be specified at the same time. Any submission to add a new Olympic Event or Events must identify the Event or Events to be deleted.

(b) Change to Olympic Equipment for a Retained Event

A decision to consider change or evolution of the Equipment for a retained Event shall be made no later than November of the year six years before the Olympic Games. The requirements and other criteria for the choice of new or evolved Equipment shall be specified at the same time.

(c) Selection of New Equipment (for both a New or Retained Event)

New Equipment shall only be selected following Equipment trials or other evaluation against the specified criteria, and shall be decided no later than November of the year four years before the Olympic Games.

(d) Evolution of Retained Equipment (for a Retained Event)

Equipment evolution shall be decided no later than November of the year four years before the Olympic Games following liaison between ISAF and the relevant Class organisation and manufacturers.

23.1.4 Olympic Events and Equipment

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 Men's skiff – 49er  
 Women's skiff – Evaluation  
 Women's keelboat – Elliott 6m  
 Mixed multihull – Evaluation  
 Mixed two person dinghy (spinnaker) – 470

Council shall, in May 2011, confirm or change this list, and make all other Events and Equipment options decisions, in accordance with Regulation 23.1.9.

23.1.5 Council may decide, at its November meeting six years before an Olympic Games, that an Event in 23.1.4 is a "Core Event" and as such is also

provisionally agreed to be an Event at the Olympic Games in ten years time. A vote to establish an Event as a Core Event requires at least two-thirds of votes cast to be in favour. A Core Event may be deleted as an Olympic Event in accordance with 23.1.3(a), but, unless at least two-thirds of votes cast are in favour of deletion, the deletion shall not take effect until after the Olympic Games for which it has been provisionally agreed. At any time there shall not be more than eight core Events, and Equipment for a Core Event may change in accordance with 23.1.3(b).

- 23.1.6 Olympic Equipment contracts shall be agreed between ISAF and the appropriate Classes and / or manufacturers by 1 May in the year four years before the Olympic Games. The contract shall require the Class to be an ISAF Class at the first opportunity thereafter, and, in any event, prior to the Olympic Games, and to remain an ISAF Class while it remains Olympic Equipment. In the event that ISAF is unable to agree the contract for particular Equipment, Council shall decide alternative Equipment in November of the year four years before the Olympic Games from a list of Equipment options provided by the ISAF Executive.
- 23.1.7 Council may decide to change a specific part of Regulation 23.1.4 closer in time to the Olympic Games than permitted in Regulation 23.1.3 if at least 75% of votes cast are in favour of a motion to do so. 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.
- 23.1.8 ISAF shall review its Event and Equipment choices for the ISAF Youth World Championships, and for the Youth Olympic Games, following any change of Olympic Events or Equipment, to ensure that there remains a clear, pathway for MNAs and sailors from Youth to Olympic.
- 23.1.9 The following Regulation shall apply for the choice of Event and Equipment for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition only, and shall take precedence over any other Regulation including 23.1.7. Council may provisionally decide some or all of the Events and Equipment options to be listed in Regulation 23.1.4 in November 2010. Council shall finally confirm or change these decisions, and make all other Events and Equipment options decisions, in May 2011. Classes and MNAs may make submissions on Events and Equipment options for decision in May 2011; any such submission shall propose a full set of ten Events. Council shall make decisions on Core Events in May 2011. This Regulation will cease to apply and be deleted after May 2011.