

# SCIRA Proposal Form

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## **Summary: Change on race course and speed limits**

### **Affects:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Constitution | <input type="checkbox"/> | By-Laws          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Class Rules        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Deed of Gift | x                        | Rules of Conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> | NoR or SI Template |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other        |                          |                  |                          |                    |

**Objective:** Update class courses

**Proposal** (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown in red):

To replace W-L 5 legs courses for a W-L 4 legs courses, with the finish at the end of the second downwind leg, eliminating the last upwind leg, when 3 races are scheduled for a day.

To eliminate Olympic course

To set a wind speed of 18 knots, to go from W-L course to triangle course

To allow "ISAF outer " courses with 2 laps on the outer loop instead of one

To unify the wind limit at 23 knots

### **Reasons:**

- 1) It is physically impossible to race properly 9 upwind legs of 10 minutes each in one day. Not even Olympic sailors, who train all week at the gym are fit to do it, so we cannot expect that in our fleet of amateur sailors we can do it.
- 2) Our class during the years kept the W-L 5 legs course and added a 3<sup>rd</sup> race a day. A decade ago this major events had 2 races a day and usually 7 races in total.
- 3) There is many masters, women, juniors and mixed crews, or just amateurs crews in the major regattas. 3 long races a day with 3 upwind legs each is just too much, and even those few who think that can do it, doesn't enjoy that last race, social events at land suffer and you can see the club empty minutes after the fleet arrived because everybody is so tired . In time, they will stop coming and we will end racing major regattas with the locals and 10 more top sailors
- 4) No class (that needs hiking) in the world races 9 upwind legs a day
- 5) If the wind is too strong for a downwind leg, we should go straight to the reach. The Olympic course solves nothing. Is not one thing and is not the other. If it is to windy to have two downwind legs is also windy for one.

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- 6) Ending the race at the finish of the downwind leg gives the Race committee more time and doesn't need to go to windward buoy for the finish, nor wait for the whole fleet to come down.
- 7) Outer course by ISAF, with an additional loop is a good option, and has a first upwind leg that is short, and a reach. Maybe not for major regattas with more than 35 boats, but for smaller fleets is great. And many big events with multi class racing, with maybe 6 to 9 racing courses at the same time and some classes sharing the course, uses the outer course and snipe fleet is not attending because is not a "class course".
- 8) Snipe can sail up to 18 knots downwind with not much trouble, even 20. The 16 knots limit, sometimes leads us to sail races with reach with not enough wind, very boring. We should go straight to the triangle course, if not at 18 knots, at 16 knots, but eliminate the pass trough the Olympic course.
- 9) The wind limit should be one. What is open water? Is Lake Ontario open water? Is Rio? Some "not open water" venues have very strong wave condition, like Buenos Aires or some lakes. 23 knots is a good and safe sailing limit.