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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
National Rowing Magazines
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Circular No. 2 of 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. Decisions from the January 2018 FISA Council Meeting

At its recent meeting in London, the FISA Council made the following decisions:

- a. Event attributions:
 - The **2018 World Rowing Coastal Championship** regatta was attributed to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The event will take place in October 2018 (date to be provided shortly).
 - The **second World Rowing Cup regatta of 2020** was attributed to Varese, Italy. The event will take place from 1 to 3 May 2020. Varese will also host the European Continental Olympic Qualification Regatta that will take place 27 to 29 April 2020.

b. Changes to Bye-Laws and Regulations

A number of changes were made to the Bye-Laws of the Statutes and Rules of Racing as well as Regulations. Please read them carefully. The changes take effect immediately and are found in marked-up format at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/rule-book>

The replacement pages for the Rule Book will be prepared and sent in the coming weeks as well as available at the World Rowing Merchandising stand at events.



2. 2018 World Rowing and European Rowing Event Juries

The Event Juries for the above-mentioned events are available on the website in the circular section. Logistical details related to the participation of these international umpires at these events will follow and be sent directly to the selected umpires. No flight bookings should be made until the jury member is contacted by FISA. The names of the selected jury members can be found here:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/umpiring>

3. 2018 Provisional World Rowing Event Programmes

Following consultations with organising committees and television broadcasters, the 2018 Provisional World Rowing Event Programmes are now available for comments or suggestions until 28 February 2018. The heats, repêchage and semi-final schedules are all, of course, subject to entries whereas the times of the finals are confirmed for the following events:

1. World Rowing Cup I, Belgrade (SRB)
2. World Rowing Cup 2, Linz/Ottensheim (AUT)
3. World Rowing Cup 3, Lucerne (SUI)
4. World Rowing Under 23 Championships Poznan (POL)
5. World Rowing Junior Championships, Racice (CZE)
6. European Rowing Championships, Glasgow (GBR)
7. World Rowing Championships, Plovdiv (BUL)

These regatta programmes can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/fisa-circulars>

4. 2018 World Rowing Events Information Bulletins

The 2018 Event Bulletins are nearly completed and will soon be available at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/2018-event-bulletins>

Please refer to the Bulletins for all information on entries and scheduling.

5. 2018 Seminars and Exams for International Umpires

The FISA Umpiring Commission will be conducting a number of seminars and examinations during the year 2018. This listing is available on the Umpiring Noticeboard at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/umpiring>

Any Member Federation wishing to submit candidates for the examinations or the names of umpires who wish to attend a seminar are invited to advise FISA Headquarters (info@fisa.org) no later than **one month before the date of the seminar or exam**. The exact location of the meetings will be available at the regatta venues.

6. 2018 World University Rowing Championships

Please be reminded that the General Entry deadline (intention of participation) for the 2018 FISU World University Rowing Championships to be held in Shanghai, China from 10 to 12 August 2018 closes at the end of February. All registrations must go through your respective National University Sport Federation and NFs are encouraged to contact them to confirm their intentions.

7. FISA Strategic Events Attribution Process

FISA is pleased to announce the launch of its “Strategic Events Attribution Process” for the period 2021 to 2024.

A large number of regatta venues have benefited from significant investment from local, regional and national governments to bring them to a standard suitable for hosting international competitions. To support a long-term return on investment in these facilities as well as long term support for our sport, the World Rowing Federation, FISA, has adopted a new approach to the manner in which its events are attributed. This approach will allow interested parties to indicate all of the FISA-owned events that they believe would support their long-term events strategy. A detailed description of the procedure and timeline is found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/events/events-bidding>

The deadline for initial expressions of interest in hosting events is 31 July 2017.

8. Long term planning calendar – 2017 to 2020

The 2017 to 2000 FISA Long Term Planning Calendar is now online at

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/>

9. 2018 World Rowing Conferences Schedule

Please note the dates for the following conferences taking place in November 2018:

- 2018 World Rowing Medicine, Science and Coaches Conference from 21 to 23 November 2018
- 2018 National Federations Conference on 23 November 2018
- 2018 FISA Joint Commissions Meeting from 24 to 25 November 2018
- 2018 World Rowing Awards Dinner on 23 November 2018

All these events will take place in Berlin, Germany. Details will follow on registration.

10. Para Rowing Updates

a. New pre-classification document submission system

Athletes seeking an international classification must first be pre-classified in order to determine eligibility and the sport class. Athletes that need to be pre-classified are required to submit FISA medical diagnostic forms and additional medical documents to FISA for evaluation. Previously this has been done via email, but from now on the documents must be directly uploaded to the new FISA Online Classification Portal. The Online Portal indicates the required documents that must be provided to be pre-classified for an impairment. Note that the Chief Classifier will only be notified to perform the pre-classification once all the required forms have been uploaded. The Portal also serves as a secure environment to store the athletes' medical data.

Access to the Portal is restricted to the FISA member federations. Instructions have been sent to the federations on how to use this new system. If these have not reached the federation yet, please contact FISA: databases@fisa.org

b. Classification Eligibility Guide

FISA has created a new online tool to help potential para athletes determine their eligibility for para rowing and to give an indication of what sport class they may be eligible for. The online tool is available here: [Classification Eligibility Guide](#)

Please be advised that the tool provides an indication only. The actual sport class can only be determined after pre-classification and consequently international classification by a FISA panel before an event.

For any questions regarding classification please contact: classification@fisa.org

11. Member Federation Details

We kindly ask that each Member Federation check their details presented on the website and inform us of any incorrect information. Please refer to this section of the website: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/national-federations/>

12. Training Camps in Naganuma, Japan, pre-Tokyo2020

Tome City, Naganuma in Miyagi Prefecture is now inviting Olympic rowing teams to prepare for the 2020 Games as their new club house is about to be completed. This rowing course was the alternative venue for the 2020 Games. Please find an informational brochure at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/fisa-circulars>

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Attachments