

11. Olympic Sailing Competition

- 11.1 The list of selected Olympic Events and Equipment must be contained in the Policy Register.
- 11.2 The list of Olympic Events and Equipment can only be changed by the General Assembly acting on the recommendation of Council.
- 11.3 This Regulation 11 can only be changed by the Board with the approval of Council and the General Assembly.
- 11.4 Events Review (7 Years To Go)
- (a) No later than 31 December seven years before an Olympic Sailing Competition, the General Assembly must decide to place at least four Events under review.
 - (b) For Events not placed under review:
 - (i) the Event is selected and must be submitted to the International Olympic Committee for approval when requested by it;
 - (ii) the Equipment for a selected Event is also selected (unless Regulation 11.7 applies); and
 - (iii) the selected Equipment may still be evolved under Regulation 11.6.
 - (c) The decision of the General Assembly must be made on the recommendation of Council.
 - (d) The decision of Council must be made on the recommendation of the Events Committee.
- 11.5 Event Decisions (6 Years To Go)
- (a) No later than 31 December six years before an Olympic Sailing Competition, the General Assembly must decide for each Event under review whether to:
 - (i) retain the Event and retain the current Equipment;
 - (ii) retain the Event but evolve the current Equipment;
 - (iii) retain the Event but select new Equipment; or
 - (iv) select a new Event (which must be decided at the same time) and select new Equipment (at a later date).
 - (b) If the General Assembly decides to:
 - (i) evolve the current Equipment, at the same time it must decide what evolution is required; and
 - (ii) select new Equipment, at the same time it must decide criteria for the selection of new Equipment.
 - (c) The decision of the General Assembly must be made on the recommendation of Council.
 - (d) The decision of Council must be made on the recommendation of the Events Committee (concerning Events) and the Equipment Committee (concerning Equipment).
- 11.6 Equipment Decisions (5 Years To Go)

- (a) No later than 31 December five years before an Olympic Sailing Competition, the General Assembly must decide the Equipment to be used for each Event (including any evolution of the current Equipment).
- (b) This includes any decisions following an equipment re-evaluation conducted under Regulation 11.7.
- (c) The decision of the General Assembly must be made on the recommendation of Council.
- (d) The decision of Council must be made on the recommendation of the Equipment Committee.
- (e) Equipment must only be selected following evaluation against approved criteria (which may include equipment trials). The procedures for any equipment trials are to be decided by the Equipment Committee.
- (f) World Sailing must consult any relevant World Sailing Class Associations and manufacturers of Equipment before any recommendation on the evolution of the current Equipment is made.

11.7 Equipment Re-evaluations (5 Years To Go)

- (a) In addition to the other procedures set out in this Regulation, the Equipment Committee must carry out re-evaluations of the equipment selected for the Events. The purpose of re-evaluation is to ensure that:
 - (i) competing equipment and competing manufacturers of existing equipment can bid to be selected for Olympic Events and therefore access the market on a fair and objective basis;
 - (ii) reduce the risk of monopolies; and
 - (iii) manufacturers do not become complacent, remain price-competitive, produce high-quality equipment, and do not abuse their market positions.
- (b) Equipment selected for each Olympic Event must be re-evaluated at least every eight years (i.e. two Olympic cycles). The date of re-evaluations may be changed in order to ensure that re-evaluations are carried out in line with any other reviews undertaken under this Regulation.
- (c) The Equipment Committee decides the re-evaluation procedures to be used with the approval of the Board. The re-evaluation procedures must:
 - (i) allow classes and manufacturers of other equipment suitable for the Event in question to tender for its use in the Event;
 - (ii) use criteria which are open, fair and non-discriminatory; and
 - (iii) use criteria that are published publicly as part of the 'invitation to tender'.
- (d) Following the outcome of re-evaluation by the Equipment Committee, it must make a recommendation to Council to:
 - (i) retain the current Equipment;
 - (ii) evolve the current Equipment; or
 - (iii) select new Equipment (and specify what that Equipment is).
- (e) The Equipment Committee may make any other recommendation it considers necessary to promote the objectives of Regulation 11.7(a) or any other legal requirements on World Sailing.
- (f) Council and the General Assembly must then proceed under Regulation 11.6.

11.8 Other Decisions

- (a) Unless the Board decides a different date, no later than three years before an Olympic Sailing Competition, Council must decide the format, qualification system, and quotas to be used on the recommendation of the Events Committee

11.9 Equipment Contracts

- (a) No later than 1 May four years before an Olympic Sailing Competition, such contracts as the Board considers necessary for the selected Equipment must be agreed between World Sailing and any appropriate World Sailing Class Associations (and/or manufacturers). Unless otherwise recommended by the Board, a contract must require any relevant class association to become a World Sailing Class Association at the first opportunity thereafter and to remain so whilst the Equipment remains selected.
- (b) In the event that the Board does not approve a contract for particular Equipment by 28 days before the General Assembly four years before the Olympic Sailing Competition, it may make such recommendation to Council concerning the Equipment as it thinks fit. This may include requesting the selection of alternative Equipment, which Council may do on the recommendation of the Equipment Committee. Any change of Equipment must be approved by the General Assembly.

11.10 Any changes to the Olympics Events or Equipment outside of the procedures in this Regulation must only be made by the General Assembly acting on the recommendation of Council. Council must act on the recommendation of the Events Committee and Equipment Committee (as relevant) and must also consider the opinion of the Board.

11.11 Procedures for Decisions

- (a) When the Events Committee or Equipment Committee is due to make a recommendation to Council, the Chief Executive Officer must notify all bodies entitled to make a Proposal of the date by which any Proposals relating to the decision to be made must be received. The Chief Executive Officer must first consult with the Chair of the relevant Committee and must allow sufficient time for the Proposals to be published and consulted on.
- (b) Any Proposal concerning Events under review must:
 - (i) set out proposals for all Events under review; and
 - (ii) set out proposals for Equipment for each Event under review.
- (c) The procedure to be followed by the Events Committee and Equipment Committee to decide their recommendations to Council are the normal procedures for committee decisions, unless prior to the meeting the Committee decided a different procedure to be used (in which case that procedure must be followed).
- (d) As required by the Constitution:
 - (i) the General Assembly must either approve or reject any recommendation of Council and cannot substitute its own decision; and
 - (ii) Council must either approve or reject any recommendations of the relevant committee and cannot substitute its own decision.

However, this does not preclude the General Assembly or Council making a decision between two or more options in the terms of any recommendation presented to them.

- (e) If any recommendation is rejected, the Chief Executive Officer must co-ordinate with the Board, Council and the relevant committees to ensure that a new recommendation is made and considered as soon as practical.

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