

Proposed Changes to the FISA Rules of Racing for the 2020 Extraordinary Congress – NEW RULE 30 UPDATED

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<b>Rule 40 – Innovations in Equipment</b>	<b>Rule 3040 – Innovations in Equipment</b>	<b>Rule 3040 – Innovations in Equipment</b>
Innovations in equipment including, but not limited to, boats, oars, related equipment and clothing, must meet the following requirements before being used in the sport of rowing:	<p><u>1) The fundamental principle with regard to rowing competition is that a race is a contest between athletes and not between manufacturing, technology or construction. To uphold that principle FISA utilizes the Innovation Rule to maintain control of the advances brought about by the evolution in materials and design in all areas of the sport. Technological advancements should not make existing recent equipment obsolete nor make the cost of the sport prohibitive.</u></p> <p>Innovations in equipment including, but not limited to, boats, oars, related equipment and clothing, must meet the following requirements before being used in <u>the sport of rowingInternational Regattas:</u></p>	<p><u>1) Innovations in equipment including, but not limited to, boats, oars, related equipment and clothing, must meet the following requirements before being used in <del>the sport of rowing</del>International Regattas:</u></p>
1. Be commercially available to all rowers (patents may not exclude the use by a team or a rower);	a) <del>1-</del> Be commercially available to all rowers (patents may not exclude the use by a team or a rower);	<u>a) <del>1-</del>Be commercially available to all rowers (patents may not exclude the use by a team or a rower);</u>
2. Not significantly add to the cost of the sport;	b) <del>2-</del> Not <del>significantly</del> add to the cost <u>or complexity</u> of the sport <u>without adding corresponding value based on the above principle;</u>	<u>b) <del>2-</del>Not <del>significantly</del> add to the cost <u>or complexity</u> of the sport <u>without adding corresponding value;</u></u>
3. Not provide an advantage to some rowers over others or change the nature of the sport;	c) <del>3-</del> Not provide an advantage to some rowers over others or change the nature of the sport;	<u>c) <del>3-</del>Not provide an advantage to some rowers over others or change the nature of the sport;</u>
4. Be safe and environmentally sound; and	d) <del>4-</del> Be safe and <u>consistent with the principles of sustainable development; <del>environmentally sound;</del></u> and	<u>d) <del>4-</del>Be safe and <u>environmentally sound</u>consistent with the principles of sustainable development; and</u>
5. Be a positive development for the sport of rowing and maintain the principles, in particular those of fairness and equality, of the sport.	e) <del>5-</del> Be a positive development for the sport of rowing and maintain the principles, in particular those of fairness and equality, of the sport.	<u>e) <del>5-</del>Be a positive development for the sport of rowing and maintain the principles, in particular those of fairness and equality, of the sport.</u>

<p>An innovation must be submitted to the FISA Executive Committee for evaluation. If it is judged to meet the above conditions and is approved for use, it must be readily available for all rowers by 1 January in order to be authorised for use in International Regattas that year. Crews with unapproved innovations shall not be allowed to compete in events held under these Rules. The Executive Committee has the sole authority to decide all matters under this Rule including what constitutes an innovation, whether an innovation is significant, whether it is readily available, whether the costs are reasonable, whether it is safe and environmentally sound and whether it is a positive development for the sport of rowing and maintains the principles of the sport.</p>	<p>2) An innovation must be submitted to the FISA Executive Committee for evaluation. If it is judged to meet the above conditions and is approved for use, it must be readily available for all rowers by 1 January in order to be authorised for use in International Regattas that year. Crews <del>with unapproved innovations</del> shall not be allowed to compete <u>with unapproved innovations</u> in events held under these Rules. The Executive Committee has the sole authority to decide all matters under this Rule including what constitutes an innovation, whether an innovation is significant, whether it is readily available, whether the costs are reasonable, whether it is safe and <del>environmentally sound</del><u>consistent with the principles of sustainable development</u> and whether it is a positive development for the sport of rowing and maintains the principles of the sport.</p>	<p><u>2)</u> An innovation must be submitted to the FISA Executive Committee for evaluation. If it is judged to meet the above conditions and is approved for use, it must be readily available for all rowers by 1 January in order to be authorised for use in International Regattas that year. Crews <del>with unapproved innovations</del> shall not be allowed to compete <u>with unapproved innovations</u> in events held under these Rules. The Executive Committee has the sole authority to decide all matters under this Rule including what constitutes an innovation, whether an innovation is significant, whether it is readily available, whether the costs are reasonable, whether it is safe and <del>environmentally sound</del><u>consistent with the principles of sustainable development</u>, and whether it is a positive development for the sport of rowing and maintains the principles of the sport.</p>
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