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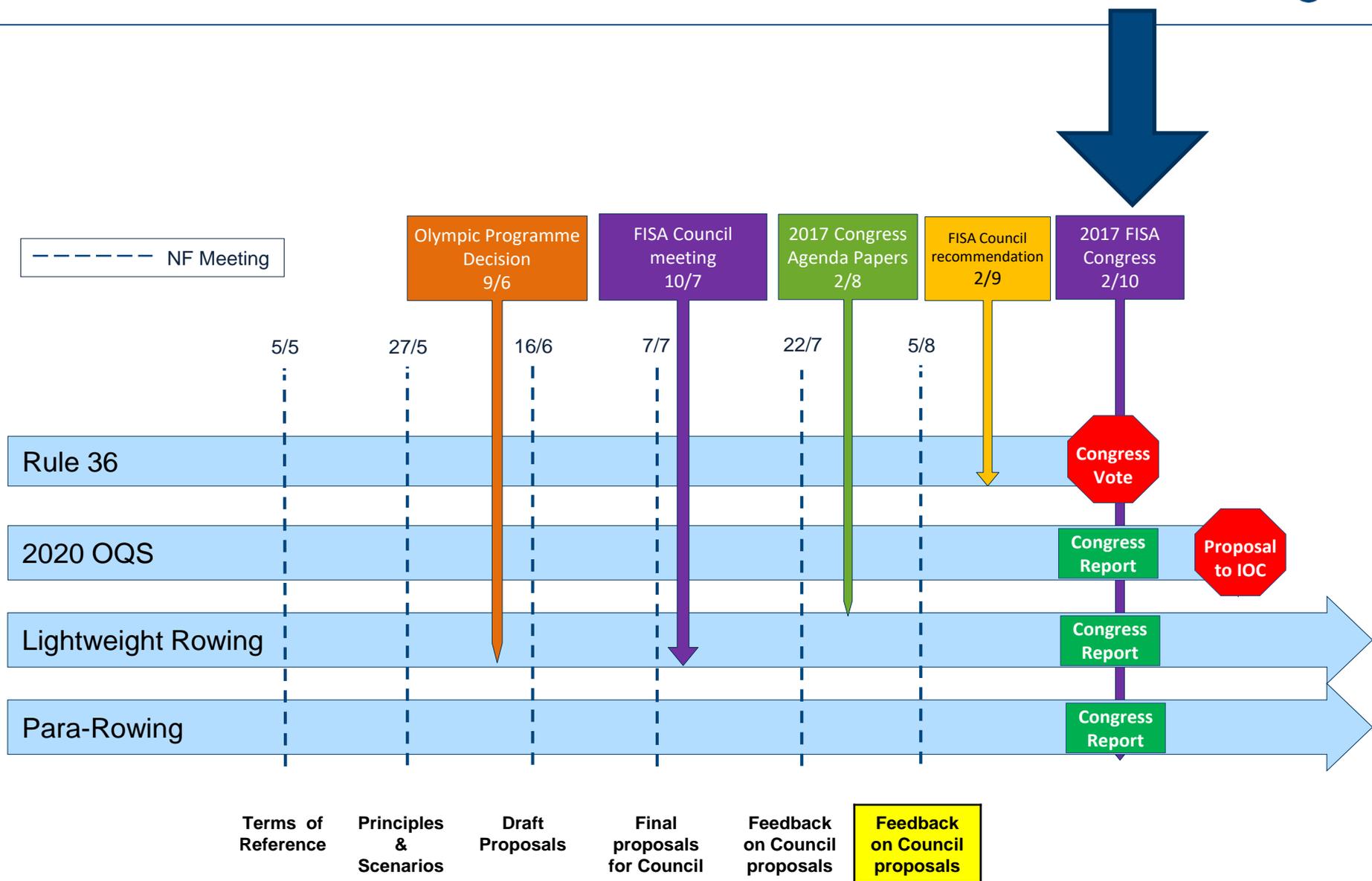


