

At the front table:

Johannes Kreuz – Chairman of the Munich World Rowing Cup
Bernd Schumacher – Chair of the Olympic Regatta Association, Munich
Matt Smith – FISA Executive Director
Axel Scholler - President of the Jury
Joost de Geus - Technical Delegate

1. Words of Welcome

- Bernd Schuhmacher, Chairman of the Olympic Regatta Association, Munich, welcomed all participants to the 14th staging of the World Rowing Cup in Munich, and gave a brief history of the event, from the first edition in 1997 to 2012. He presented the key members of his team and wished all a good regatta and a good Olympic season.
- Matt Smith, Executive Director of FISA, thanked the OC for their long commitment to the World Cup. He then introduced some of the key representatives from FISA present:

President of the Jury	Axel Scholler
Technical Delegate	Joost de Geus
Fairness Committee	Thor Nilsen, Mike Williams, Morten Espersen
FISA Doctor	Dr. Mike Wilkinson
Seeding Committee	Thor Nilsen, Morten Espersen, Gianni Postiglione

2. Roll Call and Draw

- The roll call of nations was taken by Matt Smith. The following nations were not present: CMR, CRO, JPN, MON.
- The entries were checked by event. Matt mentioned the sad sudden death of Serbian rower Nemanja Nestic in training after Lucerne. The Draw by event was made.
- Crews were seeded for this event, in order to avoid having the best crews in one heat.
- Start lists were issued at the end of the meeting. (Note that the Draw for the adaptive races was made prior to this meeting as the adaptive heats start at 18h30 today).

3. Training and Racing Issues

- **Traffic Rules:** Crews are reminded to observe traffic rules during training and racing. It is particularly important that crews in the warm up and cool down zones stop when a race is approaching. Crews must be off the water 30 minutes prior to the first race of each session. All traffic rules were provided with the Team Managers Manual, and additional copies can be requested from the Information Centre.
- **GPS devices:** Note that all boats must have a GPS device base plate fixed to their boat before the start of racing on Friday. Please see us if you have any questions.
- **Progression system:** The progression system for this regatta is the World Cup system. It is different from the World Championships Progression System in the Rule Book, however there are no changes from last year. Please ask us if you have questions.
- Please remind your athletes that, at a FISA Event, every race counts – the situation could arise in adverse weather conditions where results from an early round of the competition are used to determine progression to finals or semi-finals.
- **World Cup rules:** A reminder that the following rules apply to the World Cup:



- There are new rules to avoid re-rows for dead heats in the repechage, quarter final or semi-final rounds. If there is a dead heat in a heat, the normal rules regarding re-rows will apply.
- Races will not be stopped for equipment damage in the first 100m.
- Final A races will start on time – the Starter will not wait for crews that are late to the Start.
- **Crew changes:** please check the names and seating order of your crews and inform us of any problems or changes. All crew changes must be submitted to the FISA office upstairs from the Regatta office.
- **Boat weighing** scales are located in Hangar 17 and will be open during the opening times of the venue i.e. from 06:30 to 20:00 hrs. Note that it is the crew's responsibility to ensure that their boat meets the weight requirements. (Weather changes can lead to significant changes in boat weight).
- **Athlete and Cox weighing** scales are located at the rear of Hangar 7. The test weighing scales are accessible during the opening times of the venue. No athlete identification is needed for weigh in.
- Coaches may hand **water to their crews** after their races from the small pontoon at the 1800m mark.
- Please do not ride **bicycles** in the boat house area.
- All **oars** must be painted with the federation **colours**.
- **Tie down boats** at all times.

4. Special racing issues

- **Static umpiring experiment:** As in Lucerne, we will be using a static umpiring system for all non-adaptive races on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday the normal umpiring system will be used. All umpires will be stationed at the side of the course. If they believe there is a situation where a crew might interfere with another, they will enter the course and follow the race.

5. Anti-doping

- A reminder about the No Needles Policy – during competition, any injections must be medically justified. More information is available in the Medical section of the World Rowing website. We can also confirm that the No Needle policy will apply to the Olympic Games. This has been communicated to your NOCs.
- Please check in the FISA office if you want to verify your TUE status. Anyone who has questions about the new anti-doping rules please come and see us.

