

## **APPENDIX 12**

# **EVENT REGULATIONS AND/OR DEPARTURES FROM THE FISA RULES OF RACING – WORLD ROWING MASTERS REGATTA**

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### **Regulation 1 – Application**

*These regulations apply to the World Rowing Masters regatta together with and not in exclusion of the Rules of Racing.*

### **Regulation 2 – Governance**

*World Rowing Masters Regattas are international regattas and shall be rowed according to the FISA Rules of Racing and related Bye-Laws in addition to these Event Regulations.*

### **Regulation 3 – Boat Classes**

*The World Rowing Masters Regatta offers racing in the following boat classes-*

Men        1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4+, 4-, 8+

Women    1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4+, 4-, 8+

Mixed     2x, 4x, 8+

### **Regulation 4 – Masters Age Categories (Rule 32 and Bye-Law to Rule 32)**

*A rower may compete in Masters rowing events from the beginning of the year during which he attains the age of 27. The age of a rower in a Masters rowing event shall be that which he attains during the year of the event. Masters rowing events shall be held in the following crew age categories:*

- A    *Minimum age: 27 years*
- B    *Average age: 36 years or more*
- C    *Average age: 43 years or more*
- D    *Average age: 50 years or more*
- E    *Average age: 55 years or more*
- F    *Average age: 60 years or more*
- G    *Average age: 65 years or more*
- H    *Average age: 70 years or more*

I Average age: 75 years or more

J Average age: 80 years or more

K Average age: 85 or more

Age categories do not apply to coxswains of Masters crews.

### **Regulation 5 – Health and Fitness (Bye-Law to Rule 99)**

Each competitor shall be responsible for his own health and fitness. For Masters rowers, it is a personal responsibility of the rower to undergo a pre-competition health screening which includes a questionnaire, an annual physical examination and ECG following the IOC's recommended procedure.

### **Regulation 6 – Proof of Age**

Masters rowers must be in a position to prove their age by presentation of an official document (passport or photo identity card).

### **Regulation 7 – Mixed Masters events (Rule 33)**

Mixed crew events may be held for Masters crews in which half of the crew excluding the coxswain, shall be women and half shall be men. The coxswain may be of either gender.

### **Regulation 8 – Crew Changes after the Entry Deadline and up to one hour before the First Heat (Rule 59)**

In the case of Masters crews, a substitute shall not be permitted if the age of the substituting rower would result in the lowering of the average age of the crew by more than one year or would change the age category of the crew concerned.

### **Regulation 9 – Progression System**

At World Rowing Masters Regattas, there will be a final for events where the number of entries is the same or fewer than the number of available racing lanes. Where the number of entries in an event exceeds the number of available racing lanes, the entry will be divided into two or more finals.

### **Regulation 10 – Rowers' Clothing (Rule 51)**

At World Rowing Masters Regattas, members of the same crew shall compete wearing uniform clothing (racing shirt and shorts or equivalent and any additional garments). The regulation regarding uniform clothing will not be enforced in mixed crews.

**Regulation 11 – Damage while in the Start Zone**

*At World Rowing Masters Regattas, if a crew, while still in the start zone, sustains damage to its boat or equipment, then a member of the crew shall raise an arm to indicate that there is a problem. The Starter or Umpire shall stop the race. The Umpire shall decide, after having examined the damage, whether the claim was justified, after consulting (if necessary) with the President of the Jury. The Masters Rowing Commission may establish, if announced in advance of the masters regatta, a uniform time limit within which a crew that sustains damage must complete repairs and be ready to start, or else withdraw from the race.*

*For the purpose of this Bylaw, a crew is still in the start zone if the bow of its boat has not yet crossed the 100 metres line.*

**Regulation 12 – Conduct of Races**

*At World Rowing Masters Regattas, static umpiring positions shall be used, in order to eliminate the nuisance of wash from motor boats. Normally, no motor boats shall follow the races, and the number of such boats on the water shall be the absolute minimum for the efficient operation and maintenance of the course and for safety. At the discretion of the Masters Rowing Commission, an Umpire's launch may be used to follow races.*

**Regulation 13 – Titles, Prizes and Cups**

*Medals will be awarded to the winners of each final. The design of the prize medals shall be subject to the approval of the Masters Rowing Commission.*

**Regulation 14 – Exceptional Cases**

*Should it be necessary to take decisions in exceptional cases (e.g., suspension of the regatta), the Chair of the Masters Rowing Commission, in consultation with the President of the Jury and the Chair of the Organising Committee shall make such decisions.*

**Regulation 15 – Interpretation of Regulations**

*On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Masters Rowing Commission shall adjudicate on all cases not covered by the Rules of Racing, the Bye-Laws and the present Regulations, as well as on disputes which may arise during a World Rowing Masters Regatta. The decision of the Masters Rowing Commission shall be final.*

