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Events Principles and Rules Review

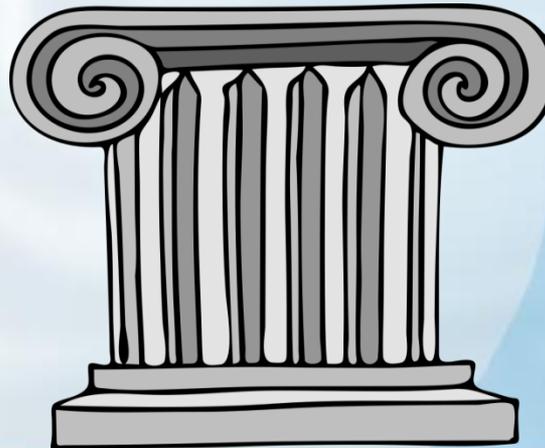
# *Driving Rowing's Future*

1. Retain a Strong Position in the Olympic Movement
2. Ensure the Integrity of Rowing
3. Consolidate Rowing's Position as a Global Citizen

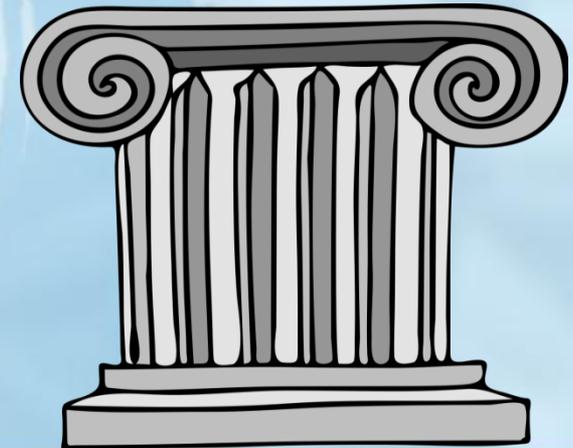
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**Strengthen  
Rowing's Position  
as a  
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## THE GLOBAL GOALS

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## 5 GENDER EQUALITY



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### **Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.**

- a. Gender Equal Event Programmes
- b. Gender Balancing for Congress Delegates
- c. Voting Weight Gender Balancing
- d. Gender Balancing in Commission Appointments
- e. Consider: Gender Balancing with Umpire Nominations (if three nominations, both genders represented)
- f. Consider: Coach Conference balancing

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## **Areas of Consideration**

- 1. Gender Equality**
- 2. Universality**
- 3. Inclusion**
- 4. Sustainability**
- 5. Health of Athletes**
- 6. Other**
- 7. Event Principles and Programmes**



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## Reference Documentation:

- a. **IOC Data Collection for Rowing at the London 2012 Games (January 2013))**
- b. **Olympic Programme Commission Report (September 2013)**
- c. **IOC Agenda 2020 Recommendations (December 2014)**



## Gender Balance

### Rule 20 – Men’s and women’s events

All FISA Event Programmes to become gender equal?

IOC Agenda 2020 Recommendation 11 reads:

“The IOC to encourage the inclusion of mixed-gender team events.”

Should rowing consider creating mixed boats for the Olympic Games in the future, and other groups; juniors? U23? Senior? (already the case in Para-Rowing)?

## Gender Balance

### Rule 20 – Coxswains

Should we consider making the coxswain position gender neutral? Then the gender eligibility would be considered for the rowers but not the coxswains.

The Coxswain weight would then be a universal 55 kgs., regardless of gender.

