

**2017 WORLD ROWING REVIEW PROJECTS
NATIONAL FEDERATIONS MEETING
WORLD ROWING JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, TRAKAI – 5 AUGUST 2017**

The following questions and comments were received from the national federations (NFs) present. The response from FISA is noted below each question:

1. Rule 36 – World Rowing Championship Programme

NF We favour eliminating the junior and under 23 men's coxed fours from the programme rather than adding them in the junior and U23 women's categories. Looking at the entries in the junior and U23 men's coxed fours over the past decade, they seem to be declining. Have you considered this in your discussions?

FISA Yes, we have seen this information. We are interested however in the high (and growing) number of coxless fours against coxed fours, and wonder if some federations might move their coxless fours across to the coxed event to improve their chances.

NF We also see that there are federations that enter in both the coxless and coxed four but not the eight.

FISA Noted.

2. 2020 Olympic Qualification System

NF We are not happy with the idea that FISA would give guidelines on how to select crews (in the case of equal placing crews at the continental qualification regatta). It is important that there are guidelines, but not from FISA – it should be the federation that decides their selection policy.

FISA We agree that it is not for FISA to impose selection criteria, but we could give some examples, and then each federation decides how they will make selections in their country. We also encourage the federation to announce to the athletes, in advance, the criteria and process so that it is clear to them before the qualification regattas –maybe even have the athletes sign that they have seen and are aware of the selection criteria.

3. General

NF We've participated in all of the sessions over the course of the year. It has been an interesting process and we thank you for having this open process – we have had the opportunity to listen, share and contribute. It was also good to see that there has been progress from meeting to meeting.

FISA Thank you. It was important that the federations take part in the process from the beginning of the process, not only at the end, for example during the vote of the Congress. Thanks to the federations for your comments, for your attendance and for being a part of the process.