



Schweizerischer Ruderverband
Fédération Suisse des Sociétés d'Aviron
Federazione Svizzera delle Società di Canottaggio

Proposal for a change in article 39 of the FISA Statutes

Dear Mr President, Council Members
Delegates

The Swiss Rowing Federation (SRF) would like to propose a change in article 39 of the FISA Statutes:

Article 39 – Election of members of the Council (current version)

The members of the Council, with the exception of the Executive Director, the Co-Opted Member(s) and the FISA Continental Representatives, shall be elected for four years by the Congress. They are eligible for re-election. Members of the Council can no longer hold office after the 31st of December following their 70th birthday. With the exception of the Executive Director, the members of Council are not remunerated by FISA but may receive reimbursement of expenses.

Article 39 - Election of members of the Council (proposed version by SRF)

The members of the Council, with the exception of the Executive Director, the Co-Opted Member(s) and the FISA Continental Representatives, shall be elected for four years by the Congress. They are eligible for re-election. Members of the Council can no longer hold office after the 31st of December following their 70th birthday.

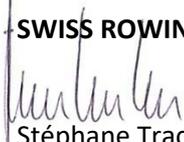
Members of the Council, with the exception of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Director, serve for a maximum of three terms of four years.

With the exception of the Executive Director, the members of the Council are not remunerated by FISA but may receive reimbursement of expenses.

Aim: The Swiss Rowing Federation supports an equal age limit for all FISA commission members and FISA council members. The Swiss Rowing Federations considers the introduction of a maximum number of election periods as more important. That is why we suggest allowing a constant and moderate renewal of the FISA Council members by limiting the maximum period of service in the Council.

Yours sincerely,

SWISS ROWING FEDERATION


Stéphane Trachsler
President


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Proposal for a change in article 53 of the FISA Statutes

Dear Mr President, Council Members
Delegates

The Swiss Rowing Federation (SRF) would like to propose a change in article 53 of the FISA Statutes:

Article 53 – commissions (current version)

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3. Commission members may no longer serve after 31st December following their 65th birthday.

[...]

Article 53 - commissions (proposed version by SRF)

[...]

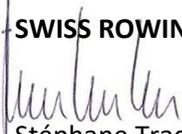
3. Commission members may no longer serve after 31st December following their 70th birthday.
4. Commission members serve for a term of four years, with an upper limit of three terms.

[...]

Aim: The Swiss Rowing Federation supports an equal age limit for all FISA commission members and FISA council members. The Swiss Rowing Federations considers the introduction of a maximum term of election periods as more important. That is why we suggest allowing a constant renewal of the FISA Commissions and FISA decision-making bodies by limiting the maximum period of service in a commission.

Yours sincerely,

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Proposal for a change in Rule 31 “Lightweights” of the FISA Rules of Racing

Dear Mr President, Council Members
Delegates

The Swiss Rowing Federation (SRF) would like to propose an adaptation of Rule 31 of the FISA Rules of Racing.

Rule 31 – Lightweights (current version)

[...]

Lightweight rowers shall be weighed wearing only their racing uniform on tested scales not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race of each lightweight event in which they are competing, each day of the competition.

[...]

Rule 31 – Lightweights (proposed version by SRF)

[...]

Lightweight rowers shall be weighed wearing only their racing uniform on tested scales not less than two hours and not more than three hours before their first race of each lightweight event in which they are competing, each day of the competition.

[...]

Aim: During the FISA National Conference in Rotterdam, the delegates were informed that the FISA Medical Commission is concerned about the current “averaging” of individual weights in lightweight events. If health issues and “sweating down” practices of lightweight rowers are the reason to discuss the current weigh-in rule and assuming that weight management remains an issue as long as weight limits are fixed, then we think that giving lightweight rowers more time to rehydrate would be an alternative concept to address the health side of lightweight rowing. The crew has a joint responsibility for the crew weight on the day of racing. This is also in line with rowing’s core value “teamspirit”. Furthermore, we should not make rules starting from 2021 (in four years time only), that could be altered again at the 2021 Extraordinary Congress.

Yours sincerely

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Proposal for a change in rule 37 of the FISA Rules of Racing

Dear Mr President, Council Members
Delegates

The Swiss Rowing Federation (SRF) would like to add a comment on the new Rule 37 as outlined during the National Federation Conference in Rotterdam:

Rule 37 – Olympic Games Boat Classes (current version)

[...]

Rule 37 – Olympic Games Boat Classes (proposed version by SRF)

a. Events programme

The events programme for the Olympic Rowing Regatta shall be determined by the IOC Executive Board after consultation with the FISA Executive Committee, in accordance with the Olympic Charter. The FISA Congress shall vote to select a recommended Olympic rowing programme for the purpose of the consultation with the IOC prior to the IOC's decision on the programme.

