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

Circular No. 3 of 2019



Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. 2019 FISA Annual Ordinary Congress

Notice is given 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.

Neues Rathaus
Hauptstrasse 1-5,
4041 Linz,
Austria

Please note:

- a) The provisional agenda can be found at this link:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

Any member federation wishing to submit an additional agenda item or a specific proposal for inclusion in the Agenda must do so in written form in English and/or French, along with the reasons for the proposal, to be received at FISA Headquarters in Lausanne no later than 2 June 2019.

- b) The following positions on the Council are due for election at the Congress and nominations are called for those positions:
- i. Chair of the Athletes Commission
 - ii. Chair of the Equipment and Technology Commission
 - iii. Chair of the Rowing for All Commission
 - iv. Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission
 - v. Chair of the Women's Rowing Commission
 - vi. Chair of the Youth Rowing Commission

Member federations (MFs) interested in nominating a candidate or candidates for these Council positions are asked to contact Lucy Trochet, Governance Manager (lucy.trochet@fisa.org) to receive the candidacy nomination documentation package. For the nomination(s) to be accepted and validated, the documents of this package need to be completed and returned to FISA by 2 June 2019.

We would like to announce that the Chair of the Athletes Commission Lenka Dienstbach-Wech has reached the term limit for Chair of the Athletes Commission and may not seek re-election. As Lenka is a member of the FISA Executive Committee, this position on this 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 replace Lenka and complete her term on the Executive Committee until 31 December 2021.

- c) 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 2 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/>

2. 2019 Provisional World Rowing Event Programmes

Following the feedback period for Member federations, the 2019 Provisional World Rowing Event Programmes are now confirmed. The heat, repêchage and semi-final schedules are all subject to entries whereas the times of the finals are confirmed for the following events:

1. World Rowing Cup I, Plovdiv BUL
2. World Rowing Cup 2, Poznan POL
3. World Rowing Cup 3, Rotterdam NED
4. World Rowing Under 23 Championships, Sarasota-Bradenton USA
5. World Rowing Junior Championships, Tokyo JPN
6. World Rowing Championships, Linz-Ottensheim AUT

These regatta programmes can be found at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/fisa-circulars>

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Bye-law to Rule 67 concerning the World Championships progression system has been updated. Under the updated Bye-law, in the case of 41 to 48 entries, there is no longer a time trial as the first round, but rather 8 heats followed by 8 repêchages. See Appendix 12 of the FISA Rule Book at this link for the full progression system and well as the document at the following link showing the changes to the Bye-Laws in effect for the 2019 season:

http://www.worldrowing.com/mm//Document/General/General/13/54/74/2019Bye-LawtoRulesandEventRegulationsChangesThree-columnformat200219_Neutral.pdf.

3. 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+). Different from the World Rowing Coastal Championships, 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.

The Shenzhen organising committee will provide support in the form of accommodation and local transport for a limited number of athletes. The criteria for this support will be announced shortly in the OC Bulletin; Federations with crews eligible for this support will also be contacted directly.

For more information see: <http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2019-world-rowing-beach-sprint-finals/event-information> and <http://www.worldrowing.com/news/part-the-inaugural-world-rowing-beach-sprint-finals>

4. 2019 World Rowing University Regatta – X'ian CHN

The Chinese Rowing Association, an association with FISA, will stage the inaugural World Rowing University Regatta in Xi'an, China from 13 to 19 August 2019. A several well-known university crews have been invited to compete in both men's eight (M8+) and women's eight (W8+) events. Crews will compete representing their university club, as either current student athletes or recent graduates, over an 800m course on the Kunming Lake, Xi'an. More information will follow.

5. 2019 World Rowing Events Information Bulletins

The 2019 Event Bulletins are now online and available at this link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/2019-event-bulletins>

Please refer to the Bulletins for all information on entries, accommodation, accreditation, scheduling and FISA Family Grandstand tickets. Please check carefully the accommodation booking deadlines.