## Inclusion

### Rule 42 - Course Characteristics – Para-Rowing

Change Para-Rowing race distance to 2,000m

- Para-Rowing would have the same field of play
- Para-Rowers would have equal rowing status
- Critical issue for cost containment (no second start bridge)
- Critical issue for timing of regattas and training time
- A requirement for ongoing inclusion of Para events within World Championships

## Inclusion

### Regulation 8 and 9 - Para-Rowing Boats and Weights

Consider changing Para-Rowing boats to free construction

- Para-Rowing boats would be free construction
- Para-Rowing boats could have the same minimum weight

## **Economically Sustainable**

### **Rule 43 – Length of Course**

IOC Agenda 2020 Recommendation 2 reads:

“...the maximum use of existing facilities and the use of temporary and demountable venues where no long-term legacy need exists or can be justified”

Allow a racing distance of less than 2,000m at the Olympic Games and other multi-sport / continental games (seeking endurance distance) in order for rowing to be considered economically sustainable?

## Right to Participate

### Rule 18 -

Establish a Quota System for World Championships  
(Possibility to use continental events as qualifiers)

- Cap number of entries by event
- Create firm numbers for accommodation & transport
- Raise profile and importance of continental rowing as qualification events
- Reduce length of WRC (and therefore less cost)?

## Health of the Athletes

### Rule 31– Lightweights

The FISA Sports Medicine Commission recommends the removal of averaging from lightweight rowing so that each athlete is responsible for his or her own weight, to help reduce sudden weight loss by a whole crew at the morning of weigh-ins.

Proposal: from **2021**, set one maximum weight for LM and LW rowers.

## Event Programmes

### Rule 36 – World Championship Boat Classes

In line with the above, modification of the “natural death” rule such that the relevant boat class for both genders in the relevant age group class would be eliminated

Option 1 – if a M or W event naturally dies, then the same event in the other gender dies too

Option 2 – an event only dies if both the M & W entries do not meet the minimum – review minimum thresholds?

## Eligibility

### **Rule 19 - Eligibility and Nationality of rowers**

In 2013, the Extraordinary Congress approved a new approach to eligibility in order to prevent sales of athletes between countries (as the main goal). This rule seems to be working but we would like to hear from the NFs about their experiences with this new rule.

## Other – Progression System

### Rule 67 - FISA Progression System

The goal of the progression system is to make sure the six best crews all reach the final. We have found that progression systems with more than 20 entries are difficult to ensure this is the case.

Proposal is that time trials serve as a qualification round leading to heats, then semis and finals (to replace the repechage round).

We would like to hear the comments and experiences of the NFs on this question.

## Other – Advertising Rules

### Rule 50 (and Bye-laws) - Advertising Rules

We are asked on every occasion to create specific advertising rights that can be granted directly to athletes' individual sponsors which would allow them to become more financially independent.

The Athletes Commission proposes some modest rights such as:  
allowing the Advertising on headwear to be different as long as the headwear is uniform in the crew.

Allowing the advertising on socks to be different as long as the colour and style of the socks is uniform in the crew.

Allowing a moment just after the official victory ceremony, when the television production has moved to the next race, for athletes to display their individual sponsors for the photographers.

## **Event Principles**

Establish core principles for rowing event programmes in order to guide decisions on which boat classes are included and to achieve gender balance.

## Event Principles

1. Rowing is an Endurance and Strength Sport
2. Equality of Chance / Fairness
3. Gender Equality as a model for Society
4. Excellence / Universality Balance
5. Attractive Programme over a number of days
6. Balance of Boat Classes
7. Presence of Sweep and Sculling boats
8. Balance of Open and Lightweight rowers
9. Inclusiveness
10. Rowing's Values
11. Spectator Experience
12. Image Production

## Event Programmes

### Rule 37 - Olympic Games Boat Classes

Proposal to set a maximum limit on the total number of crews that an NOC may qualify for the Games?

10 crews?

12 crews?

## Event Programmes

### Rule 37 - Olympic Games Boat Classes

IOC Agenda 2020 Recommendation 10 reads:

“Regular reviews of the programme to be based on events rather than sports.”

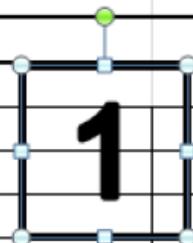
Therefore the Olympic Programme shall have to correspond with the criteria established by the IOC and comply with the principles of Agenda 2020 in particular.

## Possible Olympic Programmes - To assess against the Event Programme Principles

Potential Future Olympic Programmes									
Current Rio2016 Olympic programme									
			no. boats				no. rowers		
Men	M1x		32				32		
	M2-		13				26		
	M2x		13				26		
	M4-		13				52		
	M4x		10				40		
	M8+		7				63		
	LM2x		20				40		
	LM4-		13				52		
	Total Men Boats			121	56%	Total Men		331	60%
Women	W1x		32				32		
	W2-		15				30		
	W2x		13				26		
	W4x		7				28		
	W8+		7				63		
	LW2x		20				40		
	Total Women Boats			94	44%	Total Women		219	40%
Totals			215			550	550		

## Potential Future Olympic Programmes

### Option 1 - Replace LM4- with W4-, BOATS and ROWERS ADJUSTED



		no. boats			no. rowers		
Men	M1x	32			32		
	M2-	13			26		
	M2x	13			26		
	M4-	13			52		
	M4x	10			40		
	M8+	7			63		
	LM2x	18			36		
del	<del>LM4-</del>						
	Total Men Boats	106	50%	Total Men	275	50%	
Women	W1x	32			32		
	W2-	13			26		
	W2x	13			26		
	W4x	10			40		
	add	W4-	13		52		
	W8+	7			63		
	LW2x	18			36		
	Total Women Boats	106	50%	Total Women	275	50%	
Totals		212			550	550	

## Potential Future Olympic Programmes

### Option 2 - Replace LM4- and M4- with LM1x and LW1x with BOATS and ROWERS ADJUSTED

		no. boats			no. rowers		
Men	M1x	34			34		<b>2</b>
	M2-	13			26		
	M2x	13			26		
	del M4-						
	M4x	13			52		
	M8+	7			63		
	add LM1x	34			34		
	LM2x	20			40		
del LM4-							
	Total Men Boats		134	50%	Total Men	275	50%
Women	W1x	34			34		
	W2-	13			26		
	W2x	13			26		
	W4x	13			52		
	W8+	7			63		
	add LW1x	34			34		
		LW2x	20			40	
	Total Women Boats		134	50%	Total Women	275	50%
Totals		268			550	550	

## Potential Future Olympic Programmes

### Option 3 - Replace LM4- with W4-, and M2x/W2x with LM1x and LW1x with BOATS and ROWERS ADJUSTED

		no. boats			no. rowers		
Men	M1x	32			32		<b>3</b>
	M2-	13			26		
	del M2x						
	M4-	7			28		
	M4x	13			52		
	M8+	7			63		
	add LM1x	34			34		
	LM2x	20			40		
del LM4-							
Total Men Boats		126	50%	Total Men	275	50%	
Women	W1x	32			32		
	W2-	13			26		
	del W2x						
	W4x	13			52		
	add W4-	7			28		
	W8+	7			63		
	add LW1x	34			34		
	LW2x	20			40		
Total Women Boats		126	50%	total Women	275	50%	
Totals		252			550	550	

## Event Programmes

### **Rule 36 – World Championship Boat Classes**

A complete review of the World Championship Boat Classes against the FISA Event Principles so that the spectators and viewers can see and feel the principles and values of the sport.

Proposal for a complete block vote on all WCH boat classes, not individual boats.

