



Para Rowing Conference
 9 December, 2017
 London, Great Britain

Agenda -
Tentative as of 21 November, 2017

START TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC	PRESENTERS
8:00	Check in	-	-
8:45	Opening Remarks	Welcome and introduction	Peter O'Hanlon, Matt Smith (FISA Executive Director)
9:00	Para Rowing Equipment: Today and Beyond	An update on the research that FISA is doing on the para single and para double hulls to determine the viability of moving from para hulls to standard boat hulls.	Simon Goodey (FISA Para Rowing Commission) and Conny Draper (FISA Equipment & Technology Commission)
10:00	Coffee Break	-	-
10:30	Classification Update	An overview of the current sport classes in Para Rowing as well as the classification research being conducted by FISA.	FISA Classifier
11:00	IPC Update	A short update from the IPC, including latest developments and thoughts on classification.	Peter Van de Vliet (IPC Medical & Scientific Director)
11:15	Panel discussion on Classification	A discussion on classification issues with experts from within and outside rowing. Panelists include IPC Medical & Scientific Director Peter Van de Vliet, Chair of ParaCanoe at the International Canoe Federation John Edwards, and a FISA Classifier.	Moderated by Peter O'Hanlon
12:00	Lunch	-	-
13:00	Coaching Education	A preview of the para-specific coaching education curriculum being developed by FISA, including an overview of the learning objectives of the project as well as an experiential learning activity.	Sheila Stephens (FISA Development Director) and Yihuan Chang (FISA Development Coordinator)
13:45	PERFORMANCE TRACK - Roundtable Discussion: How to Identify and Develop Talent	This roundtable discussion will center around the topic of athlete identification and performance profiling in Para Rowing. Participants will be encouraged to discuss their strategies on identifying athletes and developing them into high performers.	Moderated by Louise Kingsley (GBR)
	DEVELOPMENT TRACK - Case Studies: Starting a Para Rowing Program	Two experts in developing para rowing programs in completely unique contexts will share their experience in starting a para rowing program, whether at the club level or at the national level.	Deb Arenberg (USA), Jessica Davis (ZIM)
14:30	Coffee Break	-	-
15:00	FISA Update	An update on para-related activities and developments within FISA, including the 2020 Paralympic Qualification System, FISA's new pre-classification portal, and para rowing events in 2018.	Fay Ho (Para Commission Chair) & Colleen Orsmond (FISA Sport Director)
15:30	Increasing competition opportunities for para rowers: creating a strategic plan	Let's put it all together! Regional-based teams will work together to create a strategic plan for developing racing and competition opportunities in your region.	Facilitated by Peter O'Hanlon
16:30	Closing Remarks		Peter O'Hanlon
16:35	Refreshments		-