

APPENDIX 6

BYE-LAWS TO ARTICLE 56 – DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS

1. General Duties of the Commissions

Each Commission shall:

- 1. Meet as required when so requested by their Chairs. In principle, they shall meet at least twice a year; one of the meetings being at the annual Joint Commissions Meeting. Additional meetings should be by conference call;*
- 2. Liaise with the President, the Council and the Executive Director through its Chair;*
- 3. Liaise with other Commissions generally and at Joint Commissions meetings;*
- 4. Undertake their specialist commission duties across the different disciplines and areas of rowing;*
- 5. Provide an annual report to the Council and any other reports as required;*
- 6. Be responsible for producing and circulating minutes of Commission meetings to the Council.*

2. Specific Duties of the Commissions:

Athletes Commission

- 1. Purpose*

To represent active elite rowers and to act as a liaison between FISA and the elite athlete community concerning any issues affecting the sport of Rowing.
- 2. Activities*
 - 2.1 To establish a network of representative rowers throughout the world for a wide canvassing of opinion; providing balanced representation across gender, geographical areas, member federation size, etc.*
 - 2.2 To make known to the Council the views of rowers on any matter in the field of competitive rowing, in all its forms, as it sees fit.*
 - 2.3 To convene and conduct rowers' surveys and/or meetings at World Rowing Championships and to provide a report to the Executive Committee.*

- 2.4 *To analyse the organisation of the World Rowing Championship and Olympic and Paralympic regattas and to report its findings to the Council.*
- 2.5 *To communicate information from FISA to the elite athlete community.*
- 3. **Membership**
 - 3.1 *Members of this Commission can no longer serve on the Commission after 31 December following the eighth anniversary of their last participation as a rower at a World Rowing Championships or Olympic Games.*
 - 3.2 *The Chair of the Commission must be eligible for membership of the Commission at the time of election to the Chair, and may then serve a full four-year term as Chair.*

Competitive Rowing Commission

- 1. **Purpose**
 - 1.1 *To act as a centre of excellence in the coaching field and provide support to regions to develop sustainable coach education.*
 - 1.2 *To increase the breadth and depth of participation in all types of competitive rowing.*
- 2. **Activities**
 - 2.1 **Coaching**
 - 2.1.1 *To advise on coaching practice and coach education including support in the production of specific coach education material and coaching courses and seminars.*
 - 2.1.2 *To assist in the implementation of the Coaching Development Programme in conjunction with the Development department.*
 - 2.1.3 *To organise the annual FISA Coaches Conference.*
 - 2.1.4 *To advise on coach identification and recruitment.*
 - 2.1.5 *To liaise with coaches and implement a coaches' communication network.*
 - 2.2 **Competition**
 - 2.2.1 *Regulation of international rowing competition in terms of (i) composition (events, boat-classes and categories), (ii) conditions, (iii) environment, and (iv) international regatta programme.*

- 2.2.2 *Analysis and review of competition from the point of view of changes e.g. in competitive standards, social and financial environment, global mobility, participation levels.*
- 2.2.3 *Undertaking of the tasks delegated to it by the Council or the Rules in relation to FISA Events, such as fairness and seeding.*

Equipment and Technology Commission

1. Purpose

To support development in the field of rowing equipment, including the review of new technology and its potential application to rowing.

2. Activities

- 2.1 *To establish the standards for the safety of rowing equipment from the point of view of safety of the rowers and enforce this at FISA events.*
- 2.2 *To establish and ensure compliance with rules concerning boats and equipment used in rowing events to which the FISA Statutes and Rules of Racing apply, including working in co-operation with the Control Commission at FISA World Championships.*
- 2.3 *To encourage the production of inexpensive rowing equipment complying with specified standards.*
- 2.4 *To encourage and promote dissemination of information and courses on boat building and repairs.*
- 2.5 *To survey equipment in use and produce theoretical material and drawings for rowing equipment.*
- 2.6 *To collect and review scientific information, relating to equipment and technology, available for the sport of rowing.*
- 2.7 *To be the point of contact with FISA for the manufacturers of equipment and technology in the sport of rowing, including innovations (Rule 40).*

Events Commission

1. Purpose

To establish and monitor the standards of international regattas and of all FISA events with regard to the venue, the technical installations, the safety of rowers and the organisation of the events.

