

Governance Review Statutes

Key changes to be proposed for the
2017 Extraordinary Congress
(at 22082016)

2015

- Governance Working Group
- National Federation Conferences
- Council meetings

2016

- January – Council meeting
- March – NF conference
- 6 May - NF feedback sent into FISA
- 30 May - Council reassess proposals
- Jun/Aug - Additional exchange of views at events, Council meetings

Next steps

- 29 Aug - NF Conference in Rotterdam
- Sep/Oct - Additional exchange of views by email
- 9 Nov - Final NF proposals received by FISA
- 9 Dec - Final FISA proposals sent to NFs
- 9-12 Feb, 2017 Extraordinary Congress, Tokyo

FISA Membership

Articles 4, 11, 12, 13 – Autonomy, Admission to Membership & Retaining Membership Status

- Articles 4, 11, 12 & 13 have been reviewed and new wording has been proposed reflecting the following:
 - that NFs should operate autonomously
 - that member NF's statutes should be consistent with FISA's
 - to specifically state that member NFs accept and apply the WADA code

Article 18 - Recognition of Continental Rowing Organisations (1 of 2)

- The Council will propose expanding Article 18 to provide a framework for all continental organisations to be recognised equally under the FISA 'umbrella'. One of the main objectives is to encourage greater cooperation and collaboration, although at this stage without voting rights.
- The proposed recognised organisations to be included in a new Bye-Law:
 1. Asia, represented by the Asian Rowing Federation (ARF)
 2. Africa, represented by African Rowing Federation (FASA)
 3. Americas, represented by the Panamerican Rowing Confederation (COPARE)
 4. Europe, represented by the European Rowing Management Board (ERMB)
 5. Oceania, represented by Oceania Rowing Confederation (ORCON) *Updated 22.08.16*

Article 18 - Recognition of Continental Rowing Organisations (2 of 2)

- The proposed new Bye-Law to Article 18 would include the following:
 - The requirements for recognition (similar to those for membership in FISA)
 - A list of the recognised continental organisations that have applied for recognition and that have satisfied the requirements ;
 - Definition of the roles and responsibilities of the recognised continental organisations.
- The continental rowing organisations would be invited to apply for formal recognition by FISA.

Article 22 - Delegates (1 of 2)

FISA is committed to gender equality in all aspects of Rowing including leadership at Congress. The Council proposes that, if National Federations wish to register more than one delegate, both genders must be represented.

Council proposes two options to achieve this: the first allowing for immediate introduction, the second allowing for a phased introduction.

- The first option, immediate introduction:
 - from 2017: to have more than one delegate at Congress (up to 3 permitted), both genders must be represented.
- The second option, a phased introduction:
 - from 2018: to have more than 2 delegates at Congress (up to 3 permitted), both genders must be represented;
 - from 2019, to have more than one delegate at Congress (up to 3 permitted), both genders must be represented.

Article 22 - Delegates (2 of 2)

- The Council proposes to include additional wording to reinforce the eligibility requirements of delegates:

“.....The delegates must be approved by the Board of the member federation and be able to provide immediate proof to the FISA Executive Committee of their authority to represent the member federation.”

Article 33 – Audit

- The Council proposes to extend this article to cover:
 - all Audits, including the external finance audit (as current) and
 - the introduction of an Audit and Risk Committee for operational and process audits.

Article 35 – Voting at Congress

- The Council proposes the following changes to the wording of this article in order to promote gender balance.
- With regards to the factors determining the entitlement to 3 votes:
 - Article 35, point 2: “a national federation ... has competed at any of the following regattas ...with a total of at least 12 crews. The total number of crews must be made up of at least 25 percent of each gender.”
- This would be applied to NF participation during the period 2017–2020, in order to determine the eligibility for 3 votes for the period 2021–2024.

Article 38 – The Council

- The Council proposes to include a Bye-law which lists expected key competencies and attributes of Council members.

Article 39 – Election of Members of the Council

- **Term Limits:** The Council proposes a maximum of three ‘four year’ terms in the same position.
- **Age Limits:** The Council proposes maintaining the age limit of 70 years for Council members.
- The Council also proposes that Commission members have the same term and age limits, i.e. also 70 years (Article 53).

Article 41 – Appointment of the FISA Continental Representatives

The Council proposes the following:

- A move from 6 Continental Representatives to 5, in line with the IOC recognised continents:
 - Africa
 - Americas
 - Asia
 - Europe
 - Oceania
- An alignment with Co-opted appointments, by introducing two year terms instead of the current four year terms.

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Article 53 & 54 – Commissions, Duties of the Commissions

The Council proposes the following changes to the Commission structure:

- Anti-Doping responsibility will be separated from the Sports Medicine Commission
- Development Commission will no longer exist in its current format and Development responsibilities will be staff driven

The Council will update the Bye-Law to Article 54 – Duties of the Commission to reflect current and expected future requirements.

Thank you