



2017 World Rowing Review Projects

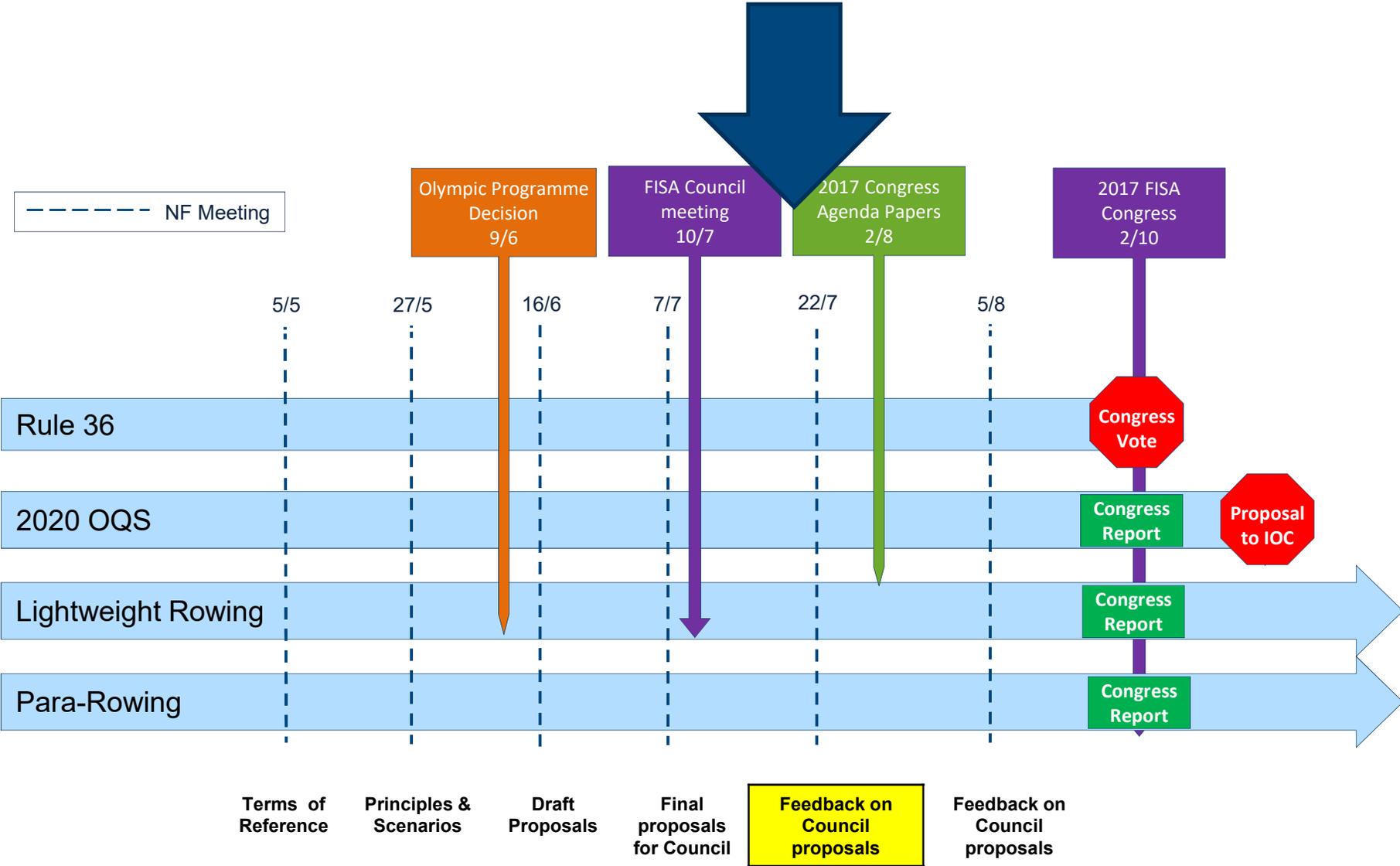
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2017 Review projects



Project Timeline



RULE 36: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMMES

Olympic Programme Decision



IOC Executive Board Decision on 9 June 2017

Rowing's 2020 Olympic Programme

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

Terms of Reference



- Prepare alternative proposals/scenarios for the three World Championships programmes (Senior, Under 23 and Junior).
- Process:
 - Working group input
 - NF proposals received
 - Council meeting on 9 July >> Council position on principles
 - Discussion with NFs in Plovdiv
 - Council recommendations by 2 August
 - Feedback on Council recommendation in Trakai
- Proposals will be presented for vote at the FISA Congress in Sarasota-Bradenton on 2 October 2017.
- A series of votes will be held leading to the selection of one proposal that will be put up against the existing Rule 36 and the final vote for the rule programme will require a two-third majority to pass.

Key Principles



1. Excellence
2. Participation
3. Gender equality
4. Attractive programme / spectator experience
5. Balance of the different boat classes, sculling and sweep rowing
6. The inclusion of open, lightweight and para-rowing events
7. Pathways from junior to senior

Gender equality

- Sport is a key means for society to break down barriers and reduce gender discrimination.
- Gender equality (in numbers of athletes and boat classes) has been achieved at the Olympic, Youth Olympic and Paralympic Games as well as (in boat classes) at the World University Championships.

The Council believes gender equality is essential and favours that the WCH programme becomes gender equal immediately.

Excellence, minimum entry threshold and the Natural Death Rule

The Council agrees that excellence is achieved through at least three rounds of racing, and a World Championship gold medal should be the result of having competed against at least six other crews.

The natural death rule ensures this by automatically eliminating events that do not reach this threshold for three consecutive years.

The Congress would then review such events at each Extraordinary Congress.

