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

**Circular No. 4 of 2017 – UPDATED 29 May 2017**  
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

**Subjects covered in this Circular include the following:**

1. 2017 FISA Ordinary Congress
2. Four 2017 Review Projects
3. Qualification events for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games
4. 2017 World Rowing Coaches Conference
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**1. 2017 FISA Ordinary Congress**

Notice is given that the 2017 Ordinary Congress of FISA will be held from 08:30 hrs to 13:30 hrs on 2 October 2017 following the 2017 World Rowing Championships. Registration begins at 07:30 hrs. The location will be:

Polo Grill and Bar  
10670 Broadwalk Loop.  
Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202  
USA

Please note:

- a) The provisional agenda can be found at this link:  
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

Any federation wishing to submit an additional agenda item or a specific proposal for inclusion in the Agenda must do so in written form in English and/or French, along with the reasons for the additional item or proposal, to be received at FISA Headquarters in Lausanne no later than **2 July 2017**.



- b) Elections will take place at this Congress for the following positions:
- i) President
  - ii) Vice President
  - iii) Treasurer
  - iv) Three Commission Chairs the Executive Committee (as proposed by the Council according to Art. 50)

Candidates are reminded about Article 40 which explains the requirements for those seeking the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer. Member federations wishing to nominate candidates are asked to complete the Nomination Form and return it to FISA no later than 2 July 2017. The form is available via this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

- c) The Congress will attribute the 2019 World Rowing Under 23 Championships, the 2020 World Rowing Senior, Under 23 and Junior Combined Championships, and the 2021 World Rowing Championships.

The Council will carefully study the bidding documents submitted by the candidates and announce its selection of the most suitable candidate(s) by the beginning of August and propose it (them) to the Congress for final approval (in accordance with Rule 6).

- d) Proposals for changes to Rule 36 – “World Championship Boat Classes” will be considered under Agenda Item 20 – “Other Additional Agenda Items”. The 2017 Extraordinary Congress of Tokyo in February 2017 granted the authority to change this rule to the 2017 Ordinary Congress of Sarasota/Bradenton. The vote to change this rule will have a threshold of two-thirds of valid votes cast in order to change the existing rule. Proposals will only be considered “en bloc” (in order to consider athlete pathways), addressing all boat classes. Submissions from member federations must be received at FISA no later than 2 July 2017.

- e) The Congress will also have presentations and discussion on the other three review projects which include the 2020 Olympic Qualification System, Lightweight Rowing and Para-Rowing. Details are found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/world-rowing-2017-review-projects>

- f) Federations are requested to advise FISA of the names of the delegates who will attend the Congress by using the “Congress Attendance Form”. Forms are to be received at FISA headquarters no later than 2 August 2017. The form is available here:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

Those wishing to observe the Congress are also required to register on a first come, first served basis due to space limitations in the Congress facility. The Observer form is also available at the above mentioned link.

## 2. Four 2017 Review Projects

An outcome from the FISA Extraordinary Congress in Tokyo was the creation of four review projects over the year 2017 leading to the 2017 FISA Ordinary Congress on 2 October 2017. They are:

1. World Championship Event Programmes (Rule 36)
2. 2020 Olympic Qualification System
3. Future Development of Lightweight Rowing
4. Future Development of Para-Rowing

National Federations have been invited to participate in a series of consultative meetings at 2017 World Rowing events where the latest updates of each review project will be presented and suggestions are requested. The dates and locations of the remaining NF Consultative Meetings are the following:

- European Rowing Championships, Racice – Saturday 27 May at 17:00 hrs.
- World Rowing Cup II, Poznan - Friday 16 June at 18:00 hrs.
- World Rowing Cup III, Lucerne – Friday 7 July at 18:00 hrs.
- World Rowing Under 23 Championships, Plovdiv – Saturday 22 July at 14:00 hrs.
- World Rowing Junior Championships, Trakai – Saturday 5 August at 14:00 hrs.

As for the first meeting that took place in Belgrade, it will be possible to follow the NF Meetings **live** on the World Rowing YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/WorldRowingFISA>) or later with video on demand, if you are not able to watch it live.

The presentation from the first meeting is available along with other reference documents on the website at <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/world-rowing-2017-review-projects>.

### **3. Qualification events for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games**

The 2017 World Rowing Junior Championships will be the main qualification event to qualify boats for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games regatta that will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2018. In addition, a limited number of singles and pairs may qualify at the following continental qualification events:

- Asian YOG Qualification Regatta in Singapore from 11-14 October 2017
- Americas YOG Qualification Regatta in Cordoba, Argentina from 10-12 April 2018
- European YOG Qualification Regatta in Gravelines, France from 26-27 May 2018
- African YOG Qualification Regatta in Algiers, Algeria in July 2018 (exact dates to be confirmed)
- Oceania YOG Qualification Regatta – Location and dates to be confirmed

For further details about the qualification system please see the 2018 Youth Olympic Games qualification document at:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2018-youth-olympic-games/event-information>

### **4. 2017 World Rowing Coaches Conference**

The 2017 conference will be held from Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 December 2017 in London, Great Britain hosted by FISA and British Rowing. The conference will close with the World Rowing Awards Banquet on the Friday night. Please note this in your agendas. The detailed programme is being finalised and will follow in due course.

### **5. 2018 World University Rowing Championships**

FISU, the World University Sports Federation, have announced a new location for the 2018 World University Rowing Championships. It will be held in Shanghai, China from 10 to 12 August 2018. For more information, consult this website: <http://www.fisu.net/sports/world-university-championships/rowing>.

FISU has just revised their World University Rowing Championship event programme and the events offered are the following:

M1x, M2x, M2-, M4-, M8+, LM1x, LM2x, LM4-  
W1x, W2x, W2-, W4-, W8+, LW1x, LW2x, LW4-

## 6. Appointment of New FISA Commission Member

The Council has appointed:

- Lilliana Pretterhofer (AUT) of the Linz 2019 World Rowing Championships Organising Committee to the Events Promotion Commission effective immediately and until 31 December 2020.

All contact details for Council, Commission and Staff members can be found on the Worldrowing.com website at this link:

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

## 7. 2017 FISA Statutes, Rules of Racing and Event Regulations

At the 2017 FISA Extraordinary Congress, the above mentioned documents were modified. A summary of the major changes, a version in marked up showing all changes and the final version are now available in pdf format at this link:

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

The printed version in English is finished and available for purchase from the NewWave stand at World Rowing Events and online at this link:

[www.newwave.de](http://www.newwave.de)

Yours sincerely,



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President



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Attachments