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2021 version	Proposal for 2022 Rule Book updates	Comments
Bye-Laws to Article 39 – Election of Council Members	Bye-Laws to Article 39 – Election of Council Members	
1. The President, Vice President and Treasurer are elected at the Ordinary Congress in the year following each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.	1. The President, Vice President and Treasurer are elected at the Ordinary Congress in the year following each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.	
2. The Chairs of the following Commissions are elected in the second year after each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games: 2.1 Athletes’; 2.2 Events; 2.3 Competitive Rowing; 2.4 Masters Rowing; 2.5 Para Rowing; 2.6 Umpiring.	2. The Chairs of the following Commissions are elected in the second year after each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games: 2.1 Athletes’; 2.2 Competitive Rowing Events; 2.3 Events Competitive Rowing; 2.4 Masters Rowing; 2.5 Para Rowing; 2.6 Umpiring.	
3. The Chairs of the following Commissions are elected in the third year after each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games: 3.1 Coastal Rowing; 3.2 Equipment and Technology; 3.3 Indoor Rowing; 3.4 Sports Medicine; 3.5 Women’s; 3.6 Youth Rowing.	3. The Chairs of the following Commissions are elected in the third year after each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games: 3.1 Coastal Rowing; 3.2 Equipment and Technology; 3.3 Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (GEDI) Indoor Rowing; 3.4 Indoor Rowing Sports Medicine; 3.5 Sports Medicine Women’s; 3.6 Youth Rowing.	
4. Except for the Chair of the Athletes’ Commission, the Executive Committee shall give notice of those Council positions which are due for election at the time it sends the Convening Notice for the Congress. 4.1 The notice will call for nominations for the positions to be elected by the Congress.	4. Except for the Chair of the Athletes’ Commission, the Executive Committee shall give notice of those Council positions which are due for election at the time it sends the Convening Notice for the Congress. 4.1 The notice will call for nominations for the positions to be elected by the Congress.	

<p>4.2 The nomination must be made by the Member Federation of the candidate and shall include a completed World Rowing Nomination Form.</p> <p>4.3 The nomination must be received at World Rowing headquarters no later than three months before the date of the Congress.</p> <p>4.4. No later than one month after the closing date for nominations, World Rowing shall send to all Member Federations a list of all valid nominations received by the closing date.</p>	<p>4.2 The nomination must be made by the Member Federation of the candidate and shall include a completed World Rowing Nomination Form.</p> <p>4.3 The nomination must be received at World Rowing headquarters no later than three months before the date of the Congress.</p> <p>4.4. No later than one month after the closing date for nominations, World Rowing shall send to all Member Federations a list of all valid nominations received by the closing date.</p>	
<p>5. The appointment of the Chair of the Athletes' Commission shall be held in accordance with the Athletes' Commission Regulations & Election Procedures as set out in Appendix S5.</p>	<p>5. The appointment of the Chair of the Athletes' Commission shall be held in accordance with the Athletes' Commission Regulations & Election Procedures as set out in Appendix S5.</p>	
<p>Bye-Laws to Article 54 – Commissions</p>	<p>Bye-Laws to Article 54 – Commissions</p>	
<p>1. World Rowing Commissions</p>	<p>1. World Rowing Commissions</p>	
<p>The Council has established the following specialist Commissions:</p>	<p>The Council has established the following specialist Commissions:</p>	
<p>1.1 Discipline Commissions - experts on the competition and training aspects of the disciplines of the sport:</p>	<p>1.1 Discipline Commissions - experts on the competition and training aspects of the disciplines of the sport:</p>	
<p>a. Competitive Rowing</p>	<p>a. Competitive Rowing</p>	
<p>b. Coastal Rowing</p>	<p>b. Coastal Rowing</p>	
<p>c. Indoor Rowing</p>	<p>c. Indoor Rowing</p>	
<p>1.2. Technical Commissions - experts on the specific subjects or categories of competition that take part in the disciplines of the sport listed above:</p>	<p>1.2. Technical Commissions - experts on the specific subjects or categories of competition that take part in the disciplines of the sport listed above:</p>	
<p>a. Athletes'</p>	<p>a. Athletes'</p>	
<p>b. Coaching Development Cross Commission (the chair shall be the Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission)</p>	<p>b. Coaching Development Cross Commission (the chair shall be the Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission)</p>	
<p>c. Equipment and Technology</p>	<p>c. Equipment and Technology</p>	