6. 2019 Member Federation Meetings and Conferences

Member Federation meetings will be held to discuss and exchange thoughts on proposals for the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress and on-going strategic decisions. Information for the meetings can be found at this link:

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

These meetings will take place at the following events this season on the dates specified below:

Event	Location	Date	Time (* estimated based on current schedule)
International Para Rowing Regatta	Gavirate, ITA	Thurs 16 May	14:00 hrs (after Classification)
European Rowing Championships	Lucerne, SUI	Sat 1 June	After the European Rowing General Assembly (17h30*)
World Rowing Cup 2	Poznan, POL	Sat 22 June	During the lunchbreak (13h45*)
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

7. Para Rowing Athlete Classification

Classification for athletes with physical impairments will take place at World Rowing Cup 2 and the World Rowing Championships. Classification for athletes with visual impairments will only be offered at the World Rowing Championships. Please note that there will be no classification at World Rowing Cup 3.

Deadlines to upload medical documentation to the FISA Pre Classification are now **45 days** prior to classification. Exact dates can be found in the respective event bulletins.

8. Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games updates

FISA Family Grandstand Tickets

We are currently discussing the FISA Family Grandstand ticket allocation with Tokyo 2020 and the IOC. A final decision is expected during the month of May, after which we will communicate the allocation and payment principles to Member Federations. This facility is something that requires hard negotiation with the OCOG and the IOC for every Games, but we believe that it is a valuable service for our member federations and the families of our athletes, so will endeavour to secure the best outcome possible.

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 planning to make Sea Forest Waterway available to canoe sprint and rowing teams for training. The venue is expected to be open for training for a two-week period between September and October 2019. The detailed schedule and application process is currently being finalised but will be posted on Tokyo 2020 Connect once it has been confirmed.

9. World Rowing Athlete Network

The FISA Athletes Commission is establishing an "Athlete Network", the objective of which is to create a platform for the FISA Athletes Commission to share relevant and useful information with the Athletes Commissions of FISA's member federations via email and regular conference calls.

Member Federations are requested to send the contact details of their Athlete Representative, whether the Chair of the Athletes Commission or, in the absence of an Athletes Commission, an athlete who is willing to represent the athletes on the FISA Athlete Network. Contact details should be sent to Sjoerd Hamburger at mail@sjoerdhamburger.nl.

10. FISA Strategic Events Attribution Process

A large number of regatta venues have benefited from significant investment from local, regional and national governments to bring them to a standard suitable for hosting international competitions. To support a long-term return on investment in these facilities as well as long term support for our sport, the World Rowing Federation, FISA, has adopted a new approach to the manner in which its events are attributed. This approach will allow 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 and 2026.

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

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

The process is entering its final stages with preliminary bids having been received on 15 April 2019 then the final bid submission on 30 June 2019. Delegates at the FISA Congress in Linz will be asked to vote on the World Championship bids, the Council will then attribute the World Cups and Masters regattas followed by the European Rowing general assembly in November for the European regattas.

11. 2019 and 2020 World Rowing Mega-Conferences Schedule

Please note the dates for the above-mentioned meetings taking place in November 2019:

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

Please also note the following dates for 2020:

- 2020 FISA 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

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.

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

12. Safeguarding

The FISA Policy for Safeguarding Participants in Rowing from Harassment and Abuse has been approved by the Council and is now integral to the FISA Code of Ethics. The policy is effective immediately.

Information relating to this policy, including a list of useful resources, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/safeguarding-135508>

Member Federations are requested to implement their own policies and procedures to protect their athletes, staff and volunteers from harassment and abuse, adapted to their own national legal framework and consistent with the FISA Policy.

13. Member Federation Details

We kindly ask that each Member Federation check their details presented on the website and inform us of any incorrect information. Please refer to this section of the website: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/national-federations/>

Yours sincerely,



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Matt Smith
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Attachments