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**To:** Affiliated Federations  
Council and Commission Members  
Organisers of World Championships  
National Rowing Magazines  
Partners

**Circular No. 7 of 2017**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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**1. 2017 FISA Ordinary Congress in Sarasota-Bradenton**

This Congress took place on Monday, 2 October 2017 in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida, USA. The main decisions are summarised as follows:

- **Rule 36**

The 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress of Tokyo in February 2017 transferred the authority to change Rule 36 to the 2017 Ordinary Congress in Sarasota-Bradenton. A series of votes were held to create the final proposal that was voted upon at a two-thirds majority.

The votes for individual categories (at an absolute majority) were:

Open Category

“The Council recommendation for the Open Category”

Strong majority in favour, none against, 3 votes abstention – passes

“The Council recommendation for the Lightweight Category”

96 votes in favour, 39 against, 4 abstentions – passes

“The Council recommendation for the Para Rowing Category”

135 votes in favour, none against, 7 abstentions – passes



The final vote for the complete proposal against the current Rule 36 (requiring a two-thirds majority) was as follows:

137 votes in favour, 6 votes against, 3 abstentions – passes with 95.8%

The new Rule 36, event by event, is found at this link:

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

- **Elections**

The results of the elections for four-year terms starting on 1 January 2018 (Article 40):

- Jean-Christophe Rolland (FRA) was re-elected President
- Tricia Smith (CAN) was re-elected Vice President
- Mike Williams (GBR) was re-elected Treasurer

The following Chairs of Specialist Commissions were elected to the Executive Committee (Article 50):

- Mike Tanner, Chair of the Events Commission\*
- Patrick Rombaut, Chair of the Umpiring Commission\*\*
- Lenka Dienstbach-Wech, Chair of the Athletes Commission\*\*\*

\* Mike Tanner is eligible until 31 December 2018 when he reaches the FISA retirement age.

\*\*Patrick Rombaut is eligible to serve the full four-year term ending 31 December 2021, subject to his re-election in 2018 as Chair of the Umpiring Commission.

\*\*\*Lenka Dienstbach-Wech is eligible until 31 December 2019 when she will retire as Chair of the Athlete's Commission

- **Event Attributions**

The delegates attributed the following events during the Congress

- Bled (SLO) will host the 2020 World Rowing Senior, Under 23 and Junior Championships in August 2020.
- Shanghai (CHN) will host the 2021 World Rowing Championships.

- **Other**

The delegates approved the applications for FISA membership of the following national rowing federations:

- Cambodia
- Guinea

This raises FISA's total membership to 153 national rowing federations.

The 2016 FISA Accounts as well as the 2018 FISA Budget were approved.

The delegates voted to recognise ORCON, the Continental Confederation of Oceania and COPARE, the Continental Confederation of the Americas as "Recognised Continental Confederations" in accordance with Article 18 of the FISA Statutes. The Council announced the recognition of CDLJ (Coupe de la Jeunesse – Youth Cup) and CSAR (South American Rowing

Confederation) as Groupings of Member Federations in accordance with Article 19 of the FISA Statutes.

The **2018 Ordinary Congress** will take place on Monday, 17 September 2018 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

## **2. National Federations Conference 1 in Sarasota Bradenton**

This conference addressed five themes:

1. Principles of the 2020 Olympic Qualification System – the latest draft is available at this link:  
[http://www.worldrowing.com/mm/Document/General/General/12/92/14/2020OQSCouncilLatestDraft020917F\\_Neutral.pdf](http://www.worldrowing.com/mm/Document/General/General/12/92/14/2020OQSCouncilLatestDraft020917F_Neutral.pdf)
2. Update on the Lightweight Rowing Review Project,
3. Update on the Para Rowing Review Project,
4. A more independent Anti-Doping Function in FISA, and
5. The Strategic Event Attribution Process for 2021 to 2024.

