

From: Dutch Rowing Federation

To: FISA and all European Federations

Topic: European Rowing Championship events

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We propose to fully align the program of the European Championships for both seniors and juniors with the World Championship program as discussed and agreed during the Sarasota Conference, including events for Para Rowing in the senior program.

If feasible we would welcome inclusion of Para rowing in the upcoming European Championships in 2018.

Justification:

Para rowing is clearly an emerging sport in rowing and elsewhere. To develop the sport further, increasing opportunities for competition is key.

In the Netherlands, as in most countries, setting up a national competition is difficult, because the number of Para athletes and teams is usually too small, and can not be easily increased.

We would therefore welcome more international competition for Para athletes. To keep this organisationally and financially manageable combining Para events with existing events is the obvious solution.

For Para athletes being part of the regular country team, and enjoying the atmosphere and public attendance of regular events is also seen as highly stimulating and rewarding.

In our view this would imply adding Para events to all senior regatta's, World Championships, continental (hence European) Championships and World Cups.

The fact that Para races are now also 2000m races greatly reduces the logistical challenge for venues and for the program schedule that existed when racing was over 1000m.

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