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2024 UPDATED EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS ON 530 MASTS

As of October 16th, 2023, the iQFOiL Class Executive Committee has made the decision to permit both 530 masts (V1 and V2) in all events throughout 2024. This decision comes as a response to recent developments and insights shared by both the mast producer and sailors.

The iQFOiL Class will reconvene during the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to determine the course of action for the 2025 season.

In the meantime, here are the main reasons for the 2024 Olympic season update:

Uncertainty on Serial Numbers: There was a discrepancy in the serial number information provided by the factory. This confusion made it challenging for the sailors to distinguish between new and old masts and it's becoming evident that there are fewer new masts available than originally assumed.

Lack of New Masts in Some Countries: Due to the factory's temporary closure during the previous summer, caused by reduced demand in the windsurfing industry, the production of new masts has been delayed. Consequently, in some countries, new masts won't be accessible until January.

Test Reports: Feedback from sailors indicates that both new and old masts exhibit remarkably similar performance characteristics. Personal preferences vary, with some athletes favoring the new masts and others preferring the old.

To help determine whether you possess a new mast, you can check the outer diameter of the top section near the connection point: old masts measure between 45.9-46.1 mm, while the new ones range from 44.4-44.6 mm.

Considering the information shared by the mast producer and sailors, the iQFOiL Executive Committee has decided to permit the use of both mast types throughout the 2024 season, as previously mentioned.

If you originally acquired V2 masts but prefer V1 masts, please reach out to gonzalo@iqfoilclass.org for guidance on how to transition, with support from the manufacturer.

We hope this update clarifies the equipment regulations for the upcoming season. If you have any further questions or require additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,



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