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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
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Circular No. 5 of 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. Updates for the 2021 World Rowing Ordinary Congress

Member Federations are reminded that the 2021 World Rowing Ordinary Congress will be held on Saturday, 6 November 2021 from 12:00 to 14:00 hrs CET with registration from 11:45 hrs CET. This Congress will be held using video-conferencing and online voting technology. Please note that the official 2021 Congress Agenda Papers and 2020 Congress Minutes can be found at this link:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/fisa-congresses/>

The French version 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 maintenant.

a. 2021 to 2024 Voting Rights Calculation & Subscription Fees

The Member Federations' voting rights and subscription fees, for the period 2021 to 2024 and 2022 to 2024 respectively, have been calculated based on the proposal approved at the 2020 Extraordinary Congress. The relevant documents can be found at this link:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/fisa-congresses/>

b. Additional topics for decision (Agenda point 22):

Article 36 - 2025 to 2028 Voting Rights Calculation and Article 14 – 2025 to 2028 Member Subscriptions – Due to the cancellation of the 2021 World

Rowing Championships, a new calculation needs to be prepared and proposed to Congress. We propose that this is prepared by the Governance Working Group during 2022 and presented to the 2022 Ordinary Congress for approval.

c. Any other business

The 2022 World Rowing Budget has been reviewed and an updated version created. This budget reflects the continuing policy of only essential travel and virtual meetings as there is continued uncertainty of income in the post-covid-19 world and World Rowing does not want to work in deficit budgets. This updated four-year plan - with updated 2022 budget - can be found in the congress section of the website.

All this information can be found at this link:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/fisa-congresses/>

2. Commission and Working Group Documents

Strategies and Action points have been developed by the following Commissions / Working Group over the past six months and were presented to the Council at its most recent meeting:

- i. Coastal Rowing Commission
- ii. Indoor Rowing Commission
- iii. Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

MFs are asked to review the strategy and related documents (found at this link: <https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/official-communications-world-rowing-circulars/>) and send any comments/suggestions to info@worldrowing.com by 28 October 2021 so they can be reviewed and discussed at the Congress on 6 November 2021.

3. Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification System – Revised Timeline

This timeline has been modified by the IOC and the new deadline is February 2022. This allows more time for comments, analysis and proposals.

The Competitive Rowing Commission is now charged with collecting all “sport” comments and ideas in order to develop “sport-based” proposals which take high-performance, development, the Olympic racing programme and the resulting qualification system incorporating the World Championships, the continental qualification regattas and the final qualification regatta.

The Executive Committee will be assessing the management and political elements related to the relationship with Olympic Broadcasting Services, the IOC and the Paris OCOG. These will be placed on a list and prioritised. Then each proposed solution will be evaluated against these elements.

These proposals will be presented to the Council and the Member Federations for comments leading to a decision in late January by the World Rowing Council. The new timeline can be found at this link:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/official-communications-world-rowing-circulars/>

4. Internal Audit Committee

The World Rowing Internal Audit Committee was appointed earlier this year. Its members are:

Hans-Joergen Arvesen (NOR), Germaine Bauer (SUI) and World Rowing Treasurer Gerritjan Eggenkamp (NED)

The Committee has now met three times by video-conference to start their work, is in the process of preparing an annual work plan and, starting in 2022 - their first full year -, an annual report to the Congress will be included in the Agenda Papers.

5. Safeguarding – MF survey and athlete webinars

- a. Member Federation survey – Safeguarding Participants in Rowing from Harassment and Abuse

MFs are requested to complete the following short questionnaire on safeguarding, by 15 October 2021:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/r1qemys90z3rip9/>

- b. Safeguarding webinars for athletes

Following on from the World Rowing Safeguarding Webinar series which took place in March, two further webinars are planned for the Athlete community to discuss how as rowers you can contribute to a safer environment across our sport. To register for the webinars, please click on the links below.

- 15 November, 13h30 CET - Webinar 1, "Athlete Rights and Responsibilities with respect to Safeguarding: what you need to know" https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QhjwyrLyT1aZVtG1_dkYmq)
- 22 November, 13h30 CET - Webinar 2, "Putting athletes' rights and responsibilities into action – a toolkit for athletes" https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EORvHRgtTDGz6KD1guMOEA

Please communicate this information to your athletes' community and encourage their participation.

6. 2022 International Regatta Calendar Form

Applications for the inclusion of International Regattas and International Matches in the above-mentioned Calendar on www.worldrowing.com are open.

The due date for applications to be received is 19 November 2021 using the below link. <https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/r1f6eylf1jhspc6/>

7. Nominations for 2022 World Rowing Event Juries

Member Federations are now invited to nominate umpires to serve on the juries for the 2022 World Rowing events. A maximum of 2 nominations per Member Federation, per Event are accepted, provided that they are different genders. To be eligible for a 2022 Jury, umpires must have attended a Rules Updating Clinic or Seminar between January 1, 2021 and February 28, 2022.

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

The deadline for nominations with complete contact information for the nominated umpire (including email address) to be received is **30 November 2021 (midnight CET)**.

Please use the Jury nomination form at this link:

<https://worldrowing.com/technical/umpiring/>

8. REMINDER - 2021 Congress MF Consultation Meetings

Consultation sessions will be held for Member Federations to explain and discuss the agenda items and provide an opportunity for MFs to raise questions. The sessions will be in English only.

MF Consultation Meetings – following the publication of the Agenda Papers

- Thursday, 14 October – 17:00 hrs CEST
- Friday, 15 October – 09:00 hrs CEST

MF consultation meetings will use “Zoom” video-conferencing technology. MFs are asked to attend a Consultation Meeting at their preferred time based on their time zone.

Registration for the Consultation Meetings

MFs are requested to advise World Rowing of the names of their delegates attending the Consultation Meetings by using the “Consultation Meeting Attendance Form”. Forms are to be submitted to World Rowing no later than Friday, 11 October 2021 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/r1ty33em0wang1h/>

The information submitted in the Consultation Meeting Attendance Forms will be used to provide login details for the online meeting. Please ensure the information on the form is accurate.

It is strongly recommended that those delegates attending the Consultation Meetings are the same delegates who will attend, and vote, at the Congress.

9. REMINDER - Registration to attend the Congress

a. Member Federations - Delegates

MFs must advise World Rowing of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by completing the “Congress Attendance Form – MF Delegates”. Forms are to be submitted to World Rowing for an extended period to 15 October 2021 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/rrnevvnv0jm3jr2/>

b. Recognised Continental Rowing Confederations and Member Groupings – Delegates

Recognised Continental Rowing Confederations and Member Groupings must advise World Rowing of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by completing the “Congress Attendance Form – Continental Rowing Confederations & Member Groupings”. Forms are to be submitted to World Rowing no later than 15 October 2021 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/r1wo8h7r1d1a9q/>

c. Observers

Observers are welcome to attend the Congress and must inform World Rowing in advance by completing the “Congress Attendance Form - Observers”. Forms are to be submitted to World Rowing no later than 15 October 2021 using the following online form:

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/rpdsfvi10orgis/>

Please note: The information submitted in the Congress Attendance Forms will be used to provide access to the online meeting and voting platform, as applicable, to registered delegates and observers. Please ensure the information submitted to World Rowing is accurate.

d. Virtual Meeting Technology and Test Session for registered delegates

World Rowing plans to use the following technology:

- “Zoom” video-conferencing, with simultaneous interpretation (French/English)
- “Lumi” online voting and meeting platform, accessible via a standard web browser

A test session will be held during the week prior to the Congress, for delegates to test their login and the voting system. The test session will take place on:

- 4 November 2021, 12:00 hrs – 13:00 hrs CET.

If you have any immediate concerns or questions, please send an email to 2021congress@worldrowing.com

Yours sincerely,



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