



As approved at the 2020 FISA Extraordinary Congress

**In the context of COVID-19, temporary measures for Annual Subscription Fee levels and Voting at Congress**

**Article 36 currently reads:**

**Article 36 – Voting at Congress**

*Voting at FISA Congresses shall be by a show of official voting cards which indicate the number of votes to which each member federation is entitled.*

*If the Executive Committee so decides, voting may take place by electronic means.*

*At a FISA Congress, voting shall be by secret ballot if the chair so decides, or if requested by a delegate supported by delegates of at least four other member federations.*

*Each member federation shall be entitled to one vote, irrespective of the number of delegates representing it. If a member federation fulfils the following conditions, it shall instead be entitled to three votes for a period of four years commencing 1st January of the year following the Summer Olympic Games:*

1. *It has been a member of FISA for at least three years,*
2. *It has competed at any of the following regattas with a total of at least 12 crews during the previous four-year Olympic period:*
  - 2.1 *World Rowing Championships;*
  - 2.2 *World Rowing Under 23 Championships;*
  - 2.3 *World Rowing Junior Championships;*
  - 2.4 *Olympic or Paralympic qualification regattas;*
  - 2.5 *Continental Games regattas recognised by FISA;*

*and for all crews having competed in the above regattas during the previous four year Olympic period, excluding mixed crews, at least 25% shall have been female crews and at least 25% shall have been male crews.*

*By 31 December in the year of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Council will notify all member federations of their voting entitlements.*

**Bye-Law to Article 14.1 Subscriptions, paragraph 2, currently reads:**

*14.1.2 The amount of the subscription payable by each member federation shall be determined by reference to its level of participation in major events during the previous four-year Olympic period in a formula proposed by the Council.*

**Proposed solution**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the above regattas were not staged in 2020. To reflect this situation, the FISA Council proposes the following approach:

1. Subscription fees for 2021 will stand at the 2017 to 2020 levels.
2. Calculation of the 2021 to 2024 voting rights and 2022-2024 subscription fee levels:
  - a. Calculate participation numbers based on 2017, 2018 and 2019, and in the place of 2020, use the following 2021 regattas:
    - i. 2021 World Rowing Under 23 Championships
    - ii. 2021 World Rowing Junior Championships
    - iii. Any 2021 Continental Qualification regattas (not staged in 2020)
  - b. The voting rights and subscription fee levels will be calculated after the staging of the 2021 World Rowing Junior Championships in Plovdiv and presented to the

MFs before the Shanghai 2021 Congress as the valid voting rights for the 2021 to 2024 Congresses and subscription fee levels for 2022 to 2024.

3. Calculation of the 2025 to 2028 voting rights and subscription fee levels:
  - a. Calculate participation numbers based on 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, but for 2021 use only the following regattas:
    - i. 2021 World Rowing Championships
    - ii. 2021 World Rowing Under 23 Championships
    - iii. 2021 World Rowing Junior Championships

Thus the 2021 Under 23 and Junior Championships would be counted for both the 2021 to 2024 and 2025 to 2028 voting and subscription calculations.

**Resolution:**

The Council presents the above proposal, a temporary measure in the context of Covid-19, to the 2020 Extraordinary Congress for an absolute majority vote.

FISA Council