



2018 FISA NF Meeting

National Federations Meeting

Linz, 22 June 2018



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**2018 FISA
Extraordinary Congress**
15-16 Oct 2020 , ??? (TBC)

2024 Olympic Programme

A) FISA 2020 Extraordinary Congress



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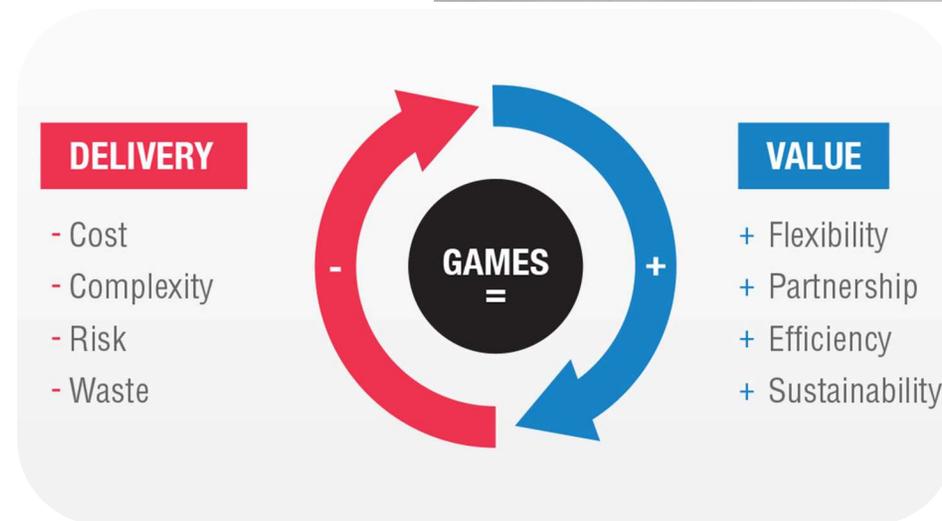
FISA Member Federations



B) Olympic Strategy

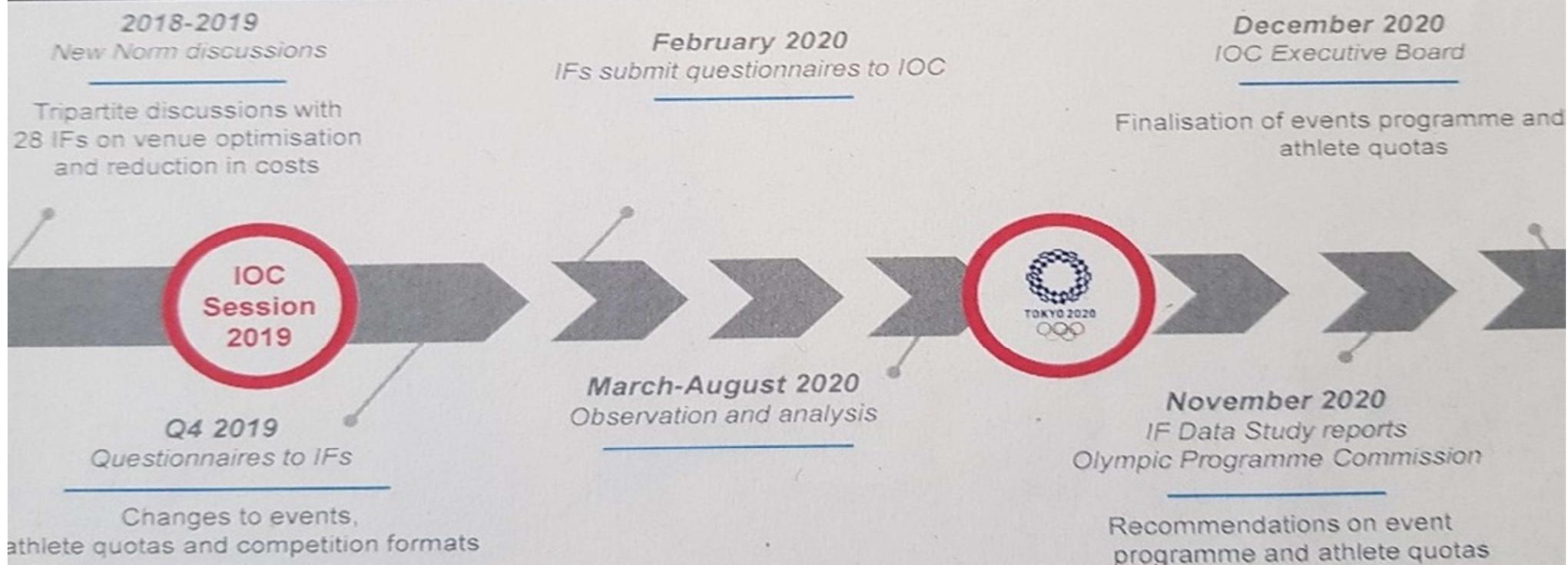
Need to consider IOC context

- Agenda 2020
- 'The New Norm'



B) Olympic Strategy

Paris 2024 event programme timeline



B) Olympic Strategy



- The Lightweight Review Project outcomes
- On-going discussions with the IOC
 - Why “Rowing” gets to have a separate competition category based on weight?
 - The arguments from 1993 no longer valid for the IOC.



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Confidential
Mr. Jean-Christophe Rolland
President
World Rowing Federation

Lausanne, 9 June 2017

Tokyo 2020 event programme and athlete quotas

Dear President, Dear Jean-Christophe,

The IOC Executive Board met today in Lausanne to finalise the event programme and athlete quotas of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. As you know, these considerations were based on the requests received from you, the research data collected at Rio 2016 at an event level and the recommendations received from the Olympic Programme Commission, which were reviewed in the context of the adoption of Olympic Agenda 2020.

