

Calculation of votes for Member Federations at Congress – proposal from the Governance Working Group

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Article 35 – Voting at Congress						
1. Voting at Congress shall be by a show of official voting cards which indicate the number of votes to which each Member Federation is entitled.						
2. 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.						
3. Voting may take place by electronic means if the Executive Committee so decides						
<p>4. 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 1 January of the year following the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games:</p> <p>4.1 It has been a member of World Rowing for at least three years;</p> <p>4.2 It has competed at any of the following regattas with a total of at least 12 crews during the previous four-year Olympic period:</p> <p>a. World Rowing Championships;</p> <p>b. World Rowing Under 23 Championships;</p>	<p>1. Each Member Federation, irrespective of the number of delegates representing it, will be entitled to cast either 1(one), 2 (two) or 3 (three) votes on any item requiring a vote. The allocation of votes will be determined as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="824 927 1608 1315"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="824 927 1059 997">Number of Votes</th> <th data-bbox="1059 927 1608 997">Criteria</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="824 997 1059 1315">1 (one) vote</td> <td data-bbox="1059 997 1608 1315"> <p>The Member Federation:</p> <p>Is in good standing with World Rowing and meets all the obligations of membership of World Rowing in accordance with Article 13 - <i>Obligations of Member Federations of the World Rowing Statutes.</i></p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number of Votes	Criteria	1 (one) vote	<p>The Member Federation:</p> <p>Is in good standing with World Rowing and meets all the obligations of membership of World Rowing in accordance with Article 13 - <i>Obligations of Member Federations of the World Rowing Statutes.</i></p>	<p>A system of one, two, and three vote has been introduced</p>
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<p>c. World Rowing Junior Championships;</p> <p>d. Olympic or Paralympic qualification regattas;</p> <p>e. Continental Games regattas recognised by World Rowing; and for all crews having competed in the above regattas during the previous four-year Olympic and Paralympic period, excluding mixed crews, at least 25% shall have been female crews and at least 25% shall have been male crews</p>	<p>+ 1 additional vote 2 (two) votes</p>	<p>The Member Federation meets the above criteria and:</p> <p>(1) has been a member of World Rowing for at least 3 years and (2) has competed at any of the following regattas with a total of at least 12 crews during the previous four-year period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. World Rowing Championships b. World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals c. World Rowing U19 & U23 Championships d. Olympic or Paralympic Qualification regattas 	<p>Given that non all continents have Continental Games, the amended article would not include Continental Games from the Criteria for the period 2025 – 2028. At the next quadrennial congress this would be reviewed and might be included again with a better clarification around the Continental events.</p>
<p>+ 1 additional vote 3 (three) votes</p>	<p>The member federation meets the above criteria, and for all crews having competed in the above regattas during the previous four-year period, excluding mixed crews, at least 25% shall have been female crews and at least 25% shall have been male crews.</p>		
<p>5. By 31 December in the year of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Council will notify all Member Federations of their voting entitlements.</p>			