**Update on the 2017
World Rowing
Review Projects**

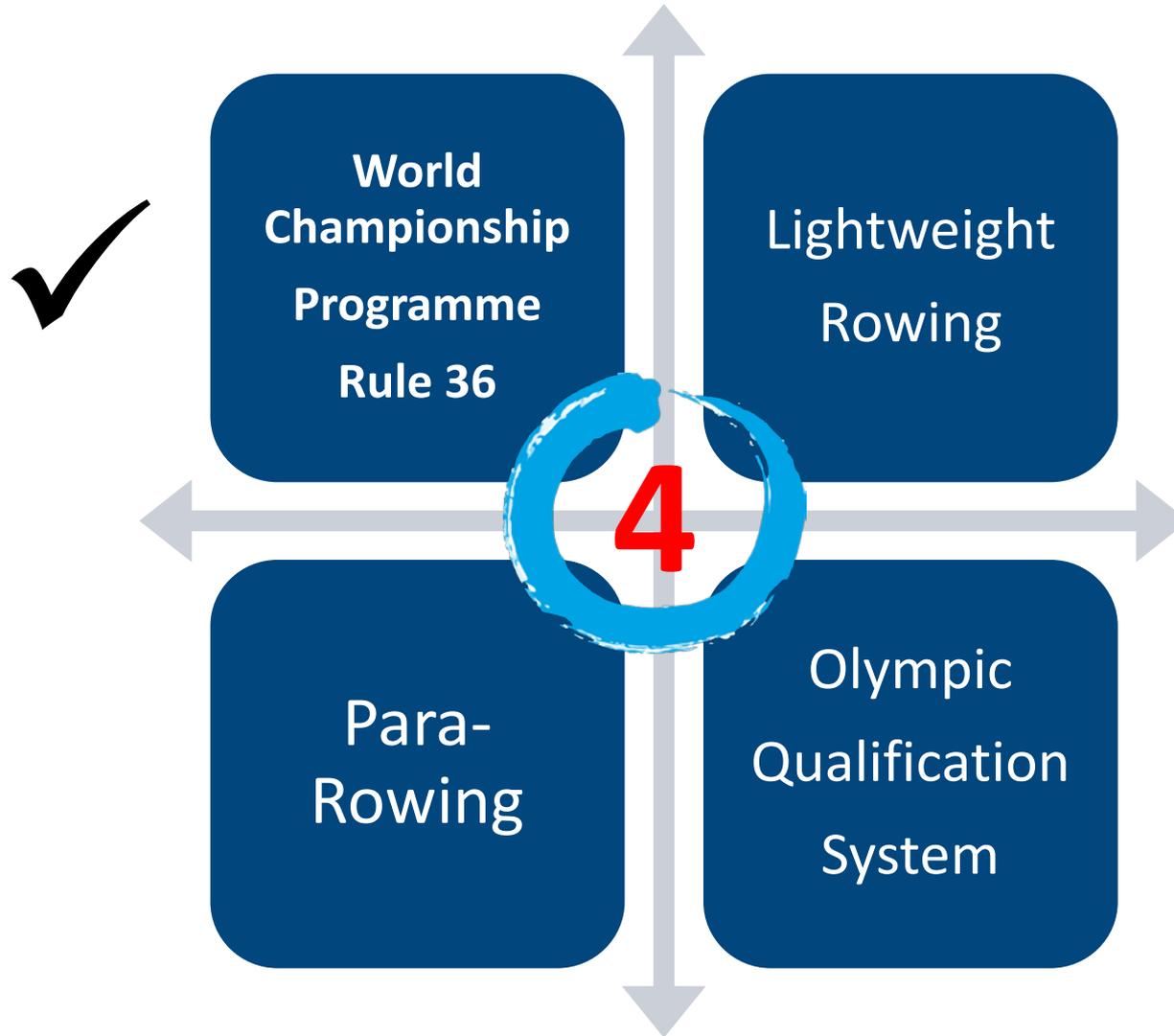
2017 Review projects



Project Timeline



2017 Review projects



2020 OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

On 9 June, the IOC Executive Board released their decision on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Programmes

