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To: Affiliated Federations  
Council and Commission Members  
Organisers of World Championships  
National Rowing Magazines  
Partners

### Circular No. 5 of 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

1. Update on the 2020 FISA Ordinary Congress
2. Update on the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress
3. Congresses will be Live Streamed

#### 1. Update on the 2020 FISA Ordinary Congress

Member Federations are reminded that the 2020 FISA Ordinary Congress will be held on Friday, 16 October 2020 from 12:00 to 14:00 hrs CEST with registration from 11:30 hrs CEST. This Congress will be held using Zoom webinar and online voting technology. Registered delegates will receive instructions and log in details today.

- a. **Agenda Papers and 2019 Congress Minutes (Agenda Item 4)** - Please note that the official Agenda Papers and Congress Minutes can be found at this link:  
<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/congress>

*The French versions of the Agenda Papers and Minutes are now published on the website. Veuillez noter que la version française des documents du Congrès ordinaire est publiée sur le site Internet.*

- b. **Agenda Item 11 - 2021 and Four-year Budgets** – Due to the difficulties caused by COVID-19 lockdown and the uncertainties caused by COVID-19 pandemic, we needed more time to provide a 2021 budget and 2021 to 2024 four-year budget that is supported by appropriate analysis. We are now able to submit this budget before the Ordinary Congress.
- c. **Agenda Item 12 – Reports on Future Events** – The organising committees of Tokyo and Shanghai have prepared presentations that we would kindly request are viewed in advance of the Ordinary Congress so that the time during the congress can be used for questions and answers.

Tokyo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3j4oN32fedY>

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

MFs are kindly asked to submit any comments or questions in advance of the Congress to [2020congresses@fisa.org](mailto:2020congresses@fisa.org)

## 2. Update on the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress

Notice is repeated that the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress will be held on Saturday, 17 and Sunday, 18 October 2020 from 12:00 to 15:00 hrs CEST with registration from 11:30 hrs CEST. This congress will be held using Zoom webinar and online voting technology. Registered delegates should have received instructions and log in details on Friday. If you have registered for the Congress and have not yet received your login details, please send an email to [2020congresses@fisa.org](mailto:2020congresses@fisa.org) .

- a. **Proposals for Changes to Statutes and Rules** – The FISA Council has presented the proposed changes to the Statutes and Rules in order to place FISA in alignment with current norms related to good governance, transparency and the IOC's Agenda 2020. 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>
- b. **Council response to the SWE proposal** – The FISA Council met virtually on 2 October and addressed the SWE proposal relating to the advertising rules (SWE proposal attached). The Council decided not to make the suggested change at this time. However, the Council will launch a full analysis of the use of the advertising spaces by member federations during 2021 and assess the sponsorship market in 2021, in the post-COVID19 period.
- c. **Council response to the NED proposal** – The Council also addressed the NED proposed amendment to the innovation rule. Due to the limited ability to discuss this issue during the pandemic, the Council will delete the first three sentences to allow time for wider discussion in the coming years on this important topic. Please see the new proposal for new Rule 30.

## 3. Congresses will be Live Streamed

The 2020 Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses will be livestreamed and available for viewing via YouTube. A link to the livestream will be posted on the Congress page of the website.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments