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To: Member Federations
Council and Commission Members
Recognised Continental Confederations
Recognised Groupings of Member Federations
Organisers of World Rowing Events
National Rowing Magazines
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World Rowing Circular No. 6 of 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

1. Decisions from the 2020 FISA Ordinary Congress
2. Decisions from the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress
3. 2021 World Rowing Regatta Juries
4. 2021 International Regatta Calendar

1. Decisions from the 2020 FISA Ordinary Congress

The 2020 FISA Ordinary Congress was held virtually on Friday, 16 October 2020. There were 66 Member Federations connected via the online voting platform during the Ordinary Congress; 42 with three vote status, 15 with one vote status and 9 with no voting eligibility. Thank you to the delegates from the Member Federations, Continental Rowing Confederations and Member Groupings for their participation and contribution.

- a. Agenda Papers and all related documents can be found at this link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>
- b. Agenda Item 4 – Minutes of the 2019 Ordinary Congress were approved
- c. Agenda Items 5, 6 and 7 – Reports from the members of the Council were approved.
- d. Agenda Item 9 – 2019 Accounts were approved.
- e. Agenda Item 11 - 2021 Budget was approved
- f. Agenda Item 12 – Reports on Future Events – The organising committees of Tokyo and Shanghai prepared presentations found at the below links:
 - Tokyo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3j4oN32fedY>
 - Shanghai: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/fisa-circulars>
- g. Agenda Item 18 – Council Elections – Paola Grizzetti (ITA) was elected to be Chair of the Para Rowing Commission and to complete the term of Fay Ho, who took over as Continental Representative for Asia on 1 January 2020. The Para Rowing Commission Chair term runs until 31 December 2022.

- h. Agenda Item 21 – The African Rowing Confederation (FASA) was officially recognised, in accordance with Article 18. FASA joins COPARE, The Americas Rowing Confederation, ERC, the European Rowing Confederation and ORCON, Oceania Rowing Confederation as the recognised confederations for their continents.

The Council also announced the recognition of Groupings of Member Federations, in accordance with Article 19: The Arab Rowing Federation and The Balkan Rowing Association. These two join the Commonwealth Rowing Association, Coupe de la Jeunesse, the Youth Cup of Europe and CSAR, the South American Rowing Confederation as recognised groupings of member federations.

All voting results of the Ordinary Congress can be found in this document:

http://www.worldrowing.com/mm/Document/General/General/14/35/53/2020OrdinaryCongressVotingResultsFa_Neutral.pdf

2. Decisions from the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress

The 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress was held virtually on Saturday, 17 and Sunday, 18 October 2020. There were 67 Member Federations connected via the online voting platform during the Ordinary Congress; 42 with three vote status, 18 with one vote status and 7 with no voting eligibility.

Agenda Papers and all proposals for changes to Statutes and Rules – All Extraordinary Congress documents, including summary explanatory documents for the main changes to the Statutes and Rules of Racing, can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

- a. Agenda Item 4 – Specific Proposals from the Member Federations, the Council or the Executive Committee
 - i. Preliminary Vote A on a proposed amendment from the Swiss Federation to the Council's proposal to new Art 39. The Council's proposal was selected by the delegates for the final official voting.
 - j. Official Voting – A series of 21 votes took place electronically based on comments and specific requests from the delegates on the Saturday. Several votes combined a number of Articles, Rules or Event Regulations for efficiency.

All changes in the Articles, Rules, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations took effect immediately at the end of the Extraordinary Congress.
- b. Agenda Item 5 - Other items proposed by the Member Federations, Council or the Executive Committee
 - k. Agenda Item 5a was addressed in Circular No. 5 of 2020
 - l. Agenda Item 5b – Article 36 Voting Rights and Article 14 Member Subscriptions – proposal for calculation of voting rights and subscriptions for the 2021-2024 cycle, in the context of Covid-19. The delegates voted to accept the Council's proposal.

- m. Agenda Item 5c – Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Postponement – implications for the timing of future FISA Extraordinary Congresses and Elections and Appointments, in the context of Covid-19. The delegates voted to accept the Council's proposal.
- n. Agenda Item 5d – Article 37 - Paris 2024 Olympic event programme proposal for IOC Executive Board. The delegates voted to accept the Council's proposal for this event programme which will now be submitted to the IOC Executive Board.

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3. Nominations for 2021 World Rowing Event Juries

Member Federations are now invited to nominate umpires to serve on the juries for those 2021 World Rowing events listed below (*). A maximum of 2 nominations per National Federation, per Event shall be accepted, provided that they are different genders.

National Federations should ensure that any umpire nominated is definitely able to attend the event concerned. A subsidy for travel costs will be provided for all of the mentioned events with the exception of local Jury members at World Rowing Cup regattas.

The deadline for nominations with complete contact information for the nominated umpire (including email address) to be received is **30 November 2020 (midnight CET)**.

Please use the Jury nomination form at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/umpiring>

2021 Events for Jury Nominations

30 April – 2 May	World Rowing Cup I – Zagreb (CRO) (1)
7-11 July	World Rowing Under 23 Championships – Racice (CZE)
11-15 August	World Rowing Junior Championships – Plovdiv (BUL)
19-21 August	Summer FISU World University Games – Chengdu (CHN)

(1) Remaining slots only for World Rowing Umpires from Europe

() As one of the consequences of the cancelled 2020 international rowing season, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was decided to transfer the selected Jury members for most of the 2020 World Rowing events to the 2021 equivalent World Rowing event. If a (number of) selected 2020 Jury member(s) do not confirm availability for 2021, then a supplementary selection for a limited number of 2021 Jury positions at the particular event(s) concerned will be conducted. This means that nominations from member federations which have already a selected and confirmed Jury member for an individual event will not be considered. The World Rowing umpires listed in the attached document will be part of the 2021 Jury/Juries as they have confirmed their availability.*

4. 2021 International Regatta Calendar Form

Applications for the inclusion of International Regattas and International Matches in the above-mentioned Calendar are open. The due date for applications to be received is 15 November 2020 using the below link. If you have previously submitted a provisional application please re-submit your application if there are changes from the original submission.

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/q7y23i214mjfdg/>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments