

REGULATION 23 SUBMISSION FOR 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This template is only for submissions made under Regulation 23 concerning the selection of Olympic Equipment.

It has been prepared by the Procedure Working Party as a suggested format for submissions.

The deadline for submissions to be received is **12:00 hours UTC on 1 August 2018**. A submission should be completed and returned to World Sailing to submissions@sailing.org.

World Sailing strongly advises that submissions are sent in plenty of time in case there are technical faults when sending.

If you are submitting in PDF format, please also send a Word version.

World Sailing has published guidance on submissions on its website. You are strongly recommended to read this guidance before making a submission.

Formatting:

- If the submission proposes a change to existing Articles, Regulations, the Racing Rules of Sailing, or the Equipment Rules of Sailing, please insert the current version in the "Proposal" section highlighting new wording as **bold and underlined**, and text to be deleted as ~~double struck through~~. The words "As above" should then be inserted in the "Current Position". Clearly defined reasons should be inserted in the "Reasons" section.
- The font and size for text in submissions is Arial 11pt except for the RRS/ERS.
- For the RRS/ERS submissions, the font Times New Roman 12pt should be used when inserting current wording or new wording proposals. For ERS submissions the new wording should not be in bold unless it refers to an ERS definition.

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If you are making a submission which you are aware will be the same as one from another submitter(s), please provide details*:

** This is not mandatory but greatly assists the World Sailing Executive Office in cross-checking the submissions.*

For Committee Chairmen: Please tick the box to confirm that the responsible Vice President has been informed of this submission: **(forms where the box is not ticked will be returned to the submitter).**

All submissions will be acknowledged within 24 hours. If you do not receive an acknowledgment please contact World Sailing.

2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

Olympic Events & Equipment

A submission from the International Funboard Class Association V2

Purpose or Objective

To propose equipment criteria and format for the windsurfing events.

Proposal

Current Event & Equipment	2024 Events – May 2018	2024 Equipment Proposal
Men's Windsurfer – RS:X *	Retained	New Equipment
Women's Windsurfer – RS:X *	Retained	New Equipment
Heavyweight Men's One Person Dinghy – Finn	New Event - Mixed One-Person Dinghy	Select New Equipment
Men's Two Person Dinghy – 470	New Event - Mixed Two Person Dinghy	Select New Equipment
Women's Two Person Dinghy – 470	New Event - Mixed Kite	Select New Equipment

* Note the equipment for this event is under Olympic Equipment Re-evaluation if retained.

The criteria detailed below is a guide for submitters to provide the Equipment Committee (EQ) and Council parameters for the selection of Olympic Equipment.

Format proposal:

Suitable wind range for competition: 6-30 knots.

M-Course in light wind (foiling), Downwind Slalom in higher winds (planning).

Equipment Criteria for Men and Women Windsurfer: **1 convertible board, 2 rigs**

Board concept: Convertible

Weight range men: 75-90kg

Weight range women: 60-75kg

Sail size for Men: 7-9.5 m²

Sail size for Women: 6-8.5 m².

Number of permitted rigs per event: 2

Number of permitted hulls per event: 1

Number of permitted hydrofoil systems per event: 1

Number of permitted fins per event: 1

Same hydrofoil system and board for men and women. Different fin and sail plan for men and women.

Suitable wind range for competition: 6-30 knots.

Builder / Class structure: Registered Series Production Scheme. Multiple Brands / Builders.

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Other Equipment considerations: The proposed registered series production equipment scheme is the currently used standard in the windsurfing world and supported by industry, sailors and general windsurfing community.

Equipment Criteria for Mixed One-Person Dinghy:

Criteria to be approved by Council through other submissions

Equipment Criteria for Mixed Two Person Dinghy:

Criteria to be approved by Council through other submissions

Equipment Criteria for Mixed Kite:

Criteria to be approved by Council through other submissions

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

Downwind Slalom is the highest regarded/televised/media-ised discipline in windsurfing today. The current PWA (Professional World Tour, World Sailing Special Event) Slalom World Champions are considered as the world's best windsurfers by the general windsurfing community and media.

The M-Course combines tactical racing on a windward/leeward part with slalom parts.

Both disciplines are sailed in elimination series and are weighed evenly.

Both course options would be able to be sailed with dedicated equipment (hydrofoil system for windward/leeward courses and fins for slalom courses) and would have a unique signature and clear differentiation from all other Olympic sailing events.

Registered series production equipment scheme for all parts of the equipment or would enable sponsorship for sailors and teams, as currently seen in the professional windsurfing circuit and the FW, IKA, Raceboard and IFCA classes, manufacturers will sponsor sailors to use their success in competition for marketing purposes to sell equipment to the mass market.

Since only one rig is used at the same time the life expectancy of the rigs doubles. So initially the investments is a bit bigger but the life expectancy is double.

A range of available sail sizes allows competitors of a wide range of physics to compete on a level playing field. Sails could be categorized in two size ranges (low wind / high wind).

Several windsurfing classes (i.e. Funboard, Formula Windsurfing, Raceboard) are using this registered series production equipment scheme with great success since many years. The re-sell value of used equipment is very good through both the Formula Windsurfing and Funboard Class.

The current Techno 293 and Techno 293+ can be used as feeder class for the new Olympic format/equipment.

Final:

As specialist windsurf class we strongly advise since

- **we are 6 years away from the 2024 games**
- **The fast evolution in the windfoil division (only 2 years old)**

to test all available equipment in all wind strengths and sea states during Trials to find out what is working and how many boards/rigs is the minimum to cover all windspeed and what fixed rig sizes and fins would be appropriate.