Olympic Classes Sub-committee Minutes

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee met at 1700-2100 UTC on 19 October online via Bluejeans.

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Present:
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie (Chair)
Dimitris Dimou (470)
Jyrki Järvi (49er)
Robert Deaves (Finn)
Carlo Della Vedova (RS: X)
Eric Faust (Laser)
Maayan Davidovich (Athletes’ Commission)
Sofia Tedin (Rankings WP Chair)

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Nino Shmueli (470)
Ben Remocker (49er/Nacra17)
Marcus Spillane (Nacra 17)
Andrus Poksi (RS: X)
Markus Schwendtner (Formula Kite)
Gary Bodie (Calendar and Q&Q WP Chair)
Stefan Rahm (Format WP Chair)

In attendance:
Alastair Fox (Director of Events)
Matthew Wheaton (Competitions Manager)

Quanhai Li (Vice President)

Apologies:
Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (iQFoil)

1. Opening of the Meeting

1.1 The Sub-committee received an update from the Committee Chair

2. Minutes

2.1 The Sub-committee noted the minutes of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee meeting of 28 October 2019 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at [www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings).

2.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere.

3. Update from the Board

3.1 The Sub-committee received an update on the Board activities from their meetings since last the Olympic Classes Sub-committee meeting.
4. **World Sailing Event Strategy: 2021 - 2028**

4.1 The Sub-committee received an update on the implementation of the 2021-2028 Event Strategy, including the World Cup.

It was noted that:

Due to the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions on international travel and the financial crisis the implementation of the new event strategy would be impacted.

The World Sailing Director of Events reported that there would not be a World Cup Final in Marseille in 2021 but that discussions were continuing with the FFV to introduce a World Cup Final from 2022. It was also noted that World Sailing was working on commercial partnerships for World Cup Series events in 2021.

4.2 The Sub-committee received a report from the Calendar Working Party with an update on the implementation of the new Calendar for 2021.

It was noted that:

It was agreed that the Calendar Working Party would work with the Olympic Classes and the World Sailing Executive Office to finalise a calendar from 2021-2028 by March 2021.

Recommendation not based on submission to Council:

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommends that the Calendar Working Party is as flexible as possible for Class events from 2021-24 given the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to 2021 and The Hague Sailing World Championships to 2023.

4.3 The Committee received a report from the Rankings Working Party with an update on the implementation of the new Ranking system.

It was noted that:

With the challenges of 2020, the new Ranking system would not be introduced in January 2021. Instead, work would continue on the implementation of the new Ranking system with a proposed start date as soon after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games as possible.

Recommendation not based on submission to Council:

Following the report made on the WS Ranking system, the Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommends that until the WS Ranking system is developed and functioning to satisfaction, it should not be used for any event selection.

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommends that along with the World ranking system, Sailors ID be developed to a level where it can be used to promote the sailors.

5. **Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**

5.1 The Sub-committee received an update on the preparations for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games from the Director of Events and Olympic Manager.

It was noted that:

Tokyo 2020, the IOC and International Federations were planning for the Olympic Games to go ahead. The Notice of Race will be published on 11 November.

The IOC, with support of ASOIF, have ensured the competition will remain unaffected. The competition schedule will not change, except for moving to new dates in 2021. Additionally, Tokyo 2020 is now working on COVID-19 countermeasures.
5.2 The Sub-committee received an update on the status of the qualification system and quota places for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games from the Olympic Manager.

It was noted that the remaining qualification events are now scheduled and approved by the IOC. However, if any qualification event is impacted by COVID-19, and sailors or MNAs eligible to qualify are unable to attend, the status of the qualification event will be removed, and an alternative plan will be agreed with the Olympic Class and the IOC.

6. Paris 2024 Olympic Games

6.1 The Sub-committee received a report on the Paris 2024 Olympic Games from the Director of Events and Olympic Manager.

It was noted that:

Venue concepts are being developed with Paris 2024 and the City of Marseille, to maximise legacy benefits and minimise temporary infrastructure needs.

Recruitment for the Sailing Sport Team positions by Paris 2024 is underway, appointments should be made by the end of 2020.

IOC and OBS are satisfied with all the information provided so the IOC Programme Commission can make their decisions on Events and Quota for Sailing. However, the total number of athletes in the Games will be reducing from over 11000 in Tokyo 2020 to 10500 in Paris 2024 and sports are being advised to expect reductions.

World Sailing is engaging with Paris 2024 on plans for the test events in 2022 and 2023. It is expected that World Sailing events will be the preferred option.

6.2 The Committee received an update on the format report for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games from the Format Working Party.

It was noted that:

The Working Party was actively engaged with each of the Paris 2024 Olympic Classes and contributing to the work of the Working Party.

The report focused on formats for the new Events, medal race concepts and sports presentation.

Support for any proposed format changes is required from across the sport and must include organisers, athletes, Events Committee, Council and the Board.

The Working Party will agree a testing program with each Olympic Class where a format recommendation has not yet been made.

Recommendation not based on submission to Council:

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommends that the: “New formats for the Olympic Games are tested well ahead of the Olympic Games at events such as Youth events or other events not impacting Olympic sailors’ campaigns.”

6.3 The Committee received an update on proposals for the qualification system and quotas for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games from the Quotas and Qualification Working Party.

It was noted that:

Following the IOC Programme decisions in December 2020, the Working Party would finalise recommendations for quotas and the qualification system for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

It was agreed that The Hague 2023 Sailing World Championships would remain Olympic qualification event.

Recommendation not based on submission to Council:
The Olympic Classes Sub-committee recommends that 2024 Olympic qualifications are tailored to each event taking into account the quota and the development level of the class used in the event. For events considered as “universal” with larger quota “Regions” should be considered rather than “Continents”. Events with small quota could not have any Continental Qualification, or grouping of Continents should be considered. For events using new classes, the Olympic qualifications should be staged as late as possible in the quadrennial to allow sailors to get to the right level and equipment to be readily accessible by all teams around the world.

7. **The Hague Sailing World Championships**

7.1 The Sub-committee received an update on the Sailing World Championships in The Hague from the Director of Events.

It was noted that:

Following a final decision in September 2020, the Sailing World Championships would be postponed to 10-20 August 2023.

Each Olympic Class that would like a change to the current allocated quota will write to World Sailing with their proposed changes and reasons for the changes.

Recommendation not based on submission to Council:

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee requests that the World Sailing Executive Office and The Hague Organising Committee review the quotas for the Windsurfing, Kiteboarding, One Person Dinghy and Skiff events.

8. **Equipment and Class Rules**

8.1 The Sub-committee received the report and review the plans for World Sailing’s Quality Control system for Olympic Equipment.

It was noted that:

The Olympic dividend contributes a large amount of revenue to World Sailing and consideration should be given to having some of this revenue used to resource this system that supports the Games.

Each Class will have a funding model suitable for its situation and equipment control type.

8.2 The Sub-committee reviewed the progress on the implementation of the Olympic Equipment Policy.

8.3 The Sub-committee reviewed process for updating Class rules to aligned with the 2021 – 2024 ERS.

9. **Race Officials**

9.1 The Sub-committee received an update on the work of the Race Officials Committee.

9.2 The Sub-committee reviewed policies for appointing race officials to events and discussed Remote judging, Regulation 25.8.7 and Conflicts of Interest for race officials.

It was noted that:

The EAWP report was received and the Sub-committee supported the comments and request for a review.

The Sub-committee expressed concern around the current appointments process and the number of vested interests that are involved.
The Sub-committee endorsed the use of technology to supplement officiating, especially for hearings and supported the development of a policy to define the homologation of tracking services.

Recommendation not based on submission to Council:

The OCSC recommends that race officials appointments in time of travel restriction be more flexible in term of judges geographic origin, and use available technology to enable remote judging, in order to optimise resources to validate international jury and events.

The OCSC, based on the EAWP End Of Term Report, recommends that “a full review of appointment procedures by the Board with reference to future World Sailing and Race Officials Strategy including a newly formed World Sailing Event Strategy” is undertaken, involving all stakeholders, to define a process and policies that work for all involved.

10. Submissions

10.1 The Olympic Classes Sub-committee reviewed the submissions and makes the following recommendations to Council.

10.2 Submission 009-20 from Submission 024-20 from the International 470 Class Association, International Formula Kite Class Association, and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee regarding the composition of the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee regarding the EAWP composition.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 1:
The working party shall be appointed at the same time as the World Sailing committees for a four-year period in line with the World Sailing committee’s term and procedures of nominations and appointment. The World Sailing Race Officials stated in (a) and (b) above should cover a range of race official disciplines, if possible and may be retired. Casual vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the above principles.

Reason: As the 2020 nomination deadline has already passed, this is not actionable and should be inserted in a later year (but before 2024).

Proposal 2:
Replace “2022 Sailing World Championship” with “2023 Sailing World Championship”

10.3 Submission 024-20 from the International 470 Class Association, International Formula Kite Class Association, and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee regarding the composition of the Olympic Classes Sub-Committee.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

10.4 Submission 046-20 from the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee regarding trapeze harness weight.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

11. Any Other Business

11.1 It was noted that due to the postponed of the Olympic Sailing Competition to 2021 term of this Sub-committee is extended accordingly. The election of the Chair and Vice Chair will occur at the meeting following the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition in 2021.

11.2 The Sub-Committee elected Markus Schwendtner to be the Sub-committee representative on the Events Committee.
Proposed: Corinne Rolland-McKenzie; Seconded: Ben Remocker

11.3 The Sub-Committee agreed to consider nominations places on the other committess, sub-committees and Working Parties within World Sailing.

11.4 The Sub-Committee Chair thanked the members for their work across the year.