The PowerPoint presentations from this NF Conference can be found at this link:  
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/conference>

This conference was part of the on-going consultation process leading to key decisions for the future of the sport of Rowing.

## **3. Events attributed by the Council, announced in Sarasota-Bradenton**

The FISA Council has attributed the hosting rights to the following events:

- 2018 World Rowing Tour
  - Costa Brava, ESP
- 2019 World Rowing Cup Regattas
  - Plovdiv, BUL
  - Poznan, POL
  - Rotterdam, NED
- 2019 World Rowing Junior Championships
  - Tokyo, JPN
- 2019 World Rowing Coastal Championships
  - Hong Kong China, HKG
- 2020 World Rowing Masters Regatta
  - Linz-Ottensheim, AUT

#### **4. Casual Vacancy Appointments to FISA Commissions**

The Executive Committee has filled three Commission positions created by casual vacancies and is pleased to announce the following appointments:

- Dr. Petra Zupet (SLO) will join the Sports Medicine Commission
- Julien Bahain (CAN) and Robin Prendes (USA) will join the Athletes Commission

All three will start immediately and they will complete terms that run until 31 December 2019.

#### **5. Comments on this year's World Rowing events**

The FISA Council would like to express its congratulations and thanks to the organisers of the main events of 2017.

The season started with the first World Rowing Cup that took place in Belgrade, Serbia. Thanks go to the organising committee led by Nebojsa Jevremovic and his team of the Serbian Rowing Federation. World Rowing Cup II was well organised thanks to the Poznan organising committee led by Aleksander Daniel. World Rowing Cup III was a success as well in Lucerne thanks to OC President Andreas Bucher, Regatta Director Christian Stofer and their team.

The World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, were very well organised by the team led by OC President Ivan Popov. As well, the World Rowing Junior Championships in Trakai, Lithuania were exceptionally well organized by the team of Edmundas Daukantas, Inga Daukantiene and the Lithuanian Rowing Federation.

The biggest ever World Rowing Masters Regatta was also a great success in Bled, Slovenia, under the direction of the team of Tim Farcnik and Jernej Slivnik as well as Janez Fajfar, the Lord Mayor of the City of Bled, who gave significant, visible support to the organisers. The 2017 World Rowing Coastal Championships took place in Thonon, France from 12 to 14 October 2017 on Lake Geneva and were well organized by the team of the Thonon Rowing Club.

The highlight of the year was certainly the 2017 World Rowing Championships in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida, USA. Having to stop working for one week due to a hurricane, the organising committee with the support of Sarasota and Manatee counties, the service providers and suppliers and hundreds of volunteers delivered an amazing event. Congratulations and sincere thanks to the organising committee, with a special acknowledgement of the exceptional management of the event by its Executive Director Meredith Scerba, the leadership of Randy Benderson and the vision of Paul Blackketter.

## **6. 2017 World Rowing Coaches Conference**

This year's Coaches Conference will take place in London, Great Britain from 6 to 8 December 2017. Registration includes attendance at the 2017 World Rowing Awards Dinner on Friday, 8 December 2017.

Complete information is available at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2017-world-rowing-coaches-conference/event-information>

The Conference Bulletin is available at this link:

[http://www.worldrowing.com/mm//Document/General/General/12/95/71/WR\\_CC\\_A4\\_Web\\_22.9.17\\_Neutral.pdf](http://www.worldrowing.com/mm//Document/General/General/12/95/71/WR_CC_A4_Web_22.9.17_Neutral.pdf)

## **7. 2017 National Federations Conference 2**

The second National Federations Conference of 2017 will take place in London, Great Britain on Friday, 8 December 2017. Registration includes attendance at the 2017 World Rowing Awards Dinner on Friday, 8 December 2017.