d. Events	d. Events	
e. Masters Rowing	e. Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (GEDI) Masters Rowing	
f. Para Rowing	f. Masters Rowing Para Rowing	
g. Sports Medicine	g. Para Rowing Sports Medicine	
h. Umpiring	h. Sports Medicine Umpiring	
i. Women's Cross Commission	i. Umpiring Women's Cross Commission	
j. Youth Rowing	j. Youth Rowing	
2. Appointments to Commissions (except Athletes' Commission)	2. Appointments to Commissions (except Athletes' Commission)	
2.1 For all Commissions, except Cross Commissions, the Executive Committee will call for nominations for Commission membership in the year of election of the Commission Chair. Candidates, including current Commission members seeking reappointment, must be nominated in writing by their Member Federations no later than the end of the Congress of that year.	2.1 For all Commissions, except Cross Commissions, the Executive Committee will call for nominations for Commission membership in the year of election of the Commission Chair. Candidates, including current Commission members seeking reappointment, must be nominated in writing by their Member Federations no later than the end of the Congress of that year.	
2.2 Appointments of Commission members are made by the Council on the recommendation of the newly elected Commission Chair.	2.2 Appointments of Commission members are made by the Council on the recommendation of the newly elected Commission Chair.	
3. Athletes' Commission – Appointments & Elections	3. Athletes' Commission – Appointments & Elections	
The Athletes' Commission shall consist of elected and appointed members. Elections and appointments of the members of the Athletes' Commission and the election and appointment of the Athletes' Commission Chair shall take place in the same year, in accordance with the Athletes' Commission Regulations & Election Procedures (see Appendix S5).	The Athletes' Commission shall consist of elected and appointed members. Elections and appointments of the members of the Athletes' Commission and the election and appointment of the Athletes' Commission Chair shall take place in the same year, in accordance with the Athletes' Commission Regulations & Election Procedures (see Appendix S5).	
4. Member Federations nominating candidates are required to commit to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission members, if they are appointed.	4. Member Federations nominating candidates are required to commit to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission members, if they are appointed.	
5. Exceptionally, a current Commission member may be nominated for reappointment by the Executive Committee.	5. Exceptionally, a current Commission member may be nominated for reappointment by the Executive Committee.	

<i>6. In case of a casual vacancy in a Commission, the Executive Committee may replace the member concerned. Any member thus appointed shall serve out the term of office of the replaced member.</i>	<i>6. In case of a casual vacancy in a Commission, the Executive Committee may replace the member concerned. Any member thus appointed shall serve out the term of office of the replaced member.</i>	
APPENDIX S9	APPENDIX S9	
BYE-LAWS TO ARTICLE 55 – DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS	BYE-LAWS TO ARTICLE 55 – DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS	
1. General Duties of the Commissions	1. General Duties of the Commissions	
Each Commission shall:	Each Commission shall:	
1.1 Meet as required to fulfil their duties and when convened by their Chair. In principle, they shall meet at least twice a year; one of the meetings being the annual Joint Commissions Meeting. Meetings should be held as virtual meetings where possible;	1.1 Meet as required to fulfil their duties and when convened by their Chair. In principle, they shall meet at least twice a year; one of the meetings being the annual Joint Commissions Meeting. Meetings should be held as virtual meetings where possible;	
1.2 Liaise with the President, the Council and the Executive Director through its Chair;	1.2 Liaise with the President, the Council and the Executive Director through its Chair;	
1.3 Liaise with other Commissions generally and at Joint Commissions meetings and World Rowing Championships;	1.3 Liaise with other Commissions generally and at Joint Commissions meetings and World Rowing Championships;	
1.4 Undertake their specialist commission duties across the different disciplines and areas of rowing;	1.4 Undertake their specialist commission duties across the different disciplines and areas of rowing;	
1.5 Submit an annual programme request with proposed budget to the Executive Committee;	1.5 Submit an annual programme request with proposed budget to the Executive Committee;	
1.6 Produce minutes of Commission meetings for circulation to the Council by the Executive Director.	1.6 Produce minutes of Commission meetings for circulation to the Council by the Executive Director.	
2. Specific Duties of the Discipline Commissions:	2. Specific Duties of the Discipline Commissions:	
2.1 Competitive Rowing Commission	2.1 Competitive Rowing Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
i. To encourage and support the growth of rowing in support of World Rowing's Strategy.	i. To encourage and support the growth of rowing in support of World Rowing's Strategy.	

ii. To act as a centre of excellence for the discipline of classic rowing and provide support for sustainable development.	ii. To act as a centre of excellence for the discipline of classic rowing and provide support for sustainable development.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. Discipline Oversight	i. Discipline Oversight	
(a) To guide the strategic growth of international rowing competitions and support the development of different competition formats.	(a) To guide the strategic growth of international rowing competitions and support the development of different competition formats.	
(b) Centralise information about the discipline, as it relates to key stakeholders. Develop activities to build capacity across all areas of the discipline.	(b) Centralise information about the discipline, as it relates to key stakeholders. Develop activities to build capacity across all areas of the discipline.	
ii. Competition	ii. Competition	
(a) To analyse and provide advice on international rowing competition in terms of composition (events, boat-classes and categories), conditions, environment, and the international regatta calendar.	(a) To analyse and provide advice on international rowing competition in terms of composition (events, boat-classes and categories), conditions, environment, and the international regatta calendar.	
(b) To monitor and analyse relevant sporting and global trends to ensure the discipline remains relevant and sustainable e.g. in competitive standards, social and financial environment, global mobility, participation levels.	(b) To monitor and analyse relevant sporting and global trends to ensure the discipline remains relevant and sustainable e.g. in competitive standards, social and financial environment, global mobility, participation levels.	
(c) To undertake the tasks delegated to it by the Council or the Rules in relation to World Rowing events, including but not limited to fairness and seeding.	(c) To undertake the tasks delegated to it by the Council or the Rules in relation to World Rowing events, including but not limited to fairness and seeding.	
iii. Discipline Development	iii. Discipline Development	
(a) To advise on training and education including support in the production of specific educational material and coaching courses and seminars.	(a) To advise on training and education including support in the production of specific educational material and coaching courses and seminars.	
(b) To assist in the implementation of the coaching development programmes in conjunction with World Rowing's Development Department.	(b) To assist in the implementation of the coaching development programmes in conjunction with World Rowing's Development Department.	
(c) To provide appropriate coaching content and organise the annual World Rowing Coaches Conference.	(c) To provide appropriate coaching content and organise the annual World Rowing Coaches Conference.	

