

2017 Article Bye-Law	Marked up with Proposed Amendment - 2018	Explanation
<p>Bye-Law to Article 18 – Recognition of Continental Rowing Confederations (Appendix 3) To be recognised by FISA, a Continental Rowing Confederation shall provide the FISA Council with the following: 4. Written confirmation whether the Continental Olympic Association recognises the confederation as a member and that the Statutes of the confederation are not inconsistent with the principles of the Olympic Charter;</p>	<p>Bye-Law to Article 18 – Recognition of Continental Rowing Confederations (Appendix 3) To be recognised by FISA, a Continental Rowing Confederation shall provide the FISA Council with the following: 4. Written confirmation whether the Continental Olympic Association recognises the confederation as a member <u>the continental federation for rowing</u> and that the Statutes of the confederation are not inconsistent with the principles of the Olympic Charter;</p>	<p>To clarify the wording</p>
<p>Bye-Law to Article 58 – Individual and Written Confirmation of Commitments Rower’s Commitment Form (Appendix 7)</p>	<p>Bye-Law to Article 58 – Individual and Written Confirmation of Commitments <u>If a rower is not able to provide consent for the commitment form by reason of age, physical impairment or mental disorder then it may be necessary for a parent or guardian to provide consent by signing the commitment form on behalf of the rower.</u> Rower’s Commitment Form (Appendix 7)</p>	<p>Required wording from the World Anti-doping Code to remain “code compliant”</p>
<p>Bye-Law to Article 60 – Manipulation of Competition and Betting (Appendix 9) The integrity of sport depends on the outcome of sporting events and competitions. The following conduct shall constitute a violation of Art. 60 of the FISA Statutes (in each case whether effected directly or indirectly): 1.</p>	<p>Bye-Law to Article 60 – Manipulation of Competition and Betting (Appendix 9) The integrity of sport depends on the outcome of sporting events and competitions. The following conduct shall constitute a violation of Art. 60 of the FISA Statutes (in each case whether effected directly or indirectly): 1.....</p>	<p>To eliminate redundancy</p>
<p>Bye-Laws to Rule 32 – Masters The age of a rower in a Masters rowing event shall be that which he reaches during the year of the event. Masters rowing events shall be held in the following crew age categories: A. Minimum age: 27 years B. Average age: 36 years or more C. Average age: 43 years or more D. Average age: 50 years or more E. Average age: 55 years or more F. Average age: 60 years or more G. Average age: 65 years or more H. Average age: 70 years or more I. Average age: 75 years or more J. Average age: 80 years or more K. Average age: 85 years or more</p>	<p>Bye-Laws to Rule 32 – Masters The age of a rower in a Masters rowing event shall be that which he reaches during the year of the event. Masters rowing events shall be held in the following crew age categories: A. Minimum age: 27 years B. Average age: 36 years or more C. Average age: 43 years or more D. Average age: 50 years or more E. Average age: 55 years or more F. Average age: 60 years or more G. Average age: 65 years or more H. Average age: 70 years or more I. Average age: 75 years or more J. Average age: 80 years or more K. Average age: 85-83 years or more <u>L. Average age: 86 years or more</u> <u>M. Average age: 89 years or more</u></p>	<p>From the Masters Rowing Commission to create more categories for rowers over 80 years of age</p>

<p>Age categories do not apply to coxswains of Masters crews. Each rower in a Masters Rowing event shall be responsible for his own health and fitness. (Refer to Rule 99 – Health of Rowers). Every Masters rower must be in a position to prove his age by presentation of an official document (passport or identity card). Refer to Appendix 20 – World Rowing Masters Regatta Regulations.</p>	<p>Age categories do not apply to coxswains of Masters crews. Each rower in a Masters Rowing event shall be responsible for his own health and fitness. (Refer to Rule 99 – Health of Rowers). Every Masters rower must be in a position to prove his age by presentation of an official document (passport or identity card). Refer to Appendix 20 – World Rowing Masters Regatta Regulations.</p>																																																																																																				
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<p>Bye-Laws to Rule 46 – Duties of the Organising Committee</p> <p>Medical Officer – The organising committee shall appoint a person as the regatta Medical Officer with specific responsibility for ensuring that appropriate medical support and facilities are readily accessible to the regatta.</p>	<p>Medical Officer - The organising committee shall appoint a person <u>medical doctor</u> as the regatta Medical officer with specific responsibility for ensuring that appropriate <u>overall</u> medical support and facilities are readily accessible to the regatta. <u>This responsibility shall include -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Provision of the required level of medical services and first aid facilities for all competitors, officials, spectators and other persons attending the event.</u> • <u>Close co-operation with the rescue services on the water and provision of related emergency services support;</u> <p><u>The Medical officer shall work closely with and report to the FISA regatta doctor on arrangements and set up of the medical support and facilities and cooperation with rescue services; First aid and rescue and emergency services must be available during all venue opening times.</u></p>	<p>From the Sports Medicine Commission to provide further clarity</p>
<p>Rule 51 – Rowers’ Clothing and Blade Colours</p> <p>1. International Regattas</p> <p>1.1 Members of the same crew shall compete wearing identical clothing except as allowed under the Bye-Laws. If any members of the crew wear headwear, then the headwear worn by those crew members shall be identical except as allowed under the Bye-Laws.</p> <p>1. 2 The colours and design of the blades of all oars and sculls shall be identical on both sides.</p> <p>1. 3 Coxswains may race wearing additional clothing in the colours of their crew.</p> <p>2. World Rowing Championship regattas</p> <p>2 .1 Members of national crews shall wear the registered racing uniform of their member federation. The blades of all oars and sculls shall be in the registered colours of their federation.</p> <p>2.2 The design and colours of racing uniforms and blades shall be registered with the FISA Executive Committee in accordance with Art. 14 of the Statutes. A request to change the registered design and colours of racing uniforms or blades must be received by the FISA Executive Committee at least three months before the first proposed use in competition.</p> <p>3. The Council may issue further regulations regarding rowers’ clothing at World Rowing Championship and World Rowing Cup regattas in particular, including use of a t-shirt provided by FISA or other FISA sponsor identification as defined in the Bye-Laws to Rule 50.</p>	<p>Rule 51 – Rowers’ Clothing and Blade Colours</p> <p>1. International Regattas</p> <p>1.1 <u>1.1</u> Members of the same crew shall compete wearing identical clothing except as allowed under the Bye-Laws. If any members of the crew wear headwear, then the headwear worn by those crew members shall be identical except as allowed under the Bye-Laws.</p> <p>1. 2 <u>2</u> The colours and design of the blades of all oars and sculls shall be identical on both sides.</p> <p>1. 3 <u>3</u>. Coxswains may race wearing additional clothing in the colours of their crew.</p> <p>2. 4 <u>4.1</u> World Rowing Championship regattas</p> <p>2. 4 <u>4.1</u> Members of national crews shall wear the registered racing uniform of their member federation. The blades of all oars and sculls shall be in the registered colours of their federation.</p> <p>2. 2 <u>4.2</u> The design and colours of racing uniforms and blades shall be registered with the FISA Executive Committee in accordance with Art. 14 of the Statutes. A request to change the registered design and colours of racing uniforms or blades must be received by the FISA Executive Committee at least three months before the first proposed use in competition.</p> <p>3. <u>4.3</u> The Council may issue further regulations regarding rowers’ clothing at World Rowing Championship and World Rowing Cup regattas in particular, including use of a t-shirt provided by FISA or other FISA sponsor identification as defined in the Bye-Laws to Rule 50.</p>	<p>Rule 51 – the original drafting for Rule 51 has been changed by the re-formatting at editing stage.</p> <p>The Rule is now corrected as shown.</p> <p>Existing paras 1.1 – 1.3 apply to <u>both</u> International regattas AND World Championships, etc. Existing paras numbered 2.1 – 2.2 and 3 apply <u>only</u> to World Championships.</p>
<p>Bye-Law to Rule 51 – Rowers’ Clothing and Blade Colours</p>	<p>Bye-Law to Rule 51 – Rowers’ Clothing and Blade Colours</p>	<p>To match the change made to Appendix 11, 2.1.2</p>

<p>At international regattas, within a crew entered as a composite club crew, members of the same club must wear the uniform and identifications of their own club.</p>	<p>At international regattas, <u>members of a composite crew shall either wear an identical uniform and identifications or a crew entered as a composite club crew, members of the same club must each member of the crew shall</u> wear the uniform and identifications of their <u>his</u> own club.</p>	
<p>Bye-Law to Rule 68 – Determining the Lanes (Normal Conditions)</p>	<p>Bye-Law to Rule 68 (additional wording)</p>	
	<p>... At World Rowing Championship, Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic and relevant qualification regattas and World Rowing Cup regattas, if a crew withdraws after the heats and this results in an avoidable imbalance in the next round of racing (eg., Semi-finals CD with 5 and 3 crews), the Executive Committee or its appointed delegate may decide to alter the progression system to balance the number of crews in each race.</p>	<p>To reflect current practice.</p>
<p>... 2. For World Rowing Championship, Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic and relevant qualification regattas and World Rowing Cup regattas, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Fairness Committee consisting of three persons with appropriate experience and ability to take the appropriate measures if the weather has created, is about to create, or is lightly to create unfair or unrowable conditions. The President of the Jury shall implement the decisions of the Fairness Committee.</p>	<p>... 2. For World Rowing Championship, Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic and relevant qualification regattas and World Rowing Cup regattas, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Fairness Committee consisting of three persons with appropriate experience and ability to take the appropriate measures if the weather has created, is about to create, or is lightly <u>likely</u> to create unfair or unrowable conditions. The President of the Jury shall implement the decisions of the Fairness Committee.</p>	<p>To correct an error</p>
