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To: Affiliated Member Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Rowing Events
Partners

Circular No. 4 of 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

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1. 2019 FISA Ordinary Congress – Agenda Papers

We remind you that the 2019 FISA Ordinary Congress will be held from 08:30 to 13:30 hrs on Monday, 2 September 2019 in Linz, Austria. Registration will begin at 07:30 hrs.

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Hauptstrasse 1-5,
4041 Linz,
Austria

- a. **Agenda Papers** - Please note that the official Agenda Papers can now be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

Paper copies of the Agenda Papers will not be sent by post but will be available for delegates at the Congress.

The French version of the Agenda Papers will be published on the website in August. Veuillez noter que la version française des documents du Congrès sera publiée sur le site Internet au mois d'août.

- b. **2018 Congress Minutes** - Please also note that the Draft Minutes of the 2018 FISA Ordinary Congress can be found at this same link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

Delegates are asked to please submit any comments or suggestions by 31 August 2019 so that the Congress can run as efficiently as possible.



- c. **Delegate Registration** – Member Federations (MFs) are requested to advise FISA of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by using the “Congress Attendance Form”. Forms are to be received at FISA headquarters no later than 16 July 2019. Please note that the 2019 attendance form is an electronic form and can be found at this link:
<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/mlj3ynk14gbqwu/>

- d. The following positions on the Council are due for election at the Congress and nominations have been received for those positions:
- i. Chair of the Athletes Commission
 - ii. Chair of the Equipment & Technology Commission
 - iii. Chair of the Rowing for All Commission
 - iv. Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission
 - v. Chair of the Women’s Commission
 - vi. Chair of the Youth Commission

Full CV information about the Council candidates is presented in the Agenda Papers.

Please note that the Chair of the Athletes Commission Lenka Dienstbach-Wech has reached the term limit and may not seek re-election. As Lenka is a member of the FISA Executive Committee, this position body will need to be replaced and will be subject to an election. The Council, in accordance with Article 50, will propose a candidate from among the Chairs of the Commissions to the Congress for vote to replace Lenka and complete her term on the Executive Committee until 31 December 2021.

2. FISA Strategic Events Attribution Process

FISA has adopted a new approach to the manner in which its events are attributed. This approach has allowed interested parties to indicate all of the FISA-owned events that they believe would support their long-term events strategy for the period 2021 to 2024 plus WCHs 2025.

A detailed description of the procedure and timeline is found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/events/events-bidding>

The process is in the final stage with final bids having been received on 30 June 2019. The Council will review all bids at its meeting on 14-15 July 2019 in Rotterdam. On 2 August 2019, a Circular will be published with information for the voting on these bids. Delegates at the FISA Congress in Linz will be asked to vote on the World Championship bids on 2 September 2019, the Council will then attribute the World Cups and Masters regattas. The European Rowing events will be attributed on 1 September 2019 at the European Rowing Extraordinary General Assembly in Linz-Ottensheim.

There will be a “repechage” phase of bidding, open to all, for any events with no bidders in this phase leading to attribution decisions by the FISA Council in February 2020. This will be announced in September 2019.

3. Commission Member Appointments / Re-appointments

Member Federations are advised that membership mandates of the following Commissions of FISA will expire at the end of 2019 and are open for appointments / re-appointments for the four-year term 2020 to 2023:

- i. Athletes Commission
- ii. Equipment and Technology Commission
- iii. Rowing for All Commission
- iv. Sports Medicine Commission
- v. Youth Rowing Commission

MFs are asked to propose candidates who could positively contribute to these technical commissions. The MF should send a letter of nomination and a completed Commission Member Nomination Form for each candidate, currently on the commission and new nominations, which must be received by 2 August 2019. MFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member.

We would like to be clear that existing Commission members are not automatically re-appointed and that, if they would like to be considered, their MF must propose them for a new term. Commission Member Nomination Forms are found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

In accordance with Bye-Law to Article 55, appointments of Commission members are made by the Council on the recommendation of the newly elected Commission Chair.

4. Nominations for 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games Juries

Member Federations are now invited to nominate umpires to serve on the juries for the above-mentioned events. Any umpire nominated should definitely be able to attend the event concerned. Flights are booked centrally by FISA and all expenses are covered on site in Tokyo. Selection Criteria are attached. Maximum 1 male and 1 female nomination **per event and per NF** - Nominations can be the same names for both events.

The deadline for nominations with the form (attached) completed for the nominated umpire to be received at patrick_rombaut@telenet.be (copy to info@fisa.org) is **5 August 2019**.

5. Changes in published Progression Systems for World Championships

The Council has recognised errors in the World Championship progression systems No. 12: 41 to 48 entries and No. 13: for 49+ that were published in the Yellow Rule Book Insert Pages. In No. 12, the explanation for the two special cases was not included and in No. 13 there will be Time Trials followed by repechages, then quarter finals and so on. The correct systems are attached.

6. 2019 Member Federation Meetings and Conferences

Member Federation meetings continue to be held to discuss and exchange thoughts on proposals for the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress and on-going strategic decisions. Information related to the meetings can be found at this link: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/conference>

The upcoming meetings will take place at the following events on the dates specified below:

Event	Location	Date	Time (* estimated based on current schedule)
World Rowing Cup 3	Rotterdam, NED	Sat 13 July	During the lunchbreak (13h30*)
World Rowing Under 23 Championships	Sarasota-Bradenton, USA	Sat 27 July	After the team managers meeting (16h00*)
World Rowing Junior Championships	Tokyo, JPN	Sat 10 August	After the team managers meeting (14h00*)
World Rowing Championships	Linz-Ottensheim, AUT	Mon 2 Sept	Immediately after the FISA Congress (to finish no later than 13h30)
World Rowing Coastal Championships	Hong Kong, CHN	Friday 1 November	To be confirmed

* Times as per the Provisional Schedules so may be updated once the schedules are updated after the close of entries.

7. Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games updates

FISA Family Grandstand Tickets

We are awaiting a decision on the FISA Family Grandstand project with Tokyo 2020 and the IOC. Upon receipt of a final decision we will communicate the allocation and payment principles to Member Federations. We believe that it is a very much appreciated facility for our member federations and the families of our rowers. We hope to secure the best possible outcome.

Pre-Games training period at the Olympic and Paralympic venue

Tokyo 2020 has announced via its NOC Relations department that the Tokyo Metropolitan Government is making Sea Forest Waterway available to canoe sprint and rowing teams for training. The dates of the pre-games training are from 12 to 25 October 2019.

NFs, NOC and NPCs should complete the attached application form and contact directly the facilities office of Sea Forest Waterway at uminomori@prfi.or.jp The applications will be accepted on a first come served basis. The deadline for submitting the application form is **10 July 2019**.

8. 2019 and 2020 World Rowing Mega-Conferences Schedule

Please note the dates for the conferences and meetings taking place in London in November 2019:

- 2019 World Rowing Coaches Conference from 20 to 22 November
- 2019 World Rowing Awards Dinner on 22 November
- 2019 Member Federations Conference on 22 November
- 2019 FISA Joint Commissions Meeting from 23 to 24 November

Please also note the following dates for 2020:

- 2020 FISA Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress from 15 to 16 October
- 2020 World Rowing Awards Dinner on 16 October
- 2020 FISA Joint Commissions Meeting from 17 to 18 October

All these events will take place at the Park Inn Heathrow Hotel, London, Great Britain. More information will follow but please mark your calendars.

The 2020 World Rowing Coaches Conference will take place in January 2021, following the post-Olympic tradition, at a site and on a date to be determined.

9. 2019 World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals – Shenzhen CHN

The inaugural World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals will take place in Shenzhen, China from 25-27 October 2019, the weekend before the World Rowing Coastal Championships in Hong Kong. Shenzhen is a 1.5 hour drive from Hong Kong making it feasible for athletes to participate in both the events.

Four events are offered: men's solo (CM1x), women's solo (CW1x), mixed double sculls (CMix2x) and mixed coxed quadruple sculls (CMix4x+). Crews will represent the FISA Member Federation rather than a club, and only one boat per federation is permitted per event. Entries must be submitted by Member Federations through the World Rowing entry system by 11 October 2019. Boats and oars for the events are provided by the Organising Committee.

The Organising Committee Bulletin is now available, including information for accommodation and transport: <http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2019-world-rowing-beach-sprint-finals/event-information>.

10. 2019 World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference – NEW DATES

The 2019 World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference will take place from 6 to 10 November 2019 at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. The Organising Committee are finalising the conference bulletin with details for Member Federations to send coaches to this conference. More details will follow.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments