

Coaches Conference and National Federations Conference 2

“FISA Update Session”

London, Great Britain

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FISA UPDATE

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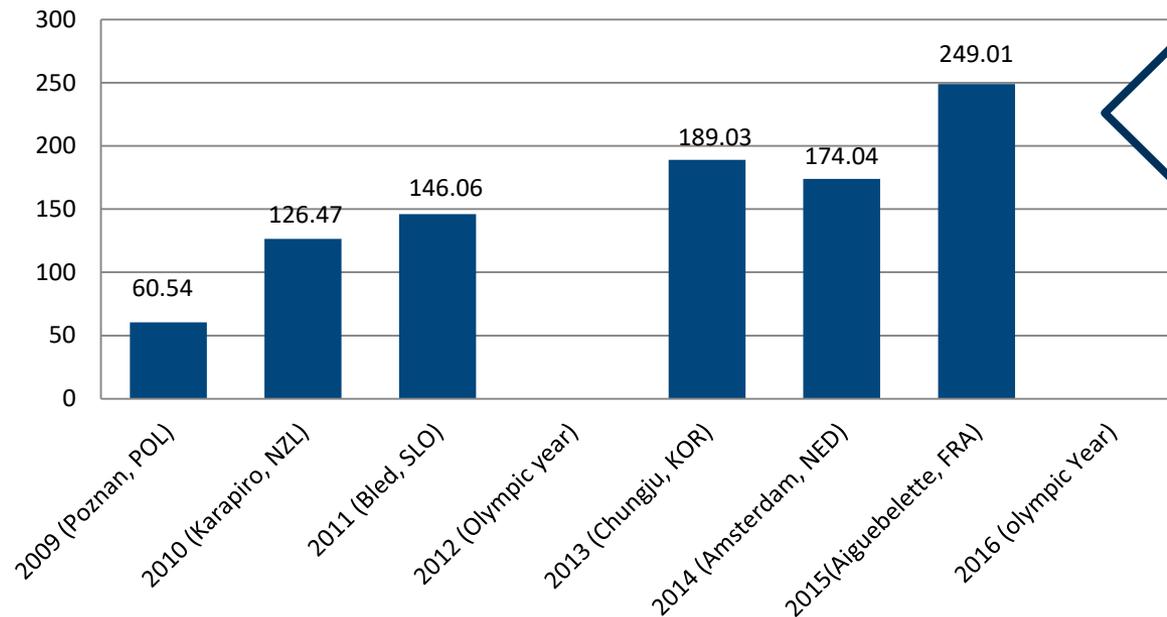
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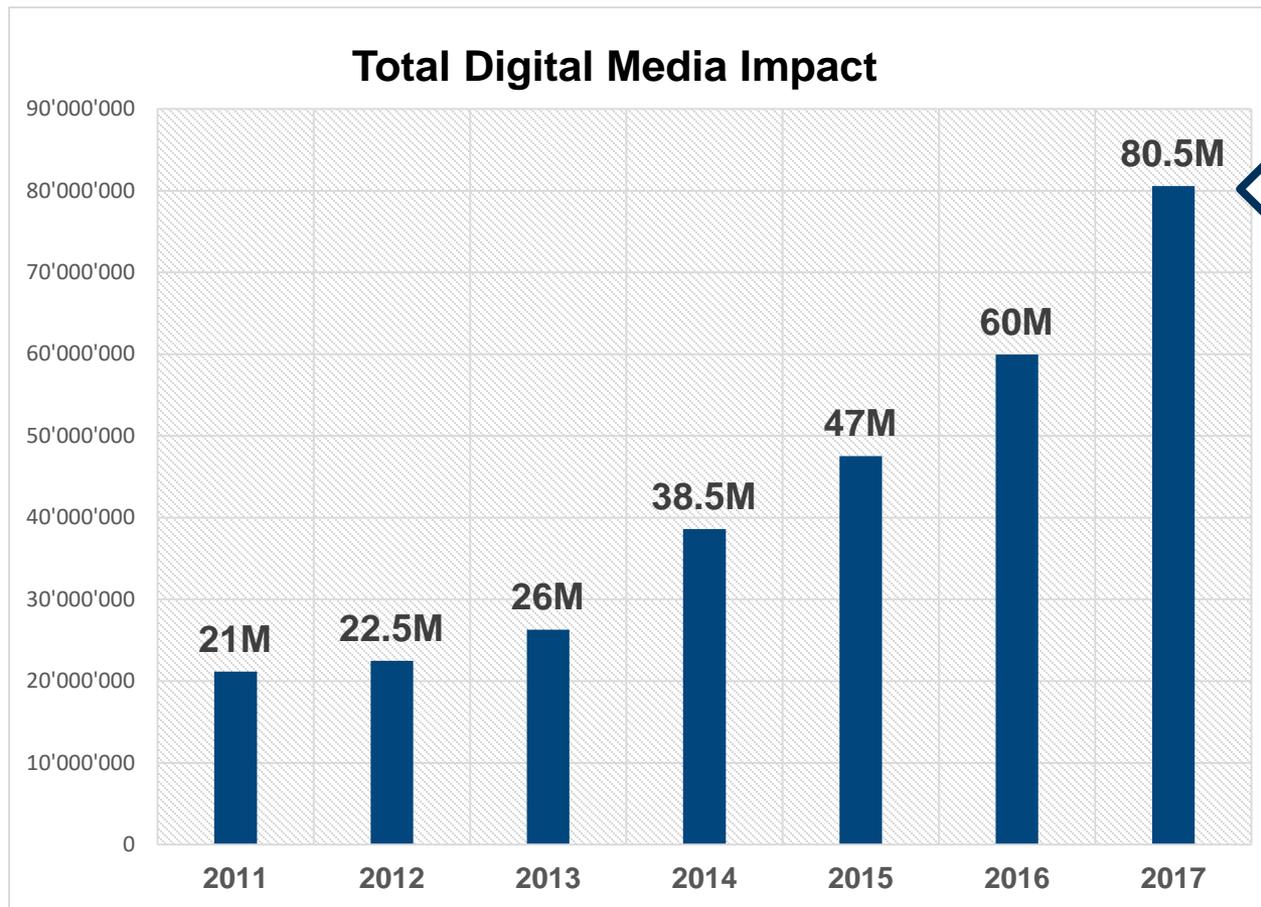
**World Championships Total TV coverage (hh:mm)
2009-2016**



2017
Sarasota-Bradenton
225 hours

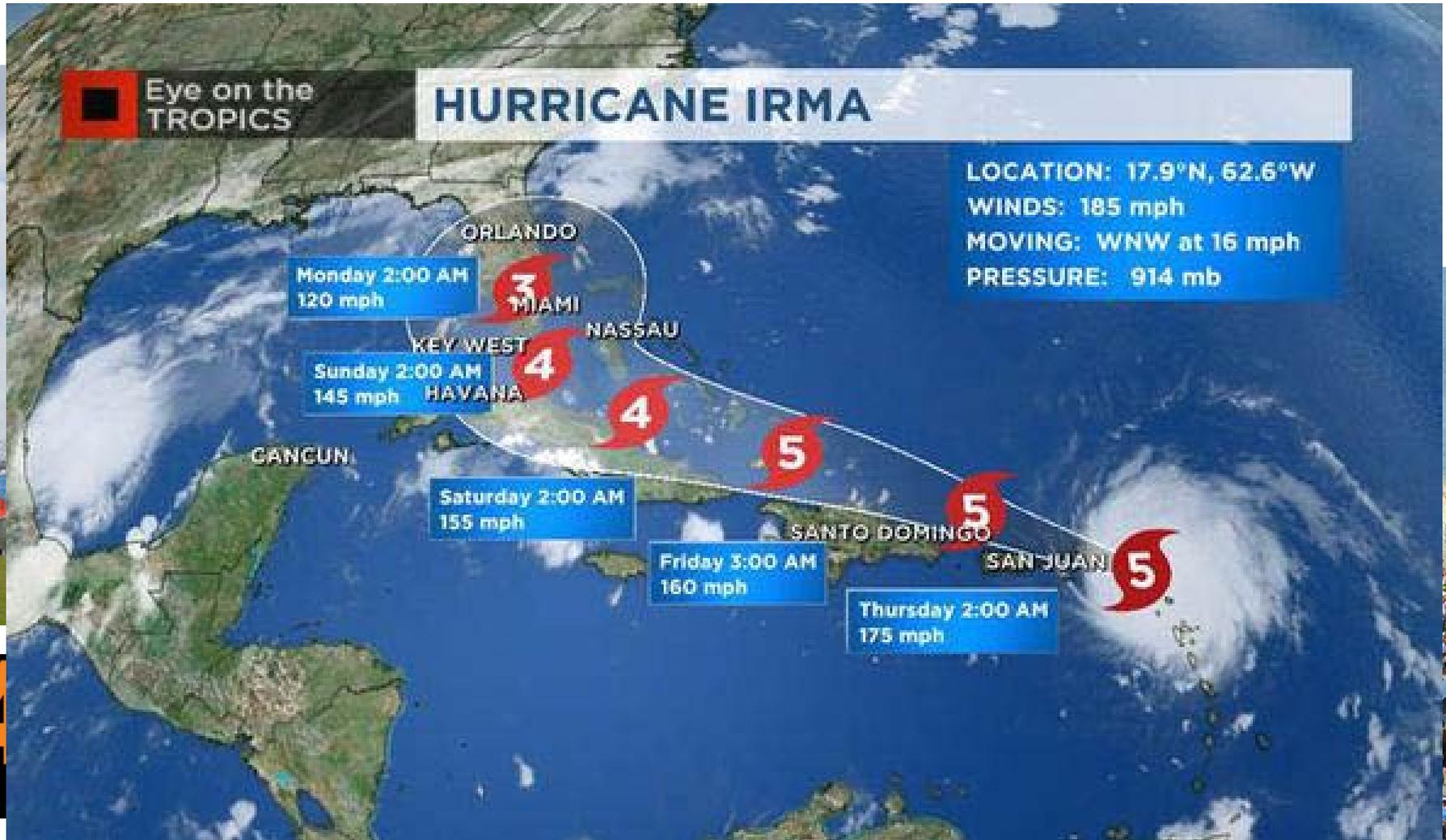
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a. 2017 Season KPI Highlights



2017
80.5 Million

2017 World Rowing Championships Sarasota-Bradenton





Economic Impact during World Rowing Championships



Total Economic Impact in Florida

\$22,613,500

When including indirect and induced effects¹ of direct spending, the total economic impact in Florida by attendees² before, during, and after the 2017 World Rowing Championships was **\$22,613,500³**.

¹Attendees who live outside Sarasota-Manatee counties.

²Induced effects are increased business spending resulting from tourism dollars. Indirect effects are increased household spending resulting from tourism dollars.

³For accommodations, restaurants, groceries, transportation, attractions, entertainment, shopping, and “other” expenses.



Paid Room Nights generated in the Sarasota area during World Rowing Championships

25,491 room nights

Attendees spent **25,491** nights in Sarasota-Manatee counties hotels, motels, etc., while attending the 2017 World Rowing Championships.

Out-of-County Visitors

6,544

There were **6,544** individuals from outside Sarasota-Manatee counties who attended the 2017 World Rowing Championships.

¹Total attendance estimate by FISA of 41,996 was used for this report and directly affects economic impact. This total attendance figure does not reflect the number of unique attendees (i.e., many attendees visited the World Rowing Championships on multiple days).

2017 World Rowing Championships

✓ Thank you!

- The Counties of Sarasota and Manatee
- The State of Florida
- The government of the United States
- The Benderson Company...
- The Organising Committee
- All the volunteers!

A Guide to
Living with

Alligators



✓ Special Thanks to!



Meredith Scerba

Randy Benderson



Paul Blackketter





1. Events

a. 2018 Season Calendar



2018 “World Rowing” International Calendar

13-20 May	World Rowing Tour – Costa Brava, ESP
1-3 June	World Rowing Cup I – Belgrade, SRB.
22-24 June	World Rowing Cup II – Linz-Ottensheim, AUT.
13-15 July	World Rowing Cup III – Lucerne, SUI.
25-29 July	World Rowing Under 23 Championships – Poznan, POL.
8-12 August	World Rowing Junior Championships – Racice, CZE.
9-16 Sept	World Rowing Championships – Plovdiv, BUL.
26-30 Sept	World Rowing Masters Regatta – Sarasota- Bradenton, USA.
TBD	World Rowing Coastal Championships - TBD
7-11 Oct	Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires, ARG



17-18 February 2018

First “World Rowing Indoor Championships”

Alexandria, VA, USA





1. Events

c. Olympic and Paralympic Games Updates



Strategic Event Attribution Process

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.

While FISA will endeavor to accommodate all requests as far as possible, providing the minimum technical, financial and commercial criteria are met, it is expected that certain events may attract more than one interested party. In such cases, solutions acceptable to all parties will be sought, but if none are found, the event will be attributed via a competitive bid process.