The FISA Executive Committee will submit the recommended Olympic programme according to the decision of the FISA Congress to the IOC Executive Board.

b. Qualification system

Following the decision on the events programme for the Olympic Rowing Regatta, the FISA Council, in consultation with the IOC and the member federations, outlines the Qualification system for the Olympic Rowing Regatta. The Qualification system consists of the World Rowing Championships in the pre-olympic year, continental qualification regattas and the final qualification regatta.

If a member federation has qualified boats in 10 or more events at the World Rowing Championships in the pre-olympic year, it shall not be eligible to enter boats for any qualification regatta in the Olympic year.

The Qualification system may include obligations for some rowers to double up.

Yours sincerely,

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Proposal for a change in Bye-laws to Rule 50 “Rights”

Dear Mr President, Council Members
Delegates

The Swiss Rowing Federation (SRF) would like to propose a change in the Bye-laws of Rule 50 (Appendix 5) of the FISA Rules of Racing.

Bye-laws to Rule 50 – Advertising Bye-laws (current version)

1.2 Exclusive Rights of FISA

The following rights are the exclusive property of FISA at all World Rowing Championship and World Rowing Cup regattas and shall be commercialised in cooperation with each Organising Committee:

Television rights, including all means now known or hereafter devised, whether live or recorded, pay or free television including terrestrial, satellite or cable transmission;

Commercial rights, including all commercial and sponsorship rights arising in relation to or in any way connected including signage rights, general sponsorship rights, official supplier rights, event programme rights, advertising rights on all promotional materials and publications and hospitality rights.

Bye-laws to Rule 50 – Advertising Bye-laws (proposed version by SRF)

1.2 Rights

- a. General Principle: All advertising rights belong to the National Federations as long as it does not concern rights or identifications of manufacturers or exclusive rights of FISA. The National Federations have the right to dispose and exploit the rights within the limitations of this rule and its bye-law.
- b. Exclusive Rights of FISA: The following rights are the exclusive property of FISA at all World Rowing Championship and World Rowing Cup regattas and shall be commercialised in cooperation with each Organising Committee:

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Commercial rights, including all commercial and sponsorship rights arising in relation to or in any way connected including signage rights, general sponsorship rights, official supplier rights, event programme rights, advertising rights on all promotional materials and publications and hospitality rights.

Aim: We would like to have a more precise description for the right holders to protect the rights better and also to communicate them clearly.



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Proposal for a change in Bye-laws to Rule 50 “Identifications on the boat”

Dear Mr President, Council Members
Delegates

The Swiss Rowing Federation (SRF) would like to propose a change in the Bye-laws of Rule 50 of the FISA Rules of Racing.

Bye-laws to Rule 50 – Advertising Bye-laws (current version)

3.2 Other Identifications on the Boat

3.2.1 Single Sculls, Double Sculls, Pairs, and Coxed Pairs

[...]

- a. Member federation of Club sponsor Identifications may only appear within an “Advertising Space”. Each Advertising Space on a boat may be no more than 800 sq cm in size. On each side of a single scull, a 2x, 2- or 2+, only one Advertising Space is allowed.

[...]

Bye-laws to Rule 50 – Advertising Bye-laws (proposed version by SRF)

3.2 Other Identifications on the Boat

3.2.1 Single Sculls, Double Sculls, Pairs, and Coxed Pairs

[...]

- a. Member federation of Club sponsor Identifications may only appear within an “Advertising Space”. Each Advertising Space on a boat may be no more than 800 sq cm in size.

On each side of a single scull, one Advertising Space is allowed. On each side of a 2x, 2- or 2+, two Advertising Spaces are allowed.

[...]

3.2.2 Quadruple Sculls, Fours and Coxed Fours

[...]

- a. Member federation of Club sponsor Identifications may only appear within an “Advertising Space”. Each Advertising Space on a boat may be no more than 800 sq cm in size.

On each side of a 4x, 4- or 4+, four Advertising Spaces are allowed.

[...]

3.2.3 Eights

[...]

- a. Member federation of Club sponsor Identifications may only appear within an “Advertising Space”. Each Advertising Space on a boat may be no more than 800 sq cm in size.

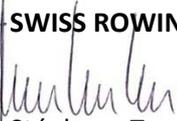
On each side of a Eight, eight Advertising Spaces are allowed.

[...]

Aim: Given the “nature” of our sport on the sponsoring market and the cost structure to run international projects, we are convinced to raise more money on the sponsorship market to fund the respective crews if more advertising space would be available. We therefore propose to introduce the same number of advertising spaces on each side of the boat, as there are seats in the boat.

Yours sincerely,

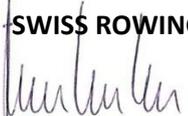
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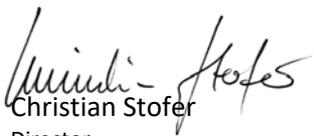

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