Topics to be discussed include the following:

- Models of integrating Indoor Rowing in an National Federation
- Models of National Club event activation
- Models of National Coastal rowing activation
- Maximising the use of Olympic Solidarity
- Successful Gender Equality Initiatives
- FISA Update with the Coaches

Complete information is available at this link:

[http://www.worldrowing.com/mm//Document/General/General/12/95/38/NFConference2\\_8DEC17\\_NFCommunication\\_F\\_Neutral.pdf](http://www.worldrowing.com/mm//Document/General/General/12/95/38/NFConference2_8DEC17_NFCommunication_F_Neutral.pdf)

The deadline to register is **31 October**.

## **8. 2017 World Rowing Para Rowing Conference**

World Rowing will stage a conference specifically to address topics related to Para Rowing in London, Great Britain on Saturday, 9 December 2017.

Complete information on this conference is available at this link:

[http://www.worldrowing.com/mm//Document/General/General/12/95/39/ParaConference\\_9DEC17\\_NFCommunication\\_F\\_Neutral.pdf](http://www.worldrowing.com/mm//Document/General/General/12/95/39/ParaConference_9DEC17_NFCommunication_F_Neutral.pdf)

The deadline to register is **31 October**.

## 9. Nominations for 2018 World Rowing and European Event Juries

National Federations are now invited to nominate umpires to serve on the juries for the 2018 World Rowing events.

National Federations should ensure that any umpire nominated is definitely able to attend the event concerned. FISA provides a small travel subsidy for all of the above-mentioned events with the exception of local Jury members at World Cup regattas.

The deadline for nominations with complete contact information for the nominated umpire (including email address) to be received is **25 November 2017**. Please use the Jury Nomination form at this link:

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

### 2018

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

For Europeans only:

26-27 May	European Rowing Junior Championships – Gravelines, FRA
2-5 August	European Rowing Championships – Glasgow, GBR
1-2 September	European Rowing Under 23 Championships – Brest, BLR

## 10. World Rowing Event Calendars for 2018 and 2019

### 2018

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 ***

## 2019

10-12 May	World Rowing Cup I – Plovdiv, BUL**
21-23 June	World Rowing Cup II – Poznan, POL**
12-14 July	World Rowing Cup III – Rotterdam, NED
24-28 July	World Rowing Under 23 Championships - TBC
7-11 Aug	World Rowing Junior Championships – Tokyo, JPN
25 Aug – 1 Sept	World Rowing Championships – Linz-Ottensheim, AUT*
12-15 Sept	World Rowing Masters Regatta – Lake Valence, HUN
? Oct/Nov	World Rowing Coastal Championships – Hong Kong China HKG

\* Includes para rowing events

\*\* Inclusion of para rowing events to be confirmed

\*\*\*See point 12 below

### 11. 2018 International Regatta Calendar and 2019 Provisional International Regatta Calendar

Applications for the inclusion of regattas in the above-mentioned calendars must be received at FISA headquarters **by 31 October 2017**. Application forms are now on-line and can be completed using these links:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.eu/forms/2018-fisa-international-regatta-calendar/>

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.eu/forms/2019-fisa-int-regatta-calendar-provisional/>

## 12. 2018, 2019 and 2020 World Rowing events open for bids

The following World Rowing regattas are open for potential bidders:

Expression of Interest – Deadline Immediately:

- 2018 World Rowing Coastal Championships – scheduled for 18-20 Oct 2018 (as mentioned at the FISA Congress, an organizer is sought for this event. Interested organisers should contact FISA immediately. Submission of preliminary bids are due 30 November 2017 for attribution in January 2018)

Expression of Interest - Deadline by 30 November 2017:

- 2020 World Rowing Cup I – scheduled for 10-12 April 2020 (provisionally to be combined with the European Continental Olympic Qualification Regatta scheduled for 5-7 April 2020)
- 2020 World Rowing Cup 2 – scheduled for 1-3 May 2020
- 2020 World Rowing Coastal Championships – scheduled for 15-17 Oct 2020

Please contact Nathalie Phillips ([Nathalie.phillips@fisa.org](mailto:Nathalie.phillips@fisa.org)) with an expression of interest in bidding as indicated above to receive more detailed information.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments