



Summary of proposed changes to the FISA Statutes and related Bye-Laws:

	Declaration of Principles	Rationale
B6; page 3	Inclusion & Non-discrimination	Expanded to reflect the principles of the Olympic Charter; also emphasising that non-discrimination should be a Principle of the Sport of Rowing.
	Part I – General Provisions	
Art.4; page 4	Autonomy of Member Federations	New Bye-Law (Appendix 1) outlining process to be followed where there is alleged external interference.
	Part II - Membership	
Art.12; page 6	Admission to Membership	Updated wording to improve governance and provide greater clarity on the application process for membership.
Arts.13-17; pages 7-11	13. Rights of member Federations 14. Obligations of member federations Bye-Law to Art.14.1 Subscriptions Bye-Law to Art.14.2 Challenges to a member federation’s eligibility 15. Sanctions, suspensions and expulsions Bye-Law to Art.15. Debts 16. Resignation 17. Obligations of member federations after expulsion or resignation	Reordering of Articles to clarify the rights and obligations of FISA members and the implications in the case of non-compliance. New Bye-Law 14.2 (Appendix 2) outlining process to be followed where a member federation’s eligibility to membership is being challenged by another organisation.
Art.18; page 11	Continental Rowing Confederations	Expansion of the Article to reflect the objective of greater cooperation and collaboration across all continental partners. The introduction of the Bye-Law (Appendix 3) to provide clarity on the process for recognition.
Art.19; page 12	Other Groupings of Member Federations	New article to formalise active collaboration with other rowing organisations. The related Bye-law (Appendix 4) explains the process for recognition.
	Part III - Governance	
Art.23; page 13	Delegates	To promote gender equality at Congress and thereby ultimately drive gender equality throughout all areas and levels of the Sport.
Arts.26, 27 & 29; pages 15 - 18	Convening Notice, Agenda for Ordinary Congress & Specific Proposals from Member Federations	Minor wording changes to provide greater clarity on the process for communicating the agenda, the items to be included in the agenda and member federations’ participation in this process.

Art.36; page 19	Voting at Congress	To promote gender equality: a gender based criteria is now included in the eligibility requirements for obtaining 3 votes.
Art.37; page 20	Majorities	Expanded wording to provide greater clarity on the voting process and the majorities required for different types of decisions made by Congress.
Arts.39 & 40; pages 21 - 24	The Council & Election of Members of the Council;	Reworded for greater clarity.
Art.42; page 24	Appointment of the FISA Continental Representatives & Co-opted Members	Article amended to include Co-opted Members. Amendment to the term limit of the Continental Representatives, to two years, in line with the Co-opted Members.
Art.43; page 25	Term & Age Limitations	New Article. To reflect good governance.
Art.47; page 26	Bye-Law to Art. 47 - Duties of the Council Members	This Bye-Law has been moved to the Appendices (Appendix 5.).
Art.55 & 56; page 29	Commissions & Duties of the Commissions and Working Groups, including the Bye-Law to Art.56	Changes reflect minor amendment to the Commission structure (Development no longer a Commission and to be staff-driven) and the alignment of the age limitation with that of the Council, i.e. 70 years. The European Management Board to no longer be included in these Articles and be recognised rather as a Continental Rowing Confederation under Art.18. The Bye-Law to Art.56 had been moved in its entirety to the Appendices (Appendix 6). Changes to the duties of the Commissions reflect current and future requirements and also minor changes to standardise the format of the descriptions.
	Part IV – Individual Obligations	
Art.58; page 33	Individual & Written Confirmation of Commitments	The Bye-Law to this Article includes the updated Rower’s Commitment Form (Appendix 7).
	Part V – Integrity of the Sport	
Art.59, page 33	Ethical Principles & Integrity	The Bye-Law to this Article has been updated to enhance good governance (Appendix 8).