

APPENDIX 16

EVENT REGULATIONS AND/OR DEPARTURES FROM THE FISA RULES OF RACING – EVENT BIDDING AND PREPARATION REGULATIONS

Applicable to:

World Rowing Championships,
World Rowing Junior Championships,
World Rowing Under 23 Championships,
World Rowing Cup Regattas,
World Rowing Masters Regattas,
World Rowing Coastal Championships.

1. Start of the Bid Process

The relevant events shall in principle be attributed to a member federation for organisation a specified number of years in advance. A Bid Questionnaire will be available at least one year before the attribution date of the event.

- *World Rowing Championships* *Four years*
- *World Rowing Junior Championships* *Three years*
- *World Rowing Under 23 Championships* *Three years*
- *World Rowing Masters Regattas* *Three years*
- *World Rowing Cup Regattas* *Two years*
- *World Rowing Coastal Championships* *Two years*

2. Bid Questionnaire and Budget

Each member federation interested in organizing one of the events listed above must submit an event budget and detailed answers to the Bid Questionnaire within the period prescribed by the Executive Committee. The answers to the questionnaire will form part of the Event Agreement signed with FISA if the bid is successful.

3. Guarantees and Undertaking

Each bidding federation must present written guarantees on several topics to the Council in writing. The Candidate federation and any governmental authority(ies) presenting the bid must submit a written undertaking in which they agree to sign the Event Agreement if they are successful.

4. **Bidding and Hosting Fees**

The Executive Committee may announce fees for entering the bid process, submitting a bid and for winning the right to host the event. These fees will be determined and announced at least three months before the request for expressions of interest are due to be received.

5. **Bid Inspection Visit**

The Executive Committee may send to the candidate venues, at the cost of the respective Candidate federations, a group of experts (up to five persons for World Championships and three persons for all others) to evaluate, in reference to the answers given in the questionnaires, the conditions under which the Championships would be held at each venue.

6. **Attribution**

- **World Rowing Championships, World Rowing Junior Championships, World Rowing Under 23 Championships Bids (Rule 6):** *The Council shall review all final bids, reject any that do not satisfy the minimum requirements and then select the most suitable candidate(s) and propose it (them) to the Congress for final approval. The Congress shall vote to accept the proposed candidate or, where more than one candidate is proposed by the Council, to elect one of those candidates by a majority of valid votes cast. In the event that Congress fails to so accept the Council's proposed candidate or one of the candidates proposed by the Council, a second election shall then take place for which all candidates for the relevant Championships that have satisfied the minimum requirements shall be eligible. FISA shall encourage a worldwide attribution of World Rowing Championship regattas to suitable candidates.*
- **World Rowing Cup Bids:** *The Executive Committee will evaluate all bids and select the most suitable venue(s) and organising committee(s) and propose it (them) to the Council for final approval.*
- **World Rowing Masters Regatta Bids:** *The Masters Rowing Commission will evaluate all candidates and select the most suitable candidate(s) and propose it (them) to the Council for final selection.*
- **World Rowing Coastal Championships Bids:** *The Rowing for All Commission will evaluate all candidates and select the most suitable candidate(s) and propose it (them) to the Council for final selection.*

7. Event Agreement and Commercial Rights Agreement

The member federation to which the relevant regatta is attributed shall immediately enter into an Event Agreement and Commercial Rights Agreement, where applicable, with FISA to comply with its undertakings.

8. Event Dates

The Council shall decide the dates of the relevant events at least two years in advance.

9. Rights – Television and Commercial

The following rights are the exclusive property of FISA at all the above listed events and shall be exploited in cooperation with each Organising Committee in accordance with the Event Agreement:

- **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; and
- **Merchandising rights**, the right to use and licence the name and official emblem of FISA, World Rowing, the official event logo, and other names, emblems and logos as registered by FISA.

The bid documents shall specify in detail how the proceeds of the sale of these rights shall be handled. FISA also reserves the exclusive right to sell licensed merchandise and other products related to World Rowing and the event logo at all the events listed above, and the Organising Committee shall provide space for this activity at the venue of the Championships without charges to FISA.

10. Preparation Expenses

The organisers of the events will be responsible for the entire expenses of inspection visits after the event is attributed by individuals designated by FISA to inspect the venue and review preparations with the Organising Committee prior to the events, as follows:

- World Rowing Championships up to 20 individual visits
- World Rowing Junior Championships 6 individual visits

- *World Rowing Under 23 Championships* 6 individual visits
- *World Rowing Masters Regattas* 9 individual visits
- *World Rowing Cup Regattas* 6 individual visits
- *World Rowing Coastal Championships* 6 individual visits

11. Organisational Expenses

The bid documents shall specify in detail certain organisational expenses for which the Organising Committee shall be responsible.