- Current World Championship Programme

	CURRENT	1x	2x	2-	2+	4x	4-	4+	8+
Open	Men	M1x	M2x	M2-	M2+	M4x	M4-		M8+
	Women	W1x	W2x	W2-		W4x	W4-		W8+
	Under 23 Men	BM1x	BM2x	BM2-		BM4x	BM4-	BM4+	BM8+
	Under 23 Women	BW1x	BW2x	BW2-		BW4x	BW4-		BW8+
	Junior Men	JM1x	JM2x	JM2-		JM4x	JM4-	JM4+	JM8+
	Junior Women	JW1x	JW2x	JW2-		JW4x	JW4-		JW8+
Lightweight	Lightweight Men	LM1x	LM2x	LM2-		LM4x	LM4-		LM8+
	Lightweight Women	LW1x	LW2x			LW4x			
	Under 23 LM	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM2-		BLM4x	BLM4-		
	Under 23 LW	BLW1x	BLW2x			BLW4x			

## Proposal 1 - World Championship Programme

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		OPTION 1	1x	2x	2-	2+	4x	4-	4+	8+
O p e n	Men		M1x	M2x	M2-	M2+	M4x	M4-		M8+
	Women		W1x	W2x	W2-		W4x	W4-		W8+
	Under 23 Men		BM1x	BM2x	BM2-		BM4x	BM4-	BM4+	BM8+
	Under 23 Women		BW1x	BW2x	BW2-		BW4x	BW4-		BW8+
	Junior Men		JM1x	JM2x	JM2-		JM4x	JM4-	JM4+	JM8+
	Junior Women		JW1x	JW2x	JW2-		JW4x	JW4-		JW8+
L T W T	Lightweight Men		LM1x	LM2x	LM2-		LM4x	LM4-		LM8+
	Lightweight Women		LW1x	LW2x	LW2-		LW4x	LW4-		
	Under 23 LM		BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM2-		BLM4x	BLM4-		
	Under 23 LW		BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW2-		BLW4x	BLW4-		

## Proposal 2 - World Championship Programme

2

		OPTION 2	1x	2x	2-	2+	4x	4-	4+	8+
O p e n	Men		M1x	M2x	M2-	M2+	M4x	M4-		M8+
	Women		W1x	W2x	W2-		W4x	W4-		W8+
	Under 23 Men		BM1x	BM2x	BM2-		BM4x	BM4-	BM4+	BM8+
	Under 23 Women		BW1x	BW2x	BW2-		BW4x	BW4-		BW8+
	Junior Men		JM1x	JM2x	JM2-		JM4x	JM4-	JM4+	JM8+
	Junior Women		JW1x	JW2x	JW2-		JW4x	JW4-	JW4+	JW8+
L T W T	Lightweight Men		LM1x	LM2x	LM2-		LM4x	LM4-		LM8+
	Lightweight Women		LW1x	LW2x	LW2-		LW4x	LW4-		
	Under 23 LM		BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM2-		BLM4x	BLM4-		
	Under 23 LW		BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW2-		BLW4x	BLW4-		

## Proposal 3 - World Championship Programme

3

OPTION 3		1x	2x	2-	2+	4x	4-	4+	8+
O p e n	Men	M1x	M2x	M2-	M2+	M4x	M4-		M8+
	Women	W1x	W2x	W2-		W4x	W4-		W8+
	Under 23 Men	BM1x	BM2x	BM2-		BM4x	BM4-	BM4+	BM8+
	Under 23 Women	BW1x	BW2x	BW2-		BW4x	BW4-		BW8+
	Junior Men	JM1x	JM2x	JM2-		JM4x	JM4-	JM4+	JM8+
	Junior Women	JW1x	JW2x	JW2-		JW4x	JW4-		JW8+
L T W T	Lightweight Men	LM1x	LM2x	LM2-		LM4x	LM4-		LM8+
	Lightweight Women	LW1x	LW2x	LW2-		LW4x			
	Under 23 LM	BLM1x	BLM2x	BLM2-		BLM4x	BLM4-		
	Under 23 LW	BLW1x	BLW2x	BLW2-		BLW4x			

## Mixed Delegate Work Group Discussions

1. Events Principles – Comments, additions, deletions
2. Olympic Programme Proposals – Comments, additions, deletions, priorities
3. WCH Programme Proposals – Comments, additions, deletions, priorities