

## BR Proposal to European Rowing Extraordinary General Assembly

British Rowing would like to make the following proposals in relation to European Rowing Championships programme (seniors):

1. That the European Rowing Championship programme should reflect the World Rowing Championship programme including all Olympic and [non-para-rowing] international events.
2. That by 2021 the European Rowing Championships should introduce a para-rowing programme that includes the Paralympic boat classes but **not** at this stage any international para-rowing boat classes.

### Rationale:

These changes would make a gender-balanced programme that supported development pathways for both male and female rowers and encouraged participation from across European federations.

The para-rowing programmes in European NFs and the para-rowers would benefit from more opportunities to compete at a high level as well for classification purposes. Additional competition would help raise the profile of rowing as a Paralympic sport across Europe, attract new athletes and funding.

We believe that the new para events should be added in a phased way to allow programme development and funding to be put in place within federations and to allow time for expertise to be developed.

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