

## 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition

### Review of Events and Equipment

A submission from the Japan Sailing Federation

#### Purpose or Objective

Minimise the disruption to athletes, teams and MNAs due to the review.

#### Proposal

1. When exchanging opinions with the IOC, WS's Board should take the 2013 WS Council decision for selection of events/equipment for 2020 Olympic Games of highest priority. This decision is extremely important due to the following reason:
  - a. The necessary time period for athletes and MNAs to prepare for the Olympic Sailing Competition is approximately seven years.
  - b. After the 2013 WS Council decision, quite a lot of athletes, MNAs and sponsor had already spent their precious time, efforts and money for their 2020 campaign following and based on the framework of the 2013 WS Council decision.
2. WS should show WS's commitment towards innovative race format and gender equality which may include some changes for 2020 to meet the aims and objectives of the IOC's Agenda 2020 programme and it should propose to realize this commitment without excluding any Events and Equipment which were adopted in the 2013 WS Council decision.
3. Based on IOC letter (12 June 2016, Lausanne), IOC is not taking any position on the matter within internal World Sailing discussions. However, if changes of Events and Equipment become inevitable, there are some options for WS's Board to avoid throwing away the time, efforts and money of any athlete, MNA or sponsor which had already been spent or invested after the 2013 WS Council decision. Those options would suit to their statement of the document titled "Procedures for Reviewing the Events and Equipment of the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition" (4 f: seek to minimize the disruption to athletes, teams and MNAs due to review).

#### Current Position

The policy of WS regarding Events and Equipment is unpredictable at this moment and causing great concerns for athletes and MNAs.

#### Reasons

1. 2013 WS Council decision has a big meaning in the sailing world from the perspective of the "athlete first". This important philosophy should be maintained.
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2. Change of Events/Equipment in 2017 which leaves only 3 years for preparation for the 2020 Olympic Games will result in huge burden on finance and human resource especially for small nations or developing countries which are playing big role in WS to raise the number of countries challenging towards Olympic Games.
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