

**REPORTING COMMITTEE - EVENTS  
OTHER COMMITTEE - WOMEN'S SAILING**

**Selection of Events for the Olympic Regatta 2008**

A submission from the chairman of the Events Committee

**PROPOSAL:**

The Events for the 2008 Olympic Games shall be:

1. Men's windsurfing
2. Women's windsurfing
3. Men's single-handed dinghy
4. Open single-handed dinghy
5. Women's single-handed dinghy
6. Men's double-handed dinghy
7. Open double-handed dinghy
8. Women's double-handed dinghy
9. Men's keel-boat
10. Women's keel-boat
11. Open multi-hull

The following characteristics will be used to assess the suitability of equipment for men's and open dinghy events (i.e. for event 3 & 4, and for event 6 & 7).

Men's Dinghy Events

Universally available equipment

Sailed worldwide

Suitable for average physique

Economical

Athletic

Technically simple, or out-of-the-box

Open Dinghy Events

Innovative: design; technology; format of racing; courses

Added media appeal

"Buzz" for young and established sailor

Fast and athletic

Scope for development

**CURRENT POSITION:**

[None]

**REASON:**

1. Both the open single and open double-handed dinghy Events are in effect men's Events. Sailing therefore in practice has two men's single-handed dinghy Events and two men's double-handed dinghy Events. In accordance with decisions made in Oslo, criteria are proposed initially to differentiate between these Events.

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2. When ISAF conducts Equipment trials for an Olympic Event, it typically specifies evaluation criteria that are then used to judge the Equipment's suitability for the Event. However these criteria are not retained thereafter to guide Council in selecting Equipment for follow-on Olympics.
3. The lack of formal criteria means:
  - those making submissions on Equipment selection cannot demonstrate the suitability of the Equipment for the Event. Typically therefore Equipment submissions do not include reasons why the Equipment should be selected.
  - ISAF cannot conduct any objective assessment of Equipment suitability, making Council's decision on Equipment harder.
4. Evaluation criteria for Events will therefore help those making submissions, and Council in its decisions. It will also assist ISAF in maximising the value of the Olympic Games in promotion and building of the sport worldwide, as ISAF will be able to ensure that the mix of Events and Equipment best serve the sport and the sailors.