2. Activities

- 2.1 *To advise organising committees of FISA events on the standard of facilities and regatta courses and also on the organisation of events.*
- 2.2 *To maintain and improve the standard of regatta organisation at all major international events in co-operation with other FISA Commissions as appropriate.*
- 2.3 *To visit and inspect regatta courses and regattas.*
- 2.4 *To provide advice and guidance at every stage from initial concept to final commissioning in the development of new courses and new regattas.*
- 2.5 *To provide members for the technical group responsible for inspecting candidates of future championships and multi-sport Games candidates.*
- 2.6 *To monitor and co-ordinate changes to the structure of the FISA international regatta calendar in conjunction with the FISA Events staff taking into consideration the advice of the relevant FISA Commissions.*
- 2.7 *To prepare and regularly update documents and manuals which specify the FISA requirements for all aspects of: a) the upgrading of existing courses; b) the development of new courses; c) the organisation of championships and major regattas.*

Event Promotion Commission

1. Purpose

To maximise and optimise the event promotion opportunities and activities of FISA events.

2. Activities

- 2.1 *To advise organising committees of FISA's main events on:*
 - 2.1.1 *Their policy and strategic planning for the promotion of their event;*
 - 2.1.2 *Promoting their event to the local, regional and international communities, utilising all media and communications platforms as well as stakeholder relations;*
 - 2.1.3 *Improving stakeholder experience at events through sport presentation, social media, reporting and information distribution.*

- 2.2 *To assist with the transfer of knowledge on promotion strategies and activities between FISA and past, present and future organising committees of FISA's main events:*
 - 2.2.1 *By developing and populating FISA's knowledge transfer database in the event promotion area;*
 - 2.2.2 *By facilitating interaction between organising committees of events in the event promotion area.*

Masters Rowing Commission

1. *Purpose*

To oversee and promote Masters rowing in all its forms on a national and international basis.

2. *Activities*

- 2.1 *To organise the World Rowing Masters Regatta annually.*
- 2.2 *In cooperation with other Commissions, establish standard masters classes in other forms of rowing.*
- 2.3 *To gather dates and locations of key international masters regattas for the international calendar.*
- 2.4 *To publish written information.*
- 2.5 *To consult with and advise the Youth Rowing Commission regarding the Masters Fund for Youth Rowing and the use of the resources of the Fund.*

Para Rowing Commission

1. *Purpose*

To oversee and promote rowing for persons with an impairment (Para Rowers) on a national and international basis.

2. *Activities*

- 2.1 *To develop inclusive policies within FISA.*
- 2.2 *To develop inclusive competitions for all forms of rowing.*
- 2.3 *To increase participation in para rowing at all levels of performance.*
- 2.4 *To promote and monitor trends in para rowing at national, international and paralympic levels.*

- 2.5 *To include para rowing in active life programmes.*
- 2.6 *To research and disperse knowledge on para rowing to the community.*

Rowing for All Commission

1. Purpose

To oversee and promote on a national and international basis all the following forms of rowing:

- 1.1 *Touring, fitness and recreational rowing;*
- 1.2 *Coastal and traditional rowing; and*
- 1.3 *Indoor rowing.*

2. Activities

- 2.1 *To collaborate with member federations to share knowledge, expertise and develop the above forms of rowing, in new countries and to new rowers.*
- 2.2 *To guide the strategic growth of international competitions and challenges, to support the development of different disciplines and formats, notably coastal, beach and indoor.*
- 2.3 *To oversee the organisation of the World Rowing Coastal Championship Regatta and the World Rowing Tour.*
- 2.4 *To develop activities to protect and promote the heritage boat classes and support the traditional activities and regattas.*
- 2.5 *To foster communication between the different rowing communities.*

Sports Medicine Commission

1. Purpose

To oversee and advise on all medical and anti-doping aspects related to rowing.

2. Activities

- 2.1 *To supervise and monitor medical, health and safety services at World Rowing Championships and World Rowing Cup regattas using Commission members or FISA-certified volunteer medical physicians.*
- 2.2 *To investigate and promote the prevention of rowing-related injuries and health issues.*

- 2.3 *To formulate and publish best practice guidelines for medical and health services and environmental issues.*
 - 2.4 *To promote research activity on rowing-related health and medical issues, exercise physiology, biomechanics, health, environmental and any other sports medicine related subjects.*
 - 2.5 *To publish in the Sports Medicine section on the FISA website, as appropriate:*
 - 2.5.1 *Legislation and statements (WADA, IOC, FIMS, FISA...);*
 - 2.5.2 *Documentation relating to exercise physiology, sports medicine, biomechanics, biological aspects of training;*
 - 2.5.3 *Research results and best-practices publications*
 - 2.6 *To provide basic medical and health education to coaches.*
 - 2.7 *To provide advice and recommendations upon request to the Council, Coaches Conference and member federations.*
 - 2.8 *To advise FISA on guidelines and policies for Anti-Doping activities and supervise anti-doping controls at FISA events.*
 - 2.9 *To provide three members of the Commission to serve as the Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee, as defined in the Anti-Doping Rules. One member shall be appointed as Chair by the Executive Committee.*
3. *Membership*
 - 3.1 *Members of this Commission should be certified medical physicians with specific expertise in Sports Medicine.*
 - 3.2 *The Commission can be supported by non-physician consultants who hold a doctoral degree in biomedical sports-related science.*

Umpiring Commission

1. *Purpose*

To standardise umpiring and to continuously improve the quality of umpiring in general, in particular at FISA World Championships, and at international events (regattas, sprints, para rowing, indoor, coastal, etc.) and to promote umpiring throughout the world.

2. Activities

- 2.1 *To select juries for FISA events based on selection criteria as agreed by the Executive Committee.*
- 2.2 *To supervise the work of the juries at World Rowing Championships.*
- 2.3 *To develop, improve and standardise umpiring by conducting seminars and clinics, using the most modern educational techniques and methods.*
- 2.4 *To conduct examinations for international umpires licences.*
- 2.5 *To monitor the qualifications and quality of international umpires.*
- 2.6 *To define the role of umpires in the development of new types of rowing events, in collaboration with the other FISA Commissions as appropriate.*
- 2.7 *To continuously improve the standard of regatta organisation at all major events in co-operation with the other FISA Commissions as appropriate.*
- 2.8 *To assist in the implementation of the Umpiring Development Programme.*
- 2.9 *To provide quality assurance for the Rules of Racing and associated Bye-Laws, in the official languages of FISA as appropriate.*

Women's Rowing Commission

1. Purpose

To oversee and promote women's participation in all rowing activities and events, at all levels.

2. Activities

- 2.1 *To co-operate with other international sport federations.*
- 2.2 *To establish and maintain contacts with people responsible for women's rowing in each member federation.*
- 2.3 *To identify and promote women in administration, coaching, umpiring and research roles.*
- 2.4 *To investigate and evaluate regatta results, numbers of participants, weight limits etc.*
- 2.5 *To organise seminars.*
- 2.6 *To collect material for publicity and promotion of women's rowing.*

Youth Rowing Commission

1. Purpose

To oversee and promote all areas of youth and student rowing and increase participation at all levels of performance and across nations.

2. Activities

- 2.1 To assist and advise on the organisation of the World Rowing Junior and Under 23 Championships and other international level youth competitions, e.g. Youth Olympic Games and FISU competitions.*
- 2.2 To represent the interests of youth rowing when decisions about the competition system are to be made.*
- 2.3 To monitor trends in youth rowing at national and international levels.*
- 2.4 To establish and maintain contact with coaches at major FISA events, e.g. by holding meetings at least once per year.*
- 2.5 To organise the World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference.*
- 2.6 To assist the Control Commission at the World Rowing Junior and Under 23 Championships.*
- 2.7 To analyse the organisation, entries and results of the World Rowing Junior and Under 23 Championships and to publish the results and to use the information to inform future activities.*
- 2.8 To consult with the Masters Rowing Commission regarding the Masters Fund for Youth Rowing and the use of the resources of the Fund.*

3. Working Groups

Working Groups, appointed for specific tasks, report to the Council through their Chair.