- 14 events, 7 men and 7 women

M1X, M2X, M2-, M4X, M4-, M8+, LM2x

W1X, W2X, W2-, W4X, W4-, W8+, LW2x

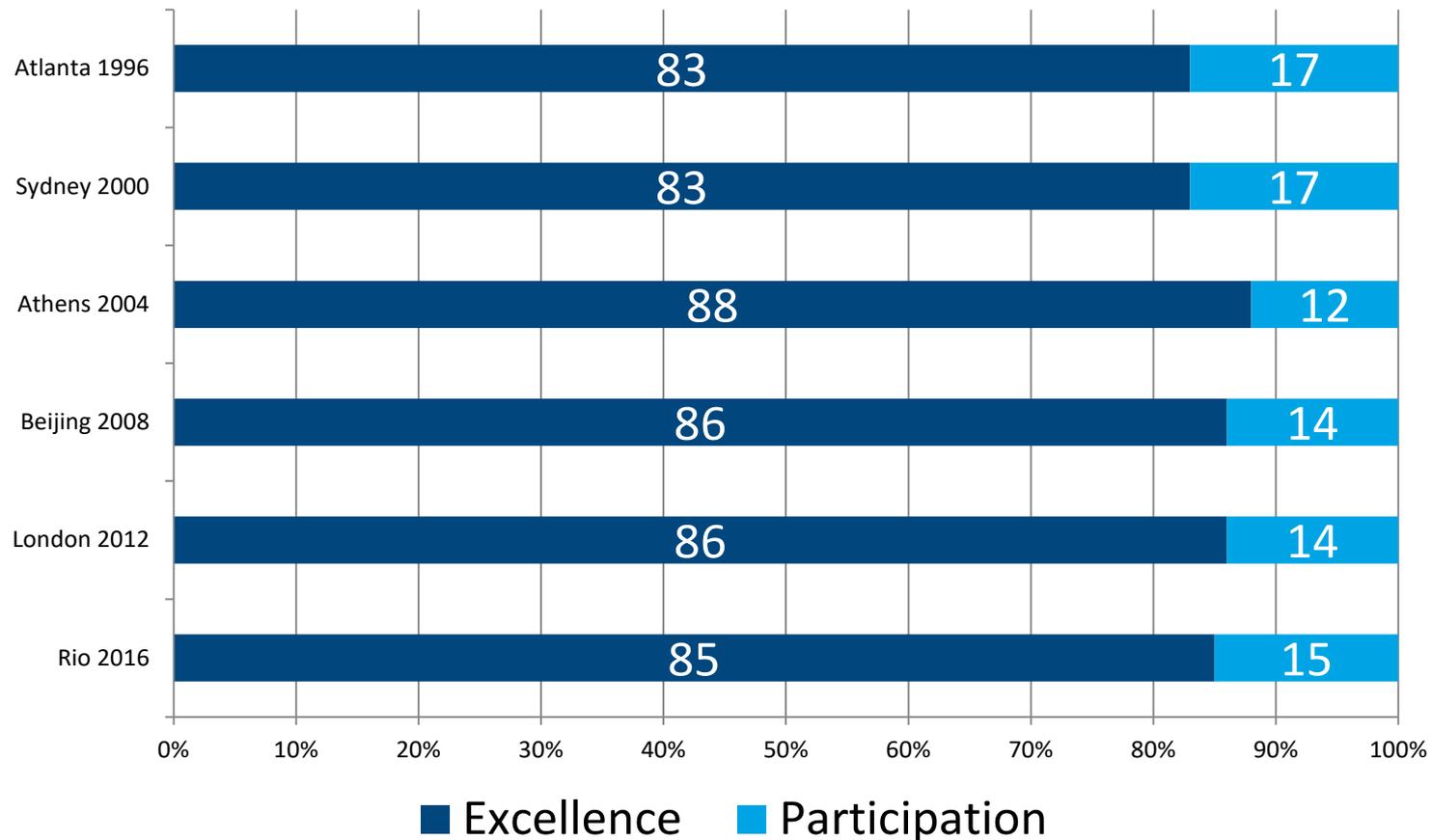
- 526 athletes – 263 men, 263 women (reduction of 24)

