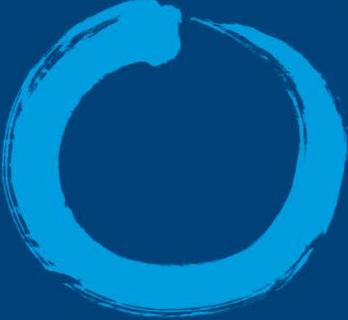


*2017*  
**world**  
**rowing**  <sup>TM</sup>  
*Vancouver, Canada* **coaches**  
**conference**

**FISA Issues Session**

# Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas



1. 2017 Season
2. 2020 Season Issues
3. 2020 WJr, U23, Sr CH
4. 2017 Coaches Conference
5. Rowers Choosing Lanes update
6. Advertising Rules
7. Process for FISA programmes
8. Process for Olym Qualif System
9. McLaren Report 2
10. Tokyo 2020 Update
11. Olympic Event Programme



## 1. 2017 Season

World Cup 1 – Belgrade

World Cup 2 – Poznan

World Cup 3 – Lucerne

World U23 Championships – Plovdiv

World Jr Championships - Trakai

World Championships –

Sarasota/Bradenton



## 2. 2020 Season

Week

- ? World Cup 1
- ? Final Qualification (10 weeks?)
- ? World Cup 2
- ? World Cup 3
  
- 31 Olympic Games 25 July to 1 August  
(two weeks earlier than Rio)



## 3. 2020 World Championships

### 2020 World Championships?

World Rowing Junior, Under 23 and Senior Championships? When?

Eight Days of Racing?

Key Considerations:

- Adequate size of water
- Adequate hotels near to venue
- Size of venue on land
- Experience of OC

# 4. (2<sup>nd</sup>) 2017 Coaches Conference

6 to 8 December 2017  
London Heathrow

# 5. Rowers Choosing Lanes

Experiment Made

Some issues still to be resolved

On going....

## 6. Rules of Advertising

New identification opportunities for individual athletes

Still under total authority of the NF

But allows for individual athlete sponsors on selected items.



## 7. Consideration of the Olympic Qualification System

### Goals

- Excellence
- Final Qualification as “repechage”  
• or re-grouping of talent
- Qualify as many member NFs as possible
- Universality / Excellence balance

## 7. Consideration of the Olympic Qualification System

### Issues

Balance Excellence and Universality

Belgian Double Issue – only one male and one female crew maximum from the continental qualification regattas.

### Ideas

Ten crews max – If an NF qualifies ten or more crews at WCH, no crews at continental or final qualification regattas to maximise NFs.

Qualify all eights at WCH - others regroup talent into other boats for the final qualification regatta

## 7. Process for Consideration of the Olympic Qualification System

- Vancouver – raise issues and ideas
- Tokyo - raise issues and ideas
- IOC Decision – programme and quota decision
- Trakai - Discussions based on preliminary proposal
- 2017 Congress – Discussion based on revised proposal
- Final Council Decision – following feedback from Trakai and Congress

# Rule 36 – World Championship events

## Goals

- Appropriate number of highly competitive events
- Proper feeder system leading to Olympics/Paralympics
- Gender equity / equality

## 8. Process for Consideration of the World Rowing Event Programmes

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- 2017 Congress Decision – following feedback from Vancouver, Tokyo and Trakai

# 9. McLaren Report 2

9 December – WADA issues McLaren Report 2

- Over 1'000 athletes in all sports “involved in or benefiting from manipulations to conceal positive doping tests”
- “Institutionalised Doping Conspiracy and Cover-up”

# 9. McLaren Report 2

## FISA Actions:

- Daily contact with WADA legal dept
- Called a meeting of IFs, IOC and WADA last week to discuss strategy
- Awaiting a meeting on 21 February with WADA legal department
- Considering appropriate steps that are available under our rules

# 10. Tokyo 2020 Course

## Update:

- Soon after Rio,
- New Governor calls for budget reductions
- Raises possibility of using Naganuma course (~400 km north of Tokyo) already rejected by FISA and IOC.
- Careful evaluation and analysis of the issue
- Decision to stay with Sea Forest but with lower costs
- Final meeting for construction on 12/13 February



# 11. Olympic Programme

## Agenda 2020

- Gender Equity
- Lightweights
- Quota

Goal: Maintain strong position in the Olympic movement, our 14 events, lightweight participation and as much of the athlete quota as possible



# 11. Olympic Programme

The Context has completely changed  
Massive pressures on the IOC, the  
Games costs and complexity, size of  
Games capped, many sports want in,  
existing sports want more events and  
quotas

The IOC Executive Board decides

# 11. Olympic Programme

FISA has worked for more than two years to consult with the NFs but also keep close contact with the IOC leadership to understand their issues.

FISA Council's duty is to understand the global issues and provide the best possible guidance to the NFs

# 11. Olympic Programme

Strong opposition to rowing's big quota  
and strong opposition to rowing's  
lightweight category.

Two proposals (both gender equal):  
Council: LM4- to W4- (3 to 2 LW events)  
Five NFs: M4- to LW4- (3 to 4 LW events)

# Thank You

