

**European Rowing Championships**  
**Departures from the FISA Rules of Racing and Event Regulations**

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1. The Rules of Racing of the ERC are the FISA Rules of Racing as updated from time to time except as set out below.
2. Departures from the FISA Rules of Racing - The following sections define the departures (Regulations) from the latest version of the FISA Rule Book as they relate to the European Rowing Championships:-

**PART I – SCOPE**

**Regulation 1 (Rule 2) – Application**

These Regulations and the relevant Bye-Laws shall apply to the European Rowing Championship regattas together with and not in exclusion of the FISA Rules of Racing.

The General Assembly of European National Rowing Federations empowers the European Rowing Management Board as the executive authority governing the European Rowing Championships. The European Rowing Championships shall be rowed in accordance with the FISA Rules of Racing and Racing Bye-Laws in addition to these Regulations.

**PART II – ROWERS AND COXSWAINS**

**Regulation 2 (Rule 19) – Eligibility and Insurance**

Any European country with a national federation affiliated to FISA with the addition of Israel may participate in a European Rowing Championship. To represent a country's federation in a European Rowing Championship regatta or event, a competitor shall be a citizen of that country, and must be able to prove this by showing an official document (passport or identity card).

**PART III – CLASSES OF BOATS**

**Regulation 3 (Rule 31) – European Championship Boat Classes**

European Rowing Championships are held in the following events:

Men (M)	1x, 2x, 4x, 2-, 4-, 8+
Women (W)	1x, 2x, 4x, 2-, 4-, 8+
Lightweight men (LM)	1x, 2x, 4x, (2- from 2019)
Lightweight women (LW)	1x, 2x, 4x, (2- from 2019)
Para Rowing [from 2020]	PR1 M1x, PR1 W1x, PR2 Mix 2x, PR3 Mix 4+
Under 23 men (BM)	1x, 2x, 4x, 2-, 4-, 4+, 8+
Under 23 women (BW)	1x, 2x, 4x, 2-, 4-, 4+, 8+
Under 23 lightweight men (BLM)	1x, 2x, 4x, 2-
Under 23 lightweight women (BLW)	1x, 2x, 4x, 2-
Junior men (JM)	1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4-, 4+, 8+
Junior women (JW)	1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4-, 4+, 8+

For the period 2018 until 2020, no automatic removal of events from the Championships that attract less than 7 entries.

## **PART VI – ORGANISATION OF REGATTAS**

### **Regulation 4 (Rule 40) – Disputes, Appeals and Cases not Covered**

The European Rowing Management Board (“ERMB”) shall adjudicate on all cases not covered by the Rules of Racing, the Bye-Laws and the present Regulations, as well as on disputes which may arise during a European Rowing Championship regatta. The decision of the ERMB shall be final. Any decision made by the ERMB under this article shall immediately be communicated to the European Member Federations of FISA in writing.

### **Regulation 5 (Rule 41) – Prizes and Sponsorship Contracts**

The title of Champion shall be conferred on winning competitors at a European Rowing Championship Regatta. They shall each be awarded a gold-plated medal. To those finishing second in each event, they shall be awarded silver medals. To those finishing third in each event, they shall be awarded bronze medals. At the victory ceremony, the national anthem of the country which the winning competitors represent shall be played. The national flags of the three countries which the winning competitors, the competitors finishing second and the competitors finishing third represent shall be raised. Above medals shall be supplied by FISA but at the cost of the Organising Committee.

### **Regulation 6 (Rules 67) – The Draw and Progressing to the Finals**

The Progression system used at the European Rowing Championship regatta to determine the finals will be the FISA Championship progression system prescribed in the FISA Rules of Racing and the relevant Bye-Laws.

### **Regulation 7 (Rule 85) – Exceptional Cases**

Should it be necessary to take decisions in exceptional cases (e.g., postponing of a race or suspension of the regatta), the Chairman of the European Rowing Management Board or his designee, in consultation with the President of the Jury and the Chairman of the Regatta, shall make such decisions.

## **1. Event Regulations of the European Rowing Championships**

### **A. European Rowing Championships (Seniors)**

1. **Dates:** Every year, date to be decided, at the latest, two years in advance.
2. **Events:** Covered in Regulation 3 below.
3. **Distance:** 2,000 metres
4. **Number of days for the regatta** – Three days but, with approval of General Assembly, may up to four days.
5. **Awards** - Medals for athletes (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>),
6. **Technical Standard** – At the level of a World Rowing Cup regatta including professional timing and results services and television host broadcast.

7. **Off the water standards** –At the standard of a World Rowing Cup regatta including a television host broadcast.
8. **Participation** – All European National Federations recognised by European Olympic Committees including Israel plus Gibraltar.
9. **Eligibility** – An athlete must present a valid passport or identity card from the country for which he wishes to compete (as per FISA rules).
10. **Decision dates** – The annual General Assembly will attribute the European Rowing Championship regattas at least two years in advance.

## **B. European Rowing Junior Championships**

1. **Dates:** Every year, date to be decided, at the latest, two years in advance..
2. **Events:** The boat classes of the World Rowing Junior Championships.
3. **Distance:** 2,000 metres
4. **Number of days for the regatta** – Two days with the FISA progression system.
5. **Awards** - Medals for athletes (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>),
6. **Technical Standard** – At the level of a major international regatta in terms of competition aspects including professional timing and results services. The course must have minimum 6 racing lanes.
7. **Off the water standards** –At the standard of a major international regatta.
8. **Participation** – All European National Federations recognised by FISA should be eligible (in annex 1).
9. **Eligibility** – An athlete must be eligible according to FISA eligibility rules.
10. **Decision dates** – The annual General Assembly will attribute the European Rowing Junior Championship regattas at least two years in advance.

## **C. European Rowing Under 23 Championships**

11. **Dates:** Every year, date to be decided, at the latest, two years in advance..
12. **Events:** The boat classes of the World Rowing Under 23 Championships.
13. **Distance:** 2,000 metres
14. **Number of days for the regatta** – Two days with the FISA progression system.
15. **Awards** - Medals for athletes (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>),
16. **Technical Standard** – At the level of a major international regatta in terms of competition aspects including professional timing and results services. The course must have minimum 6 racing lanes.
17. **Off the water standards** –At the standard of a major international regatta.
18. **Participation** – All European National Federations recognised by FISA should be eligible (in annex 1).
19. **Eligibility** – An athlete must be eligible according to FISA eligibility rules.
20. **Decision dates** – The annual General Assembly will attribute the European Rowing Under 23 Championship regattas at least two years in advance.

## **D. European Indoor Rowing Championships**

1. **Dates:** A weekend in the period between 1 December – 28 February inclusive

- 2. Events:** The events will include M1x, W1x, LM1x, LW1x, PARA P1M1x, P1W1x, P2M1x, P2W1x, P3M1x and P3W1x. In principle team events may be added to the programme.

The regulations of the European Indoor Rowing Championships are specified in Annex 2

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## **European Rowing Championships Bye-Laws for Regatta Organisers**

### **A. BIDDING**

#### **1. Start of the Bid Process**

In principle, the European Rowing Championships shall be attributed to a federation for organisation at least two years in advance. A Bid Questionnaire will be available at least three years before the given Championship.

#### **2. Bid Questionnaire**

Each bidding federation interested in organizing a European Rowing Championship regatta must submit detailed answers to the Bid Questionnaire within the period prescribed by FISA. The answers to the questionnaire will form part of the Event Agreement signed with FISA and ERMB if the candidature is successful.

#### **3. Guarantees and Undertaking**

Each bidding federation must present written guarantees on several topics to the ERMB in writing. The bidding federation and any governmental authority(ies) presenting the bid must submit a written undertaking in which they agree to sign the Event Agreement if they are successful.

#### **4. Candidature, Bidding, Hosting Fees**

After consultation with ERMB, FISA may announce fees for entering the bid process, submitting a bid and for winning the right to host the event. These fees will be determined and announced at least three months before the request for expressions of interest are due to be received.

#### **5. Bid Inspection Visit**

FISA and the ERMB may send a group of experts (up to three persons) to the bidding sites at the cost of the respective bidding federations, to evaluate, in reference to the answers given in the questionnaires, the conditions under which the Championships could best be held.

#### **6. Attribution**

FISA and the ERMB will evaluate all candidates to ensure all standards are met and guarantees signed before presenting it (them) to the General Assembly for the decision. The General Assembly will elect one of the selected candidates by a majority of valid votes cast. In the event that General Assembly fails to so elect one of the selected candidates, a second election will then take place for which all candidates will be eligible. European events will be included in the Strategic Event Attribution process for European regatta venues.

#### **7. Event Agreement**

The member federation to which the European Rowing Championship regatta is attributed shall immediately enter into an Event Agreement with FISA and the ERMB to comply with its undertakings.

### **B. PREPARATIONS AND OPERATIONS**

#### **1. Event Dates**

The ERMB shall decide the dates of the European Rowing Championship regatta at least two years in advance.

#### **2. Rights – Television and Commercial**

The following rights are the exclusive property of FISA at all European Rowing Championship Regattas and shall be exploited in cooperation with each Organising Committee in accordance with the Event Agreement:

- a. **Broadcast Rights:** The right to have access to the Championships for the purpose of producing a coverage of the Championships by means of electronic media (sound and/or visual coverage), the right to distribute any such coverage whether as radio and/or TV signal or otherwise (in any form including, but not limited to: terrestrial, cable satellite, free or pay-tv, public or private viewing, distribution through wireless or mobile device systems or technology, distribution through internet, etc.) as well as the right to use such coverage in other audio and/or visual supports or products of any kind (including, but not limited to, CDs, CD-Roms, DVDs, etc.) whether existing or not at the time of signature of the appointment agreement.
- b. **Commercial Rights:** Any and all commercial and intellectual property rights of any kind whatsoever, whether now known or hereafter invented/developed, existing at any time anywhere in the world, in any and all media, arising from and/or in connection with the Championships and any part or aspect of them (including, but not limited to, all sponsorship rights, advertising rights, licensing/merchandising rights, concession rights, ticketing rights, hospitality rights, catering rights, publishing rights, data rights, Broadcasting Rights (as defined above), media rights, multimedia rights, interactive rights and internet related rights of any sort).
- c. **Branding rights:** The right to use and licence The name and logo of FISA and of World Rowing and of European Rowing, the Official name, logo, symbol, legend and mascot (if any) of the Championships and/or any of World Rowing and European Rowing events owned by FISA.

Only FISA shall offer each OCs a package of commercial rights appropriate for local sponsorship activities and which complement FISA's international sponsorship activities. FISA shall also have the right to sell souvenir and other licenced products at the European Rowing regattas through its official merchandising partner(s), and that the Organising Committees shall provide space for this activity at the venue of the Championships without charges to FISA. Royalty income shall be shared 50:50 with the OCs from sales of event logo merchandise for that OC's event.

### **3. Preparation Expenses**

The organisers of the Championships will be responsible for the entire expenses of up to six visits by individuals designated by FISA to inspect the venue and review preparations with the Organising Committee prior to the Championships.

### **4. Organisational Expenses**

The bid documents shall specify in detail the organisational expenses that the Organising Committee shall be responsible for payment. FISA will confirm these as maximum amounts for the Organising Budget and, if actual is below, only charge the actual cost.