The Olympic Charter mandates a framework of approximately 10,500 athletes and 310 events for the Olympic Games. In addition to providing a sustainable model for the hosting and organisation of the Games, the proposals of all IFs were reviewed in the context of innovation and youth appeal, overall gender equality, and respect of the overall approximate framework figures.

In this context, the IOC Executive Board has finalised the following Tokyo 2020 event programme for both events and athletes quotas in the sport of Rowing. The Executive Board was pleased with the overall proposal of FISA in its efforts to move towards gender balance, and congratulations to you on this progress, as well as the very open discussions on the event programme and athlete quota.

QUOTAS			ROWING			
M	W	T	MEN'S EVENTS	WOMEN'S EVENTS	MIXED/OPEN EVENTS	TOTAL
263	263	526	7	7		14
			Single Sculls (1x) Pair (2-) Double Sculls (2x) Four (4-) Quadruple Sculls (4x) Eight (8+) Lightweight Double Sculls (2x)	Single Sculls (1x) Pair (2-) Double Sculls (2x) Four (4-) Quadruple Sculls (4x) Eight (8+) Lightweight Double Sculls (2x)		

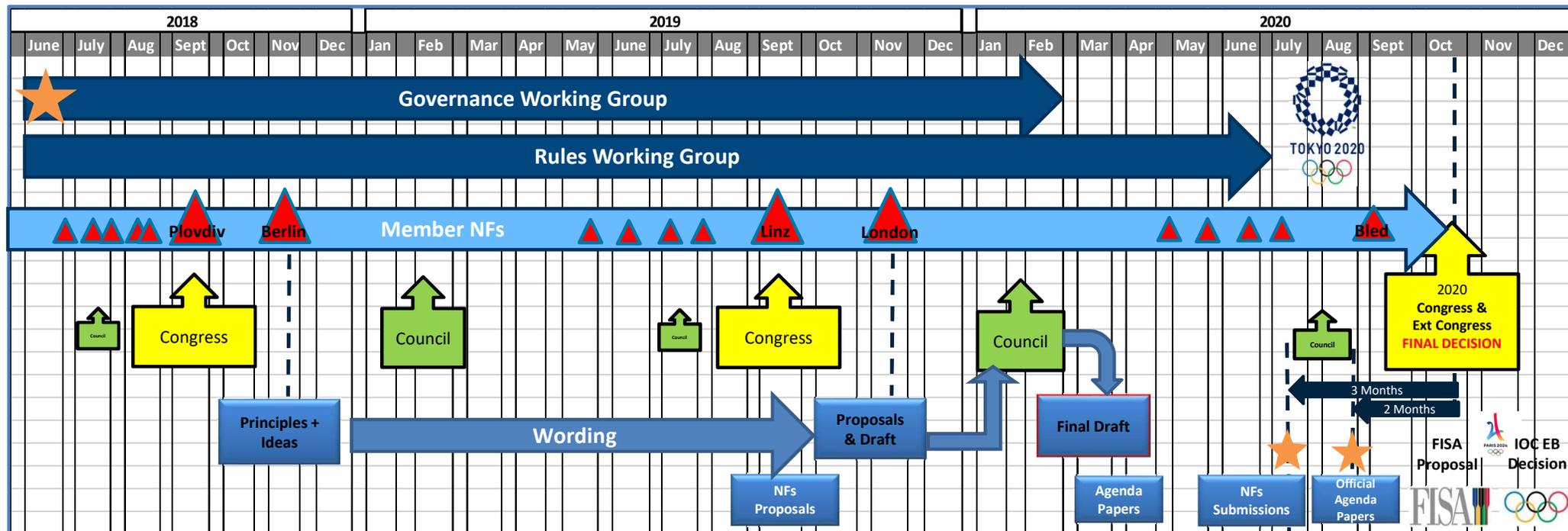
Through our close collaboration in implementing Olympic Agenda 2020, we look forward to continuing to work together on developing an innovative presentation and engagement programme for the Rowing programme at Tokyo 2020.