Strategic Event Attribution Process

Expression of interest

December 2017 - 31 July 2018

Interested national federations, organising committees and government authorities inform FISA of their event objectives for the period 2021-2028 and indicate the events they are interested in hosting for the 2021-2024 period. Indications of interest in events from 2025 to 2028 may also be provided. A video conference or meeting in Lausanne may be requested to discuss an expression of interest in more detail.

Preliminary allocation and reassignment of events

1 Aug 2018 - 31 Oct 2018

FISA reverts to interested parties with suggestions for alternative events where they have indicated interest in an event in which more than one organisation is interested.

Bid preparation period

*1 Nov 2018 to 30 Apr 2019**

Distribution of bid documentation and preparation of preliminary bid dossiers, including bid questionnaires and bid budgets. Site visits would be conducted to those venues that have not hosted a World Rowing event in the past four years.

Final bid submission

*1 May to 30 Jun 2019**

Finalisation and submission of final bid dossiers, including guarantees and accommodation offers. Bid presentations may be required depending on the event.

Attribution

*2 Sep 2019**

Attribution of the events by the FISA Congress or FISA Council, depending on the event.

Strategic Event Attribution Process

Event	Events available for attribution in 2019 (Indicate interest in an event by inserting 1, 2 or 3 depending on the priority / preference)				Events available for future attribution (Indicate interest in an event by inserting 1, 2 or 3 depending on the priority / preference)			
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
World Rowing Championships								
World Rowing U23 Championships								
World Rowing Junior Championships								
World Rowing Senior, U23 & Junior Championships								
World Rowing Cup I								
World Rowing Cup II								
World Rowing Cup III								
World Rowing Masters Regatta								
World Rowing Coastal Championships								
European Rowing Championships*								
European Rowing U23 Championships*								
European Rowing Junior Championships*								

* European Venues only

FISA Policy on natural World Heritage Sites



- WWF campaign to strengthen the protection of natural World Heritage sites.
- UNESCO-designated natural World Heritage sites include the most outstanding culturally or scientifically valuable places known to man - 206 sites in 96 countries
- Sport and sporting events can (and do) impact negatively on certain sites, through e.g.:
 - Building installations that encroach on protected areas
 - Roads that sever migratory routes
 - Pollution e.g. noise, light, water

FISA Policy on natural World Heritage Sites



- Rowing to take a strong position and demonstrate leadership in the sports world
- We have made a pledge to UNESCO to “respect and safeguard the Outstanding Universal Value of natural World Heritage sites”
- World Rowing policy on natural/mixed World Heritage sites
- Reviewed and enhanced our FISA Manual for Events, Sustainability Guidelines and bidding requirements for World Rowing events
- Initial audit of our event venues – all clear (Trakai, Lucerne and Varese are notable but not problematic)

What can National Federations do?

- Check your rowing venues for proximity to a natural or mixed World Heritage site (more information at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/about/>)
- Adopt the FISA policy for your own rowing venues and events
- Demonstrate leadership to other sports in your country

Contact our Sport Director Colleen Orsmond (colleen.orsmond@fisa.org) for more information.



1. Events

c. Olympic and Paralympics Update

Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games





Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games Issues

- Test Event is confirmed for 2019 (thank you to JARA!)**
- Schedule conflict with Cross Country Equestrian**
- Tokyo Olympic Qualification System (near final draft)**
- Tokyo Paralympic Qualification System (draft)**



Heritage Zone

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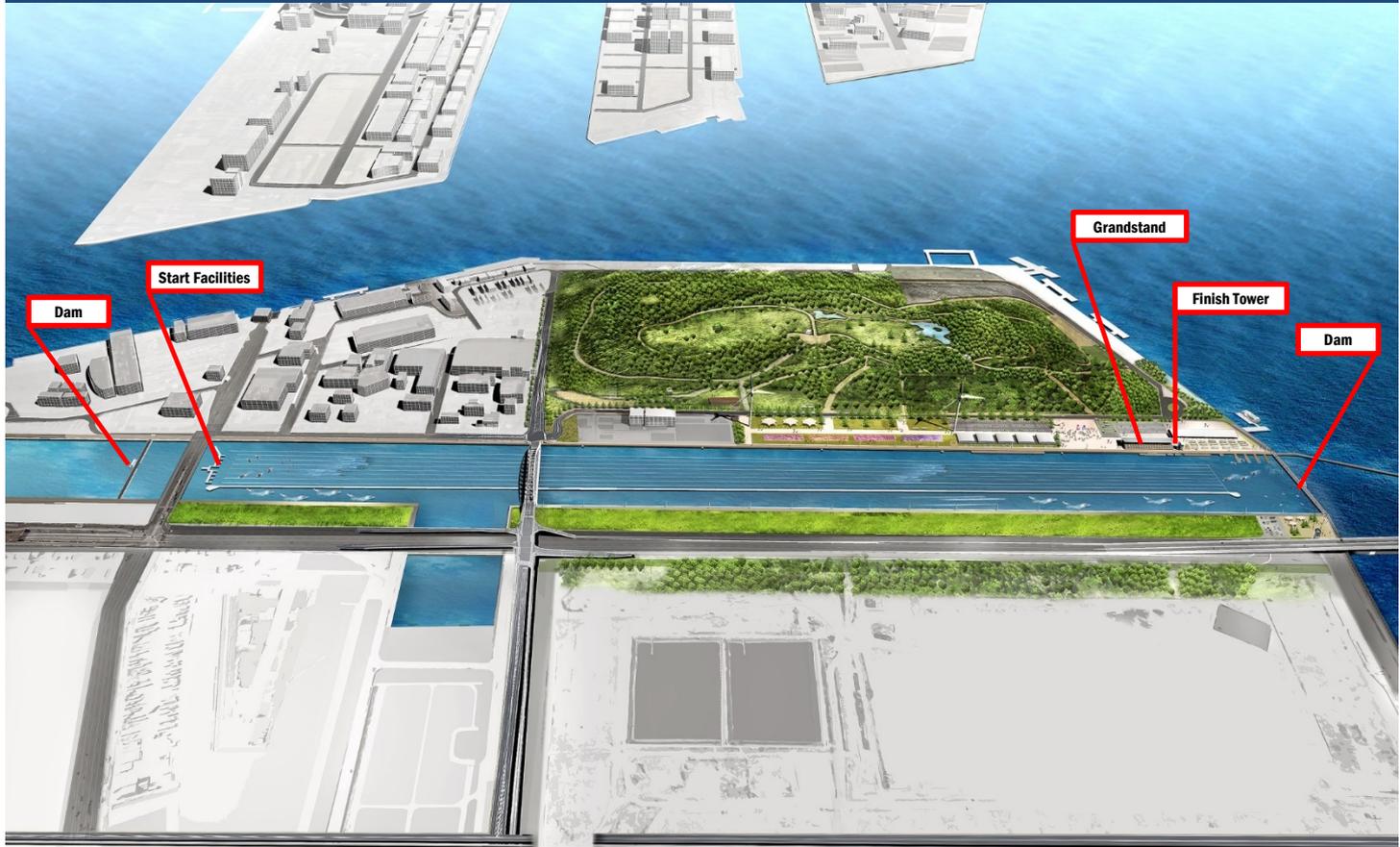
IBC/MPC

Tokyo Bay Zone

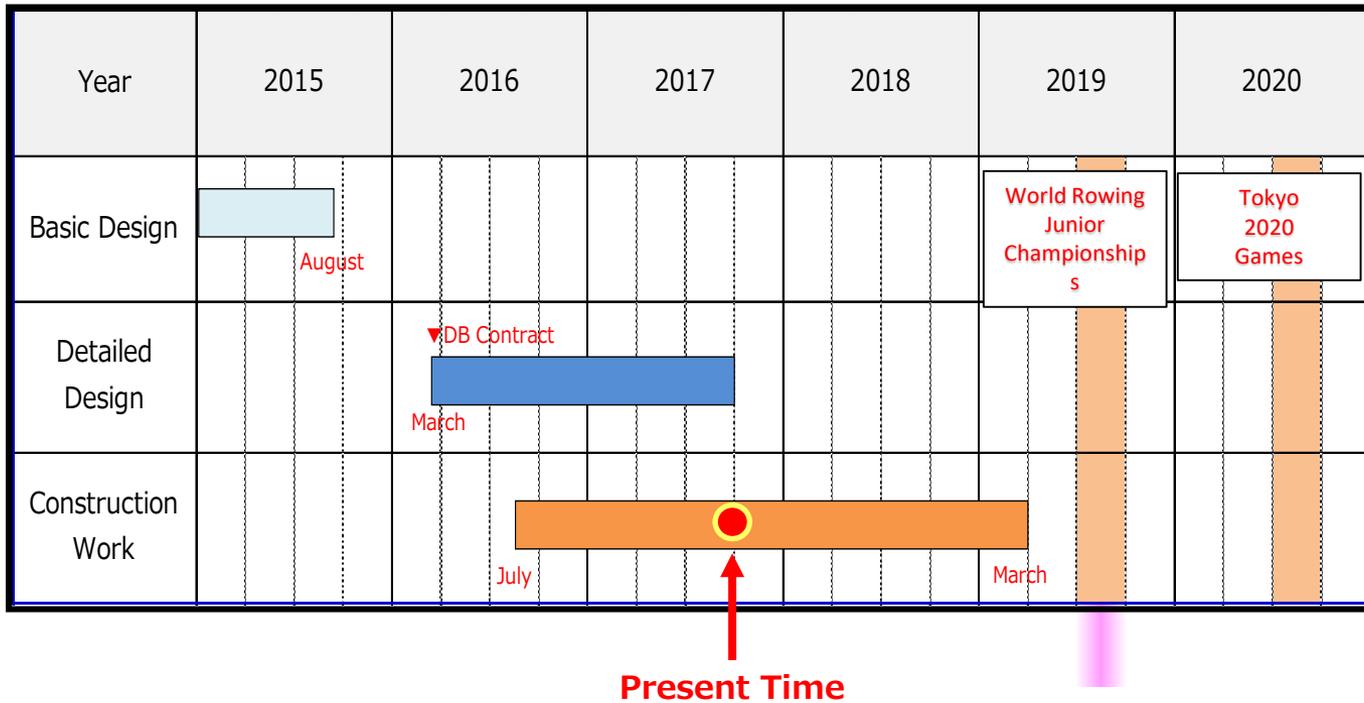
Sea Forest Waterway		
Sports		
(O) Rowing	(P) Rowing	
(O) Canoe(sprint)	(P) Conoe	
Station		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tokyo Teleport Sta.(Rinkai Line) 6km • Shin-Kiba Sta.(JR Line, Rinkai Line, Subway Line) 10km 		
Distance from Olympic Village		
9km,15min by car		
Schedule		
(O)Rowing	25,July	1,August
(O)Canoe(sprint)	3,August	8,August
(P)Rowing	27,August	
29,August		
(P)Conoe	2,September	5,September



Sea Forest Waterway



Schedule of Construction



Test Event in 2019

Event	World Rowing Junior Championships
Venue	Sea Forest Waterway, Tokyo
Race	7 – 11 August 2019
Official Training	4 – 6 August 2019

Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games



2020 OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

2020 Olympic Qualification System nearly final draft sent to NFs



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

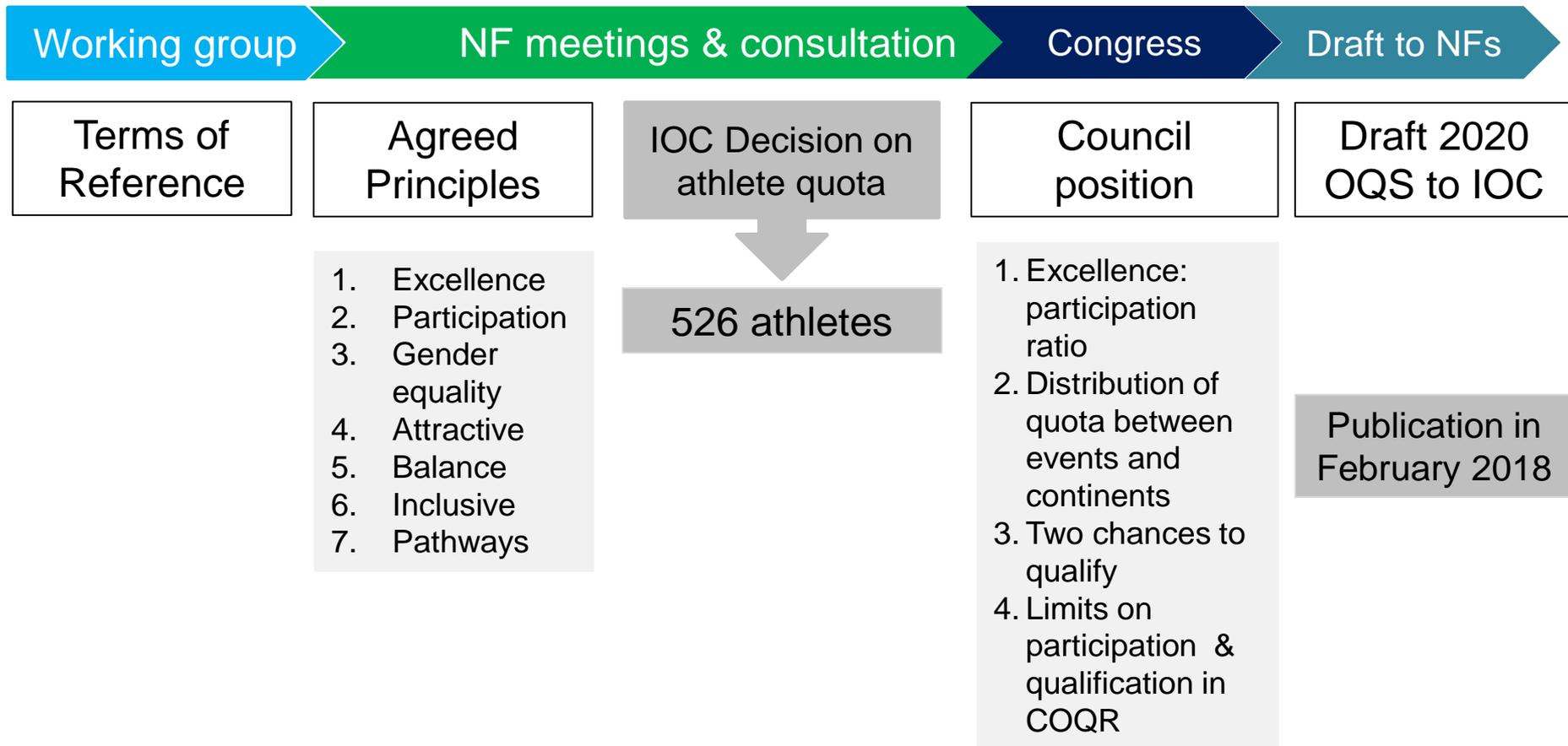
World Rowing Federation

Rowing

A. EVENTS (14)

Men's Events (7)	Women's Events (7)
Single Sculls (1x)	Single Sculls (1x)
Pair (2-)	Pair (2-)
Double Sculls (2x)	Double Sculls (2x)
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2017 Review Project - Process



2020 Olympic Qualification System



	World Champs	Asia/Oceania (+AUS, NZL)	Africa	Americas (+CAN, USA)	European	Host Nation Places	Tripartite Places	Final OQR	Total Boats	Total Rowers
Men										
M1x	9	5	5	5	3	1	2	2	32	32
M2-	11							2	13	26
M2x	11							2	13	26
M4-	8							2	10	40
M4x	8							2	10	40
M8+	5							2	7	63
Men LWT										
LM2x	7	3	1	3	2			2	18	36
Total Men Boats	59	8	6	8	5	1	2	14	103	263
Women										
W1x	9	5	5	5	3	1	2	2	32	32
W2-	11							2	13	26
W2x	11							2	13	26
W4-	8							2	10	40
W4x	8							2	10	40
W8+	5							2	7	63
Women LWT										
LW2x	7	3	1	3	2			2	18	36
Total Women Boats	59	8	6	8	5	1	2	14	103	263
TOTAL									206	526
Excellence									146	448
Participation									60	78

	Boat		Rower	
Excellence	71%	146	448	85%
Participation	29%	60	78	15%

Significant changes from 2016:

- Gender equal programme (LM4- out, W4- in)
- Overall reduction in quota from 550 to 526
- Fewer qualification places in the M4- (13 → 10), W2- (15 → 13) and LM2x, LW2x (20 → 18)
- More qualification places in the W4x (7 → 10), W4- (10)
- At least two chances to qualify - Final Olympic Qualification Regatta open to all
- Continental Qualification open only to NFs qualifying one or no boats at 2019 World Championships
- At Continental Qualification Regatta, NFs may qualify one boat only, unless 2 or more winners, in which case may qualify 2 boats (any gender)

2020 PARALYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Paralympic Programme Decision

Rio 2016 Paralympic Games had 4,350 athletes and 528 medal events. For Tokyo 2020, International Federations requested 4,979 athletes and 27 more medal events (555 in total).

IPC Governing Board confirmed 4,400 athletes in 537 medal events.

The Rowing quota of events and athletes remains unchanged:

- 4 events: PR1 M1X, PR1 W1x, PR2 Mix 2X, PR3 Mix 4+
- 96 athletes – 48 men, 48 women

Principles of the Qualification System

- Based on similar principles to the 2020 Olympic Qualification System
- **The total number of NPCs participating in para rowing is a key performance indicator for the IPC (Beijing and London – 23, Rio – 25)**
- The 2020 Paralympic Qualification System introduces **Continental Qualification Regattas** as a means to develop para rowing in the continents by:
 - Offering national federations with young or under developed para rowing programmes the opportunity to qualify through their continent
 - To encouraging the development of new para rowing programmes

What has changed from 2016?

	2019 World Champs	Asia/Oceania	Africa	Americas	Europe	Bipartite Places	Final OQR	Total Boats
Event								
PR1 M1x	7	1	1	1	1	0	1	12
PR1 W1X	7	1	1	1	1	0	1	12
PR2 Mix2X	8	0	0	0	0	2	2	12
PR3 Mix 4+	8	0	0	0	0	2	2	12
TOTAL								48

- Continental Qualification Regattas only for NFs that do not qualify **any** boats at the 2019 World Rowing Championships
- NFs may only qualify **one** boat at the Continental Qualification Regatta
- Host nation places not obligatory (included in Bipartite quota)

Qualification System Next Steps

1. Feedback from National Federations until **22 December 2017**
2. Submit proposal for the Paralympic Qualification System to the IPC by **8 January 2018**
3. IPC publication in Jan/Feb 2018
4. Engagement with the Continental Federations / Associations to discuss training camps and the Continental Qualification Regattas



Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games



Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games



Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games



Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games



Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Image To Be Updated with New Scheme





2. Governance

c. Anti-Doping



Situation with Russia - IOC and FISA

Situation with Russia - IOC



International Olympic Committee Press Release

[View this press release online](#)

December 5, 2017

IOC suspends Russian NOC and creates a path for clean individual athletes to compete in PyeongChang 2018 under the Olympic Flag

The IOC Executive Board today studied and discussed the findings of the Commission led by the former President of Switzerland, Samuel Schmid, addressing the systematic manipulation of the anti-doping system in Russia. This report also addresses in particular the manipulation at the anti-doping laboratory at the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014 which targeted the Olympic Games directly. Over 17 months of extensive work, the Schmid Commission gathered evidence and information and held hearings with all the main actors. Due process, to which every individual and every organisation is entitled, was followed. This opportunity was not available to the IOC prior to the Olympic Games Rio 2016.

Decision of the FISA Executive Committee regarding the Russian Rowing Federation – Step 1

Under Article 52.3 of the FISA Statutes, and in light of the information in the McLaren reports, the FISA Executive Committee has the authority and responsibility to take action to protect the integrity of the sport. It has therefore decided to take the following steps to protect the integrity of the sport concerning Russian rowers and the Russian Rowing Federation (RRF):

1. The RRF will be required by 1 March 2017 to provide a list to FISA of all rowers who will potentially race in international competition during 2017 and, in particular, in the World Rowing Championships, World Rowing Under 23 Championships, World Rowing Junior Championships and European Rowing Championships.
2. The list shall include all anti-doping tests and results that have been carried out on these rowers since 1 January 2013 including the name of the anti-doping agency and the laboratory at which the analysis of the samples took place. FISA will then review this list and determine the appropriate next steps consisting notably in a specific programme of anti-doping testing to ensure a level playing field in terms of anti-doping including, as appropriate, the implementation of its targeted testing powers in relation to rowers on the list.
3. Any rower whose name is not on the list provided by the RRF under 1 above, or whose previous testing history and subsequent testing results are not considered satisfactory by the FISA Executive Committee, will not be permitted to race in the events concerned in 2017.

Situation with Russia - FISA

- 1. Submitted all names for eligibility in 2017**
- 2. RRF Paid Euros 50'000 to FISA for increased testing in 2017**
- 3. FISA and WADA conducted 414 tests on Russian Rowers in 2017**
- 4. RUSADA is still non-compliant - 2018?**



2. Governance

c. Anti-Doping



Situation with Independent Testing Authority (ITA) and FISA

Situation with ITA

WADA agree to establish Independent Testing Authority

By [Liam Morgan](#) at the Marriott Château Champlain in Montréal

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An Independent Testing Authority (ITA) will be established and could be in operation before next year's Winter Olympic Games after the proposal was rubber-stamped at the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Foundation Board meeting here today.

Steering Group chairperson Valérie Fourneyron, the former French Sports Minister, confirmed that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) would fund the ITA.

The new group will be comprised of five members - an independent President, a representative from the IOC, a member of an International Federation (IFs), an athlete and an independent and neutral expert.

WADA would appoint a Selection Committee to decide who sits on the ITA.

Fourneyron, who presented her recommendations to the 38-member ruling body at the meeting, also said the ITA would "absorb the structure" of the Global Association of International Sports Federations' (GAISF) Doping-Free Sports Unit (DFSU).

Adherence to the new body, first mooted by the IOC at the Olympic Summit in 2015, would be voluntary and not compulsory, Fourneyron added.

What is the ITA



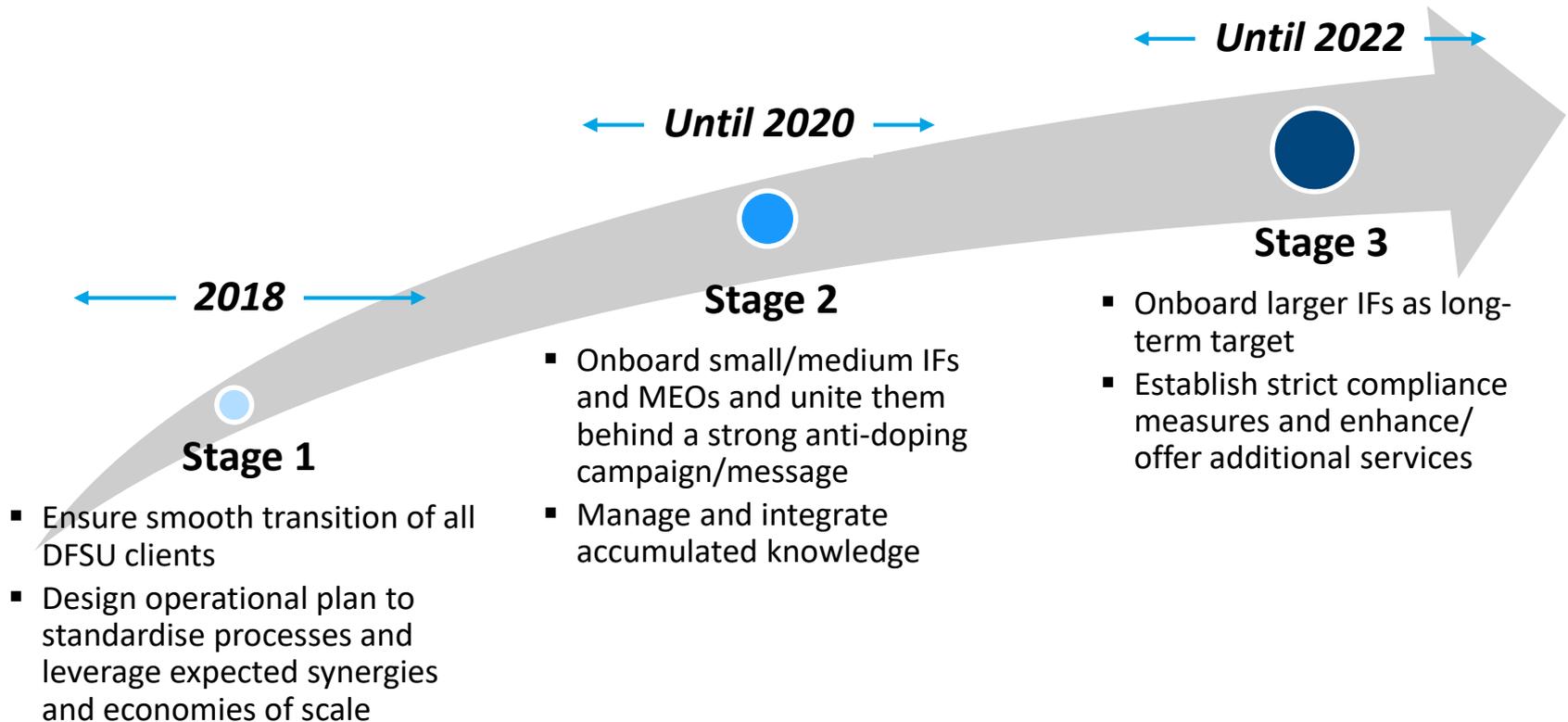
Background

- ITA will be an independent foundation that will provide doping control services to IFs and MEOs
- The establishment of the ITA was called by the Olympic Summit
- The ITA will make testing independent from IFs/sports organisations and strengthen the global anti-doping system

Rationale

- ✓ Tackle one of the key issues affecting global sports and the Olympic movement today
- ✓ Improve governance, efficiency and effectiveness of IFs and MEOs anti-doping efforts

Phased implementation



Situation with FISA

Towards a more Independent Anti-Doping operations in FISA

FISA seeks to adopt and maintain the highest ethical and moral standards of governance and, in particular, its Anti-Doping operations have been examples for the world of sport up to now. FISA's strict Anti-Doping-policies and its consistency in decision-making, education, control, and enforcement has been generally respected.

