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Lausanne, Switzerland

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



Circular No. 5 of 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

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1. 2019 FISA Ordinary Congress

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.

Neues Rathaus
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 on 9 August. Veuillez noter que la version française des documents du Congrès sera publiée sur le site Internet le 9 août.

b. Council Elections

We would like to draw your attention to page 96 and following where the CVs and letters of motivation of the candidates for the Council positions are presented. Please note the following candidates are standing for election:

Chair of the Athletes Commission

Candidates: Julien Bahain (CAN)
Robin Prendes (USA)
Frida Svensson (SWE)

Chair of the Equipment and Technology Commission

Candidate: Paul Fuchs (USA)

Chair of the Rowing for All Commission

Candidate: Guin Batten (GBR)

Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission

Candidate: Juergen Steinacker, M.D. (GER)

Chair of the Women's Rowing Commission

Candidate: Jacomine Ravensbergen (NED)

Chair of the Youth Rowing Commission

Candidate: Algirdas Raslanas (LTU)

c. Agenda Item 14 – Attribution of future World Rowing Championships

The document "Replacement for page 88 of the 2019 FISA Ordinary Congress Agenda Papers" lays out the considerations and decisions of the FISA Council relative to the attribution of these important events.

d. Electronic Voting

This Congress will utilise a secured electronic voting system. Manual voting documents will be prepared to be used as a back-up in case of any problem with the electronic system (i.e. electricity failure). All votes at this Congress will use e-voting, i.e. including approval of accounts, new members, elections, attributions, etc. Candidates for elections and Bidding Committees are invited to meet the service provider to make themselves familiar with the set-up, on the Sunday afternoon before Congress. Please contact Lucy Trochet, FISA Governance Manager, at lucy.trochet@fisa.org if you would like to arrange a meeting.

2. FISA Strategic Events Attribution Process

In 2017, the World Rowing Federation (FISA) adopted a new approach to the manner in which its events are attributed. This Strategic Event Attribution Process (SEAP) enabled interested parties to bid for the FISA-owned Olympic rowing events that they believed would support their long-term events strategy. Attribution of these events will take place [on 2 September 2019](#) at the FISA Congress in Linz-Ottensheim, Austria (see point 1c above).

a. Other World and European Rowing Events 2021-2024

FISA will launch a second round of the SEAP for those events where no attribution is made at the Congress on 2 September, and for coastal rowing and indoor rowing events from 2021-2024. Events included in this second round of the SEAP will be attributed at the FISA Council meeting in February 2020.

b. Coastal and Indoor events – 2021 to 2024:

FISA is launching the bid process for World Rowing Indoor and Coastal events from 2021-2024. Bidders will have the opportunity to bid on multiple World Rowing coastal and indoor events over the 2021-2024 period, and enable them to develop a long-term strategy as an event host. The deadline for initial expressions of interest in the hosting conditions for coastal and/or indoor events is [5 September 2019](#), but we encourage any interested bidders to contact us before this date to discuss their strategic event hosting objectives and intentions.

A detailed description of the coastal and indoor events available, the attribution and bidding procedure and the timeline can be found at this link:

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

3. Decisions from the July 2019 FISA Council Meeting

a. CAS Anti-Doping Division

The Council has confirmed that all anti-doping hearings will now be exclusively heard by the new Court of Arbitration for Sport – Anti-Doping Division. This new division was established to create increased independence for Anti-Doping Organisations by using well-known lawyers who are independent of any sports organisations. The final wording of the changes in the Bye-Laws are being reviewed and will be published shortly.

b. Para Rowing Standard Boats

Following an extensive review involving all stakeholders in Para Rowing, the Council has concluded that there will be no proposed changes in the standard singles and doubles hull shapes for Para Rowing for the period 2021 to 2024. However, slight changes in minimum weight and pontoon shape are still under discussion. An update will be provided at the FISA Congress on 2 September 2019.

The July Council meeting was primarily devoted to the Strategic Events Attribution process described in 1c and 2 above.

4. Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games updates

a. FISA Family Grandstand Tickets

Tokyo 2020 has now confirmed the FISA Family Grandstand ticket programme and the details for how family members and member federations can utilise this programme are nearly complete. As soon as all details are finalised, a bulletin will be issued by email to all member federations.

5. Nominations for 2020 World Rowing Event Juries

Member Federations are now invited to nominate umpires to serve on the juries for the 2020 World Rowing events. A maximum of two nominations per Member Federations, per Event, will be accepted provided that one nomination is for a male umpire and one nomination is for a female umpire.

Member Federations should ensure that any umpire nominated is definitely able to attend the event concerned. FISA provides a small travel subsidy for all of the above-mentioned events with the exception of local Jury members at World Cup regattas.

The deadline for nominations to be received, with complete contact information for the nominated umpire (including email address), is **31 October 2019**.

Please use the Jury Nomination form at this link:

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

2020 World Rowing Events

2-5 April	American Olympic Qualification Regatta – Rio de Janeiro (BRA) (1)
10-12 April	World Rowing Cup I – Sabaudia (ITA)
27-29 April	European Olympic Qualification Regatta – Varese (ITA) (2)
27-30 April	Asian/Oceania Olympic Qualification Regatta – Chungju (KOR) (3)
1-3 May	World Rowing Cup II – Varese, ITA
8-10 May	Final Paralympic Qualification Regatta – Gavirate (ITA)
17-19 May	Final Olympic Qualification Regatta – Lucerne (SUI)
22-24 May	World Rowing Cup III – Lucerne (SUI)
15-23 August	World Rowing Junior/Under 23/Senior Championships – Bled (SLO)
27-29 August	World Rowing University Championships (FISU) – Zagreb (CRO)
2-6 September	World Rowing Masters Regatta – Linz-Ottensheim (AUT)
Oct (tbc)	World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals & World Rowing Coastal Championships – Oeiras-Lisbon (POR)

(1) only American FISA Umpires, (2) only European FISA Umpires, (3) only Asian & Oceanian FISA Umpires

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2020 European Rowing Events

30-31 May	European Rowing Junior Championships – Belgrade (SRB)
5-7 June	European Rowing Championships – Poznan (POL)
5-6 September	European Rowing Under 23 Champs – Duisburg (GER)

7. 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 Junior Championships	Tokyo, JPN	Saturday, 10 August	After the team managers meeting (14h00*)
World Rowing Championships	Linz-Ottensheim, AUT	Monday, 2 Sept	Immediately after the FISA Congress (to finish no later than 13h30)
World Rowing Coastal Championships	Hong Kong, China	Friday, 1 November	To be confirmed
FISA Joint Conferences	London, GBR	Friday, 22 November	All day

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

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.

Yours sincerely,



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President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Attachments