We would also like to already initiate and progress discussions with a view towards the evolution of the Rowing programme of the 2024 Olympic Games, with a particular focus on Lightweight Rowing, subject to the decision in this regard at the forthcoming IOC Session in Lima.

B) Olympic Strategy

- IOC challenges + Rowing context
 - => long-term Olympic Strategy
 - => Defensive position vs Proactive position
- IOC decision on the 2024 Olympic programme will be in December 2020.
- The coming two years will be dedicated to developing our proposal.
- A series of NF Meetings are scheduled during the 2018 season to continue to get your ideas and opinions.

FISA Extraordinary Congress - Timeline

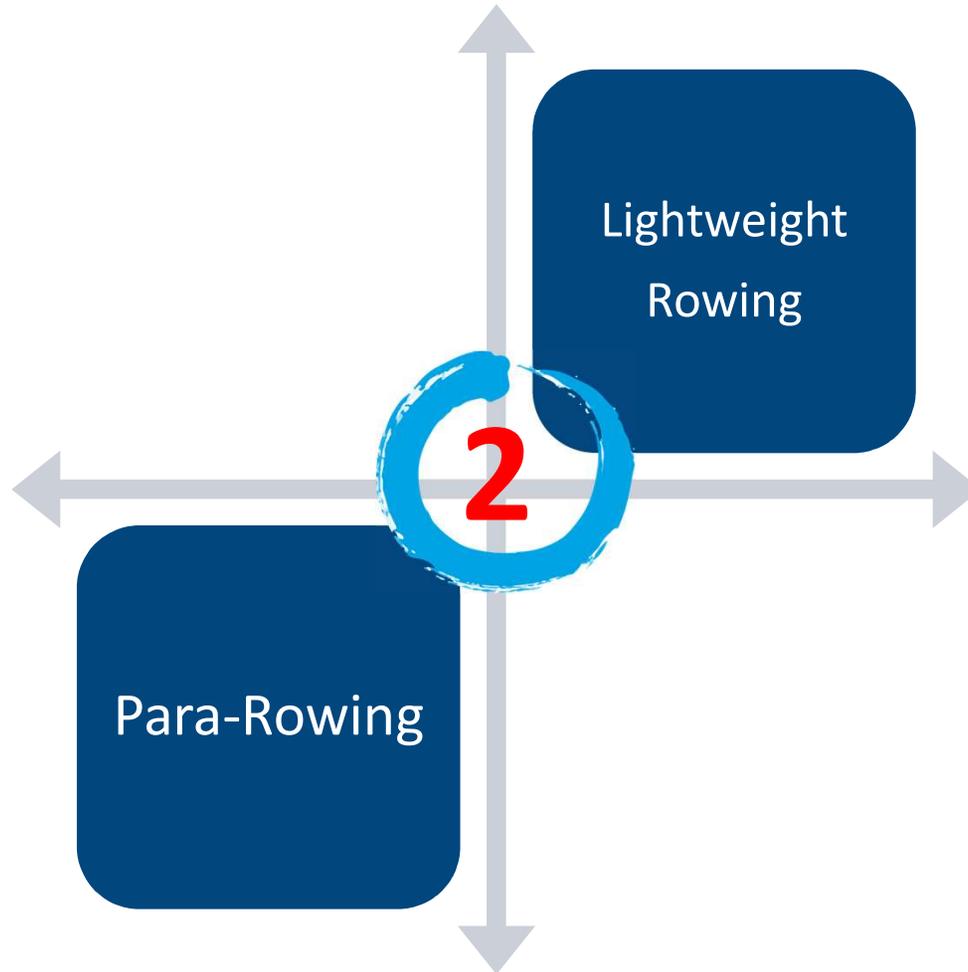


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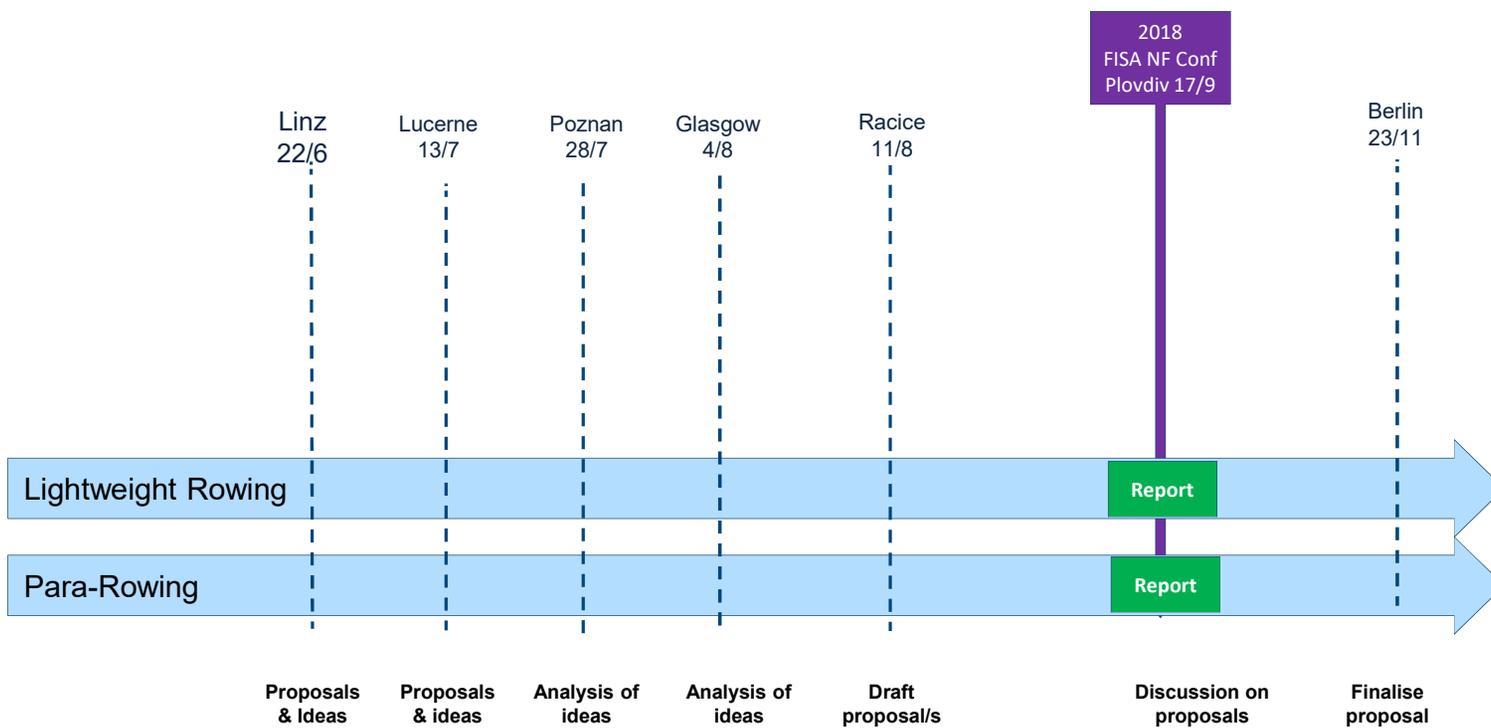
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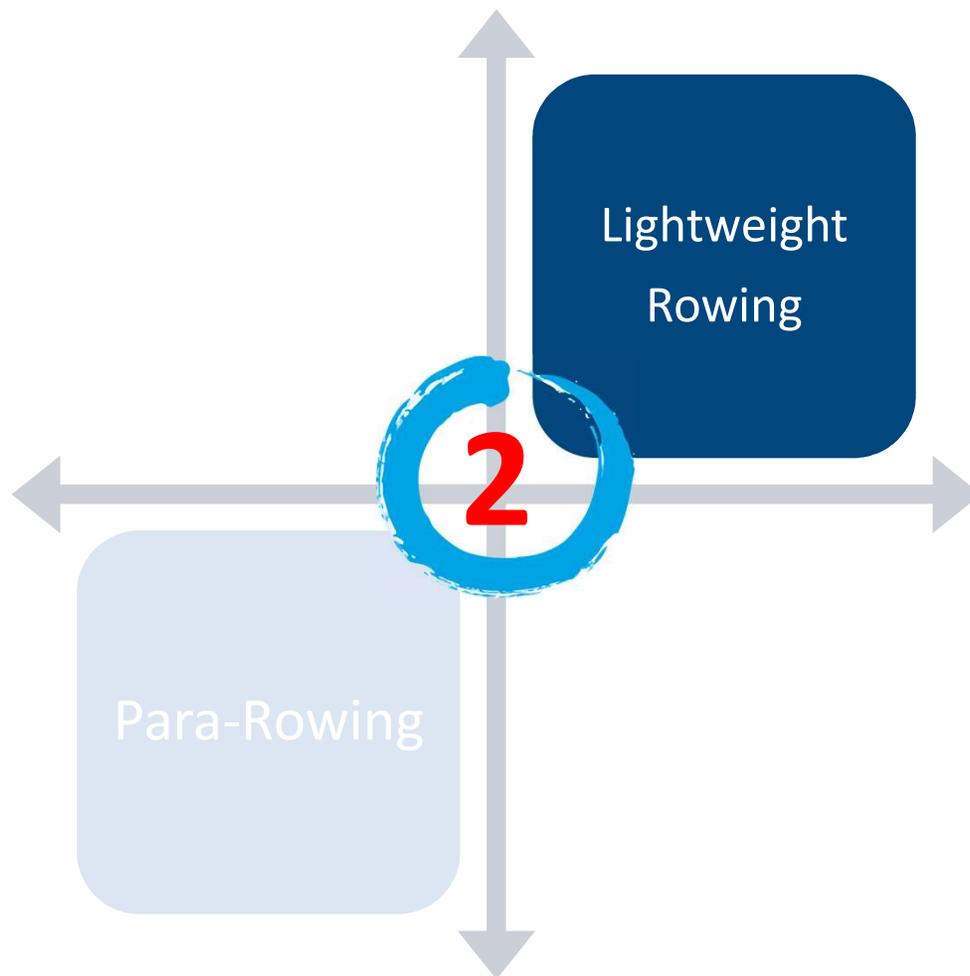
2018 Phase 2 Timeline



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2017 Review projects



Phase 1 (2017): Considerations for 2018 up to 2020

- Why lightweight rowing?
- Lightweight events for the World Championships Event Programme
 - => included the LW2- and BLW2-
 - => removed LM4- and BLM4-
- How lightweight events should be treated within the 2020 OQS
- What research or further analysis is needed?
- Interim report to the FISA Congress on 2 Oct 2017

Lightweight Review Project



Phase 2 (2018) objectives

- To review the value and position of lightweight rowing within the global rowing framework
- To collect and analyse alternative arguments for the inclusion of lightweight events in the Olympic programme

Current Proposals / Ideas

1. Alternative approaches to weight and current weight restrictions

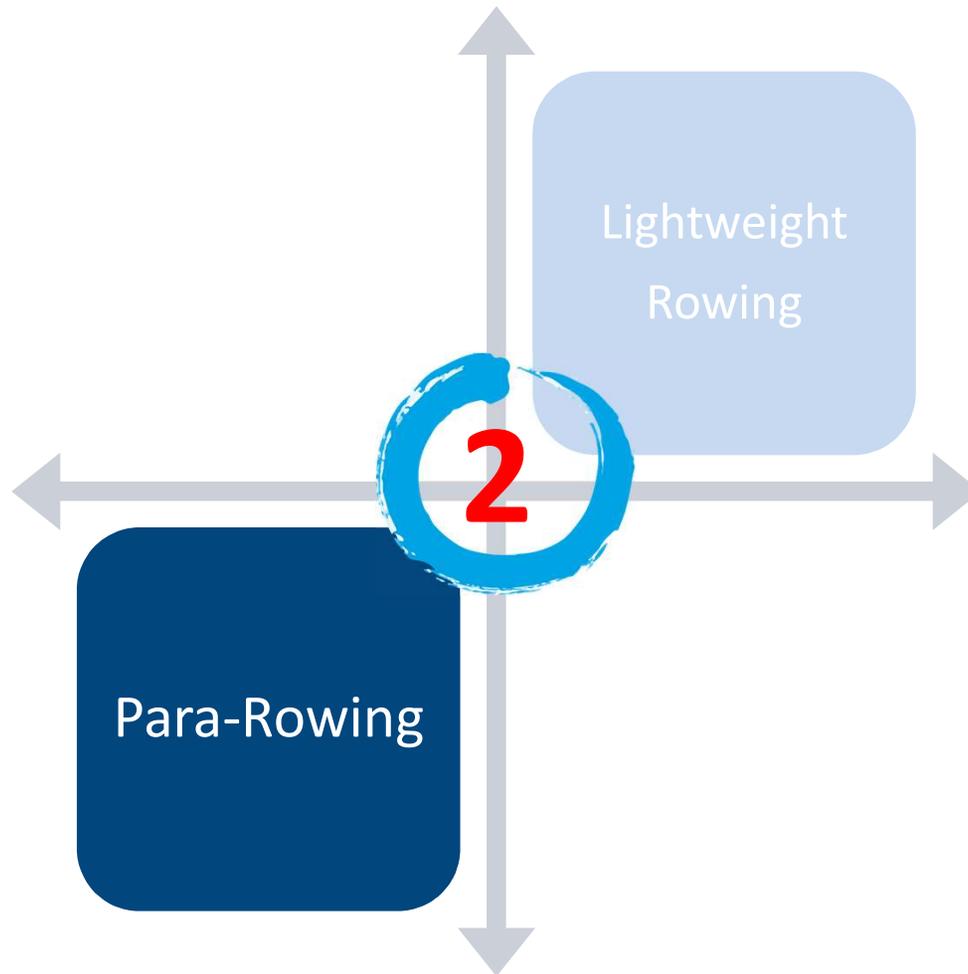
- Reduce current weight limits
- Restrict on height or arm span instead of weight
- Pre-season measuring of athletes to ensure 'true lightweights' and eliminate unsafe weight-loss practices

Current Proposals / Ideas

2. Alternative competition formats and/or equipment that favour athletes of a smaller stature

- Longer distance events which reduce competitive advantage of height and strength
- Restrict or change equipment dimensions
- Add an agility aspect to the course (e.g. slalom)
- Research and develop a completely new style of rowing that (e.g. hydrofoil).

2017 Review projects



Para Rowing Review Project



Phase 1 (2017):

- Para rowing events for the World Championship Programme
=> addition of the PR2 M1x, W1x and PR3 M2- and W2-
- Research initiated on equipment and PR1 – PR2 trunk function.
- De-regulation of strapping
- Para Rowing Conference
- 2020 Paralympic Qualification System

Para Rowing Review Project



Phase 2 (2018) objectives

- Continuation of research projects
- Identify any additional research areas
- A survey on the health impact of the change to the 2000m race distance
- Development of a para rowing strategy for 2021 onwards: to be driven by the Para Rowing Commission with input from external experts

Para Rowing Review Project



Equipment research

- Objective: quantify the influence of the boat and pontoon design on hydrodynamic performance and safety.
- Research partner Wolfson Unit (UK): Marine technology and Industrial aerodynamics consultants
- Next steps: results analysis & follow up with experts