(d) To nominate appropriate coaching experts for the Coaching Development Cross Commission.	(d) To nominate appropriate coaching experts for the Coaching Development Cross Commission.	
c. Membership	c. Membership	
The members of the commission are to be recognised experts in the discipline and involved daily in the practice of the discipline. Members are expected to represent the interests of all World Rowing's stakeholders.	The members of the commission are to be recognised experts in the discipline and involved daily in the practice of the discipline. Members are expected to represent the interests of all World Rowing's stakeholders.	
2.2 Coastal Rowing Commission	2.2 Coastal Rowing Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
ii. To aide and encourage the growth of coastal rowing to support World Rowing's Strategy.	ii. To aide and encourage the growth of coastal rowing to support World Rowing's Strategy.	
ii. To build capacity across the discipline by developing skills, knowledge and experience in a range of areas serving coastal rowing.	ii. To build capacity across the discipline by developing skills, knowledge and experience in a range of areas serving coastal rowing.	
iii. To oversee and promote on a national and international basis touring and recreational rowing.	iii. To oversee and promote on a national and international basis touring and recreational rowing.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. Discipline Oversight	i. Discipline Oversight	
(a) To guide the strategic growth of international coastal rowing competitions and to support the development of different competition formats.	(a) To guide the strategic growth of international coastal rowing competitions and to support the development of different competition formats.	
(b) To centralise information about the discipline, as it relates to key stakeholders. Develop activities to build capacity across all areas of the discipline.	(b) To centralise information about the discipline, as it relates to key stakeholders. Develop activities to build capacity across all areas of the discipline.	
ii. Competition	ii. Competition	
(a) To analyse and provide advice on international coastal rowing competition in terms of composition (events, boat-classes and categories), conditions, environment, and international regatta programme.	(a) To analyse and provide advice on international coastal rowing competition in terms of composition (events, boat-classes and categories), conditions, environment, and international regatta programme.	
(b) To monitor and analyse relevant sporting and global trends to ensure the discipline remains relevant and sustainable e.g. in competitive standards, social and financial environment, global mobility, participation levels, safety.	(b) To monitor and analyse relevant sporting and global trends to ensure the discipline remains relevant and sustainable e.g. in competitive standards, social and financial environment, global mobility, participation levels, safety.	

(c) Support the organisation of the World Rowing Coastal Championship, World Rowing Beach Sprint events, and other coastal rowing events within World Rowing.	(c) Support the organisation of the World Rowing Coastal Championship, World Rowing Beach Sprint events, and other coastal rowing events within World Rowing.	
(d) Develop a range of competition opportunities and drive inclusion of the discipline in multisport, and other, events.	(d) Develop a range of competition opportunities and drive inclusion of the discipline in multisport, and other, events.	
iii. Discipline Development	iii. Discipline Development	
(a) To advise on training and education including support in the production of specific educational material and coaching courses and seminars.	(a) To advise on training and education including support in the production of specific educational material and coaching courses and seminars.	
(b) To assist in the implementation of the Coaching Development Programme in conjunction with the Development Department.	(b) To assist in the implementation of the Coaching Development Programme in conjunction with the Development Department.	
(c) To organise coastal rowing educational seminars, as appropriate, and provide coastal rowing coaching content for the Coaches Conference.	(c) To organise coastal rowing educational seminars, as appropriate, and provide coastal rowing coaching content for the Coaches Conference.	
(d) To nominate appropriate coastal rowing coaching experts for the Coaching Development Cross Commission.	(d) To nominate appropriate coastal rowing coaching experts for the Coaching Development Cross Commission.	
iv. Recreational Rowing	iv. Recreational Rowing	
(a) To collaborate with Member Federations to share knowledge, expertise and develop tour and recreational rowing, in new countries and to new rowers.	(a) To collaborate with Member Federations to share knowledge, expertise and develop tour and recreational rowing, in new countries and to new rowers.	
(b) To develop activities to protect and promote heritage boat classes and support the traditional activities and regattas.	(b) To develop activities to protect and promote heritage boat classes and support the traditional activities and regattas.	
(c) To foster communication between the different rowing communities.	(c) To foster communication between the different rowing communities.	
c. Membership	c. Membership	
The members of the Commission are to be recognised experts in the discipline and involved daily in the practice of the discipline. Members are expected to represent the interests of all World Rowing's stakeholders.	The members of the Commission are to be recognised experts in the discipline and involved daily in the practice of the discipline. Members are expected to represent the interests of all World Rowing's stakeholders.	