<p>Bye-Law to Rule 72 – Yellow and Red Cards</p>	<p>Bye-Law to Rule 72 - Yellow and Red Cards <u>[at the end]</u> <u>If a penalty is applied by a member of the jury, it shall be shown on the race result in the following form:</u> <u>DSQ – Disqualification;</u> <u>EXC – Exclusion;</u> <u>REL – Relegation.</u></p>	<p>The penalty relegation is mentioned. However the abbreviation “REL”, used on result sheets was not mentioned and is now added at the end of the Bye-Law.</p>
<p>Rule 74 – The Starting Procedure The Starter shall inform the crews of their starting positions. He shall start the race when the crews are ready and when the Judge at the Start indicates that the crews are correctly aligned. The Judge at the Start alone shall decide if the boats are correctly aligned and if one or more crews have committed a false start. Should the Judge at the Start deem there to be a false start or the start to be otherwise faulty, the Starter shall stop the race and, if there was a false start, shall award a Yellow Card to the crew or crews which, in the opinion of the Judge at the Start, caused it. A</p>	<p>Rule 74 – The Starting Procedure The Starter shall inform the crews of their starting positions. He shall start the race when the crews are ready and when the Judge at the Start indicates that the crews are correctly aligned. The Judge at the Start alone shall decide if the boats are correctly aligned and <u>or</u> if one or more crews have committed a false start. Should the Judge at the Start deem there to be a false start or the start to be otherwise faulty, the Starter shall stop the race and, if there was a false start, shall award a Yellow Card to the crew or crews which, in the opinion of the Judge at the Start, caused it. A</p>	<p>This is a correction to the Rule.</p>

<p>crew causing two false starts or receiving two Yellow Cards which apply to the same race, for any infringement whatsoever, shall be awarded a Red Card and be excluded from the event.</p>	<p>crew causing two false starts or receiving two Yellow Cards which apply to the same race, for any infringement whatsoever, shall be awarded a Red Card and be excluded from the event.</p>	
<p>Rule 85 – Appeals 1. International Regattas 2. World Rowing Championship, Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic and relevant qualification regattas and World Rowing Cup regattas – An appeal against a decision of the Board of the Jury may only be made by a person whose accepted objection has been overturned by the Board of the Jury or whose protest against the published results was rejected by the Board of the Jury. The protest must be submitted in written form to the Executive Committee on the same day as the decision being appealed. A decision will be given before the next round of the event concerned. If the decision of the Executive Committee on the appeal changes the final result of the event then the official result shall be changed accordingly and, where the medal placings are affected, the medals shall be re-awarded as necessary in accordance with the decision.</p>	<p>Rule 85 – Appeals 1. International Regattas 2. World Rowing Championship, Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic and relevant qualification regattas and World Rowing Cup regattas – An appeal against a decision of the Board of the Jury may only be made by a person whose accepted objection has been overturned by the Board of the Jury or whose protest against the published results was rejected by the Board of the Jury. The protest appeal must be submitted in written form to the Executive Committee on the same day as the decision being appealed. A decision will be given before the next round of the event concerned. If the decision of the Executive Committee on the appeal changes the final result of the event then the official result shall be changed accordingly and, where the medal placings are affected, the medals shall be re-awarded as necessary in accordance with the decision.</p>	<p>This is a correction to the Rule as it was an error.</p>
<p>Rule 91 – President of the Jury The President of the Jury shall allot duties to each member of the Jury and shall supervise their activities. He shall take the chair at meetings of the Jury and ensure proper co-ordination with the organising committee. The President of the Jury shall chair the Board of the Jury under Rule 83.</p>	<p>Rule 91 – President of the Jury The President of the Jury shall allot duties to each member of the Jury and shall supervise their activities. He shall take the chair at meetings of the Jury and ensure proper co-ordination with the organising committee. The President of the Jury shall chair the Board of the Jury under Rule 83 Rule 93.</p>	<p>This is a correction of a typo.</p>
<p>Bye-Laws to Rule 98 – Duties of the Judge at the Finish 3. Position – In order to enable the officials in the finish tower to carry out their duties correctly, they must be seated one behind the other and one above the other along the projection of the finish line. As a general rule, there shall be at least two Judges, one of them the Senior Judge, at the finish.</p>	<p>Bye-Laws to Rule 98 – Duties of the Judge at the Finish 3. Position – In order to enable the officials in the finish tower to carry out their duties correctly, they must be seated one behind the other and one above the other along the projection of the finish line. As a general rule, there shall be at least two Judges, one of them the Senior Judge, at the finish. They shall be positioned so as to enable them to carry out their responsibility to determine the finish order.</p>	<p>To reflect different practices (f.i. international regatta vs. world events regattas).</p>