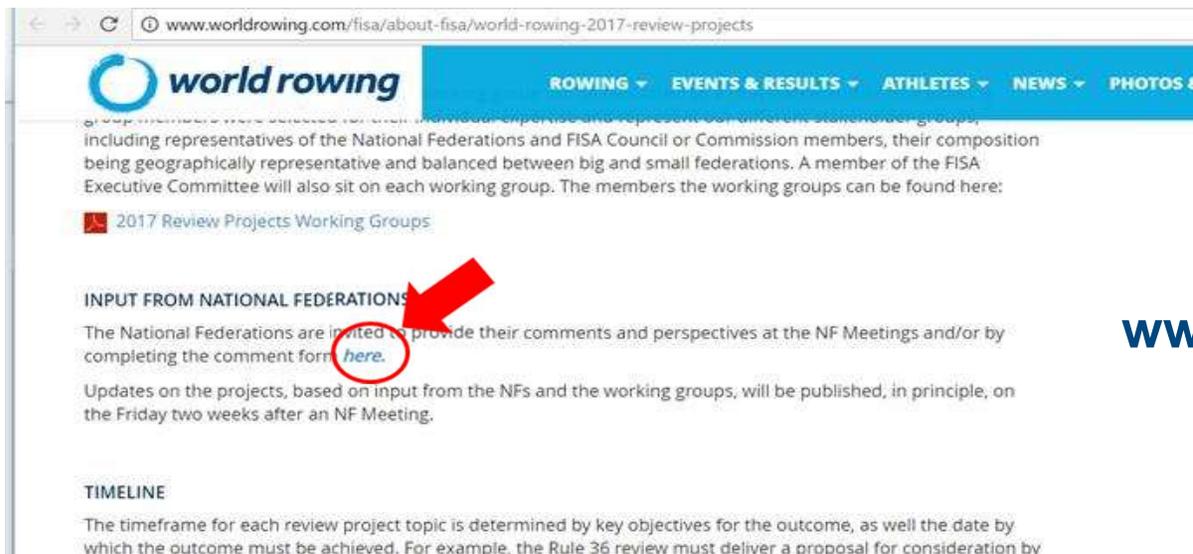
PR1 and PR2 Research

- Assess the validity of the classification system for assigning fixed seat (PR1 and PR2) sport classes.
- Focus on trunk function as it relates to the trunk swing used during on water rowing vs. classification assessment
- 18 athletes tested in Gavirate, May 2018. More needed in Plovdiv!

Review Projects – next steps?



- Send us your new ideas
- Send us your feedback or thoughts on listed ideas



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- Athlete Lane Selection experiment – review and next steps
- Plovdiv World Rowing Championships: no return channel, schedule has been adjusted slightly
- FISA Harassment and Abuse policy: covering harassment and abuse issues, including the safeguarding of athletes – published by the end of 2018

1. PR1 and PR2 Trunk Function Research:

- Further testing at the World Championships in Plovdiv on 6 & 7 September
- 2 x 500m tests at 85% max
- Stipend 50 EUR per athlete
- Email classification@fisa.org to participate

2. Advanced Classification Workshop

- 7 – 8 September in Plovdiv, BUL
- Application deadline 16 July
- Email classification@fisa.org to register

3. Para rowing events in 2019

- Events offered at the first & second World Rowing Cups in 2018, with low entries in both:

EVENT	GAVIRATE	W CUP 1 Belgrade	W CUP 2 Linz
PR1 W1X	7	2	3
PR1 M1X	20	6	12
PR2 W1X	3	0	3
PR2 M1X	11	2	3
PR2 Mix2X	2	2	4
PR3 W2-	2	0	0
PR3 M2-	6	0	4
PR3 Mix2X	4	0	3
PR3 Mix4+	7	0	2

- Offer all events at only one World Cup in 2019? Or two?
- At World Cup 2 (Poznan) and/or World Cup 3 (Rotterdam)?
- Final decision by the FISA Executive Committee on 4 July

NF Meetings 2018:

- Friday, 13 July 2018 in Lucerne, SUI after racing
- Saturday, 28 July 2018 in Poznan, POL at the lunch break
- Saturday, 4 August 2018 in Glasgow, GBR after the European General Assembly
- Saturday, 11 August 2018 in Racice, CZE at the lunch break

NF Conferences 2018:

- Monday, 17 September 2018 in Plovdiv, POL immediately following the Congress
- Friday, 23 November 2018 in Berlin, GER all day



Thank you !