Seven sports had reductions, one had an increase

I. Principles for distributing athlete quota between events

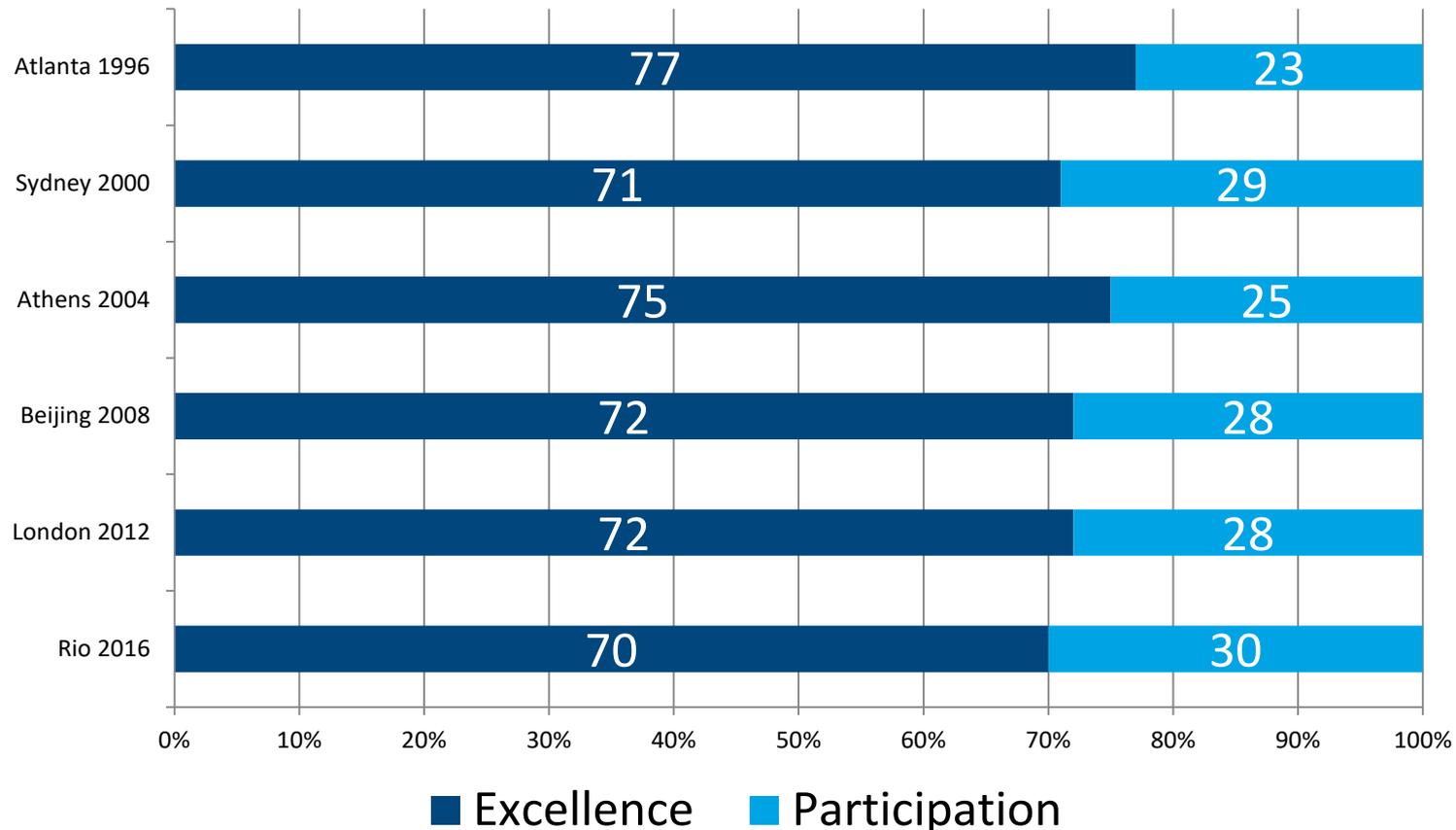
1.1 Excellence : participation ratio

Rowers – 1996 to 2016



1.1 Excellence : participation ratio

Boats – 1996 to 2016



1.1 Excellence : participation ratio

Boats \approx 70/30
Athletes \approx 85/15

The Council agrees that the ratio of approximately 70:30 (in terms of boats) is generally appropriate and should guide the decisions on the 2020 qualification system, but that this must be considered together with the other principle positions.

1.2 Excellence quota per boat

M1x, W1x	11	This is an increase of two places from the 2016 Rio Games.
M2-, W2-	13	
M2x, W2x	13	
M4-, W4-	10	
M4x, W4x	10	
M8+, W8+	7	
LM2x, LW2x	9	The number of excellence places is reduced from 11 places at the Rio 2016 Games to 9 in Tokyo.

1.3 Including pairs in the Continental Qualification Regattas

The Council sees the positive sides of this proposal but, given the athlete quota cut, does not see a way to introduce pairs to the Continental Qualification regattas without jeopardising the achievement of other principle objectives.

1.4 Doubling up

A system of compulsory doubling up will NOT be introduced to the Olympic Qualification System

In discussions with the IOC on the event and athletes quota, FISA has explained that each of the seven Olympic boat classes is unique, requires specialised skills and a specific training regimen.