However, two of the largest scandals that have hit the sport world are related to anti-doping activities and were caused by corruption in one international sport federation related to anti-doping and the other was an institutional manipulation of a national anti-doping agency and laboratory. The independence of hearing panels has also been placed in public question as well as the consistency and neutrality of therapeutic exemption decisions. Another important issue that has been raised is the independence of the TUE Committees at national or international levels as some TUE authorisations in other international federations and some national anti-doping agencies have been questioned.

All this has caused great public discussion about the independence of anti-doping activities by sports federations and national anti-doping agencies. FISA has to also take appropriate steps to minimise perceived and actual conflicts of interest and exposure to possible manipulation or even corruption in future. FISA seeks to continue the highest standards and has decided to consider the following changes in its anti-doping operations:



Situation with FISA

Anti-Doping Administrative Structure

FISA Anti-Doping Committee

Independent Doping Hearing Panels

Independent TUE decisions

Description of offices and duties

Medical and Scientific – Medical and Scientific Advisor

Legal – Anti-Doping Legal Advisor

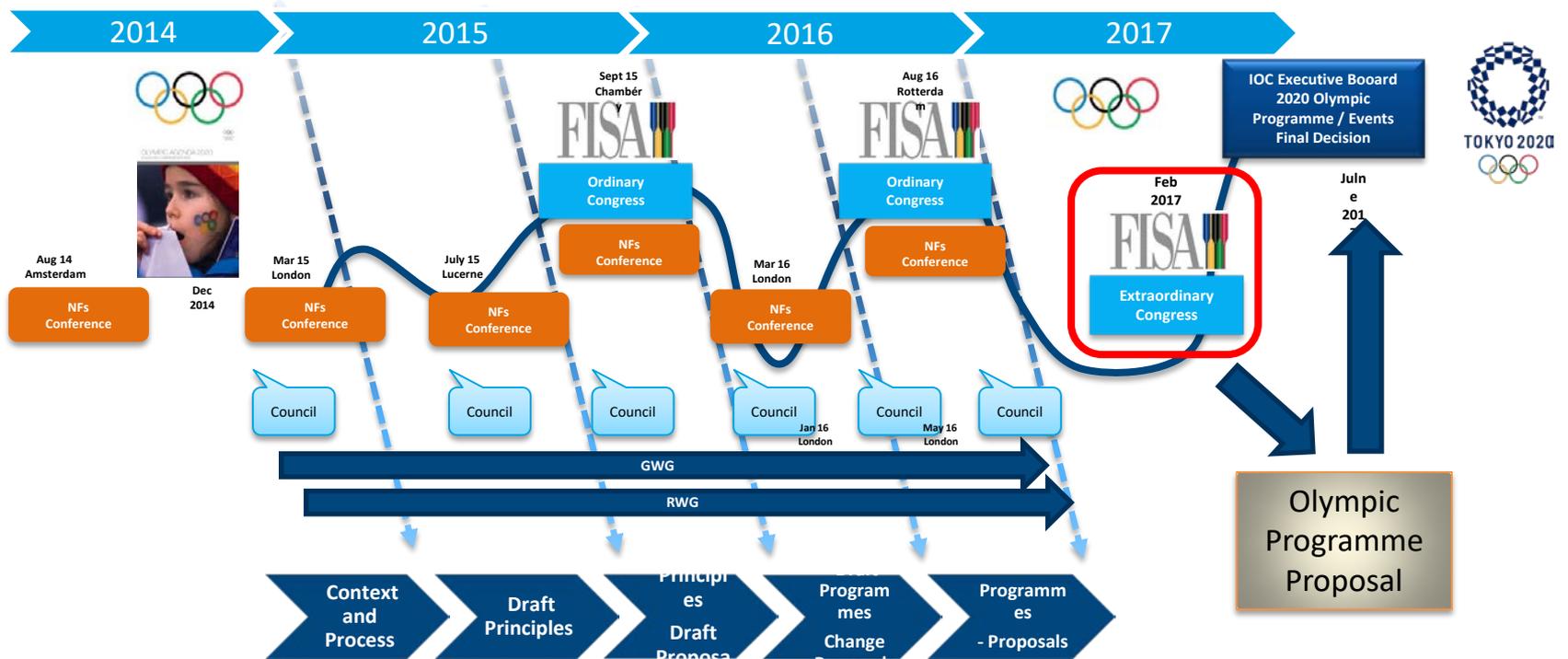
Administration – Anti-Doping Co-ordinator

Management - Executive Director



**Update on “Driving
Rowing’s Future”**

DRIVING ROWING'S FUTURE 2014 - 2017



Driving Rowing's Future

- ✓ World Rowing 2017 Review Projects



The new Rule 36 - World Championships



Gender Equal

Men											
World Champs	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-		M8+	LM1x	LM2x	LM4x	LM2-
Under 23 Champs	BM1x	BM2x	BM4x	BM2-	BM4-	BM4+	BM8+	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM4x	BLM2-
Junior Champs	JM1x	JM2x	JM4x	JM2-	JM4-	JM4+	JM8+				

Women											
World Champs	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-		W8+	LW1x	LW2x	LW4x	LW2-
Under 23 Champs	BW1x	BW2x	BW4x	BW2-	BW4-	BW4+	BW8+	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW4x	BLW2-
Junior Champs	JW1x	JW2x	JW4x	JW2-	JW4-	JW4+	JW8+				

Para-Rowing											
World Champs	PR1M1x	PR1W1x	PR2Mix2x	PR2M1X	PR2W1X	PR3Mix2x	PR3Mix4+	PR3M2-	PR3W2-		

Driving Rowing's Future

- ✓ World Rowing 2017 Review Projects



Phase 1: Para Rowing 2017

- Prepare proposals for the World Rowing Championship programme (Rule 36) 
- Prepare ideas for research projects or analysis needed related to the new race distance, specifically with regard to equipment, but also health, safety and attractiveness. 

