

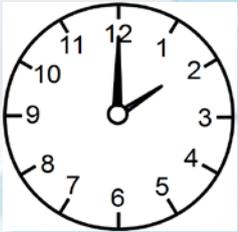


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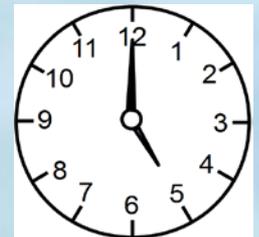
National Federations' Conference

7 September, Chambéry, France

FISA – NFs conference
Chambery 7th Sept 2015



1. Rowing and the Olympic Movement
 - a. Context and background: IOC report and Agenda 2020
 - b. Impacts on FISA
 - c. FISA's approach and process
2. Governance: possible changes for 2017
3. Rules of Racing: possible changes for 2017
4. Rowing Event Programme: principles



1. FISA and the OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

Context and Background

Sept 2013



- Universality
- Gender Equality
- Attractiveness



Dec 2014

- Events
- Athletes
- Sustainability
- Costs



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AGENDA 2020

Introduce flexibility in the Olympic programme to balance tradition and modernity while containing costs



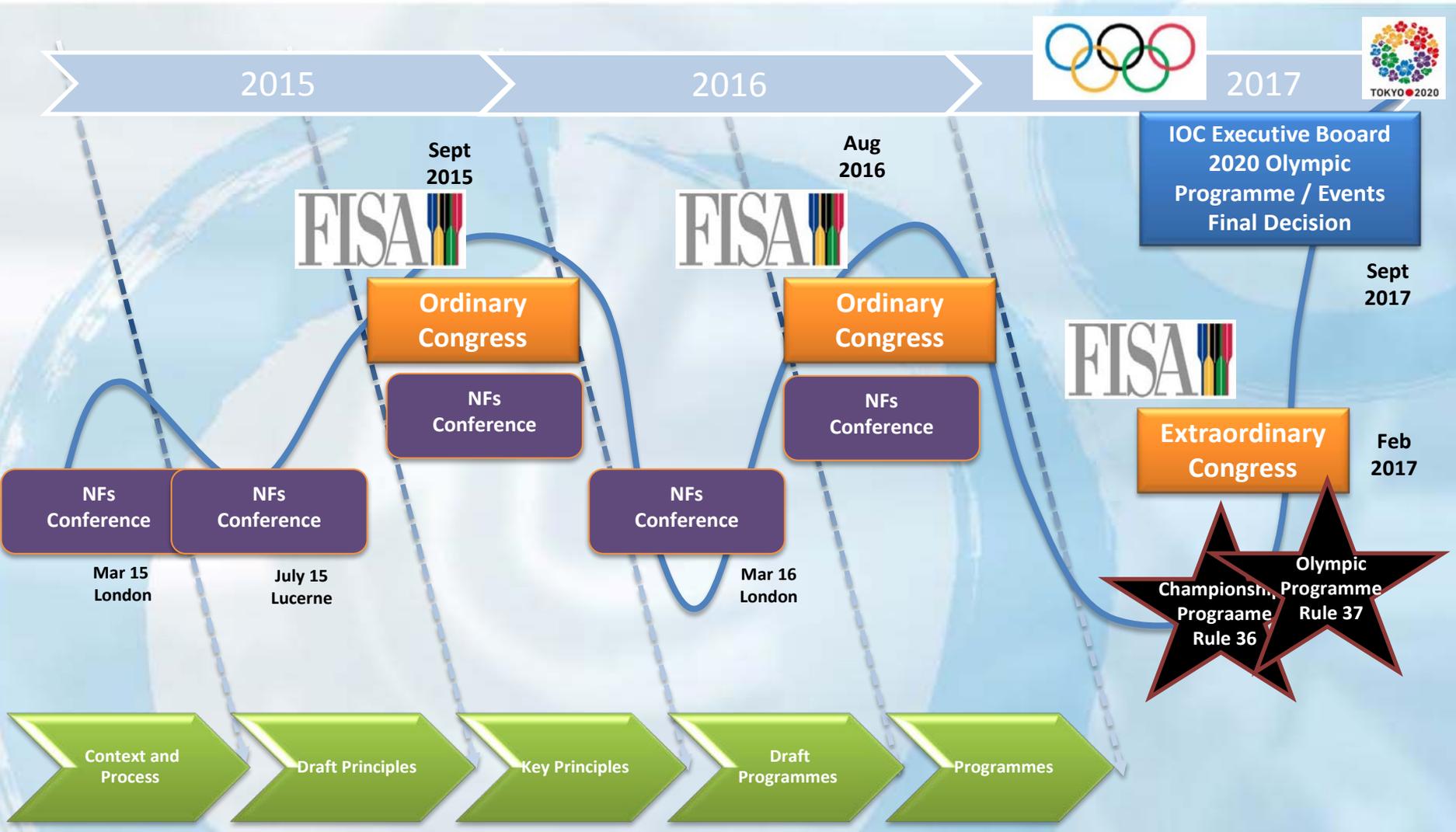
- Base the Olympic programme on disciplines and events rather than sports.
- Maintain a maximum number of athletes and officials.
- Consider rotation in the Olympic Village to allow:
 - more athletes, sports, disciplines, events in the Olympic Games
 - the host city to build a smaller village.
- When choosing a sport, consider the impact on venue requirements.
- Consider whether the duration of the Olympic Games should be extended.
- Consult the host city on the composition of the Olympic programme.
- Give the possibility of choosing one sport or discipline.

Encourage gender equality and universality in the Olympic programme



- Implement the principle of men's and women's equality by issuing criteria for individual IFs.
- Encourage greater universality among participating NOCs by setting IF quota targets.
- Encourage gender equity by introducing more mixed events.
- Eliminate classification matches/events where these are still in place.

Approach and process



2. Governance: possible changes for 2017

Is the current structure of FISA still appropriate to deliver our goals?



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Goal and Outcomes

**To improve the Governance structure of FISA
To review FISA Statutes for approval at the 2017 Extraordinary Congress**

Objectives

- To review the current FISA Governance structure and Statutes.
- To identify if the structure of the organisation is still appropriate and adapted to the context.
- To identify and analyse best practices of governance in similar organizations.
- To identify areas in the governance of FISA which do not meet appropriate standards of good governance.
- To identify areas that do meet appropriate standards but which could be improved for greater efficiency and effectiveness of the governance of FISA.
- To develop a relevant structure and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Council regarding changes to the FISA governance structure.
- To assist in the drafting of the associated required changes to the wording of the FISA Statutes.
- **To deliver these objectives in time for submission to the 2017 Extraordinary Congress.**

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Article	Subject	Proposal
	Membership	
12	Admission to Membership	Key criteria should be outlined and communicated, including but not limited to: compliance with FISA statutes, independence, and autonomy.
18	Recognition of Rowing Confederations	FISA to recognize the 5 Confederations. Membership and regulation to be clarified



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	Congress	
19	Governance	No change. The 3 tier structure (Congress, Council, and Executive Committee) is considered to be appropriate and relevant for FISA. It enables efficiency and reactivity, allows for inclusiveness and acts as an internal control mechanism.
22	Delegates	Encourage and facilitate women's participation in leadership positions.
35	Voting at Congress	No change.



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	Council	
39	<i>Election of members to the Council</i>	<i>6 Chairs elected second year after each Olympic Games; 6 Chairs elected in third year after each Olympic Games</i>
41	Appointment of FISA Continental Representatives	Move from 6 Continental Reps to 5. Reps appointed in the Olympic Year for 2 year term rather than 4 years.
46	Council Meetings	Conflicts of Interest must be declared.

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	Executive Committee	
47	Executive Committee	Replace 3 Commission Chairs with 3 eligible Council members.
48	Election of the Three Commission Chairs to the Executive Committee	The 3 eligible Council members will be defined here and will include the Commission Chairs and the Co-Opted Council members. One eligible member elected per year, from OG+2 to OG+4.
49	Decisions of the EC	Conflicts of Interest must be declared.

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	Commissions	
53	Commissions	Under review. To be updated for relevance and consistency.



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	Integrity of the Sport	
57	Code of Ethics	An Ethics Panel shall be appointed by the Council.
	General	
	Audit Committee	Audit Committee to be created.



3. Rules of racing: Possible changes for 2017

Members:

Mike Williams (FISA Treasurer)

Patrick Rombaut (Chair, Umpiring Commission)

Mike Tanner (Chair, Events Commission)

Lee Spear (Continental Representative Oceania)

Role of Working Group

- Established by Executive Committee to prepare Rules changes
- Working Group welcomes proposals from:
 - National Federations
 - FISA Commissions

Coordinate / draft amendments to FISA Rules for submission to:

(1) FISA Council

and then:

(2) 2017 Extraordinary Congress

Some examples of Rules to be reviewed

Rule 19 - Eligibility and Nationality of rowers

Does the current Rule meet the purpose for NFs?

Rule 36 - World Championships Boat Classes

Review events

- link between events at Junior, U-23, Senior Championships (linked to OGs events)
- Review automatic removal of events from programme ("natural death" rule)

Rule 37 - Olympic Games Boat Classes

Review events for 2020 Olympic Games

(IOC Agenda 2020)

Rule 42 - Course Characteristics

Change Para -rowing race distance to 2,000m
(distributed paper)

Rule 42 - Course Characteristics

Can Executive Committee accept World Championship or Olympic regatta distance of less than 2,000m in exceptional circumstances?

IOC Agenda 2020 / other cases?

Rule 50 (and Bye-laws) - Advertising Provisions

Review allowable advertising on uniforms and equipment

Rule 67 - FISA Progression System

Time trials as a "qualification round" when more than 24 entries (or in a different case?)

Good for world rowing?

Your Proposals?

- (1) To Rules Working Group**
- (2) Direct NF submissions to Congress**



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Rowing Event Principles

Regatta Structure

1. Race Distance: The race distance for rowing should reflect that rowing is an endurance sport

- 1.1 The minimum race distance should match the endurance profile of the sport.
- 1.2 The minimum time for racing should reflect the balance of endurance and strength.
- 1.3 Therefore, the Olympic and Paralympic regatta distance could vary as long as the above principles are met

2. Number of Lanes

- 2.1 The number of racing lanes should guarantee best possible fairness – eight to ten offer the most flexibility for finding six lanes offering equal conditions.
- 2.2 The number of racing lanes could change depending on the level of the event

Regatta Structure

3. Number of Days

3.1 The number of days on the racing programme should reflect on the level of the event.

3.2 The number of days could change depending on the level of the event – one rest day between rounds, one rest day after repechages, one race each day, racing two times per day are options.

4. Number of Final Days

4.1 The number of finals days should correspond with the interest and attractiveness for television, spectators, budgets for teams and OCs

Racing Structure

5. Balance of long and short boats

5.1 There should be a mix of fast boats (eights/quads) a slower boats (singles/pairs)

5.2 This allows for different heights and weights, differences of fast-twitch versus slow-twitch muscle fibres, body types and traditions.

6. Balance of sculling and sweep rowing

There should be a mix between the two main disciplines of the sport – sculling and sweep rowing, defined by tradition, skill sets or body types/height or weight

7. Balance of heavyweight and lightweight

7.1 Rowing should offer opportunities for rowers of different body types to participate.

7.2 The lightweight category has sporting and a political justification for universality.

Racing Structure

8. Excellence vs. Universality

- 8.1 The event must include the best rowers in the world
- 8.2 The event must include rowers from all continents
- 8.3 The event enable/require developing nations to be represented
- 8.4 A percentage of places should be established based on excellence vs. universality

9. Gender Balance

- 9.1 The representation of the two genders should be 50/50%
- 9.2 When setting the timing for moving to equal representation, the side effects need to be considered, such as providing an advantage some nations and disadvantage others? Effect on small nations versus large nations
- 9.3 Equality means the number of quota places and the number of boat classes offered.

Additional Factors

10. Inclusiveness

10.1 The different parts of the rowing family should be included as much as possible in events

11. Integrity/rowing values

11.1 The events offered should match our values – clean, endurance, etc.

12. Spectator Experience

12.1 The event programme needs to be attractive for spectators

13. Image / TV production

13.1 The event programme should produce an attractive experience for television viewers

Venue Requirements

14. The amount of water space and land space required will depend on the above.



Additional Questions?

15. Mixed events?

- 15.1 Are mixed events relevant for the sport? What is the argument or the reason that we cannot have mixed event in rowing?
- 15.2 Could it damage the existing balance of results and performances?
- 15.3 If deemed relevant, how to start them... local, national, regional, world-level?

Additional Questions?

16. Doubling up?

- 16.1 Is doubling up a positive for the popularity of the sport? Does it create legends and promotion?
- 16.2 Or does it take away medals from more national federations?

Thank You