2.3 Indoor Rowing Commission	2.3 Indoor Rowing Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
i. To aide and encourage the growth of indoor rowing to support World Rowing's Strategy.	i. To aide and encourage the growth of indoor rowing to support World Rowing's Strategy.	
ii. To differentiate indoor rowing as a standalone discipline of rowing, while honouring its traditions and history.	ii. To differentiate indoor rowing as a standalone discipline of rowing, while honouring its traditions and history.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. Discipline Oversight	i. Discipline Oversight	
(a) To guide the strategic growth of international indoor rowing competitions and challenges and to support the development of different competition formats.	(a) To guide the strategic growth of international indoor rowing competitions and challenges and to support the development of different competition formats.	
(b) Facilitate collaboration between indoor rowing industry stakeholders for the benefit of the discipline.	(b) Facilitate collaboration between indoor rowing industry stakeholders for the benefit of the discipline.	
ii. Competition	ii. Competition	
(a) To monitor and analyse relevant sporting and global trends to ensure the discipline remains relevant and sustainable e.g., in competitive standards, social and financial environment, global mobility, participation levels.	(a) To monitor and analyse relevant sporting and global trends to ensure the discipline remains relevant and sustainable e.g., in competitive standards, social and financial environment, global mobility, participation levels.	
(b) Support the organisation of the World Rowing Indoor Championships and other indoor rowing events within World Rowing.	(b) Support the organisation of the World Rowing Indoor Championships and other indoor rowing events within World Rowing.	
(c) Develop a range of competition opportunities and drive inclusion of the discipline in multisport, and other, events.	(c) Develop a range of competition opportunities and drive inclusion of the discipline in multisport, and other, events.	
(d) Promote indoor rowing as an inclusive discipline providing both competitive and participation/recreational opportunities for all.	(d) Promote indoor rowing as an inclusive discipline providing both competitive and participation/recreational opportunities for all.	
iii. Discipline Development	iii. Discipline Development	
(a) Promote the health, cross training, and rehabilitative benefits of rowing in order to broaden the base of indoor rowers.	(a) Promote the health, cross training, and rehabilitative benefits of rowing in order to broaden the base of indoor rowers.	
(b) Consolidate existing training and education materials and advice on technical issues; provide	(b) Consolidate existing training and education materials and advice on technical issues; provide	

appropriate indoor rowing coaching experts for the World Rowing Coaching Academy.	appropriate indoor rowing coaching experts for the World Rowing Coaching Academy.	
(c) Organise indoor rowing educational opportunities and/or events and provide indoor rowing coaching content for the Coaches Conference.	(c) Organise indoor rowing educational opportunities and/or events and provide indoor rowing coaching content for the Coaches Conference.	
(d) Prepare a certification programme to measure the precision of work output on indoor rowing machines wishing to receive World Rowing approval.	(d) Prepare a certification programme to measure the precision of work output on indoor rowing machines wishing to receive World Rowing approval.	
c. Membership	c. Membership	
The members of the commission are to be recognised experts in the discipline and involved daily in the practice of the discipline. While not a requirement, members may have an affiliation with a stakeholder within the indoor rowing industry (i.e. an equipment manufacturer, technical provider, etc). This perspective is critical to the development and growth of the discipline. Members are expected to represent the interests of all World Rowing's stakeholders.	The members of the commission are to be recognised experts in the discipline and involved daily in the practice of the discipline. While not a requirement, members may have an affiliation with a stakeholder within the indoor rowing industry (i.e. an equipment manufacturer, technical provider, etc). This perspective is critical to the development and growth of the discipline. Members are expected to represent the interests of all World Rowing's stakeholders.	
3. Specific Duties of the Technical Commissions	3. Specific Duties of the Technical Commissions	
3.1 Athletes Commission	3.1 Athletes Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
To represent active national team rowers (including Under 19s and Under 23s), and to act as a liaison between them and World Rowing.	To represent active national team rowers (including Under 19s and Under 23s), and to act as a liaison between them and World Rowing.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. To consider issues related to rowers and provide relevant input to the Council and Executive Committee.	i. To consider issues related to rowers and provide relevant input to the Council and Executive Committee.	
ii. To engage actively with and to initiate rowing specific projects that protect and support clean athletes on and off the water.	ii. To engage actively with and to initiate rowing specific projects that protect and support clean athletes on and off the water.	
iii. To consult with athletes in the evaluation of the Rules and Event Regulations of rowing and provide feedback to the Council and Executive Committee.	iii. To consult with athletes in the evaluation of the Rules and Event Regulations of rowing and provide feedback to the Council and Executive Committee.	

iv. To convene and conduct rowers' surveys and/or meetings at World Rowing Championships and to provide a report to the Executive Committee.	iv. To convene and conduct rowers' surveys and/or meetings at World Rowing Championships and to provide a report to the Executive Committee.	
v. To analyse the organisation of the World Rowing Championships and Olympic and Paralympic regattas and to report any findings to the Council.	v. To analyse the organisation of the World Rowing Championships and Olympic and Paralympic regattas and to report any findings to the Council.	
vi. To support effective communication of information from World Rowing to the Senior National Team athlete community.	vi. To support effective communication of information from World Rowing to the Senior National Team athlete community.	
vii. To raise awareness of the AC election and appointment process amongst the active and recently retired athlete communities.	vii. To raise awareness of the AC election and appointment process amongst the active and recently retired athlete communities.	
viii. To maintain contact with the IOC Athlete Commission.	viii. To maintain contact with the IOC Athlete Commission.	
3.2 Coaching Development Cross Commission	3.2 Coaching Development Cross Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
To advise on coaching practice and coach education including support in the production of specific coach education material and coaching courses and seminars for the different rowing disciplines.	To advise on coaching practice and coach education including support in the production of specific coach education material and coaching courses and seminars for the different rowing disciplines.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. To assist in the implementation of the Coaching Development Programme in conjunction with the Development Department and the respective discipline commissions.	i. To assist in the implementation of the Coaching Development Programme in conjunction with the Development Department and the respective discipline commissions.	
ii. To advise on coach identification, training and recruitment in a consistent manner.	ii. To advise on coach identification, training and recruitment in a consistent manner.	
iii. To liaise with coaches and implement a coaches' communication network.	iii. To liaise with coaches and implement a coaches' communication network.	
iv. To liaise with other stakeholders within World Rowing around safety, safeguarding, anti-doping, diversity and inclusion and how this is integrated and monitored through coach education and certification.	iv. To liaise with other stakeholders within World Rowing around safety, safeguarding, anti-doping, diversity and inclusion and how this is integrated and monitored through coach education and certification.	
v. To recognise national coach education systems.	v. To recognise national coach education systems.	
vi. To recognise international training centres.	vi. To recognise international training centres.	

c. Membership	c. Membership	
i. Coaching Development Cross Commission members shall include only members from other Commissions, including up to two specialists from each of the discipline Commissions.	i. Coaching Development Cross Commission members shall include only members from other Commissions, including up to two specialists from each of the discipline Commissions.	
ii. Commission members should be recognised experts in coaching science and coaching of their discipline.	ii. Commission members should be recognised experts in coaching science and coaching of their discipline.	
iii. Commission members will also liaise with key stakeholders across World Rowing who will bring expertise from other areas linked to safeguarding, anti-doping, safety and the different disciplines of rowing.	iii. Commission members will also liaise with key stakeholders across World Rowing who will bring expertise from other areas linked to safeguarding, anti-doping, safety and the different disciplines of rowing.	
iv. The Chair shall be the Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission.	iv. The Chair shall be the Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission.	
3.3 Equipment and Technology Commission	3.3 Equipment and Technology Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
To support development in the field of rowing equipment, including the review of new technology and its potential application to rowing.	To support development in the field of rowing equipment, including the review of new technology and its potential application to rowing.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. To establish standards for the safety of rowing equipment and enforce this at World Rowing events.	i. To establish standards for the safety of rowing equipment and enforce this at World Rowing events.	
ii. To establish and ensure compliance with rules concerning boats and equipment used in rowing events to which the World Rowing Statutes and Rules of Racing apply, including working in co-operation with the Control Commission at World Rowing Championships.	ii. To establish and ensure compliance with rules concerning boats and equipment used in rowing events to which the World Rowing Statutes and Rules of Racing apply, including working in co-operation with the Control Commission at World Rowing Championships.	
iii. To encourage the production of inexpensive rowing equipment complying with specified standards.	iii. To encourage the production of inexpensive rowing equipment complying with specified standards.	
iv. To encourage and promote dissemination of information and courses on boat building and repairs.	iv. To encourage and promote dissemination of information and courses on boat building and repairs.	
v. To survey equipment in use and produce theoretical material and drawings for rowing equipment.	v. To survey equipment in use and produce theoretical material and drawings for rowing equipment.	
vi. To collect and review scientific information, relating to equipment and technology, available for the sport of rowing.	vi. To collect and review scientific information, relating to equipment and technology, available for the sport of rowing.	

vii. To be the point of contact with World Rowing for the manufacturers of equipment and technology in the sport of rowing, including innovations (Rule 29).	vii. To be the point of contact with World Rowing for the manufacturers of equipment and technology in the sport of rowing, including innovations (Rule 29).	
3.4 Events Commission	3.4 Events Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
In conjunction with relevant Commissions and staff members and in line with World Rowing policies, to establish and monitor the standards of international regattas and of all World Rowing events with regard to the organisation of the event, the venue, technical installations, and safety of all participants.	In conjunction with relevant Commissions and staff members and in line with World Rowing policies, to establish and monitor the standards of international regattas and of all World Rowing events with regard to the organisation of the event, the venue, technical installations, and safety of all participants.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. To advise organising and bidding committees of World Rowing events on the standard of facilities and regatta courses and organisation of events. To support the transfer of knowledge and best practice between event/regatta organisers.	i. To advise organising and bidding committees of World Rowing events on the standard of facilities and regatta courses and organisation of events. To support the transfer of knowledge and best practice between event/regatta organisers.	
ii. To maintain and improve the standard of regatta organisation at all major international events in co-operation with other Commissions as appropriate.	ii. To maintain and improve the standard of regatta organisation at all major international events in co-operation with other Commissions as appropriate.	
iii. To visit and inspect regatta courses and regattas.	iii. To visit and inspect regatta courses and regattas.	
iv. To provide advice, consultation and guidance at every stage from initial concept to final commissioning in the development of new courses and new regattas and to advise on the upgrading of existing courses.	iv. To provide advice, consultation and guidance at every stage from initial concept to final commissioning in the development of new courses and new regattas and to advise on the upgrading of existing courses.	
v. To provide members for the technical group responsible for inspecting candidates for future championships and multi-sport Games.	v. To provide members for the technical group responsible for inspecting candidates for future championships and multi-sport Games.	
vi. To monitor, coordinate and advise on changes to the structure of the World Rowing international regatta calendar in conjunction with the World Rowing Events staff taking into consideration the advice of the relevant Commissions.	vi. To monitor, coordinate and advise on changes to the structure of the World Rowing international regatta calendar in conjunction with the World Rowing Events staff taking into consideration the advice of the relevant Commissions.	
vii. To prepare and regularly update documents and manuals which specify the World Rowing requirements	vii. To prepare and regularly update documents and manuals which specify the World Rowing requirements	

for all aspects of: a) the upgrading of existing courses; b) the development of new courses; c) the organisation of championships and major regattas.	for all aspects of: a) the upgrading of existing courses; b) the development of new courses; c) the organisation of championships and major regattas.	
viii. To train and develop Technical Delegates for events, and to propose to the Executive Committee nominations for the Technical Delegates for World Rowing events.	viii. To train and develop Technical Delegates for events, and to propose to the Executive Committee nominations for the Technical Delegates for World Rowing events.	
	<u>3.5 Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (GEDI) Cross-Commission</u>	
	<p><u>a. Purpose:</u> <u>To oversee and drive delivery of the GEDI Policy and Strategy as it applies to the Commissions.</u></p> <p><u>b. Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>i. Champion GEDI within the Commissions, raising awareness and understanding across rowing communities to drive cultural change.</u> <u>ii. Support centrally driven GEDI initiatives, and disseminate at a Commission level as applicable.</u> <u>iii. Act as an advisor where relevant for certain central projects.</u> <u>iv. Suggest initiatives to the GEDI Management Group with respect to GEDI challenges and opportunities.</u> <p><u>Membership:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>i. Membership will consist of current World Rowing Commission members, ideally with diverse backgrounds and experience, and representing under-represented groups, as far as possible.</u> <u>ii. Members should have passion and commitment to advocacy for GEDI; ideally be from under-represented groups.</u> <u>iii. Other individuals* identified as having specific expertise or experience in GEDI matters may be</u> 	<p><i>The introduction of the GEDI Commission, to replace the Women's Commission, was approved at the 2020 Extraordinary Congress, including a transition phase in 2021. The text in 3.5 reflects the work of the transition phase and is as approved by the Council in September 2021.</i></p>

	<p><u>invited to join the discussions of the Cross Commission</u></p> <p><i><u>*Such individuals would be considered associate members of the cross-commission, for situations where diversity does not already exist within the Commissions.</u></i></p>	
3.5 Masters Rowing Commission	3.5-6 Masters Rowing Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
To oversee and promote masters rowing in all its forms on a national and international basis.	To oversee and promote masters rowing in all its forms on a national and international basis.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. To organise the World Rowing Masters Regatta annually.	i. To organise the World Rowing Masters Regatta annually.	
ii. In cooperation with other Commissions, establish standard masters classes in all disciplines of rowing.	ii. In cooperation with other Commissions, establish standard masters classes in all disciplines of rowing.	
iii. To gather dates and locations of key international masters regattas for the international calendar, and publish information of interest to the masters rowing community.	iii. To gather dates and locations of key international masters regattas for the international calendar, and publish information of interest to the masters rowing community.	
iv. To consult with and advise the Youth Rowing Commission regarding the Masters Fund for Youth Rowing and the use of the resources of the Fund.	iv. To consult with and advise the Youth Rowing Commission regarding the Masters Fund for Youth Rowing and the use of the resources of the Fund.	
v. To foster the development of masters rowing generally through shared communications and activities.	v. To foster the development of masters rowing generally through shared communications and activities.	
3.6 Para Rowing Commission	3.6-7 Para Rowing Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
To support, oversee and promote rowing for persons with an impairment (Para Rowers) on a national and/or international basis.	To support, oversee and promote rowing for persons with an impairment (Para Rowers) on a national and/or international basis.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. To develop inclusive policies within World Rowing.	i. To develop inclusive policies within World Rowing.	
ii. To develop inclusive competitions for all forms of rowing.	ii. To develop inclusive competitions for all forms of rowing.	

iii. To increase participation in para rowing at all levels of performance.	iii. To increase participation in para rowing at all levels of performance.	
iv. To promote and monitor trends in para rowing at national, international and Paralympic levels.	iv. To promote and monitor trends in para rowing at national, international and Paralympic levels.	
v. To include para rowing in active life programmes.	v. To include para rowing in active life programmes.	
vi. To research and disperse knowledge on para rowing to the community.	vi. To research and disperse knowledge on para rowing to the community.	
3.7 Sports Medicine Commission	3.7-8 Sports Medicine Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
To oversee and advise on all medical and anti-doping aspects related to rowing.	To oversee and advise on all medical and anti-doping aspects related to rowing.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. To oversee and advise on medical, health and safety services at World Rowing Championships and World Rowing Cup regattas using Commission members or World Rowing-certified volunteer medical physicians.	i. To oversee and advise on medical, health and safety services at World Rowing Championships and World Rowing Cup regattas using Commission members or World Rowing-certified volunteer medical physicians.	
ii. To investigate and promote the prevention of rowing-related injuries and health issues.	ii. To investigate and promote the prevention of rowing-related injuries and health issues.	
iii. To formulate and publish best practice guidelines for medical and health services and environmental issues.	iii. To formulate and publish best practice guidelines for medical and health services and environmental issues.	
iv. To promote research activity on rowing-related health and medical issues, exercise physiology, biomechanics, health, environmental and any other sports medicine related subjects.	iv. To promote research activity on rowing-related health and medical issues, exercise physiology, biomechanics, health, environmental and any other sports medicine related subjects.	
v. To publish in the Sports Medicine section on the World Rowing website, as appropriate:	v. To publish in the Sports Medicine section on the World Rowing website, as appropriate:	
(a) Legislation and statements (WADA, IOC, FIMS, World Rowing...);	(a) Legislation and statements (WADA, IOC, FIMS, World Rowing...);	
(b) Documentation relating to exercise physiology, sports medicine, biomechanics, biological aspects of training;	(b) Documentation relating to exercise physiology, sports medicine, biomechanics, biological aspects of training;	
(c) Research results and best-practices publications.	(c) Research results and best-practices publications.	
vi. To provide basic medical and health education to coaches.	vi. To provide basic medical and health education to coaches.	

vii. To provide advice and recommendations upon request to the Council, Coaches Conference and Member Federations.	vii. To provide advice and recommendations upon request to the Council, Coaches Conference and Member Federations.	
viii. To advise World Rowing on guidelines and policies for anti-doping activities and supervise anti-doping controls at World Rowing events.	viii. To advise World Rowing on guidelines and policies for anti-doping activities and supervise anti-doping controls at World Rowing events.	
ix. To nominate three members of the Commission to serve as the Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee, as defined in the Anti-Doping Rules. One member of the Commission shall be appointed as Chair by the Executive Committee.	ix. To nominate three members of the Commission to serve as the Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee, as defined in the Anti-Doping Rules. One member of the Commission shall be appointed as Chair by the Executive Committee.	
c. Membership	c. Membership	
i. Members of this Commission should be certified medical physicians with specific expertise in Sports Medicine.	i. Members of this Commission should be certified medical physicians with specific expertise in Sports Medicine.	
ii. The Commission can be supported by non-physician consultants who hold a doctoral degree in biomedical sports-related science.	ii. The Commission can be supported by non-physician consultants who hold a doctoral degree in biomedical sports-related science.	
3.8 Umpiring Commission	3.8-9 Umpiring Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
To standardise umpiring and to continuously improve the quality of umpiring, in particular at World Rowing Championship and World Rowing Cup regattas and Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Olympic Games and relevant qualification regattas, and at international events (regattas, sprints, para rowing, indoor, coastal, beach sprint, etc.) and to promote umpiring throughout the world.	To standardise umpiring and to continuously improve the quality of umpiring, in particular at World Rowing Championship and World Rowing Cup regattas and Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Olympic Games and relevant qualification regattas, and at international events (regattas, sprints, para rowing, indoor, coastal, beach sprint, etc.) and to promote umpiring throughout the world.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. To select Juries for World Rowing, Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Olympic regattas as specified in 3.8.1 based on selection criteria as agreed by the Executive Committee, as well for other international events (continental, multisport, university, etc.) if	i. To select Juries for World Rowing, Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Olympic regattas as specified in 3.8.1 based on selection criteria as agreed by the Executive Committee, as well for other international events (continental, multisport, university, etc.) if	

requested by the related cooperation agreement with World Rowing.	requested by the related cooperation agreement with World Rowing.	
ii. To supervise the work of the Juries at World Rowing, Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Olympic regattas as specified in 3.8.1, as well at other international events (continental, multisport, university, etc.) if requested by the related cooperation agreement with World Rowing.	ii. To supervise the work of the Juries at World Rowing, Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Olympic regattas as specified in 3.8.1, as well at other international events (continental, multisport, university, etc.) if requested by the related cooperation agreement with World Rowing.	
iii. To develop, improve and standardise umpiring by conducting seminars and clinics, using the most modern educational techniques and methods.	iii. To develop, improve and standardise umpiring by conducting seminars and clinics, using the most modern educational techniques and methods.	
iv. To conduct examinations for International Umpire licences.	iv. To conduct examinations for International Umpire licences.	
v. To monitor and keep track of the qualifications and quality of International Umpires.	v. To monitor and keep track of the qualifications and quality of International Umpires.	
vi. To define the role of International Umpires related to new types of rowing events and to develop the International Umpires to fill those roles, in cooperation with the other Commissions as appropriate.	vi. To define the role of International Umpires related to new types of rowing events and to develop the International Umpires to fill those roles, in cooperation with the other Commissions as appropriate.	
vii. To continuously improve the standard of regatta organisation at all major international and regional events in co-operation with the other Commissions as appropriate.	vii. To continuously improve the standard of regatta organisation at all major international and regional events in co-operation with the other Commissions as appropriate.	
viii. To assist in the implementation of the Umpiring Development Programme at an intermediate regional level.	viii. To assist in the implementation of the Umpiring Development Programme at an intermediate regional level.	
ix. To provide quality assurance for the Rules of Racing and associated Bye-Laws, in the official languages of World Rowing as appropriate.	ix. To provide quality assurance for the Rules of Racing and associated Bye-Laws, in the official languages of World Rowing as appropriate.	
	<p><u>c. Membership</u></p> <p><u>i. Commission members shall have a valid International Umpiring Licences;</u></p> <p><u>ii. Commission members are to be recognised as experts in umpiring and shall have experience as member of Juries at World Rowing and International Events.</u></p>	<p><i>New membership clause to clarify eligibility requirements for membership of this Commission; approved by the Council in January 2022.</i></p>

3.9 Women's Cross Commission	3.9 Women's Cross Commission	
<p>a. Purpose To oversee and promote women's participation in all rowing activities and events, at all levels.</p> <p>b. Activities</p> <p>i. To co-operate with other international sport federations.</p> <p>ii. To establish and maintain contacts with people responsible for women's rowing in Member Federations.</p> <p>iii. To identify and promote women in administration, coaching, umpiring and research roles.</p> <p>iv. To investigate and evaluate regatta results, numbers of female participants, coaches, umpires and administrators, etc.</p> <p>v. To organise (digital) meetings and seminars.</p> <p>vi. To collect material, including scientific publications, for publicity and promotion of women's rowing.</p>	<p>a. Purpose To oversee and promote women's participation in all rowing activities and events, at all levels.</p> <p>b. Activities</p> <p>i. To co-operate with other international sport federations.</p> <p>ii. To establish and maintain contacts with people responsible for women's rowing in Member Federations.</p> <p>iii. To identify and promote women in administration, coaching, umpiring and research roles.</p> <p>iv. To investigate and evaluate regatta results, numbers of female participants, coaches, umpires and administrators, etc.</p> <p>v. To organise (digital) meetings and seminars.</p> <p>vi. To collect material, including scientific publications, for publicity and promotion of women's rowing.</p>	<p><i>The introduction of the GEDI Commission (see 3.5 above), to replace the Women's Commission, was approved at the 2020 Extraordinary Congress, including a transition phase in 2021.</i></p>
3.10 Youth Rowing Commission	3.10 Youth Rowing Commission	
a. Purpose	a. Purpose	
To oversee and promote all areas of youth and student rowing and increase participation across all disciplines, at all levels of performance and across nations.	To oversee and promote all areas of youth and student rowing and increase participation across all disciplines, at all levels of performance and across nations.	
b. Activities	b. Activities	
i. To assist and advise on the organisation of the World Rowing Under 19 and Under 23 Championships and other international level youth competitions, e.g. Youth Olympic Games and FISU competitions.	i. To assist and advise on the organisation of the World Rowing Under 19 and Under 23 Championships and other international level youth competitions, e.g. Youth Olympic Games and FISU competitions.	
ii. To represent the interests of youth rowing when decisions about the competition system are to be made.	ii. To represent the interests of youth rowing when decisions about the competition system are to be made.	
iii. To monitor trends in youth rowing at national and international levels.	iii. To monitor trends in youth rowing at national and international levels.	