More on Pathways

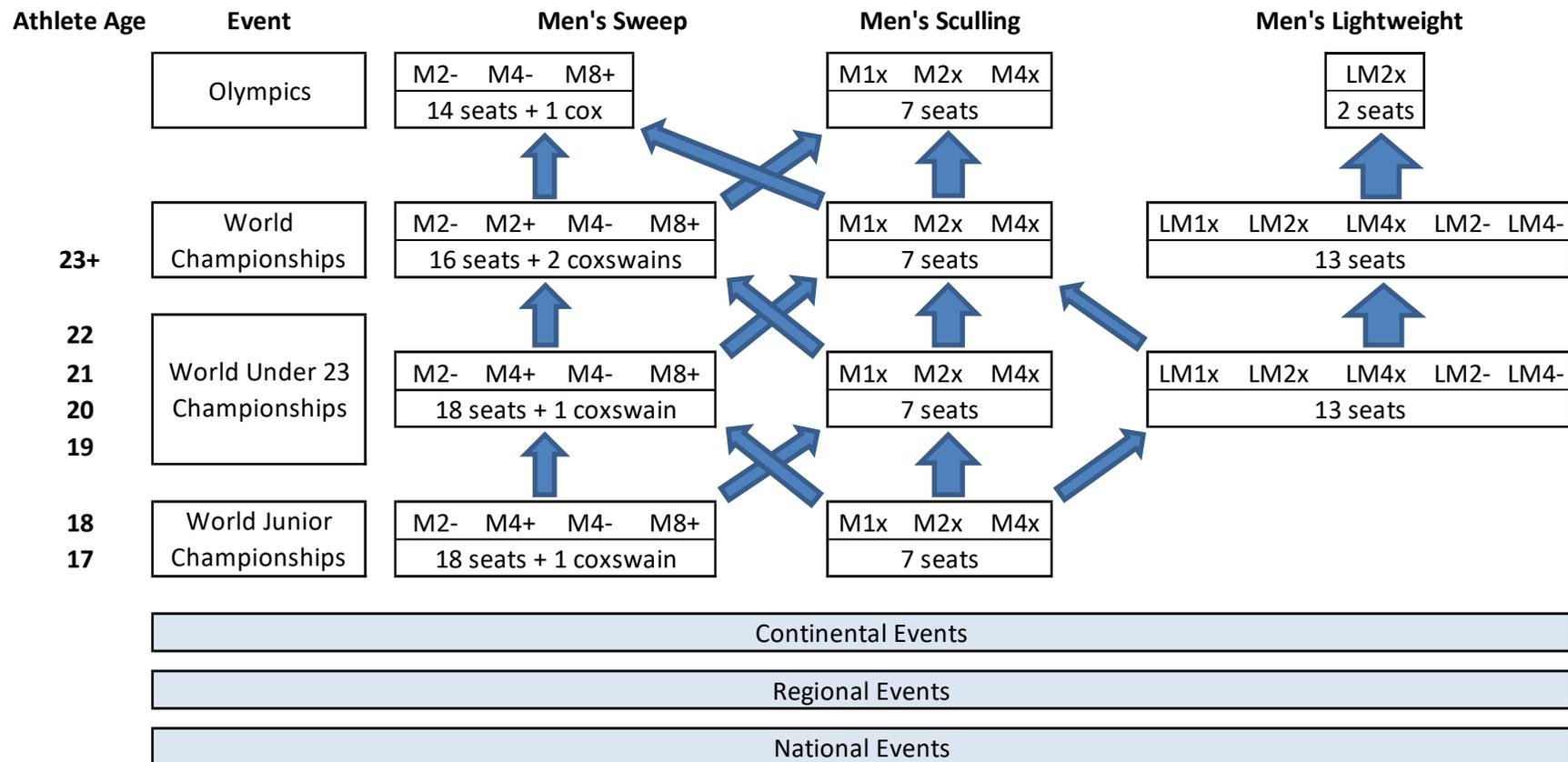


- The events offered should have a clear relationship to each other to allow logical pathways for athlete development and competition structures.
- The events offered should provide the best opportunity for developing rowers to progress along the pathway to the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- National, regional and continental events are an integral part of the pathway.

More on Pathways



Rower Pathways for World Championship Programmes - Rule 36 Current Rule



What is the World Championships



The World Rowing Championships is the annual pinnacle competitive rowing event for rowers worldwide which showcases the very best of the sport and those who partake in it.

World Championships Vision



The World Rowing Championships is the most important international rowing competition, other than the Olympic Games. It is a globally respected, prime sporting event which allows the world's very best rowers to present their talent and skills in regatta venues that showcase the value and attractiveness of the environment in our sport.

Purpose & goals of the World Championships Vision



1. To provide a platform and the conditions that allow the best rowers of the world to perform to the best of their abilities
2. To determine the world champions, medallists and a final world ranking for a given year in each boat class of each age category
3. To promote and facilitate broad participation for rowers representing national rowing federations from all around the world
4. To provide an entertaining and informative experience for all audiences, of all nationalities, languages and ages
5. To stage the event in a way which supports FISA's strategic plan for the sport of rowing and upholds FISA's principles: development of the individual, promoting international understanding, promoting rowing as a lifetime sport and affirming collective environmental responsibility.

Proposals for the new Rule 36



The Council will include its recommendation for the most appropriate option(s) in the Congress Agenda Papers on 2 August, however the scenarios that follow will all be presented to the Congress as options for vote.

It is proposed to present the options separately for vote according to category, i.e. open weight, lightweight and para events.

Note that for each category, a 'status quo' option will also be presented for vote in case no change from the current boat classes is the preferred choice for that particular category.

Proposals for the new Rule 36



Open events (3 scenarios + status quo)

The Council agrees that the three scenarios presented should be presented for consideration by the delegates.

Proposals for the Open Category

Option 'Status Quo'

No change to current boat classes
 Not gender equal

Men								
(Olympic Games)	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-			M8+
World Champs	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-		M2+	M8+
Under 23 Champs	BM1x	BM2x	BM4x	BM2-	BM4-	BM4+		BM8+
Junior Champs	JM1x	JM2x	JM4x	JM2-	JM4-	JM4+		JM8+

Women								
(Olympic Games)	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-			W8+
World Champs	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-			W8+
Under 23 Champs	BW1x	BW2x	BW4x	BW2-	BW4-			BW8+
Junior Champs	JW1x	JW2x	JW4x	JW2-	JW4-			JW8+

Proposals for the Open Category

Proposed Option a

Delete: M2+, JM4+, BM4+
 Gender Equal
 Open categories aligned

Men								
(Olympic Games)	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-			M8+
World Champs	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-		M2+	M8+
Under 23 Champs	BM1x	BM2x	BM4x	BM2-	BM4-	BM4+		BM8+
Junior Champs	JM1x	JM2x	JM4x	JM2-	JM4-	JM4+		JM8+

Women								
(Olympic Games)	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-			W8+
World Champs	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-			W8+
Under 23 Champs	BW1x	BW2x	BW4x	BW2-	BW4-			BW8+
Junior Champs	JW1x	JW2x	JW4x	JW2-	JW4-			JW8+

Proposals for the Open Category

Proposed Option b

Add: BW4+, JW4+,
Delete: M2+
 Gender equal

W4+ added at junior & U23 levels to stimulate women's sweep rowing

Men								
(Olympic Games)	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-			M8+
World Champs	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-		M2+	M8+
Under 23 Champs	BM1x	BM2x	BM4x	BM2-	BM4-	BM4+		BM8+
Junior Champs	JM1x	JM2x	JM4x	JM2-	JM4-	JM4+		JM8+

Women								
(Olympic Games)	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-			W8+
World Champs	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-			W8+
Under 23 Champs	BW1x	BW2x	BW4x	BW2-	BW4-	BW4+		BW8+
Junior Champs	JW1x	JW2x	JW4x	JW2-	JW4-	JW4+		JW8+

Proposals for the Open Category

Proposed Option c

Add: JW4+,
Delete: M2+, BM4+
 Gender equal

W4+ added at junior level to stimulate women’s sweep rowing

Men								
(Olympic Games)	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-			M8+
World Champs	M1x	M2x	M4x	M2-	M4-		M2+	M8+
Under 23 Champs	BM1x	BM2x	BM4x	BM2-	BM4-	BM4+		BM8+
Junior Champs	JM1x	JM2x	JM4x	JM2-	JM4-	JM4+		JM8+

Women								
(Olympic Games)	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-			W8+
World Champs	W1x	W2x	W4x	W2-	W4-			W8+
Under 23 Champs	BW1x	BW2x	BW4x	BW2-	BW4-			BW8+
Junior Champs	JW1x	JW2x	JW4x	JW2-	JW4-	JW4+		JW8+

Proposals for the new Rule 36



Lightweight events (6 scenarios + status quo)

The Council does not wish to take a position on the options before seeing the entries at the U23CH and WCH but notes that some of the options are not gender equal and therefore not in line with the guiding principles.

Proposals for the Lightweight Category



Option 'Status Quo'

No change to current boat classes
Not gender equal

Men					
(Olympic Games)		LM2x			
World Champs	LM1x	LM2x	LM4x	LM2-	LM4-
Under 23 Champs	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM4x	BLM2-	BLM4-
Junior Champs					
Women					
(Olympic Games)		LW2x			
World Champs	LW1x	LW2x	LW4x		
Under 23 Champs	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW4x		
Junior Champs					

Proposals for the Lightweight Category



Proposed Option 1

Add: LW2-, BLW2-, LW4-, BLW4-
Gender equal

Women's sweep boats added to align to existing men's sweep boats

Men					
(Olympic Games)		LM2x			
World Champs	LM1x	LM2x	LM4x	LM2-	LM4-
Under 23 Champs	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM4x	BLM2-	BLM4-
Junior Champs					
Women					
(Olympic Games)		LW2x			
World Champs	LW1x	LW2x	LW4x	LW2-	LW4-
Under 23 Champs	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW4x	BLW2-	BLW4-
Junior Champs					

Proposals for the Lightweight Category



Proposed Option 2

Add: LW2-, BLW2-
Delete: BLM4-, LM4-

Gender equal

Lightweight pairs the only sweep boats

Men						
(Olympic Games)	M8+		LM2x			
World Champs	M8+	LM1x	LM2x	LM4x	LM2-	LM4-
Under 23 Champs	BM8+	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM4x	BLM2-	BLM4-
Junior Champs	JM8+					
Women						
(Olympic Games)	W8+		LW2x			
World Champs	W8+	LW1x	LW2x	LW4x	LW2-	
Under 23 Champs	BW8+	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW4x	BLW2-	
Junior Champs	JW8+					

Proposals for the Lightweight Category



Proposed Option 3

Delete: LM2-, BLM2-, LM4-, BLM4-

Gender equal

No lightweight sweep boats

Men					
(Olympic Games)		LM2x			
World Champs	LM1x	LM2x	LM4x	LM2-	LM4-
Under 23 Champs	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM4x	BLM2-	BLM4-
Junior Champs					
Women					
(Olympic Games)		LW2x			
World Champs	LW1x	LW2x	LW4x		
Under 23 Champs	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW4x		
Junior Champs					

Proposals for the Lightweight Category



Proposed Option 4

Delete: LM4-, BLM4-
Not gender equal
LM2- retained

Men					
(Olympic Games)		LM2x			
World Champs	LM1x	LM2x	LM4x	LM2-	LM4-
Under 23 Champs	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM4x	BLM2-	BLM4-
Junior Champs					

Women					
(Olympic Games)		LW2x			
World Champs	LW1x	LW2x	LW4x		
Under 23 Champs	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW4x		
Junior Champs					

Proposals for the Lightweight Category

Proposed Option 5

Gender equal programme

Add: BLW2-

Delete: BLM4-, LM4-

Lightweight pairs at U23 level the only sweep boats

Men					
(Olympic Games)		LM2x			
World Champs	LM1x	LM2x	LM4x	LM2-	LM4-
Under 23 Champs	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM4x	BLM2-	BLM4-
Junior Champs					
Women					
(Olympic Games)		LW2x			
World Champs	LW1x	LW2x	LW4x		
Under 23 Champs	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW4x	BLW2-	
Junior Champs					

Proposals for the Lightweight Category



Proposed Option 6

Not gender equal
Add: BLW2-, LW2-

Lightweight women's pairs at U23 and senior level

Men					
(Olympic Games)		LM2x			
World Champs	LM1x	LM2x	LM4x	LM2-	LM4-
Under 23 Champs	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM4x	BLM2-	BLM4-
Junior Champs					

Women					
(Olympic Games)		LW2x			
World Champs	LW1x	LW2x	LW4x	LW2-	
Under 23 Champs	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW4x	BLW2-	
Junior Champs					

Proposals for the new Rule 36



Para-rowing events (2 scenarios + status quo)

Both new options will be carried forward to the Congress, however the Council notes that the ratio between para and non-para events should be considered.

Proposals for the Para-Rowing Category



Option 'Status Quo'

No change to current boat classes
Gender equal

Men					
(Paralympic Games)	PR1 1x				
World Champs	PR1 1X				
Women					
(Olympic Games)	PR1 1x				
World Champs	PR1 1x				
Mixed					
(Paralympic Games)		PR2 2X	(PR3 2X)	PR3 4+	
World Champs		PR2 2X	PR3 2X	PR3 4+	

Proposals for the Para-rowing Category



Proposed Option (i)

Add: PR2 M1x, PR2 W1x, PR3 M2-, PR3 W2-
Gender equal

Introduces development boats for PR2 and PR3 Paralympic events

Men					
(Paralympic Games)	PR1 1x				
World Champs	PR1 1X	PR2 1X	PR3 2-		
Women					
(Olympic Games)	PR1 1x				
World Champs	PR1 1x	PR2 1X	PR3 2-		
Mixed					
(Paralympic Games)		PR2 2X	(PR3 2X)	PR3 4+	
World Champs		PR2 2X	PR3 2X	PR3 4+	

Proposals for the Para-rowing Category



Proposed Option (ii)

Add: PR2 M1x, PR2 W1x, PR3 M2-, PR3 W2-, PR3 M1X, PR3 W1X

Gender equal

PR3 singles as development boats if PR3 Mix2x is approved as a Paralympic event

Men					
(Paralympic Games)	PR1 1x				
World Champs	PR1 1X	PR2 1X	PR3 2-	PR3 1X	
Women					
(Olympic Games)	PR1 1x				
World Champs	PR1 1x	PR2 1X	PR3 2-	PR3 1X	
Mixed					
(Paralympic Games)		PR2 2X	(PR3 2X)	PR3 4+	
World Champs		PR2 2X	PR3 2X	PR3 4+	

Rule 36 – Next steps



1. Any options that are currently missing?
2. Final proposals for Agenda papers on 2 August

Rule 36 – World Championships Programmes



Questions or comments?

2020 OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Olympic Programme Decision



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

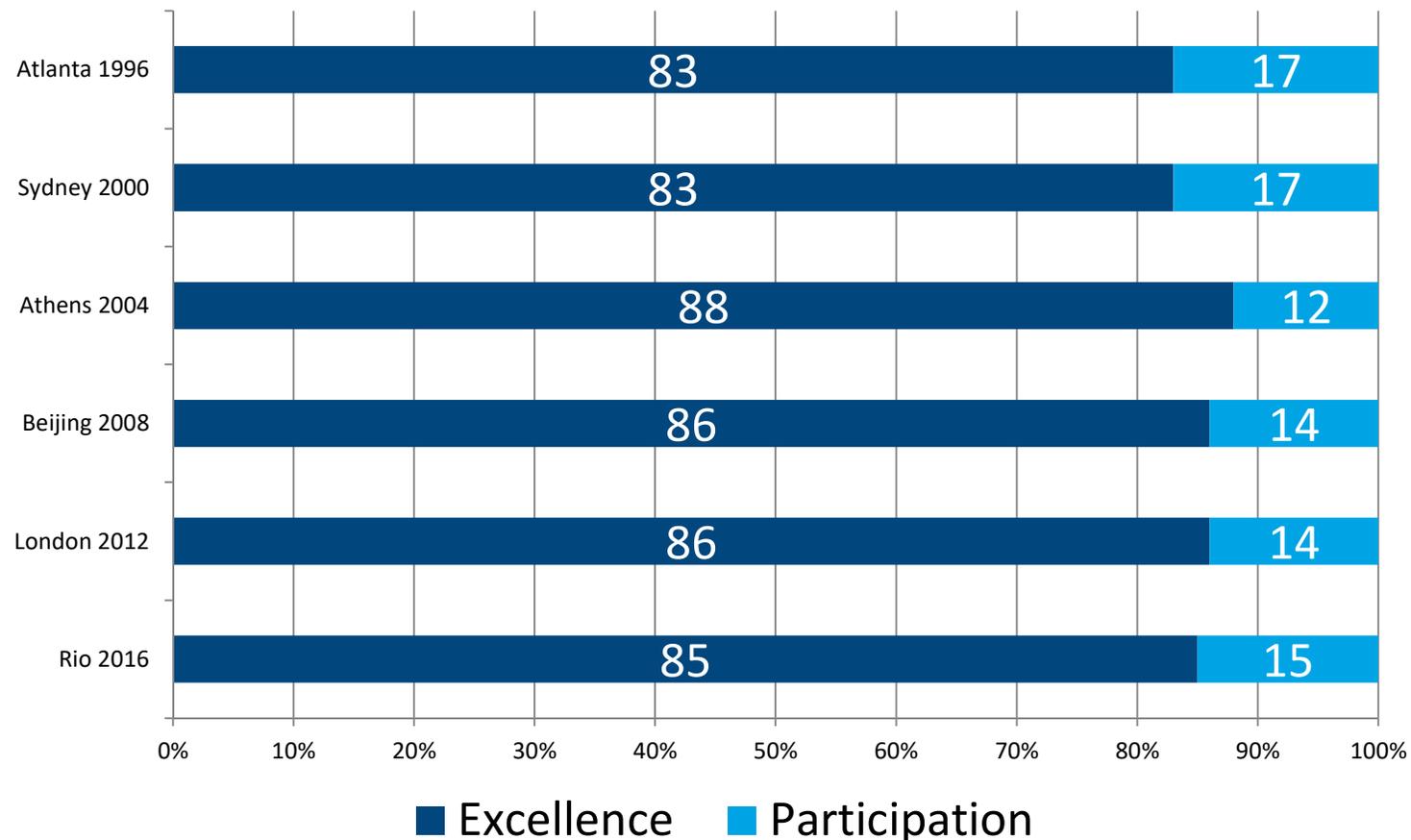
I. Principles for distributing athlete quota between events

Principles for athlete quota distribution



1. Excellence : participation ratio

Rowers – 1996 to 2016

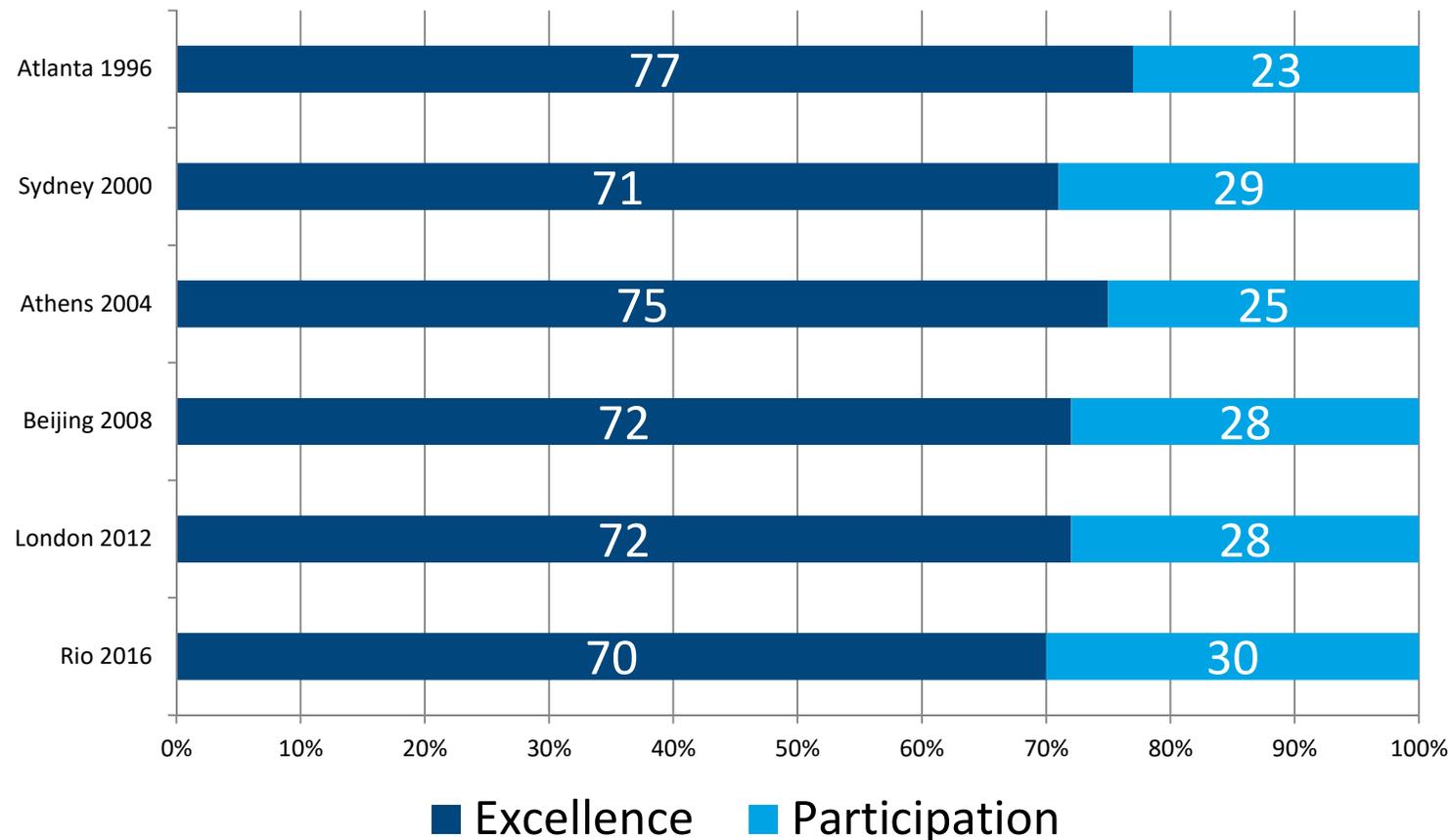


Principles for athlete quota distribution



1. Excellence : participation ratio

Boats – 1996 to 2016



1. Excellence : participation ratio

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

The Council agrees that the ratio of 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.

How do we reach this ratio?

The Council agrees that a target should be set for the number of boats that are determined through excellence, and is generally in favour of the following allocations:

Singles, pairs & doubles: 13 (11 at WCH, 2 at FOQR)

Fours & quads: 7 to 10 boats* (5 to 8 at WCH, 2 at FOQR)

Eights: 7 (5 at WCH, 2 at FOQR)

* *Depends on the impact on other principle positions*

Principles for athlete quota distribution



How do we reach this ratio?

	EXCELLENCE PLACES		PARTICIPATION PLACES	
	Proposed	Rio 2016	Proposed	Rio 2016
1X	13	9	15 – 27*	23
2-	13	13 men/15 women	0	0
2X	13	13	0	0
L2X	13	11	5-10*	9
4-	7 - 10?	13 men	0	0
4X	7 - 10?	10 men/7 women	0	0
8+	7	7	0	0

* Depending on the option selected

Should we add the pair to the Continental Qualification?

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.

Scenarios for athlete quota distribution



Option 1a

Excellence Places

7 places in the 8+
10 places in the 4x
10 places for the 4-
13 places in short boats

Participation Places

15 in 1x
7 in L2x

Result: 78% / 22%

	World Champs	Asia/Oceania (+AUS, NZL)	Africa	Americas (+CAN, USA)	European	Host Nation Places	Tripartite Places	Final OQR	Total Boats	Total Rowers
Men										
M1x	11	4	2	4	2	1	2	2	28	28
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	11	3	1	2	1			2	20	40
Total Men Boats	65	7	3	6	3	1	2	14	101	263
Women										
W1x	11	4	2	4	2	1	2	2	28	28
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	11	3	1	2	1			2	20	40
Total Women Boats	65	7	3	6	3	1	2	14	101	263
TOTAL									202	526
Excellence									158	468
Participation									44	58

	Boat		Rower	
Excellence	78%	158	468	89%
Participation	22%	44	58	11%
Total	100%	202	526	100%

Seat/boat Analysis				
	Sculling boats	Sweep boats	Sculling seats	Sweep seats
Men	71	30	134	129
Women	71	30	134	129
Total	142	60	268	258

Lightweight Analysis				
	Open Seats	LWT Seats	Open Seat %	LWT Seat %
Male	223	40	42.40	7.60
Female	223	40	42.40	7.60
Total	446	80	84.79	15.21

Scenarios for athlete quota distribution



Option 1b

Excellence Places

7 places in the 8+
10 places in the 4x
10 places for the 4-
13 places in short boats

Participation Places

19 in 1x
5 in L2x

Result: 77% / 23%

	World Champs	Asia/Oceania (+AUS, NZL)	Africa	Americas (+CAN, USA)	European	Host Nation Places	Tripartite Places	Final OQR	Total Boats	Total Rowers
Men										
M1x	11	5	3	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	11	1	1	1	2			2	18	36
Total Men Boats	65	6	4	6	5	1	2	14	103	263
Women										
W1x	11	5	3	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	11	1	1	1	2			2	18	36
Total Women Boats	65	6	4	6	5	1	2	14	103	263
TOTAL									206	526
Excellence									158	488
Participation									48	38

	Boat		Rower	
Excellence	77%	158	488	93%
Participation	23%	48	38	7%
Total	100%	206	526	100%

Seat/boat Analysis				
	Sculling boats	Sweep boats	Sculling seats	Sweep seats
Men	73	30	134	129
Women	73	30	134	129
Total	146	60	268	258

Lightweight Analysis				
	Open Seats	LWT Seats	Open Seat %	LWT Seat %
Male	227	36	43.16	6.84
Female	227	36	43.16	6.84
Total	454	72	86.31	13.69

Scenarios for athlete quota distribution



Option 2a

Excellence Places

7 places in the 8+
7 places in the 4x
10 places for the 4-
13 places in short boats

Participation Places

21 in 1x
10 in L2x

Result: 71% / 29%

	World Champs	Asia/Oceania (+AUS, NZL)	Africa	Americas (+CAN, USA)	European	Host Nation Places	Tripartite Places	Final OQR	Total Boats	Total Rowers
Men										
M1x	11	6	4	5	3	1	2	2	34	34
M2-	11							2	13	26
M2x	11							2	13	26
M4-	8							2	10	40
M4x	5							2	7	28
M8+	5							2	7	63
Men LWT										
LM2x	11	3	2	3	2			2	23	46
Total Men Boats	62	9	6	8	5	1	2	14	107	263
Women										
W1x	11	6	4	5	3	1	2	2	34	34
W2-	11							2	13	26
W2x	11							2	13	26
W4-	8							2	10	40
W4x	5							2	7	28
W8+	5							2	7	63
Women LWT										
LW2x	11	3	2	3	2			2	23	46
Total Women Boats	62	9	6	8	5	1	2	14	107	263
TOTAL									214	526
Excellence									152	444
Participation									62	82

	Boat		Rower	
Excellence	71%	152	444	84%
Participation	29%	62	82	16%
Total	100%	214	526	100%

Seat/boat Analysis				
	Sculling boats	Sweep boats	Sculling seats	Sweep seats
Men	77	30	134	129
Women	77	30	134	129
Total	154	60	268	258

Lightweight Analysis				
	Open Seats	LWT Seats	Open Seat %	LWT Seat %
Male	217	46	41.25	8.75
Female	217	46	41.25	8.75
Total	434	92	82.51	17.49

Scenarios for athlete quota distribution



Option 2b

<u>Excellence Places</u>	<u>Participation Places</u>
7 places in the 8+	27 in 1x
7 places in the 4x	7 in L2x
10 places for the 4-	
13 places in short boats	
Result: 69% / 31%	

	World Champs	Asia/Oceania (+AUS, NZL)	Africa	Americas (+CAN, USA)	European	Host Nation Places	Tripartite Places	Final OQR	Total Boats	Total Rowers
Men										
M1x	11	8	5	7	4	1	2	2	40	40
M2-	11							2	13	26
M2x	11							2	13	26
M4-	8							2	10	40
M4x	5							2	7	28
M8+	5							2	7	63
Men LWT										
LM2x	11	2	1	2	2			2	20	40
Total Men Boats	62	10	6	9	6	1	2	14	110	263
Women										
W1x	11	8	5	7	4	1	2	2	40	40
W2-	11							2	13	26
W2x	11							2	13	26
W4-	8							2	10	40
W4x	5							2	7	28
W8+	5							2	7	63
Women LWT										
LW2x	11	2	1	2	2			2	20	40
Total Women Boats	62	10	6	9	6	1	2	14	110	263
TOTAL									220	526
Excellence									152	444
Participation									68	82

	Boat		Rower	
Excellence	69%	152	444	84%
Participation	31%	68	82	16%
Total	100%	220	526	100%

Seat/boat Analysis				
	Sculling boats	Sweep boats	Sculling seats	Sweep seats
Men	80	30	134	129
Women	80	30	134	129
Total	160	60	268	258

Lightweight Analysis				
	Open Seats	LWT Seats	Open Seat %	LWT Seat %
Male	223	40	42.40	7.60
Female	223	40	42.40	7.60
Total	446	80	84.79	15.21

Possible Sub-Scenarios			
	1b1	1b2	1b3
1x	33	29	35
L2x	22	24	21

Scenarios for athlete quota distribution



Option 3

Excellence Places

7 places in the 8+
9 places in the 4x
10 places for the 4-
13 places in short boats

Participation Places

19 in 1x
7 in L2x

Result: 75% / 25%

	World Champs	Asia/Oceania (+AUS, NZL)	Africa	Americas (+CAN, USA)	European	Host Nation Places	Tripartite Places	Final OQR	Total Boats	Total Rowers
Men										
M1x	11	5	3	5	3	1	2	2	32	32
M2-	11							2	13	26
M2x	11							2	13	26
M4-	8							2	10	40
M4x	7							2	9	36
M8+	5							2	7	63
Men LWT										
LM2x	11	2	1	2	2			2	20	40
Total Men Boats	64	7	4	7	5	1	2	14	104	263
Women										
W1x	11	5	3	5	3	1	2	2	32	32
W2-	11							2	13	26
W2x	11							2	13	26
W4-	8							2	10	40
W4x	7							2	9	36
W8+	5							2	7	63
Women LWT										
LW2x	11	2	1	2	2			2	20	40
Total Women Boats	64	7	4	7	5	1	2	14	104	263
TOTAL									208	526
Excellence									156	460
Participation									52	66

	Boat		Rower	
Excellence	75%	156	460	87%
Participation	25%	52	66	13%
Total	100%	208	526	100%

Seat/boat Analysis				
	Sculling boats	Sweep boats	Sculling seats	Sweep seats
Men	74	30	134	129
Women	74	30	134	129
Total	148	60	268	258

Lightweight Analysis				
	Open Seats	LWT Seats	Open Seat %	LWT Seat %
Male	223	40	42.40	7.60
Female	223	40	42.40	7.60
Total	446	80	84.79	15.21

Scenarios for athlete quota distribution



Option 4

Excellence Places

7 places in the 8+
9 places in the 4x
9 places for the 4-
13 places in short boats

Participation Places

23 in 1x
7 in L2x

Result: 72% / 28%

	World Champs	Asia/Oceania (+AUS, NZL)	Africa	Americas (+CAN, USA)	European	Host Nation Places	Tripartite Places	Final OQR	Total Boats	Total Rowers
Men										
M1x	11	6	4	6	4	1	2	2	36	36
M2-	11								11	22
M2x	11							2	13	26
M4-	7							2	9	36
M4x	7							2	9	36
M8+	5							2	7	63
Men LWT										
LM2x	11	2	1	2	2			2	20	40
Total Men Boats	63	8	5	8	6	1	2	12	105	259
Women										
W1x	11	6	4	6	4	1	2	2	36	36
W2-	11							2	13	26
W2x	11							2	13	26
W4-	7							2	9	36
W4x	7							2	9	36
W8+	5							2	7	63
Women LWT										
LW2x	11	2	1	2	2			2	20	40
Total Women Boats	63	8	5	8	6	1	2	14	107	263
TOTAL									212	522
Excellence									152	448
Participation									60	74

	Boat		Rower	
Excellence	72%	152	448	86%
Participation	28%	60	74	14%
Total	100%	212	522	100%

Seat/boat Analysis				
	Sculling boats	Sweep boats	Sculling seats	Sweep seats
Men	78	27	138	121
Women	78	29	138	125
Total	156	56	276	246

Lightweight Analysis				
	Open Seats	LWT Seats	Open Seat %	LWT Seat %
Male	219	40	41.95	7.66
Female	223	40	42.72	7.66
Total	442	80	84.67	15.33

Olympic Qualification System Proposals



Updated OQS proposals will be published on www.worldrowing.com. Example:

	World Champs	Asia/Oceania (+AUS, NZL)	Africa	Americas (+CAN, USA)	European	Host Nation Places	Tripartite Places	Final OQR	Total Boats	Total Rowers
Men										
M1x	11	4	2	4	2	1	2	2	28	28
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	11	3	1	2	1					
Total Men's Boats	65	7	3	6	3	1	2	14	101	263
Women										
W1x	11	4	2	4	2	1	2	2	28	28
W2-	11							2	13	26
W2x	11									
W4-	8									
W4x	8									
W8+	5									
Women LWT										
LW2x	11	3	1	2	1			2	20	40
Total Women's Boats	65	7	3	6	3	1	2	14	101	263
TOTAL									202	526
Excellence									158	468
Participation									44	58

	Boat		Rower	
Excellence	78%	158	Excellence	71
Participation	22%	44	Participation	22
Total	100%	202		

Seat/boat Analysis				
	Sculling boats	Sweep boats	Sculling seats	Sweep seats
Men	71	30	134	129
Women	71	30	134	129
Total	142	60	268	258

Lightweight Analysis			
	Open Seats	LWT Seats	LWT Seat %
Men	223	40	42.40
Women	223	40	42.40
Total	446	80	84.79

II. Qualification Principles

1. Two chances to qualify

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

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

2. Doubling up

A system of compulsory doubling up could 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.

3. Limits on “excellence” qualification places per NF?

We have received a proposal that NFs qualifying a certain number of boats at the World Championships may not participate in the Continental or Final Qualification

Council does not support capping the number of qualification places that may be achieved by countries via the World Championships and Final Olympic Qualification Regatta.

4. Proposal: Achieving “excellence” places means no or reduced access to “participation” places?

NFs that qualify more than a certain number of boats at the World Championships (e.g. 2 or more boats) would 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 would still be able to participate in the Final Qualification Regatta for the remaining singles and lightweight doubles excellence places.

The Council agrees with this in principle but wants to study further all possible impacts and consequences.

Participation qualification principles

Where to draw the line?

2016 Olympic and Paralympic Qualification by NOC after 2015 World Rowing Championships

NOC	Olympic Events - Men								Olympic Events - Women						Total
	M1x (29)	M2- (13)	M2x (13)	M4- (13)	M4x (10)	M8+ (7)	LM2x (20)	LM4- (13)	W1x (29)	W2- (15)	W2x (13)	W4x (7)	W8+ (7)	LW2x (20)	
GBR	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	12
USA		1		1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
GER			1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1		1	9
NZL	1	1	1			1		1		1	1		1	1	9
AUS															7
CAN														1	6
FRA															6
NED															6
POL	1													1	6
ITA															5
LTU	1														5
BLR	1														4
CHN								1	1		1			1	4
RSA		1					1			1				1	4
RUS				1		1							1	1	4
SUI															4
CZE	1														3
DEN														1	3
ROU		1													3
AUT															2
CRO	1		1												2
CUB	1		1												2
GRE															2
IRL														1	2
NOR	1														2
AZE			1												1
BUL			1												1
ESP		1													1
EST															1
SRB		1													1
SWE															1
UKR					1										1

2 Boat threshold
25 NFs excluded from Continental Qualification

3 Boat threshold
19 NFs excluded from Continental Qualification

Boats Qualified at 2015 World Championships
GBR (12), USA (10), GER (9), NZL (9),
6 Boats: AUS, CAN, FRA, NED, POL,
5 Boats: ITA, LTU,
4 Boats: BLR, CHN, RSA, RUS, SUI,
3 Boats: CZE, DEN, ROU
2 Boats: AUT, CRO, CUB, GRE, IRL, NOR

Participation qualification principles



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.

III. Continental Qualification Principles

1. Limitations on qualification at the Continental Qualification Regatta

a. One boat per gender per NF through the Continental Qualification?

NFs may qualify a total of two boats, one in each gender, at the Continental Qualification Regatta

- *System used for the Rio 2016 Continental Qualification*
- *Supports gender equality and encourages NFs to develop men's and women's programmes*

OR...

b. 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, but risks a very low level of performance at the bottom end*
- *Would benefit from increased support for OS Scholarships from Olympic Solidarity*

OR...

c. Two boats per NF?

An NF may qualify its highest placing two boats in the Continental Qualification with no restriction on the gender of the boats, i.e. two men's, two women's or a men's and a women's boat

➤ *Gives NFs the freedom to make their own selection based on (or to support) their development strategy*

OR...

New proposal



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

Council position



The Council wants to hear more feedback from the stakeholders on these ideas.

2. Other principles relating to Continental Qualification

Continental Qualification Regattas



a. Where an NF has more than the allowed quota of boats eligible to qualify, how to select which boat qualifies?

The Council believes that a clear and objective method for selecting crews has not been found and, therefore, the decision should be left to the NF.

The Council is still considering whether to publish a set of guidelines for selection criteria that may be used by NFs.

Continental Qualification Regattas



e. 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 is positive about this idea but wants to continue to study all consequences

Continental Qualification Regattas



f. 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.

Next steps



1. Working document describing the proposed principles and the scenarios that support them for inclusion in Congress Agenda Papers (as an additional item for discussion) on 2 August
2. Further discussion in Trakai at the World Rowing Junior Championships and at the FISA Congress in Sarasota-Bradenton on 2 October

Olympic Qualification System



Questions or comments?

Phase 1: Considerations for 2018 up to 2020

- Why lightweight rowing?
- Which lightweight events should be included in the World Championships Event Programme (Rule 36)
- How lightweight events should be treated within the 2020 Olympic Qualification system
- What research or further analysis is needed?
- Interim report to the FISA Congress on 2 Oct

Para-Rowing Review Project



Phase 1: Para-Rowing from 2018 – 2020

- Make recommendations to the Rule 36 Review Project on para-rowing events for the World Championship Programme
- Prepare initial proposals on research projects or analysis needed related to the new race distance, specifically with regard to equipment, but also health, safety and attractiveness.

Proposal on the Paralympic Qualification process will be picked up after the IPC decision on the Paralympic Games programme.

Send us your input...



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A screenshot of a web browser displaying the page www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/world-rowing-2017-review-projects. The page features the World Rowing logo and a navigation menu with items: ROWING, EVENTS & RESULTS, ATHLETES, NEWS, and PHOTOS & VIDEOS. The main content area includes a paragraph about working groups, a section titled "2017 Review Projects Working Groups", and a section titled "INPUT FROM NATIONAL FEDERATIONS". In the "INPUT FROM NATIONAL FEDERATIONS" section, the text says "The National Federations are invited to provide their comments and perspectives at the NF Meetings and/or by completing the comment form [here](#)." A red circle highlights the word "here", and a red arrow points to it from the right. Below this, it states "Updates on the projects, based on input from the NFs and the working groups, will be published, in principle, on the Friday two weeks after an NF Meeting." There is also a "TIMELINE" section.

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