Based on this principle as well as a number of other factors, the competition format currently planned for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic regatta does not support compulsory doubling up, and is structured on the basis that athletes are selected for and training in one boat class only. Compulsory doubling up, therefore, will not be considered for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic racing programme.

1.5 Limiting the number of “excellence” places that an NF may qualify

There will be no limit imposed on the number of qualification places that an NF can achieve via the World Championships and Final Olympic Qualification Regatta.

1.6 Achieving “excellence” places means reduced or no access to “participation” places

NFs that qualify more than a certain number of boats at the World Championships (2 or more boats) will not be allowed to participate in the Continental Qualification Regattas, or may only qualify a limited number of boats at the Continental Qualification Regatta.

NFs that are not allowed to participate in the Continental Qualification will still be able to participate in the Final Qualification Regatta for the remaining singles and lightweight doubles excellence places.

Note: Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA would participate in their own Continental Qualification Regattas rather than in the European Qualification Regatta

An NF participating at the Continental Qualification Regatta (COQR) should not be able to qualify more boats in total than the minimum threshold.

For example, if the minimum threshold is *2 boats at the WCH* and an NF may qualify *2 boats at the COQR*, then:

- An NF qualifying 2 or more crews at the WCH cannot compete at the COQR.
- An NF that qualified 1 boat at the WCH would be allowed to qualify one (1) boat at the COQR = 2 boats in total.
- An NF that qualified no (0) boats at the WCH would be allowed to qualify two (2) boats at the COQR = up to 2 boats in total.

1.7 Two chances to qualify for each event

An NF will have two opportunities to qualify in every boat class

The Council agrees that this is an important principle to maintain for our sport.

1.8 Type of allocation of quota places

Quota places obtained at the African, Asian/Oceania, Americas and European Continental Qualification regattas and the Final Qualification regatta, the rowers that qualify the boats at these events have to compete in the boat should they compete at the Olympic Games.

Quota places obtained at the World Championships are for the NOC and the rowers may change.

2. Qualifying through the Continental Qualification Regattas

2.1 Limiting qualification through the Continental Qualification Regattas to one boat per NF

NFs may qualify a total of one boat in the Continental Qualification, i.e. either a men's boat or a women's boat

- *Will greatly increase the number of NOCs qualified for the Olympic Games.*
- *Would benefit from increased support for OS Scholarships from Olympic Solidarity*

Winners at the Cont Qualif Regattas

The winner of an event in a Continental Qualification Regatta should qualify for the Games, subject to a maximum of two boats per NF.

- In the case of an NF winning three events at the Continental Qualification, the NF would be required to choose one boat of each gender
- In the case that two boats of the same gender from an NF win, then the NF should be allowed to select both of those crews, but being still subject to the two-boat limit, would not qualify a boat from the other gender

2.2 Eligibility of crews for qualification through the Continental Qualification Regatta

If an NF achieves more than one qualifying place at a Continental Qualification Regatta, it is the highest ranking crew from the NF that would qualify for the Games.

If two or more crews have equal rank, then the NF must select the crew that will qualify for the Games.

2.3 Unused places at the Continental regattas are reallocated to the next-ranked NF that has not yet qualified any boats

Rather than the next ranked boat

The Council confirms this option

2.4 Unallocated participation places from Continental Qualification Regattas are added to the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta

The Council is also positive about this idea on the basis that the other principles above have been applied to increase participation.