6. Promotional Issues - Matt

- **Web Site Live Commentary, Live Race Tracker and Results** will be available at www.worldrowing.com as well as pdfs of the results from the day's racing. Video streaming and video on demand on World Rowing Live (European countries) via worldrowing.com.
- Team Managers can request copies of the **results** pdfs from the Information Centre. The pdfs are available on line on www.worldrowing.com and there is wireless internet



throughout the venue (network name: Munich2007), so please check online before asking for a paper copy.

- **TV broadcasts:** The A finals on Sunday will be broadcast live on CzechTV 4 (CZE), RAI Sport 2 (ITA), RTR Sport 2 (RUS), BBC 2 & Red button (GBR) and Eurosport 2. Highlights will be shown on ARD (GER) from 15:00 to 15:30 hrs and on RTS SLO2 (SLO) from 15:20 to 16:20 hrs, as well as on SkyNZ and Fox Australia.
- **Boat stickers** – Country Codes and Samsung stickers should be collected from New Wave. Please ensure they are on all boats for training and racing.
- **Samsung World Rowing Cup T-shirts** for A finalists of the World Cup events can be collected from New Wave after the semi-finals.
- Team managers are asked to provide their **mobile numbers, email addresses and hotel names** to the Information Centre if you haven't done so already.

7. Logistic Issues

- For any **first aid or medical treatment**, please go to the medical tent next to the high performance centre.
- **Tap water** at the venue is drinkable.
- **Nations Dinner** on Friday night will be a barbecue at 19h30 at the course next to the high performance centre. Each country will receive two free tickets which can be collected from the Information Centre.
- **Grandstand:** Teams will have free access to the public grandstands during racing.
- **Presidents Grandstand:** Reserved seating will be available for Federation Presidents in Section A3 of the grandstand on Saturday and Sunday.
- **Team Manager mail boxes** are located in the Information Centre behind the finish tower.

8. Weather Forecast

- We expect mostly sunny weather on Friday with temperatures rising to 24 degrees, and light south westerly winds. The weather on Saturday and Sunday should be good, with light winds and no rain.

9. Olympic and Paralympic issues

- **Olympic Update Bulletins:** Please read Olympic Bulletins 1 and 2 and Paralympic Bulletin 1 (available in the FISA Circulars section of the website), which contain useful information on the Olympic and Paralympic Games. If you have any questions, please see Colleen in the FISA office.
- **Confirmation of use of Alternate Athlete places:** A reminder to teams that have been automatically allocated P accreditation for Alternate Athletes that they should confirm to FISA whether or not these accreditations will be used by Friday 15 June.
- **Update on spares** (non-P accredited athletes) for the Olympic Games: We have confirmation that, for the sport of rowing, and on an exceptional basis only, the deadline to make any athlete replacements will be extended up to the end of the rowing competition. This means that you will be able to substitute in athletes that do not have a P accreditation, providing that their names are already on the accreditation



long list. All documentation regarding a rowing athlete replacement after the Draw shall start with the FISA Executive Director who will guide the rest of the process. Please note that this is an exception granted by the IOC to rowing only. It has been granted on the condition that the NOCs will not incur any additional costs, and that FISA manages the process. A similar principle will apply to spares for Paralympics (substitutions are allowed up to the Draw, and after the Draw only under exceptional circumstances).

- **Names on boats:** No names will be allowed on boats for the Olympic Games – note that you will need to remove or tape over boat names.
- **Victory ceremony clothing:** We have confirmation that for the victory ceremonies in London, athletes will wear either their racing uniforms or their NOC jacket (tracksuit top), the decision will be made by each NOC. Please discuss this with your NOC and inform us of their choice by the time of the Draw.
- **FISA Family Grandstand tickets:** If you have any tickets that you do not want, please tell us by Friday 15 June so that we can redistribute these tickets to those on the waiting list.

10. Questions

- **AUS: The lone adaptive race on Saturday – is it still there?** No, due to withdrawals there is no longer a final C in that event.
- **NZL: Will the boot system be used at the start?** Yes, the boot system will be used for the 2000m start, but not for the adaptive races that start at the 1000m.