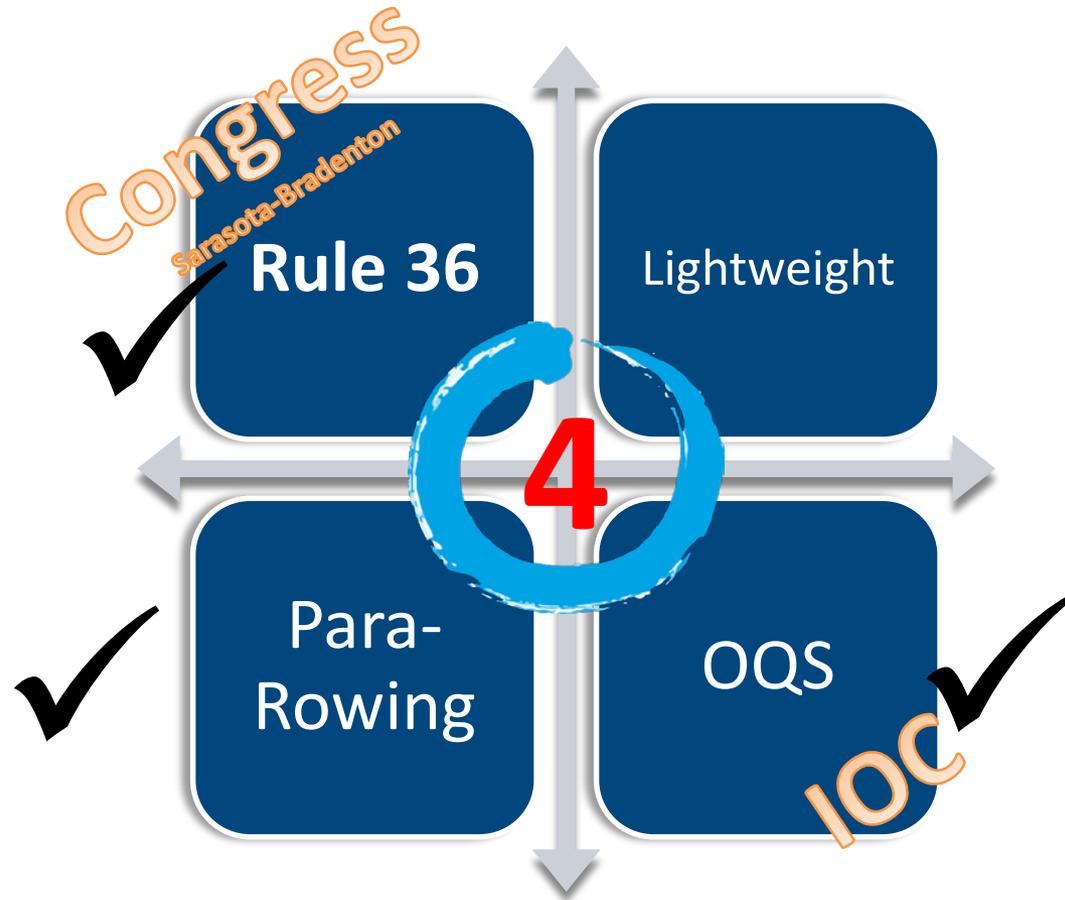
Phase 2: Para Rowing 2017 to 2018

- Conduct research projects or analysis needed related to the new race distance, specifically with regard to equipment, but also health, safety and attractiveness.
- Preparing proposals for the 2020 Paralympic Games Qualification System
- Para Rowing Conference on 9 December 2017 in London where detailed discussion will take place



Driving Rowing's Future

✓ World Rowing
2017 Review Projects



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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.

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

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Games Management 2020

1 Background & Overview

Challenges

Candidature

- Candidature costs
- Number of cities
- Convincing citizens

Games

- Organisation
- Legacy



Programme Derivation Games Management 2020

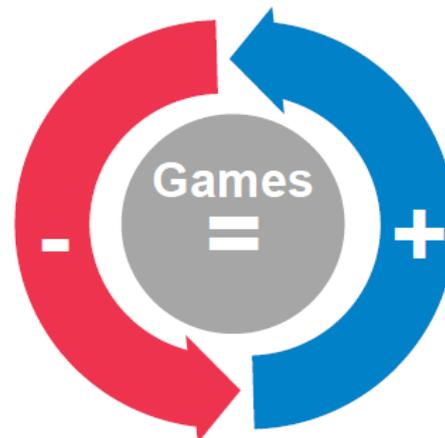


Reduce the cost and
reinforce the flexibility of
Olympic Games management

Olympic Agenda 2020

Delivery

- Cost
- Complexity
- Risk
- Waste



Value

- + Flexibility
- + Efficiency
- + Sustainability
- + Brand

1.1 Objective validated by the IOC EB and Session



Same Event, eased Delivery, enhanced Value Proposition

Objective

Enhance Olympic and Paralympic Games value propositions by reducing cost and complexity of the overall delivery model and better managing risk and responsibilities of key stakeholders in order to enhance the flexibility, efficiency and sustainability of hosting the Games.

Outcome

- Reduce average OCOG expenditure of Olympic and Paralympic Games to allow for balanced budgets without public subsidies
- Increase flexibility and simplify delivery model to ensure more cities and countries are in a position to consider an Olympic bid



1.2 Ambition

“Better support cities to deliver the Games”

- Prevent Games Organisers from “reinventing the wheel” by providing Games-specific solutions
- Reinforce IOC assistance to Games Organisers
- Limit number and shorten duration of OCOG workforce contracts

“Reduce Games-related costs”

- Review venue and operational requirements
- Reduce overcapacities
- Adapt services to real needs; modify expectations

OBJECTIVE:
Winter: - USD 500m
Summer: - USD 1 bn

“Enhance Games governance”

- Strengthen OCOG performance by leveraging on IOC, IF and NOCs expertise
- Increase control and influence over OCOGs scoping and decision making process



1.2 Overall ambition for cost-savings

- USD 500 mn

for Olympic and Paralympic
Winter Games OCOGs



- USD 1 bn

for Olympic and Paralympic
Games OCOGs



- **Balanced OCOG Budgets without public subsidies**
- **Simplified Games delivery**
- **More cities to consider future Olympic bids**

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Dear President, Dear Jean-Christophe,

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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.

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.

ROWING						
QUOTAS			MEN'S EVENTS	WOMEN'S EVENTS	MIXED/OPEN EVENTS	TOTAL
M	W	T				
263	263	526	7	7		14



The Lightweight Review Project

After discussions with the IOC, the key point is:

We need a credible justification why “rowing” gets to have a separate competition category based on weight.

The arguments from 1993 were valid back then but are no longer valid for the IOC.



The Lightweight Review Project

leads to the need to address the broader, long-term Olympic Strategy

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 will be scheduled during the 2018 season to continue to get your ideas and opinions.