Olympic Qualification System Proposal



	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

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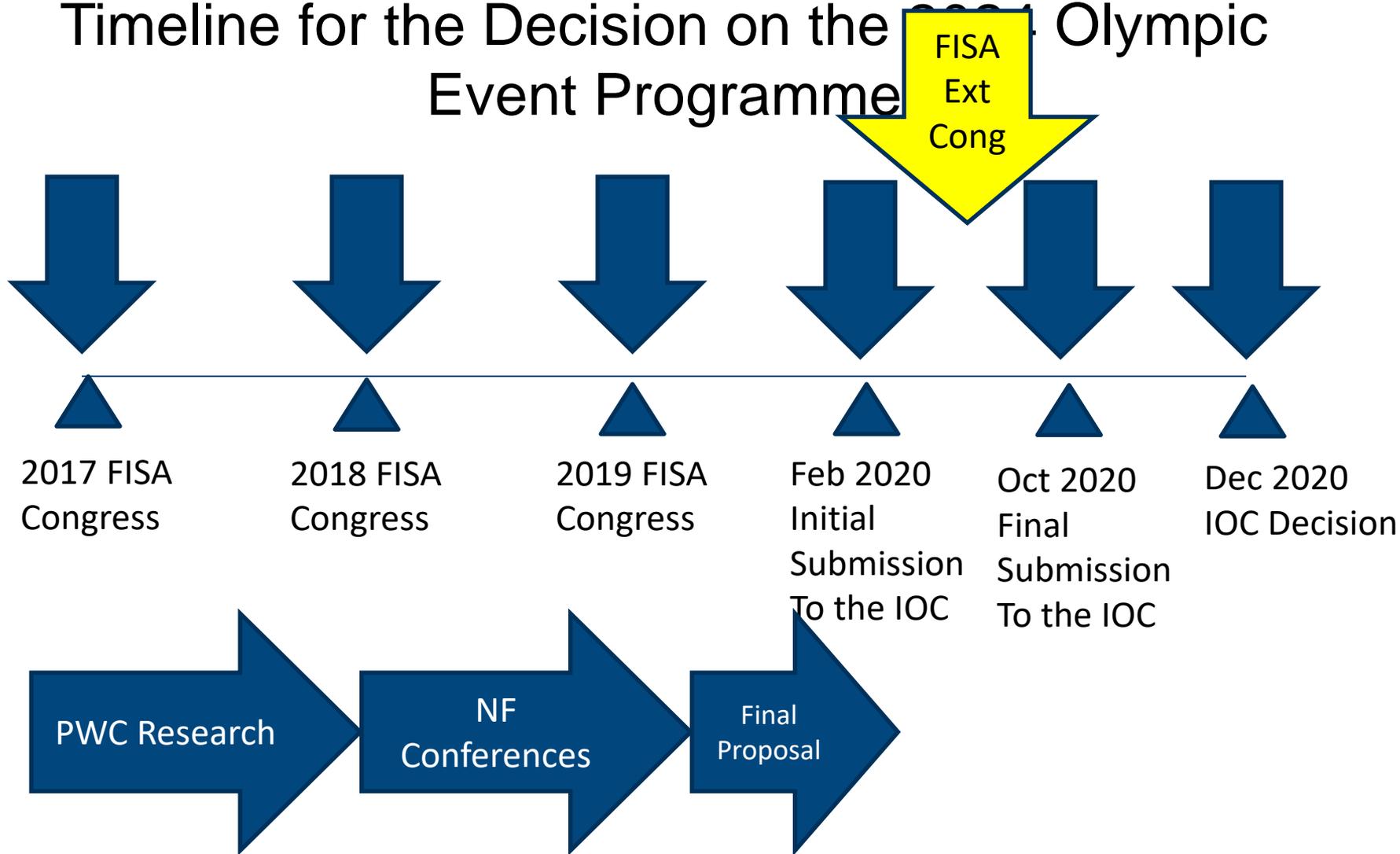
Olympic Qualification System



Questions or comments?

b. Lightweight Review Project

Timeline for the Decision on the 2024 Olympic Event Programme



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



Towards a more Independent Anti-Doping Function



- **Anti-Doping Administrative Structure**
- **FISA Anti-Doping Committee**
- **Independent Doping Hearing Panels**
- **Review of decisions**
- **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

Timing - We envision a 20 month scenario, as follows:

- 1. Stage One - Announcement of the framework programme with a nine month period (1 November 2017 to 31 July 2018) for confidential discussions with interested NFs, OCs and Governments
- 2. Stage Two - At the close of the nine months, FISA would take three months (1 August 2018 to 31 October 2018) to go back to the interested parties
- 3. Stage Three – The bid preparation period would begin and last for six months (1 November 2018 to 30 April 2019) leading to preliminary bid questionnaires and budgets.
- 4. Stage Four – Two additional months (1 May 2019 to 30 June 2019) to finalise all details and present complete, final bids with all letters of guarantee as well as accommodation locations and prices to Council and Congress.

Events 2021 to 2024

Regattas Attributed by the FISA Congress

- World Rowing Championships
- World Rowing Under 23 Championships
- World Rowing Junior Championships
- World Rowing Senior, Under 23 and Junior Championships in Olympic year

Regattas Attributed by the FISA Council:

- World Rowing Cup Regattas
- World Rowing Masters Regatta
- World Rowing Coastal Championships