

WORLD ROWING STATUTES AND RELATED BYE-LAWS		
Based on version 2021 (including 2024 updates)		
Current	Proposed Changes	Comments
PART I – GENERAL PROVISIONS		
Article 1 – Foundation, Name, Legal Status and Emblem		
1. With the objective of encouraging the development of the sport of rowing and of strengthening the bonds of friendship that unite those who practise it, the Adriatic, Belgian, French, Italian and Swiss Federations founded the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d’Aviron (FISA) on 25 June 1892, in Turin. FISA was the first international sport federation to be established and rowing has been on the Olympic Programme since 1896, the first Olympic Games of the modern era. Para Rowing was integrated into the World Championships in 2002 and has been on the programme of the Paralympic Games since 2008.		
2. FISA is a non-governmental, not-for-profit, international organisation constituted pursuant to Art. 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. It is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and it respects the Olympic Charter.	2. FISA is a non-governmental, not-for-profit, international organisation constituted pursuant to Article 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code. It is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and it respects the Olympic Charter.	Consistency Article
3. World Rowing is the designation used operationally by FISA. Any reference to or use of the designation “World Rowing” in this Rulebook shall apply equally to FISA, Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d’Aviron.		

<p>4. The emblem of FISA is the five oars, side by side, which are, from left to right coloured blue, yellow, black, green and red with or without the letters F-I-S-A. The World Rowing Executive Committee (“Executive Committee”) may create additional emblems for specific goals, events or activities. Only the Executive Committee may authorise the use of the FISA emblems.</p>		
<p>Article 2 – Declaration of Principles</p>	<p>Article 2 – Governing Principles Declaration of Principles World Rowing’s Governing Principles</p>	<p>Simplify and reduce, ensure references are meaningful to membership and the modern sport world, and reference values. Merge clauses 2.1 and 2.2, to reduce wording and improve how they apply to World Rowing as an organisation, to WR events and Members (Principles of Rowing – WR’s governing principles).</p>
<p>1. Principles of Rowing</p>	<p>1. Principles of Rowing</p>	
<p>Rowing as one of the oldest sports has developed and maintained strong positive traditions, values and characteristics which inspire and align its activities and decisions. They include the following:</p>	<p>Rowing as one of the oldest sports has developed and maintained strong positive traditions, values and characteristics which inspire and align its activities and decisions. They include the following:</p>	
<p>1.1 Development of the Individual - Individuals, through rowing, acquire experience in self-discipline, determination, commitment, respect, teamwork, integrity and fair play.</p>	<p>1.1 Development of the Individual—Individuals, through rowing, acquire experience in self-discipline, determination, commitment, respect, teamwork, integrity and fair play.</p>	
<p>1.2 Inclusiveness - Rowing competitions and meetings are organised to provide friendly interaction between the participants and to contribute to a better understanding between people and nations. The rowing community forms a worldwide “family” based on the ideals of peace, friendship, fairness, understanding and solidarity.</p>	<p>1.2 Inclusiveness—Rowing competitions and meetings are organised to provide friendly interaction between the participants and to contribute to a better understanding between people and nations. The rowing community forms a worldwide “family” based on the ideals of peace, friendship, fairness, understanding and solidarity.</p>	
<p>1.3 Lifetime Sport for All - Rowing promotes physical fitness, time honoured values and shared</p>	<p>1.3 Lifetime Sport for All—Rowing promotes physical fitness, time honoured values and shared experiences</p>	

experiences from youth to old age. Rowing is a competitive and recreational activity for all.	from youth to old age. Rowing is a competitive and recreational activity for all.	
1.4 Environmental Responsibility - Rowing is a sport which requires, and is harmonious with, clean air and clean water. The rowing community is dedicated to the responsible and sustainable management of natural and physical resources especially where rowing is practised.	1.4 Environmental Responsibility—Rowing is a sport which requires, and is harmonious with, clean air and clean water. The rowing community is dedicated to the responsible and sustainable management of natural and physical resources especially where rowing is practised.	
2. World Rowing’s Governing Principles	2. World Rowing’s Governing Principles	
World Rowing is the international governing body for rowing and is the world association of member rowing federations (“Member Federations”). World Rowing governs rowing and upholds the following principles:	World Rowing is the international governing body for rowing and is the world association of member rowing federations (“Member Federations”). World Rowing governs rowing and upholds the following principles, <u>based on the traditions, values, vision and characteristics as one of the world’s longest practiced oldest sports:</u>	As above seek to simplify, modernise and reduce, looking to future challenges to the extent possible.
2.1 Integral Part of World Sport - World Rowing is committed to the goals and values of the Olympic and Paralympic Movements and is an active contributor to the world of sport in cooperation with the other international federations and world sports organisations. World Rowing supports and promotes international competition, the inclusion of rowing in multi-sport international competitions and representation on international sports bodies.	2.1. Integral Part of World Sport - World Rowing is committed to the goals and values of the Olympic and Paralympic Movements and is an active contributor to the world of sport in cooperation with the other international federations and world sports organisations. World Rowing supports and promotes international competition, the inclusion of rowing in multi-sport international competitions and representation on international sports bodies.	Update article reference
2.2 Independence & Autonomy - World Rowing endeavours to keep rowing free from political and commercial restraints and is committed to preserving the independence and autonomy of sport.	2.2. Independence & Autonomy - World Rowing endeavours to keep rowing free from political and commercial restraints and is committed to preserving the independence and autonomy of sport.	
2.3 Priority to Rowers and Rowing - World Rowing is committed to ensuring the well-being, health and	2.3. Priority to Rowers and Rowing - <u>World Rowing will ensure that</u> the safety, well-being, health and interests	

<p>interests of rowers and rowing, present and future, is central in all decisions of World Rowing.</p>	<p>of rowers and rowing, present and future, is central in all decisions of World Rowing. World Rowing is committed to the development of the individual through rowing, and to respect, teamwork, integrity and fair play.</p>	
<p>2.4 Integrity - World Rowing is committed to the highest ethical standards in all its activities and to ensuring that rowing is a safe, positive, respectful and inclusive environment, free from harassment and abuse. World Rowing is a recognised leader in the fight against doping and is committed to preventing the manipulation of competitions.</p>	<p>2.4. Integrity - World Rowing is committed to the highest ethical standards in all its activities. And to ensuring- a safe, positive, respectful and inclusive environment, free from harassment and abuse. World Rowing is a recognised leader in the fight against doping and is committed to preventing the manipulation of competitions.</p>	
<p>2.5 Fairness and Equality of Opportunity - World Rowing is committed to the principles of fairness and equality of opportunity, both in competition and at all levels of the organisation.</p>	<p>2.5. Fairness and Equality of Opportunity - World Rowing is committed to the principles of fairness and equality of opportunity, both in competition and at all levels of the organisation.</p>	
<p>2.6 Non-Discrimination - World Rowing is committed to diversity, inclusion, accessibility and non-discrimination. The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in these Statutes shall be secured without discrimination of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. World Rowing seeks gender equality in all aspects of the sport.</p>	<p>2.6. Non-Discrimination and Inclusion- World Rowing is committed to diversity, inclusion, accessibility and non-discrimination; its activities are organised to promote positive interaction between participants and to contribute to a better understanding between people and nations.</p> <p>The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forthembedded in these Statutes shall be secured without discrimination of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. World Rowing seeks gender equality in all aspects of the sport.</p>	<p>Following discussion at the GWG and a review of the Olympic Charter references on people and nations was updated; this also reflects the IOC focus on human rights in the next period.</p>
<p>2.7 Sustainable Practices - World Rowing is committed to practices that respect and safeguard the communities and ecosystems in which the sport of rowing is conducted. World Rowing</p>	<p>2.7. Sustainable Practices - World Rowing is committed to practicing and promoting actions and interventions that respect and safeguard the communities and ecosystems in which the sport</p>	

<p>integrates responsible and sustainable practices into its own operations and in the planning and staging of its events. It strives to educate its communities on sustainability principles and to advocate for sound sustainability practices throughout the global rowing community.</p>	<p>efwhere rowing is conducted <u>for present and future generations</u>. World Rowing integrates responsible and sustainable practices into its own operations and in the planning and staging of its events<u>all its activities</u>. It strives to educate its<u>the global rowing communities community</u> on sustainability principles and to advocate for sound sustainability practices throughout the global rowing community.</p>	
	<p><u>8. In fulfilling its missions, World Rowing works closely with government authorities and external partners with mutual respect of each other’s jurisdiction and of autonomy of the World Rowing.</u></p>	<p>Included as a recommendation from ASOIF following their Governance survey: to underpin that WR seeks to actively cooperate with government authorities and external partners per Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance (BUPGG)</p>
	<p><u>9. World Rowing’s governing principles are outlined in its strategic framework stating the missions and goals.</u></p>	<p>Recommendation in ASOIF Survey feedback to ensure a strategic framework is in place.</p>
<p>Article 3 - Objects</p>		
<p>The objects of World Rowing are:</p>		
<p>1. To establish and enforce World Rowing’s Statutes, Rules of Racing, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations;</p>		
<p>2. To be the final authority for all international rowing competitions and, within the limits of its authority, at multi-sport competitions;</p>		
<p>3. To preserve the integrity of rowing by ensuring fair sporting competitions, a safe environment and the protection of clean athletes;</p>		
<p>4. To promote rowing in all its forms and encourage its universal development. To establish development programmes, organise training courses, stage events and develop public relations and media opportunities;</p>		

<p>5. To conduct World Rowing Championships, and other world-level rowing competitions, including those staged at Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic, regional, and continental Games and multi-sport competitions. World Rowing may support rowing events at all levels for its recognised organisations.</p>		
<p>Article 4 – No Demonstrations or Propaganda</p>	<p>Article 4 – No Demonstrations or Propaganda</p>	
<p>No demonstrations or political, religious or racial propaganda are permitted in any rowing venue or in connection with any rowing activity.</p>	<p>No demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any rowing venue or in connection with any rowing activity <u>by those persons and parties as described in Article 56 point 1 to 5, in any capacity at a World Rowing event except as permitted by the Article 4 Guidelines.</u> The <u>Executive Committee</u> shall adopt <u>Article 4 Guidelines</u> to provide details on the implementation of this principle. <u>Such guidelines to</u> be regularly reviewed.</p>	<p>In the current environment where athletes’ freedom of expression and athletes’ rights are considered a right, and to align more closely to Olympic Charter Rule 50. It is suggested that the Executive Committee define areas at events where athletes may express their opinion, whilst being accountable for what they say, in specified areas or zones e.g. mixed zone, press area, press conference, social media.</p>
<p>Article 5 – Headquarters</p>		
<p>The location of the World Rowing headquarters is decided by the World Rowing Council (“Council”)</p>		
<p>Bye Laws to Article 5 – Headquarters</p>		
<p>The headquarters are currently in Lausanne, Switzerland.</p>		
<p>Article 6 – Languages</p>		
<p>The official languages of World Rowing are French and English. In case of divergence, the English text prevails. The use of other languages may be authorised by the Executive Committee in Congress or by the chair of the meeting on other occasions.</p>		
<p>Article 7 – Official communication</p>		
<p>Any communications required under these Statutes or Rules shall be made by post, fax, email or other electronic means. All communications to World</p>	<p>Any communications required under these Statutes or Rules shall be made by post, fax, email or other electronic means. All communications to World</p>	<p>Fax number no longer available; also to be removed from forms pages 88 and 89.</p>

Rowing shall be addressed to the headquarters in one of the official languages.	Rowing shall be addressed to the headquarters in one of the official languages.	
Article 8 – Interpretation		
The Executive Committee shall decide all questions of interpretation of the World Rowing Statutes, Rules of Racing, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations. All references to the masculine in the Statutes, Rules of Racing, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations and in all World Rowing documents, shall include the feminine and all references to “rowers” shall include scullers and coxswains unless the context otherwise requires.		
Article 9 – Binding Authority		
World Rowing is bound by the signatures of two members of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the President. If the President is not able to sign, the President’s right shall pass first to the Vice President and, second, to the Treasurer	World Rowing is bound by the signatures of two members of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the President. If the President is not able to sign, the President’s right shall pass first to the Vice President and, second, to the Treasurer. World Rowing’s chart of authority and delegated authority policy outlines the legal responsibility of the decision-making powers within World Rowing.	The ASOIF survey asks for information on delegation of powers from the Executive Committee to other levels, and whether clarity on decision making powers of senior staff is available.
PART II - MEMBERSHIP		
Article 10 – Members	Article 10 – Members	
A Member Federation shall be a rowing federation which, in principle, includes the majority of the active rowing clubs in its country and covers the territory of a country that is recognised as such and as an independent state by the international community. This requirement does not apply to members that were affiliated before 25 January 1993.	A Member Federation shall be the rowing federation that is recognised by its National Olympic Committee and covers the territory of a country that is recognised as such and as an independent state by the international community. It will, in principle, include the majority of a nation’s active rowing clubs of any discipline. Where local laws or governance requires IF recognition before NOC recognition, World Rowing may recommend a new Member Federation to the Congress subject to subsequent recognition by the NOC within an	Clarification of wording to align with UN and IOC. Recognition by the NOC is key since they have a better view of the local situation, and their recognition is needed to be able to qualify for the Olympic Games. In addition, Article.13.4 requires NOC recognition of elections. Amendment recognises one MF only per country recognised by WR. It is recognised that some NOCs require IF recognition first but this can be achieved by coordinating recognition

	<u>agreed timeframe. Member Federations that were affiliated before 25 January 1993 are exempted from this Article.</u>	on collaboration or by accepting and additional phrase if preferred: <i>Where local laws or practice require IF recognition before NOC recognition, World Rowing may recommend a new Member Federation to the Congress subject to subsequent recognition by the NOC within an agreed timeframe.</i>
<i>Bye-Laws to Article 10 - Challenges to a Member Federation's Eligibility (Appendix S1)</i>		
Article 11 – Autonomy of Member Federations	Article 11 – Autonomy of Member Federations	
A Member Federation shall be autonomous; it shall be organised and governed in accordance with its Statutes. When World Rowing determines these principles are being compromised, it may take any appropriate measures. World Rowing shall otherwise respect the autonomy of Member Federations.	A Member Federation shall be autonomous. It it shall be organised and governed in accordance with its Statutes <u>following the IOC Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance (BUPGG)- Appendix S11c.</u> If World Rowing determines these principles are being compromised, it may take any appropriate measures. World Rowing shall otherwise respect the autonomy of Member Federations.	This article is inconsistent with Art. 13 that assumes, but is not explicit, that MFs will maintain their articles in line with WR principles and BUPGG after joining. While WR does not have the resource to analyse all MFs statutes, the article should give the possibility to WR to ask for clarification and act if needed where principles diverge significantly such that they may cause harm to individuals or the reputation of the sport.
Article 12 – Rights of Member Federations		
Member Federations have the following rights:		
1. To appoint delegates to take part and vote in Congress and other general meetings open to Member Federations;		
2. To submit proposals for inclusion in the agenda of Congress;		
3. To nominate candidates for election or appointment within World Rowing;		
4. To enter athletes for participation in competitions organised under the authority of World Rowing; and		

<p>5. To exercise all other rights arising from these Statutes and other World Rowing Regulations.</p>		
<p>Member Federations have no responsibility for any financial liabilities of World Rowing.</p>		
<p>Article 13 – Obligations of Member Federations</p>		
<p>Member Federations have the following obligations:</p>		
<p>1. To abide by and comply fully and at all times with:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1.1 All duties and provisions of the World Rowing Statutes, Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations, including but not limited to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">a. The World Anti-Doping Code;</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">b. The World Rowing Safeguarding Policy and any supplementary guidance issued by World Rowing;</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">c. The responsible organisation and management of activities with due regard to safety and safety guidance, policies or similar advice issued by World Rowing or other relevant safety advisory or regulatory bodies.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1.2 All decisions taken by World Rowing.</p>		
<p>2. To accept as binding and final the decisions of the competent authorities within World Rowing and to recognise the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne as the only possible external judicial authority;</p>		

<p>3. To impose the obligations in paragraphs 1 and 2 upon its affiliated clubs and their members in all those areas in which World Rowing has authority;</p>		
<p>4. To be governed by statutes that are consistent with the principles of the Olympic Charter, to be recognised as a member by the National Olympic Committee (NOC), and to have the Member Federation president and executive board elections validated and recognised by their NOC;</p>	<p>4. Too be governed by the statutes that are consistent with <u>Article 14.2.2.a, to be recognised as a member by the National Olympic Committee (NOC), and to have the Member Federation president and executive board elections validated and recognised by their NOC;</u></p>	<p>To avoid duplication reference article with detailed principle set out.</p>
<p>5. To notify the World Rowing Executive Committee immediately of any material change made to its statutes, change of president and/or secretary general, its address and contact details, or of any other elements which affect its ability to fulfil its membership obligations, and to confirm that any such change does not negatively affect the Member Federation’s compliance with the requirements of World Rowing membership;</p>	<p>To notify the World Rowing Executive Committee immediately of any material change made to its statutes, change of president and/or secretary general, its address and contact details, or of any other elements which affect its ability to fulfil its membership obligations, and to confirm that any such change does not negatively affect the Member Federation’s compliance with the requirements of World Rowing membership;</p>	<p>Executive Committee defined in Article 1.4, deleted World Rowing for consistency and brevity.</p>
<p>6. In the event that a change in the registered design or the colours of its racing uniform or blades is desired, to make a request to the World Rowing Executive Committee at least three months prior to the first proposed use in competition;</p>	<p>6. In the event that a change in the registered design or the colours of its racing uniform or blades is desired, to make a request to the World Rowing Executive Committee at least three months prior to the first proposed use in competition;</p>	<p>Deleted World Rowing for brevity and consistency</p>
<p>7. To manage their affairs in accordance with Art. 11 – Autonomy of Member Federations; and</p>		
<p>8. To pay an annual subscription no later than 31 March of each year. The amount of the subscription shall be determined each year in advance by the Congress.</p>		<p>N</p>
<p>Bye-Laws to Article 13 – Subscriptions</p>	<p>Bye-Laws to Article 13 – Subscriptions</p>	<p>Consistency Bye-Laws</p>

<p>1. Member Federations in their first three years of membership shall pay no subscription</p>	<p>1Member Federations in their first two years of membership shall pay no subscription. Member Federations who are exempt from paying a subscription are not in arrears of payment and they have their full voting rights.</p>	<p>To clarify that new members have full voting rights.</p>
<p>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 for approval at the Congress.</p>		
<p>3. The Executive Committee may waive past due subscriptions of inactive Member Federations.</p>		
<p>Article 14 – Admission to Membership</p>		
<p>1. To become a member of World Rowing, a rowing federation shall submit a written application to the Executive Committee at least three months before the date of the next Congress. A new member is admitted by a vote of Congress, based on a recommendation from the Council.</p>	<p>1. To become a member of World Rowing, a rowing federation shall submit a written application to the Executive Committee at least three months before the date of the next Congress and pay a registration fee of an amount set by the Executive Committee. A new member is admitted by a vote of Congress, based on a recommendation from Council.</p>	
<p>2. The application must include the following:</p>		
<p>2.1 A written undertaking in respect of all elements listed in Art. 13, paragraphs 1 to 4;</p>	<p>2.1 A written undertaking in respect of all elements listed in Article 13, paragraphs 1 to 4;</p>	<p>Consistency Article</p>
<p>2.2 Provision of:</p>		
<p>a. A copy of its statutes with a certified translation in one of World Rowing’s official languages. A Member Federation’s statutes shall not be inconsistent with those of World Rowing;</p>	<p>a. A copy of its statutes with a certified translation in one of World Rowing’s official languages. A Member Federation’s statutes shall not be inconsistent with those of World Rowing and the</p>	<p>To ensure that members and stakeholders of MFs [or WR in case of queries] can access their MF Statutes or Constitution at any time, ideally via the MF website but if that is not possible it must be available on request.</p>

	<u>BUPGG. The most recent version of the Member Federation’s statutes shall be available to its legal constituents and World Rowing at all times, and a copy shall be provided to World Rowing on request.</u>	
b. Details of the governance structure of the federation and names of the office bearers;		
c. A list of the clubs it represents, including addresses, and a detailed report on the activities of those clubs;		
d. A request for approval of the design and colours of its racing uniform and blades;		
e. Any other information as required by World Rowing.	<u>e. The registration fee, per Article 14.1.</u> <u>f. Any other information required by World Rowing.</u>	<u>To require the registration fee to be submitted with the joining application documentation.</u>
Article 15 – Sanctions, Suspensions and Expulsions		
1. If a Member Federation does not fully comply with its obligations, the Executive Committee may, after having given the Member Federation a warning including a deadline to adjust its status and correct its deficiency, take any of the following measures:		
1.1 Impose a financial penalty upon the Member Federation;		
1.2 Suspend the Member Federation from membership (totally or partially) for a fixed period or until a specified set of circumstances has changed or ceased to exist;		

<p>1.3 Remove or deny accreditation to, or exclude a member’s athlete, official or representative from, any activities of World Rowing;</p>		
<p>1.4 Impose any other sanction it may deem to be appropriate.</p>		
<p>2. The Executive Committee may also take appropriate measures against a Member Federation associated with a national organisation that has been sanctioned by the IOC, IPC, WADA, FISU or similar organisation.</p>	<p>2. The Executive Committee may also take appropriate measures against a Member Federation associated with a national organisation that has been sanctioned by the IOC, IPC, WADA, FISU, <u>the relevant Continental Rowing Confederation</u> or similar organisations.</p>	<p>Added the possibility for a Continental Confederation sanction, or a breach of Continental Confederation rules, to be considered by World Rowing, if appropriate.</p>
<p>3. If a Member Federation does not fulfil the current conditions of membership of World Rowing and does not rectify the situation by a date fixed by the Executive Committee, or if there are other justifiable reasons, the Congress may expel that federation.</p>		
<p>Bye-Laws to Article 15 – Debts</p>		
<p><i>Member Federations that have subscriptions in arrears or that have unresolved debts to World Rowing or to an organising committee of a World Rowing event may be suspended by the Executive Committee or expelled by Congress. In any event, no member of that federation may stand for elections, their delegates shall forfeit their voting rights, and the Executive Committee may ban or suspend the federation’s teams, officials, umpires and Commission members from competitive and other World Rowing events.</i></p>		
<p>Article 16 – Resignation</p>		
<p>A Member Federation wishing to resign from membership of World Rowing shall give notice of resignation by registered post to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall</p>	<p>A Member Federation wishing to resign from membership of World Rowing shall give notice of resignation by registered post, <u>electronic registered post-or any other legally binding means</u> to the</p>	<p>Allowing for future technology to be used.</p>

immediately inform the remaining Member Federations.	Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall immediately inform the remaining Member Federations.	
Article 17 – Obligations of Member Federations after Expulsion or Resignation		
A Member Federation having resigned from membership or having been suspended or expelled remains bound by any obligation or liability related to the time it was a member of World Rowing.		
Article 18 – Continental Rowing Confederations		
1. A Continental Rowing Confederation is an association which, in principle, includes all the Member Federations of that continent. The continents shall be the five continents recognised by the IOC.		
2. Continental Rowing Confederations are the unique partners of World Rowing for continental rowing competitions and cooperation on common projects.		
3. To be recognised as a Continental Rowing Confederation, an application shall be submitted in accordance with Bye-Laws to Art. 18 (Appendix S3). A Continental Rowing Confederation is recognised as such by a vote of Congress, upon recommendation by the Council.	3. To be recognised as a Continental Rowing Confederation, an application shall be submitted in accordance with Bye-Laws to Article 18 (Appendix S3). A Continental Rowing Confederation is recognised as such by a vote of Congress, upon recommendation by the Council.	Consistency Bye-Laws Consistency Articles
4. Continental Rowing Confederations shall have the following rights:		
4.1 To appoint up to three delegates to attend the World Rowing Congress, in accordance with Art. 22 as appropriate. The delegates can take part in the discussions but have no voting rights;	4.1 To appoint up to three delegates to attend the World Rowing Congress, in accordance with Article 22 as appropriate. The delegates can take part in the discussions but have no voting rights;	Consistency Article

4.2 To submit proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress in accordance with Art. 28 as appropriate;	4.2 To submit proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress in accordance with Article 26 as appropriate;	Updated article reference. Consistency Article
4.3 To attend other World Rowing events, including Member Federation conferences, on invitation by the World Rowing President.		
5. Continental Rowing Confederations shall have the following obligations:		
5.1 To submit an annual report of its activities for inclusion in the Congress agenda papers;		
5.2 To comply fully with all duties and provisions of the Statutes, Rules, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations established by World Rowing and decisions taken by World Rowing;		
5.3 To provide for the World Rowing Continental Representative to be an ex-officio member of the Confederation’s Executive Board.		
6. Recognised Continental Rowing Confederations have no responsibility for any financial liabilities of FISA.		
	7. The Executive Committee may also take appropriate measures against a Continental Rowing Confederation that has been sanctioned by the IOC,IPC, relevant Continental association, WADA, FISU, or similar organisations.	To allow WR to act when appropriate when a Continental Confederation associated with the IF puts the sport, individuals or IF at risk of harm or reputation.
<i>Bye-Laws to Article 18 – Recognition of Continental Rowing Confederations (Appendix S3)</i>		

<p>Article 19 – Other Groupings of Member Federations</p>		
<p>A Grouping of Member Federations (“Member Grouping”) shall, in principle, include Member Federations that share a common objective, for example, to promote rowing in any of its forms or to stage an event.</p>		
<p>2. To be recognised as a Member Grouping, an application shall be submitted in accordance with Bye-Laws to Art. 19 (Appendix S4). The Member Groupings are recognised as such by a vote of the Council</p>	<p>2. To be recognised as a Member Grouping, an application shall be submitted in accordance with Bye-Laws to Article 19 (Appendix S4). The Member Groupings are recognised as such by a vote of the Council</p>	<p>Consistency Bye-Laws Consistency Article</p>
<p>3. Member Groupings shall have the following rights:</p>		
<p>3.1 To appoint one delegate to attend the World Rowing Congress, in accordance with Art. 22 as appropriate. The delegate may take part in discussions at the discretion of the President but has no voting rights;</p>	<p>3.1 To appoint one delegate to attend the World Rowing Congress, in accordance with Article 22 as appropriate. The delegate may take part in discussions at the discretion of the President but has no voting rights;</p>	<p>Consistency Article</p>
<p>3.2 To submit proposals to the Council to be considered for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress, in accordance with Art. 28, as appropriate;</p>	<p>3.2 To submit proposals to the Council to be considered for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress, in accordance with Article 26, as appropriate;</p>	<p>Updated article reference. Consistency Article</p>
<p>3.3. To attend other World Rowing events, including Member Federation conferences, on invitation by the World Rowing President.</p>		
<p>4. Member Groupings shall have the following obligations:</p>		
<p>4.1 To submit an annual report of its activities for inclusion in the Congress agenda papers;</p>		

4.2 To comply fully with all duties and provisions of the Statutes, Rules, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations established by World Rowing and decisions taken by World Rowing.		
5. Member Groupings have no responsibility for any financial liabilities of World Rowing.		
	<u>6. The Executive Committee may take appropriate measures against a Member Grouping that has been sanctioned by the IOC, IPC, WADA, FISU, or similar organisations.</u>	As per Article 18.7
PART III – GOVERNANCE	PART III – GOVERNANCE	
Article 20 – Governance		
World Rowing shall be governed by:		
1. the Congress (Art. 21 to Art. 37);	1. the Congress (<u>Articles 21 to 33</u>);	Updated article reference Consistency Articles
2. the Council (Art. 38 to Art. 47);	2. the Council (<u>Articles 34 to 45</u>);	Updated article reference Consistency Articles
3. the Executive Committee (Art. 48 to Art. 53).	3. the Executive Committee (<u>Articles 46 to 51</u>).	Updated article reference Consistency Articles
PART III A. CONGRESS	PART III A. CONGRESS	
Article 21 – Congress	Article 21 – Congress	This section has been reorganised to provide a structure that groups provisions relating to each of the three types of congress together; to reduce duplication, and to clarify and updated MF, and associated groups and organisation rights to participate.

<p>1. The Congress is the supreme authority of World Rowing and is made up of the Member Federations. Its authority is set out by these Statutes.</p>	<p>1. The Congress is the supreme authority of World Rowing and is made up of the Member Federations. Its authority is set out by these Statutes. <u>A meeting of the Member Federations, for the purpose of governing World Rowing according to these Statutes, is also called Congress.</u></p>	<p>To differentiate between ‘Congress’ the meeting and ‘Congress’ the MFs who make up the highest authority in WR and who have the right to send voting delegates to the various Congress meetings.</p>
	<p><u>2. Ordinary Congress:</u> Delegates shall meet annually as an Ordinary Congress to discuss items listed under Article 24, preferably at a time and place at which a World Rowing Championship regatta is held.</p>	
	<p><u>a. Convening Notice – The Executive Committee shall send a convening notice to Member Federations, Continental Rowing Confederations and Member Groupings at least four months before the date of an Ordinary Congress. The convening notice shall include a draft agenda.</u></p>	<p>Continental Rowing Confederations and Member Groupings have been added to refer to all those with a right to attend.</p>
	<p><u>b. Final Agenda – The Executive Committee shall send out the final agenda for the Congress at least two months before the date of the Congress.</u></p>	
	<p><u>c. Where possible, the various reports, any observations on the agenda items, the accounts, the financial report, and the proposed budget shall be sent out with the agenda. Subsequent written material may be circulated by the Executive Committee.</u></p>	
	<p><u>3. Extraordinary Congress: Delegates shall meet as an Extraordinary Congress, to address one or more specific matters, when the annual Ordinary Congress or the Executive Committee shall so decide.</u></p>	
	<p><u>a. Member Federations may request an Extraordinary Congress when at least one-fifth of the eligible members submit a request in writing to the Executive Committee giving reasons therefor. The meeting shall take place within two months of receipt of the request. A convening notice shall be</u></p>	<p>Provides clarification of the previous article which was confusing.</p>

	<u>sent to all those entitled to attend no less than 14 days before the anticipated date of the meeting.</u>	
	<u>b. Where an Extraordinary Congress is convened by the Executive Committee or the Ordinary Congress, the convening notice shall be sent to all those entitled to attend no less than 14 days before the date of the anticipated meeting.</u>	
	<u>4. Quadrennial Congress: The Statutes and Rules of Racing may only be altered by a Congress convened for that purpose, every four years in the year following the staging of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.</u>	
	<u>Article 21.2.a & b shall apply regarding the convening notice and agenda.</u>	
	<u>5. In the case of Force Majeure, a Congress may make an alteration to the Statutes and Rules at any time, and, if circumstances require it, Council may make any such alteration to take effect until the next Congress.</u>	<u>Moved from [old] Art. 32.2 to allow for extreme and unforeseen circumstances that are out of WR or normal control, e.g. the pandemic in 2020-21 which did not allow for 'normal' calendar of events.</u>
2. Member Federations in good standing may be represented at the Congress by up to three delegates, in accordance with Art. 22.	6 2. Member Federations in good standing may be represented at the Congress by up to three delegates, in accordance with Article 22.	Consistency Article
3. Council members shall participate in the Congress but have no voting rights.	7 3. Council members shall participate in the Congress but have no voting rights.	
4. The President is chair of the Congress or, if unable, the Vice President or another specific nominee of the President is chair.	8 4. The President is chair of the Congress or, if unable, the Vice President or another specific nominee of the President is chair.	
	<u>9. The rights of other delegates, attendees and observers at Congress are set out in Articles 18.4, 19.3 and 23.</u>	Consistency Articles
Article 22 – Eligibility of Congress Delegates		

<p>1. Each Member Federation has the right to accredit a maximum of three delegates, subject to the following:</p>		
<p>1.1 For a Member Federation to accredit more than one delegate to the Congress, both genders must be represented in the Member Federation’s delegation;</p>		
<p>1.2 Any delegate must be a citizen or bona fide resident of the country or territory of the applicable Member Federation. Member Federations may not be represented by a delegate who is the representative of another Member Federation nor by a member of the Council;</p>	<p>1.2 Any Member Federation delegate must be a citizen or bona fide resident of the country or territory of the applicable Member Federation. Member Federations may not be represented by a delegate who is the representative of another Member Federation nor by a member of the Council;</p>	<p><u>The word ‘delegate’ is used to describe anyone with a right to attend Congress and includes those with and without voting rights or the right to speak except at the invitation of the Chair.</u> Added ‘MF delegate’ as Continental Confederation and Member grouping delegates are not ‘nation’ specific.</p>
<p>1.3 The president of the Member Federation shall communicate the names of its federation’s delegates by the registration deadline;</p>	<p>1.3 The president <u>or secretary general</u> of the Member Federation shall communicate the names of its federation’s delegates by the registration deadline;</p>	<p>To reflect current practice.</p>
<p>1.4 The delegates must meet the requirements in accordance with this Article;</p>	<p>1.4 The delegates must meet the requirements in accordance with this Article;</p>	<p>Superfluous and can be deleted.</p>
<p>1.5 A Member Federation’s delegate may only be changed with the authorisation of the World Rowing President;</p>	<p>1.4 A Member Federation’s delegate may only be changed <u>at the request of the Member Federation’s president or secretary general, and</u> with the authorisation of the World Rowing President;</p>	<p>In line with change to art 22.1.3 to reflect current practice and as the MF president or sec gen can propose the delegates.</p>
<p>1.6 The Executive Committee has the authority to determine the legitimacy of the proposed delegates and its decision shall be final.</p>		
<p>Article 23 – Observers at the Congress</p>		
<p>Observers may attend in person part or all of the Congress with authorisation of the President.</p>		
<p>Article 24 – Ordinary Congress</p>	<p>Article 24 – Ordinary Congress</p>	<p>Taken up under Article 21.</p>

Delegates shall meet annually as an Ordinary Congress to discuss items listed under Art. 26, preferably at a time and place at which a World Rowing Championship regatta is held.	Delegates shall meet annually as an Ordinary Congress to discuss items listed under Art. 26, preferably at a time and place at which a World Rowing Championship regatta is held.	
Article 25 – Convening Notice and Agenda	Article 25 – Convening Notice and Agenda	<u>Taken up under</u> Article 21
1. Convening Notice – The Executive Committee shall send a convening notice to Member Federations at least four months before the date of an Ordinary Congress. The convening notice shall include a draft agenda.	1. Convening Notice – The Executive Committee shall send a convening notice to Member Federations at least four months before the date of an Ordinary Congress. The convening notice shall include a draft agenda.	
2. Final Agenda – The Executive Committee shall send out the final agenda for the Congress at least two months before the date of the Congress.	2. Final Agenda – The Executive Committee shall send out the final agenda for the Congress at least two months before the date of the Congress.	
3. Where possible, the various reports, any observations on the agenda items, the accounts, the financial report, and the proposed budget shall be sent out with the agenda. Subsequent written material may be circulated by the Executive Committee.	3. Where possible, the various reports, any observations on the agenda items, the accounts, the financial report, and the proposed budget shall be sent out with the agenda. Subsequent written material may be circulated by the Executive Committee.	
Article 26 – Agenda for Ordinary Congress	Article 2624 – Agenda for Ordinary Congress	
1.11 Determination of entrance fee and the annual subscription;	1.11 Determination of entrance fee and the annual subscription;	
Article 27 – Reports	Article 27-25 – Reports	
Article 28 – Specific Proposals and Additional Agenda Items from Member Federations	Article 28-26 – Specific Proposals and Additional Agenda Items from Member Federations	
Article 29 – Proposals from the Council or Executive Committee	Article 29-27 – Proposals from the Council or Executive Committee	
Article 30 – Reconsideration and Confirmation of Decisions of Council or Executive Committee	Article 30-28 – Reconsideration and Confirmation of Decisions of Council or Executive Committee	
Article 31 – Extraordinary Congress	Article – Extraordinary Congress	

<p>1. Delegates shall meet as an Extraordinary Congress, to address one or more specific matters, when the annual Ordinary Congress or the Executive Committee shall so decide or when at least one-fifth of the Member Federations submit a request in writing to the Executive Committee giving reasons therefor.</p>	<p>1. Delegates shall meet as an Extraordinary Congress, to address one or more specific matters, when the annual Ordinary Congress or the Executive Committee shall so decide or when at least one-fifth of the Member Federations submit a request in writing to the Executive Committee giving reasons therefor.</p>	<p>Taken up under Article 21</p>
<p>2. The Executive Committee shall send a convening notice to all Member Federations within 14 days of deciding to hold an Extraordinary Congress or within two months of receiving a request, as mentioned above, to hold an Extraordinary Congress. The Extraordinary Congress shall be convened within two months of the date of the convening notice.</p>	<p>2. The Executive Committee shall send a convening notice to all Member Federations within 14 days of deciding to hold an Extraordinary Congress or within two months of receiving a request, as mentioned above, to hold an Extraordinary Congress. The Extraordinary Congress shall be convened within two months of the date of the convening notice.</p>	
<p>Article 32 – Alterations to the Statutes and Rules of Racing – Quadrennial Congress</p>	<p>Article 32 – Alterations to the Statutes and Rules of Racing – Quadrennial Congress</p>	<p>Taken up under Article 21</p>
<p>1. The Statutes and Rules of Racing may only be altered by a Congress convened for that purpose, every four years in the year following the staging of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. Art. 25 shall apply regarding the convening notice and agenda.</p>	<p>The Statutes and Rules of Racing may only be altered by a Congress convened for that purpose, every four years in the year following the staging of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. Art. 25 shall apply regarding the convening notice and agenda.</p>	
<p>2. In case of force Majeure, a Congress may make an alteration at any time, and, if circumstances require it, the Council may make an alteration to take effect until the next Congress.</p>	<p>2. ——— In the case of Force Majeure, a Congress may make an alteration at any time, and, if circumstances require it, the Council may make an alteration to take effect until the next Congress.</p>	
<p>Article 33 – Auditing of Accounts</p>	<p>Article 33-29 – Auditing of Accounts</p>	
<p>Article 34 – Quorum at Congress</p>	<p>Article 34-30 – Quorum at Congress</p>	
<p>Article 35 – Voting at Congress</p>	<p>Article 35-31 – Voting at Congress</p>	

<p>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.</p>	<p>1. <u>In principle, Voting at Congress shall <u>take place by electronic means or by a method decided by the Executive Committee.</u> be by a show of official voting cards which indicate the number of votes to which each Member Federation is entitled.</u></p>	<p>It is intended to move to electronic voting at all Congresses whether in person, hybrid or remote.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>2. <u>If a technical problem occurs the Member Federation delegates will maintain their rights. This may require a manual ballot, the Congress to be adjourned until a later time; or closed and re-convened. <u>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.</u></u></p>	<p>To ensure compliance with Swiss law on remote-virtual and hybrid statute<u>statutory</u> membership meetings such as Congress.</p>
<p>3. Voting may take place by electronic means if the Executive Committee so decides.</p>	<p>3. Voting may take place by electronic means if the Executive Committee so decides.</p>	<p>Not required taken up under Article 35.1</p>
<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>3. Each Member Federation, <u>in good standing with World Rowing, which has been a member of World Rowing for at least 3 years, irrespective of the number of delegates representing it, will shall 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 for a four<u>4</u>-years cycle, commencing on 1 January following the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.</u> 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><u>3.1 We will be entitled 1 (one) vote;</u> those Member Federations in good standing with World Rowing and that meeting all the obligations of membership of World Rowing in accordance with Article 13 [- Obligations of Member Federations of the World Rowing Statutes].</p>	<p>The amendment to this article was voted on and accepted at the Ordinary Congress in 2023 following the deferred decision at 2021 Quadrennial Congress due to the pandemic and cancellation of several WR Championships.</p> <p>There is<u>are two</u> proposed changes <u>to the Article</u> to be agreed:</p> <p><u>1. that</u> which is for an MF being able to is eligible to vote after 2 years (not 3 years as previously immediately on being made a member of World Rowing). This is to reflect the evolution of the proposed change to Bye-Laws to Article 13 in line with Membership Fees and Swiss Civil Code, which stipulates that requirements for full members <u>are</u> entitled to vote at annual member meetings <u>as long as they meet any requirements set out in the statutes.</u> so once the new MF begins paying fees in year three, they would be entitled to a vote.</p> <p>Updated “male crews” to men’s crews and “female” crews to women’s crews to include Women’s and Men’s</p>

	<p>3.2 Will be entitled 2 (two) votes; those Member Federations that meeting the above criteria, in Articles 31.3.1, and that have competed at any of the following regattas with a total of at least minimum of 12 crews during the previous four-year period:</p> <p>a. World Rowing Championships</p> <p>b. World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals</p> <p>c. World Rowing U19 & U23 Championships</p> <p>d. Olympic or Paralympic Qualification regattas</p> <p>3.3 Will be entitled 3 (three) votes; those Member Federations that meeting the above criteria in Articles 31.3.1 and 31.3.2, and wherefor such all crews, having competed in the above regattas during the previous four-year period, excluding mixed crews, are at least 25% shall have been women’s crews and at least 25% shall have been men’s crews.</p> <p>1-</p>	<p>Eights [using terminology in WR Rules] in the numbers even when the crew may include a coxswain of a different gender (e.g. for the purposes of this article a male coxswain in a women’s crew is not a mixed crew, and vice versa).</p> <p>Also, consistency Articles</p>
<p>4.1 It has been a member of World Rowing for at least three years;</p>	<p>3.1 It has been a member of World Rowing for at least three years;</p>	<p>For updated article see article 35.3</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>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>a. World Rowing Championships;</p>	
<p>b. World Rowing Under 23 Championships;</p>	<p>b. World Rowing Under 23 Championships;</p>	
<p>c. World Rowing Junior Championships;</p>	<p>c. World Rowing Junior Championships;</p>	
<p>d. Olympic or Paralympic qualification regattas;</p>	<p>d. Olympic or Paralympic qualification regattas;</p>	
<p>e. Continental Games regattas recognised by World Rowing;</p>	<p>e. Continental Games regattas recognised by World Rowing;</p>	
<p>and for all crews having competed in the above regattas during the previous four-year Olympic and Paralympic period, excluding mixed crews, at least</p>	<p>and for all crews having competed in the above regattas during the previous four-year Olympic and Paralympic period, excluding mixed crews, at least</p>	

25% shall have been female crews and at least 25% shall have been male crews.	25% shall have been female crews and at least 25% shall have been male crews.	
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.	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. <u>54. Council will determine voting entitlements based on Article 31.3 and Member Federations will be notified of such b</u> By 31 December in the year of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Council will notify all Member Federations of their voting entitlements.	
Article 36 – Majorities	Article 36-32 – Majorities	
Article 37 – Date of Taking Effect	Article 37-33 – Date of Taking Effect	
Elections and decisions of a Congress shall take effect from 1 January following that Congress unless Congress determines otherwise.	Elections and decisions of a Congress shall take effect from 1 January following that Congress except: a) Congress determines otherwise, b) <u>for the Quadrennial Congress where decisions have immediate effect</u>	To reflect actual practice and current articles. Date of effect was mentioned at the end. Changed to make it explicit.
PART III B. COUNCIL		
Article 38 – The Council	Article 38-34 – The Council	
1. The Council is responsible for all sport matters of World Rowing in accordance with the Statutes and the Rules, and under the managerial direction of the Executive Committee.	<u>1. Council is responsible for all sport matters of World Rowing in accordance with the Statutes and the Rules, and under the managerial direction of the Executive Committee.</u>	
2. The Council consists of:	<u>2. Council consists of:</u>	
2.1 the President;		
2.2 the Vice President;		
2.3 the Treasurer;		
2.4 the non-voting Executive Director;		
2.5 the Chairs of the specialist Commissions;		
2.6 the Continental Representatives; and		

2.7 up to two Co-opted Member(s).	2.7 up to two <u>three</u> Co-opted Member(s).	<u>Additional co-opted place on the Council proposed for appointed members on a skills/experience basis</u>
3. The President is chair of the Council or, if unable, the Vice President or another specific nominee of the President is chair.	3. The President is chair of the Council or, if unable, the Vice President or another specific nominee of the President is chair.	
4. Except for the President and the Executive Director, the Council members are not remunerated by World Rowing but may receive reimbursement of expenses.	4. Except for the President and the Executive Director, the Council members are not remunerated by World Rowing but may receive reimbursement of expenses.	
Article 39 – Election of Council Members	Article 39-35 – Election of Council Members	
1. The Council members, with the exception of the Executive Director, the Athletes’ Commission Chair, the Continental Representatives and the Co-opted Member(s), are elected for four-year terms by the Congress.	1. The Council members, with the exception of the Executive Director, the Athletes’ Commission Chair, the Continental Representatives and the Co-opted Member(s), are elected for four-year terms by the Congress.	
2. The elections for President, Vice President and Treasurer take place in the year following the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.		
3. The elections for the Chairs of the specialist Commissions take place in the second and third years after the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.		
4. The Athletes’ Commission Chair is appointed for a four-year term in accordance with the Athletes’ Commission Regulations & Election Procedures as set out in Appendix S5 and in the Bye-Laws to Art. 39.	4. The Athletes’ Commission Chair is appointed for a four-year term in accordance with the Athletes’ Commission Regulations & Election Procedures as set out in Appendix S5 and in the Bye-Laws to Article 39 .	Updated article reference. Consistency Article
Bye-Laws to Article 39 – Election of Council Members	Bye-Laws to Article 39-35 – Election of Council Members	
<i>1. The President, Vice President and Treasurer are elected at the Ordinary Congress in the year following each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.</i>		

<p>2. The Chairs of the following Commissions are elected in the second year after each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games:</p>		
<p>2.1 Athletes’;</p>	<p>2.1 Athletes’;</p>	<p>The AC Chair is not elected as such, they are appointed by the Council based on the preferred and elected candidate of the AC members. Noted in Article 39.4.</p>
<p>2.2 Competitive Rowing;</p>	<p>2.12 Competitive Rowing;</p>	
<p>2.3 Events;</p>	<p>2.23 Events;</p>	
<p>2.4 Masters Rowing;</p>	<p>2.34 Masters Rowing;</p>	
<p>2.5 Para Rowing;</p>	<p>2.45 Para Rowing;</p>	
<p>2.6 Umpiring.</p>	<p>2.56 Umpiring.</p>	
<p>3. The Chairs of the following Commissions are elected in the third year after each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games:</p>		
<p>3.1 Coastal Rowing;</p>		
<p>3.2 Equipment and Technology;</p>		
<p>3.3 Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (GEDI);</p>		
<p>3.4 Indoor Rowing;</p>		
<p>3.5 Sports Medicine;</p>		
<p>3.6 Youth Rowing.</p>		
<p>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.</p>		
<p>4.1 The notice will call for nominations for the positions to be elected by the Congress.</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><u>5. Council may approve campaign guidelines for any elected World Rowing position.</u></p>	<p><u>To recognise the campaigning rules</u></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><u>56. 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.</u></p>	
<p>Article 40 – Appointment of the Executive Director</p>	<p>Article 36 – Appointment of the Executive Director</p>	<p>Updated article reference</p>
<p>The Executive Director is appointed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Director, who will also act as Secretary General, shall be supported by administrative staff.</p>		
<p>Article 41 – Appointment of the Continental Representatives and Co-opted Members</p>	<p>Article 41-37 – Appointment of the Continental Representatives and Co-opted Members</p>	<p>Updated article reference</p>
<p>1. World Rowing shall have a Continental Representative for each of the following continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, The Americas. The Continental Representatives shall represent World Rowing in their continent. The Continental Representatives shall be appointed by the Council, upon proposal by the Executive Committee. Before making these appointments, the Council may consult the Member Federations concerned.</p>	<p>1. <u>World Rowing shall have a Continental Representative for each of the following continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, The Americas. The Continental Representatives shall represent World Rowing in their continent.</u> The Continental Representatives shall be appointed by the Council, <u>for each of the following continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, and The Americas</u> upon proposal by the Executive Committee. Before making these appointments, the Council may consult the Member Federations concerned. <u>The Continental Representatives shall represent World Rowing in their continent.</u></p>	<p>Wording simplified</p>

<p>2. World Rowing may appoint up to two Co-opted Members to complement the skill set of the Council. The Co-opted Members shall be appointed by the Council, upon proposal by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>2. World Rowing may appoint uUp to twothree Co-opted Members shall be appointed by theCouncil, upon proposal by the Executive Committee, in principle, -to complement the skill set of theCouncil. The Co-opted Members shall be appointed by the Council, upon proposal by the Executive Committee.</p>	
<p>3. These Council members shall be appointed in the year of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games and in the second year after the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, for a two-year term, and may be reappointed.</p>		
<p>Article 42 – Eligibility of Council Members</p>	<p>Article 42-38 – Eligibility of Council Members</p>	<p>Updated article reference</p>
<p>1. Candidates for the position of President, Vice President and Treasurer must have participated a minimum of four times in total in any of the following events:</p>	<p>1. Candidates for the position of President, Vice President and Treasurer must have participated <u>represented their Member Federation, in person,</u> a minimum of four times in total in any of the following events:</p>	<p>The minimum of 4 times was introduced to avoid potential manipulation, and make sure the candidates, further to having the right skills and experience, capture the essence and the spirit of the sport. While the introduction of the campaigning guidelines will address financial manipulation concerns, the article has been modified to take in to account an increasing number of virtual/hybrid events; it was considered that maintaining the obligation to participate <u>in person</u> at Congresses and World championships is in line with the intention of the Article.</p>
<p>1.1 a World Rowing Congress (as a delegate or Council Member);</p>		
<p>1.2 as a rower in the following events:</p>		
<p>a. World Rowing Championships,</p>	<p>a. World Rowing Championships, <u>World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals or World Rowing Indoor Championships,</u></p>	<p><u>To add clarity to which Championship events are included.</u></p>
<p>b. Olympic Games rowing regatta,</p>		
<p>c. Paralympic Games rowing regatta.</p>		
<p>2. Candidates for all Council positions must present skills and experience that are relevant to the</p>	<p>2. Candidates for all Council positions must present skills<u>expertise</u> and experience that are relevant to the</p>	<p>Eligibility rules exist for senior roles, however, there are no eligibility rules for other positions on Council. For</p>

<p>Council position and the related duties as described in the Articles and Bye-Laws.</p>	<p>theCouncil position and the related duties as described in the <u>Articles-Statutes</u> and Bye-Laws. <u>Candidates must complete an integrity check and conflict of interest form which shall be reviewed by a panel appointed by the Executive Committee.</u></p>	<p>some Commissions, conditions are laid down for membership, which could be seen as eligibility rules and extended to the Commission Chair. ASOIF suggests a nominations or ‘due diligence’ review of candidates during the nomination process.</p>
<p>3. Council members, other than the Executive Director, are eligible for re-election or re-appointment, up to a maximum of 12 years in the same position. The 12-year period will commence from the Council member’s next election date after the 2017 Extraordinary Congress in Tokyo, Japan.</p>		
<p>4. Council members may hold office until 31 December of the year in which they reach the age of 70.</p>		
<p>Article 43 – Honorary Members</p>	<p>Article 39 – Honorary Members</p>	<p>Updated article reference</p>
<p>1.Upon the proposal of Council, Congress may confer the title “Honorary Council Member” or another appropriate Honorary title on a retired Council member who has rendered distinguished service to international rowing.</p>		
<p>2.Honorary Council Members shall not, however, be entitled to participate in the work of Council or have voting rights.</p>		
<p>Article 44 – Decisions of the Council</p>	<p>Article 40 - Decisions of the Council</p>	<p>Updated article reference</p>
<p>Decisions of the Council are taken by a majority of the votes cast. In the case of a tie, the President, or in the absence of the President, the chair of the meeting, shall have a casting vote. Voting shall be by show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested or may take place by correspondence.</p>	<p>Decisions of the Council are taken by a majority of the votes cast. In the case of a tie, the President, or in the absence of the President, the chair of the meeting, shall have a casting vote. Voting shall be by show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested or may take place by correspondence. Determination of a majority shall be in accordance with <u>Article 32.</u></p>	<p>Updated article reference</p>

Determination of a majority shall be in accordance with Art. 36.		
Article 45 – Duties of the Council	Article 41– Duties of the Council	Updated article reference
The authorities and responsibilities of the Council are:	The authoriti es and responsibilities of the Council are:	
1. Strategic Direction		
1.1 To establish a strategic plan and take such steps as may be necessary to achieve the Objects laid down in Art. 3 of the Statutes;	1.1 To establish a strategic plan and take such steps as may be necessary to achieve the Objects laid down in <u>Article</u> 3 of the Statutes;	Consistency Article
1.2 To ensure the execution of decisions taken by Congress;		
1.3 To assign duties to the Commissions.		
2. Events		
2.1 To ensure the maintenance of proper standards in the organisation of all World Rowing events, all events conducted under the authority of World Rowing in general, and, in particular, Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Olympic regattas;		
2.2 In accordance with Rule 5, to select the most suitable bids from candidate Member Federations for the organisation of World Championships and propose it (them) to Congress for approval and attribution;		
2.3 To attribute events based on the most suitable bids for World Rowing Cups, Coastal and Indoor Championships, and Masters Regattas.		
3. Governance		

3.1 To ensure the observance of the Statutes, Rules of Racing, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations;	3.1 To ensure the observance of the Statutes, <u>related Bye-Laws</u> , Rules of Racing, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations;	More logical ordering.
3.2 To adopt and amend Bye-Laws made under the Statutes and Rules of Racing;		
3.3 To adopt and amend Event Regulations.		
4. Membership		
4.1 In accordance with Art. 49, to propose three Council members to Congress to be elected to the Executive Committee;	4.1 In accordance with <u>Article 47</u> , to propose three Council members to Congress to be elected to the Executive Committee;	Updated article reference Consistency Article
4.2 In accordance with Art. 41, to appoint Continental Representatives and Co-opted Members;	4.2 In accordance with <u>Article. 37</u> , to appoint Continental Representatives and Co-opted Members;	<u>Updated article reference</u> Consistency Article
4.3 In accordance with Art. 54, to appoint Commission members.	4.3 In accordance with <u>Article 44</u> , to appoint Commission members.	Updated article reference Consistency Article
5. Internal Audit Committee - The Council may appoint an Internal Audit Committee to provide an independent review of governance, processes and risk management. Membership and duties of the Internal Audit Committee shall be set out as Bye-Laws.	5. Internal Audit Committee - The Council may appoint an Internal Audit Committee to provide an independent review of governance, processes and risk management. Membership and duties of the Internal Audit Committee shall be set out as Bye-Laws.	
<i>Bye-Laws to Articles 45 – Internal Audit Committee (Appendix S6)</i>	<i>Bye-Laws to Article 41– Internal Audit Committee (Appendix S6)</i>	Updated article reference
Article 46 – Duties of the Council Members	Article 42– Duties of theCouncil Members	Updated article reference
The duties of the Council members shall be set out as Bye-Laws.		
<i>Bye-Laws to Article 46 – Duties of the Council Members (Appendix S7)</i>	<i>Bye-Laws to Article 42– Duties of theCouncil Members (Appendix S7)</i>	Updated article reference
Article 47 – Council Meetings	Article 43– Council Meetings	Updated article reference
1. The Council shall normally meet at least three times per year as decided by the Executive	1. The Council shall normally meet at least three times per year as decided by the Executive Committee or	

<p>Committee or when at least seven Council members submit a request in writing to the Executive Committee giving the reasons therefor. It may also meet when so required by the President. The Council may make decisions by correspondence.</p>	<p>when at least seven Council members submit a request in writing to the Executive Committee giving the reasons therefor. It may also meet when so required by the President. The Council may make decisions by correspondence.</p>	
<p>2. The agendas for all meetings are established by the Executive Committee.</p>		
<p>3. Reports on Council meetings shall be circulated to all Member Federations and Council and Commission members within one month of the meeting.</p>		
	<p>Article 44 – Commissions and Working Groups.</p>	<p>Integrate Commissions as part of Council sub-groups into the same Part II as they are an integral part of the Council’s work and oversight and report in to there.</p> <p>Added Working Groups to broaden this section to recognise and include the various project groups across WR and ensure they are bound by the same levels of integrity and compliance as commission members.</p> <p>New article/updated reference</p>
	<p><u>1. The Council may establish specialist Commissions to advise on and undertake sport related activities as required and on terms defined by the Council.</u></p>	
	<p><u>2. Subject to paragraph 6 below and except for the Athletes’ Commission, the Commissions shall consist, in principle, of four to eight members in addition to the Chair. The Chair shall be a member of the Council. The Council shall determine from time to time the size of each Commission.</u></p>	
	<p><u>3. Except for the elected members of the Athletes’ Commission, the Commission members are appointed</u></p>	

	<u>by the Council for a term of four years which may be renewed.</u>	
	<u>4. The Council shall seek to appoint the most qualified people to each Commission having regard also to the desirability of achieving gender and geographical representation. Candidates must complete an integrity check and conflict of interest form which shall be reviewed by a panel appointed by the Executive Committee.</u>	
	<u>5. Commission members may serve on the Commission until 31 December of the year in which they reach the age of 70.</u>	
	<u>6. Cross Commission members are drawn from Council and/or other relevant Commissions. Cross Commissions are chaired by an elected Chair who shall be a member of Council and shall not necessarily be a member of another Commission.</u>	
	<u>7. Consistent with their mandate, the Council may also create Working Groups for specific tasks which may include non-members of the Council. Such Working Groups will report to the Council</u>	
	<u>Bye-Laws to Article 44 – Commissions</u>	Updated article reference
	<u>1. World Rowing Commissions</u>	
	<u>The Council has established the following specialist Commissions:</u>	
	<u>1.1 Discipline Commissions - experts on the competition and training aspects of the disciplines of the sport:</u>	
	<u>a. <u>Competitive Rowing</u></u>	

	<u><i>b. Coastal Rowing</i></u>	
	<u><i>c. Indoor Rowing</i></u>	
	<u><i>1.2. Technical Commissions – expertise and or experience relevant to the duties of the Commission set out in Bye-Law to Article 44 ... on the specific subjects or categories of competition that take part in the disciplines of the sport listed above:</i></u>	<u><i>Update to language to simplify.</i></u>
	<u><i>a. Athletes’</i></u>	
	<u><i>b. Coaching Development Cross Commission (the chair shall be the Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission)</i></u>	
	<u><i>c. Equipment and Technology</i></u>	
	<u><i>d. Events</i></u>	
	<u><i>e. Masters Rowing</i></u>	
	<u><i>f. Para Rowing</i></u>	
	<u><i>g. Sports Medicine</i></u>	
	<u><i>h. Umpiring</i></u>	
	<u><i>i. Women’s Cross Commission</i></u>	
	<u><i>J. Youth Rowing</i></u>	
	<u><i>2. Appointments to Commissions (except Athletes’ Commission)</i></u>	
	<u><i>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.</i></u>	

	<u>2.2 Appointments of Commission members are made by the Council on the recommendation of the newly elected Commission Chair.</u>	
	<u>3. Athletes' Commission – Appointments & Elections</u>	
	<u>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).</u>	
	<u>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.</u>	
	<u>5. Exceptionally, a current Commission member may be nominated for reappointment by the Executive Committee.</u>	
	<u>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.</u>	
	<u>Article 45 – Duties of the Commissions and Working Groups</u>	Updated article reference
	<u>The duties, authority and field of activity of each Commission and Working Group shall be set out in the Bye-Laws.</u>	
	<u>Bye-Laws to Article 45 – Duties of the Commissions and Working Groups (Appendix S9)</u>	Updated article reference
PART III C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		

Article 48 – Executive Committee	Article 48-46 – Executive Committee	Updated article reference
1. The Executive Committee has oversight responsibility for the management, administration, finances and governance of World Rowing, and, when necessary, has the authority to make urgent decisions, including regarding sport related matters in accordance with the Statutes and Rules. It guides the activities of the Council, Commissions and Working Groups.		
2. The Executive Committee consists of:		
2.1 the President;		
2.2 the Vice President;		
2.3 the Treasurer;		
2.4 the non-voting Executive Director;		
2.5 the three Council members (elected according to Art. 49); and	2.5 the three Council members (elected according to Article 49); and	Consistency Article.
2.6 the Athletes’ Commission Chair.		
3. The President is chair of the Executive Committee or, if unable, the Vice President or another specific nominee of the President is chair.		
Article 49 – Election of the three Council Members to the Executive Committee	Article 4749 – Election of the three Council mMembers to the Executive Committee	Updated article reference
1. At the Ordinary Congress in the year following each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, three Council members shall be elected individually to the Executive Committee based on a proposal from the Council.		
2. The following Council Members are eligible for this election:		

2.1 Chairs of the specialist Commissions		
2.2 Continental Representatives		
2.3 Co-opted Members		
3. Candidates for these three positions on the Executive Committee shall have been in a Council role since 1 January of the year of this election.		
4. If one or more of the proposed candidates does not receive a majority according to Art. 36, there will be additional rounds of voting where all interested and eligible Council members shall be eligible to stand for election to the unfilled position(s).	4. If one or more of the proposed candidates does not receive a majority according to Article 34 , there will be additional rounds of voting where all interested and eligible Council members shall be eligible to stand for election to the unfilled position(s).	Consistency Article
Article 50 – Decisions of the Executive Committee	Article 5048 – Decisions of the Executive Committee	
Decisions of the Executive Committee are taken by a majority of the valid votes cast. In the case of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote. Voting shall be by show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested or may take place by correspondence. Determination of a majority shall be in accordance with Art. 36.	Decisions of the Executive Committee are taken by a majority of the valid votes cast. In the case of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote. Voting shall be by show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested or may take place by correspondence. Determination of a majority shall be in accordance with Article 32 .	Updated article reference Consistency Article
Article 51 – Duties of the Executive Committee	Article 4951 – Duties of the Executive Committee	
The authorities and responsibilities of the Executive Committee are (inter alia):		
1. Management		
1.1 To oversee the overall directional guidance of World Rowing’s activities with the relevant Council members, Commission members, Working Group members, organising committees and Member Federations;	1.1 To oversee the strategic overall-directional guidance of World Rowing’s activities with the relevant Council members, Commission members, Working Group members, organising committees and Member Federation external and internal bodies ;	Simplification and taking into account all possible stakeholders.
1.2 To manage World Rowing administratively and financially. To this end, the Executive Committee		

may establish administrative offices with remunerated personnel;		
2. Governance		
2.1 To decide all questions of interpretation of the Statutes, Rules of Racing, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations;		
2.2 In the case of a breach of the Statutes, Rules, Bye-Laws or Event Regulations, or in the case of negligent or inappropriate behaviour, to decide sanctions, at any time, as provided for in Art. 64, on Member Federations, clubs or individuals;	2.2 In the case of a breach of the Statutes, Rules, Bye-Laws or Event Regulations, or in the case of negligent or inappropriate behaviour, to decide sanctions, at any time, as provided for in Article 60 , on Member Federations, entities , clubs or individuals;	Updated article reference Consistency Article
3. General		
3.1 To convene Congresses and Council meetings, prepare the agendas and supporting documentation;		
3.2 To keep Member Federations informed of World Rowing's activities;		
3.3 To perform all other duties of the Executive Committee as established in World Rowing's Statutes, Rules of Racing, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations;		
3.4 To make any decisions appropriate to the circumstances in the interests of the sport of rowing;		
3.5 To assume all responsibilities which are not expressly attributed to another entity within World Rowing.		
4. Finance Committee - The Executive Committee may establish a Finance Committee to oversee the financial management of World Rowing on behalf of the Executive Committee. Membership and		

duties of the Finance Committee shall be set out as Bye-Laws.		
	5. Consistent with their mandate the Executive Committee may delegate trust assignments, or projects to appropriately qualified non-members of Council, to complete special projects. Such Special Advisors will report to report to the Executive Committee.	<u>To formalise the strategic project advisers appointed by the ExCo and ensure they are subject to the same accountability and compliance as others with World Rowing.</u>
Bye-Laws to Article 51 – Finance Committee (Appendix S8)	Bye-Laws to Article 5149 – Finance Committee (Appendix S8)	
Article 52 – Executive Committee Meetings	Article 5250 – Executive Committee Meetings	
The Executive Committee shall normally meet at least three times per year as decided by the President or when at least three Executive Committee members submit a request in writing to the President giving the reasons therefor. The Executive Committee may make decisions by correspondence. The agendas for all meetings shall be established in advance by the chair of the meeting. Minutes of Executive Committee meetings shall be circulated to all Council members within one month of the meeting.	The Executive Committee shall normally meet at least three times per year as decided by the President or when at least three Executive Committee members submit a request in writing, <u>with reasons,</u> -to the President giving the reasons therefor. The Executive Committee may make decisions by correspondence. The agendas for all meetings shall be established in advance by the chair of the meeting. <u>Minutes of Decisions of the</u> Executive Committee meetings shall be <u>recorded and</u> circulated to all Council members <u>in a timely manner,</u> within one month of the meeting.	<u>To align with current situation and practice, and meetings that may be up to every two weeks.</u>
Article 53 – Casual Vacancies	Article 5351 – Casual Vacancies	
In case of a casual vacancy in the Council or the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may replace the member concerned until the next Congress.	In case of a casual vacancy in the <u>Executive Committee</u> or Council or the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may replace the member concerned until the next Congress.	
PART III D. COMMISSIONS	PART III D. COMMISSIONS	Moved above ExCo as these report to Council and are represented on the Council.
Article 54 – Commissions	Article 54 – Commissions	
1. The Council may establish specialist Commissions to advise on and undertake sport	1. The Council may establish specialist Commissions to advise on and undertake sport related activities as required and on terms defined by the Council.	

<p>related activities as required and on terms defined by the Council.</p>		
<p>2. Subject to paragraph 6 below and except for the Athletes' Commission, the Commissions shall consist, in principle, of four to eight members in addition to the Chair. The Chair shall be a member of the Council. The Council shall determine from time to time the size of each Commission.</p>	<p>2. Subject to paragraph 6 below and except for the Athletes' Commission, the Commissions shall consist, in principle, of four to eight members in addition to the Chair. The Chair shall be a member of the Council. The Council shall determine from time to time the size of each Commission.</p>	
<p>3. Except for the elected members of the Athletes' Commission, the Commission members are appointed by the Council for a term of four years which may be renewed.</p>	<p>3. Except for the elected members of the Athletes' Commission, the Commission members are appointed by the Council for a term of four years which may be renewed.</p>	
<p>4. The Council shall seek to appoint the most qualified people to each Commission having regard also to the desirability of achieving gender and geographical representation.</p>	<p>4. The Council shall seek to appoint the most qualified people to each Commission having regard also to the desirability of achieving gender and geographical representation.</p>	
<p>5. Commission members may serve on the Commission until 31 December of the year in which they reach the age of 70.</p>	<p>5. Commission members may serve on the Commission until 31 December of the year in which they reach the age of 70.</p>	
<p>6. Cross Commission members are drawn from Council and/or other relevant Commissions. Cross Commissions are chaired by an elected Chair who shall be a member of Council and shall not necessarily be a member of another Commission.</p>	<p>6. Cross Commission members are drawn from Council and/or other relevant Commissions. Cross Commissions are chaired by an elected Chair who shall be a member of Council and shall not necessarily be a member of another Commission.</p>	

7. The Council may also create Working Groups for specific tasks and may entrust assignments to non-members of the Council.	7. The Council may also create Working Groups for specific tasks and may entrust assignments to non-members of the Council.	
Bye-Laws to Article 54 – Commissions	Bye-Laws to Article 54 – Commissions	
1. World Rowing Commissions	1. World Rowing Commissions	
The Council has established the following specialist Commissions:	The Council has established the following specialist Commissions:	
1.1 Discipline Commissions - experts on the competition and training aspects of the disciplines of the sport:	1.1 Discipline Commissions – experts on the competition and training aspects of the disciplines of the sport:	
Competitive Rowing	Competitive Rowing	
Coastal Rowing	Coastal Rowing	
Indoor Rowing	Indoor Rowing	
1.2. Technical Commissions - experts on the specific subjects or categories of competition that take part in the disciplines of the sport listed above:	1.2. Technical Commissions – experts on the specific subjects or categories of competition that take part in the disciplines of the sport listed above:	
Athletes’	Athletes’	
Coaching Development Cross Commission (the chair shall be the Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission)	Coaching Development Cross Commission (the chair shall be the Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission)	
Equipment and Technology	Equipment and Technology	
Events	Events	
Masters Rowing	Masters Rowing	
Para Rowing	Para Rowing	
Sports Medicine	Sports Medicine	
Umpiring	Umpiring	

Women’s Cross Commission	Women’s Cross Commission	
Youth Rowing	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.	

<p>5. Exceptionally, a current Commission member may be nominated for reappointment by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>5. Exceptionally, a current Commission member may be nominated for reappointment by the Executive Committee.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>Article 55 – Duties of the Commissions and Working Groups</p>	<p>Article 55 – Duties of the Commissions and Working Groups</p>	
<p>The duties, authority and field of activity of each Commission and Working Group shall be set out in the Bye-Laws.</p>	<p>The duties, authority and field of activity of each Commission and Working Group shall be set out in the Bye-Laws.</p>	
<p>Bye-Laws to Article 55 – Duties of the Commissions and Working Groups (Appendix S9)</p>	<p>Bye-Laws to Article 55 – Duties of the Commissions and Working Groups (Appendix S9)</p>	
<p>PART IV – INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS</p>		
<p>Article 56 – Commitment</p>	<p>Article 56-52 – Commitment</p>	
<p>Any party that deals with World Rowing, is a member of World Rowing or shares in its activities including a party which:</p>		
<p>1. Participates in an event under the authority of World Rowing;</p>		
<p>2. Acts as an official (trainer, coach, team manager, delegate, representative or other related party) of a team, a club, a Member Federation, Continental Rowing Confederation or other Member Grouping;</p>		
<p>3. Officiates as an international umpire or in a similar role;</p>		
<p>4. Organises or participates in a competition which is placed under World Rowing’s authority, according to the Statutes and Rules of Racing;</p>		

<p>5. Assumes any role within World Rowing, within its Council, its Executive Committee, one of its Commissions or another Committee or Working Group;</p>	<p>5. Assumes any role within World Rowing, within its Council, its Executive Committee, one of its Commissions or another Committee or Working Group or is appointed as a Special Adviser;</p>	<p>To ensure that all current and future stakeholders are included.</p>
<p>recognises and accepts the following, subject to paragraph v:</p>		
<p>i. The World Rowing Statutes, Rules of Racing, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations;</p>		
<p>ii. World Rowing’s authority on all matters concerning international rowing;</p>		
<p>iii. The mandatory nature of the Statutes, the Bye-Laws and other Rules regulating World Rowing, in their current version and as amended from time to time;</p>		
<p>iv. World Rowing’s jurisdiction to make any decision or impose any sanction within its field of competence;</p>		
<p>v. The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne as the only competent judicial authority external to World Rowing, to the exclusion of any ordinary court of law, any civil judicial authority of any country and any other arbitration body:</p>		
<p>a. Subject to Art. 60, to settle any dispute which directly involves World Rowing, one of its bodies, one of its Executive Committee members, any person acting on its behalf (Council and Commission members, umpires, and any others), one of its members or an organising committee of a World Rowing event run under World Rowing’s authority (see Art. 65);</p>	<p>a. Subject to Article 56, to settle any dispute which directly involves World Rowing, one of its bodies, one of its Executive Committee members, any person acting on its behalf (Council and Commission members, umpires, and any others), one of its members or an organising committee of a World Rowing event run under World Rowing’s authority (see Article 61);</p>	<p>Updated article references Consistency Article</p>

b. To review any decision alleged to violate any relevant law, any fundamental legal principles or World Rowing statutory clause (see Art. 65);	b. To review any decision alleged to violate any relevant law, any fundamental legal principles or World Rowing statutory clause (see Article 61);	Updated article reference Consistency Article
c. To rule on any appeals from disciplinary sanctions or penalties of any kind, made by World Rowing or one of its bodies (see Art. 66).	c. To rule on any appeals from disciplinary sanctions or penalties of any kind, made by World Rowing or one of its bodies (see Article 62).	Updated article reference Consistency Article
vi. The final and without appeal status of the decisions made by the CAS;		
vii. The requirement to abide by the decisions of World Rowing and CAS without attempting to hinder their application;		
viii. The application of Swiss law and the rules of Swiss federal procedure supplemental to World Rowing and CAS rules and regulations with Lausanne as the only place and seat of the arbitration.		
Article 57 – Individual and Written Confirmation of Commitments	Article 57-53– Individual and Written Confirmation of Commitments	
1. Although the commitment set out in Art. 56 is mandatory and automatic, World Rowing may, in addition, request individual and written confirmation of any commitment from the following individuals or entities, in accordance with the appropriate forms appended to these Statutes:	1. Although the commitment set out in Article 52 is mandatory and automatic, World Rowing may, in addition, request individual and written confirmation of any commitment from the following individuals or entities, in accordance with the appropriate forms appended to these Statutes:	Updated article references Consistency Article
1.1 Any Member Federation or any rowing federation which wishes to become a member;		

<p>1.2 Any rower, club, official or international umpire likely to participate in an event or activity under World Rowing’s authority;</p>		
<p>1.3 An organising committee or its members of any event under World Rowing’s authority.</p>		
<p>2. These confirmations are valid unless and until they have been formally revoked in writing and this written revocation has reached the World Rowing headquarters. Such revocation shall not be retroactive and therefore does not affect acts committed or liabilities incurred before the written revocation is communicated. Such revocation shall only be valid if the individual or entity has ceased all activities or relationships to which the commitment refers.</p>		
<p>Bye-Laws to Article 57 – Commitment Forms (Appendix S10)</p>	<p>Bye-Laws to Article 57-53 – Commitment Forms (Appendix S10)</p>	
<p><i>If a rower is not able to provide consent for the commitment form by reason of age, physical impairment or mental impairment then a parent or guardian must provide consent by signing the commitment form on behalf of the rower.</i></p>		
<p>PART V – INTEGRITY OF THE SPORT</p>		
<p>Article 58 – Ethical Principles and Integrity</p>	<p>Article 58-54 – Ethical Principles and Integrity</p>	
<p>1. Any party which deals with World Rowing and/or shares in its activities, notably those referred to in Art. 56, commits to act in a manner prescribed in the relevant Bye-Laws (Bye-Laws to Art. 58 – World Rowing Code of Ethics, Appendix S11) and according to all generally recognised</p>	<p>1. Any party which deals with World Rowing and/or shares in its activities, notably those referred to in Article 52, commits to act in a manner prescribed in the relevant Bye-Laws (Bye-Laws to Article 54 – World Rowing Code of Ethics, Appendix S11) and according</p>	<p>Updated article references Consistency Article</p>

ethical principles including the principles of the IOC's Code of Ethics.	to all generally recognised ethical principles including the principles of the IOC's Code of Ethics.	
2. Taking into consideration the overall interests of World Rowing and its members, only individuals of high moral character and integrity may be nominated by Member Federations for elected or appointed positions. The Executive Committee has the sole discretion to make the final determination.		
<i>Bye-Laws to Article 58 – World Rowing Code of Ethics (Appendix S11)</i>	<i>Bye-Laws to Article 58-54 – World Rowing Code of Ethics (Appendix S11)</i>	
Article 59 – Integrity in Competition	Article 59-55 – Integrity in Competition	
Any party which deals with World Rowing and/or shares in its activities, notably those referred to in Art.56, shall be bound by, and be required to comply with the Bye-Laws relating to Manipulation of Competition and Betting by virtue of such participation or assistance (Appendix S12).	Any party which deals with World Rowing and/or shares in its activities, notably those referred to in Article 52 , shall be bound by, and be required to comply with the Bye-Laws relating to Manipulation of Competition and Betting by virtue of such participation or assistance (Appendix S12).	Updated article reference Consistency Article
<i>Bye-Laws to Article 59 – Manipulation of Competition and Betting (Appendix S12)</i>	<i>Bye-Laws to Article 59-55 – Manipulation of Competition and Betting (Appendix S12)</i>	
Article 60 – Right of Complaint	Article 56 – Right of Complaint	
1. Any party claiming to have a valid complaint in relation to Art. 58 and Art. 59 concerning a party mentioned in Art. 56 may submit it to the World Rowing President or, in a case involving a member of the Executive Committee, to the IOC Ethics Commission.	1. Any party claiming to have a valid complaint in relation to Articles 54 and Article 55 concerning a party mentioned in Article 52 may submit it to the World Rowing President or, in a case involving a member of the Executive Committee, to the IOC Ethics Commission <u>in line with the procedure set out in the World Rowing Complaints and Whistleblowing Policy.</u>	Updated article references Consistency Article

2. The Executive Committee has the authority to make decisions on all cases except cases involving members of the Executive Committee, in which case the IOC Ethics Commission has the authority to decide.		
3. The relevant authority may make any decision it deems appropriate and the decision may be published.		
Article 61 – Applicable Procedural Rules	Article 61-57 – Applicable Procedural Rules	
The Executive Committee and the IOC Ethics Commission shall respect the principles stipulated in Art. 63.	The Executive Committee and the IOC Ethics Commission shall respect the principles stipulated in Article 59.	Updated article reference Consistency Article
PART VI – JUDICIAL PROVISIONS		
Article 62 – Judicial Bodies of World Rowing	Article 62-58 – Judicial Bodies of World Rowing	
1. The following bodies of World Rowing have judicial powers in accordance with the Statutes and related Bye-Laws:		
1.1 the Congress;		
1.2 the Council;	1.2 the Council;	
1.3 the Executive Committee; and		
1.4 the Ethics Panel (Bye-Laws to Art. 58).		
2. With the exception of the Ethics Panel, the body concerned may delegate its power to a smaller number of its members to undertake any	2. With the exception of the Ethics Panel, the body concerned may delegate its power to a smaller number of its members to undertake any	Updated article references

investigation, hearing or imposition of penalty. In all cases, the provisions of Art. 63 and Art. 64 shall be followed.	investigation, hearing or imposition of penalty. In all cases, the provisions of Article 59 and Article 60 shall be followed.	Consistency Article
Article 63 – Procedural Rules Applicable to the Judicial Bodies of World Rowing	Article 6359 – Procedural Rules Applicable to the Judicial Bodies of World Rowing	
1. The judicial bodies of World Rowing shall provide due process to all parties involved and shall respect their fundamental rights. They recognise in particular:		
1.1 That a person who may have a conflict of interest shall not be a member of the decision-making body;		
1.2 The right of the person charged to know the charge and to examine their file;		
1.3 The right to know the penalties which might be imposed;		
1.4 The right to be heard, to present a defence, to produce evidence and to be assisted by counsel;		
1.5 The right to receive a written decision from World Rowing with reasons for that decision.		
2. The procedural rules applicable to objections, protests and appeals relating to rowing competitions are covered in the Rules of Racing and related Bye-Laws.		
3. For all situations not covered by the Statutes, Rules, Bye-Laws and Event Regulations, the judicial bodies of World Rowing shall apply Swiss law and the rules of Swiss federal procedure.		
Article 64 – Sanctions and Financial Compensation	Article 6460 – Sanctions and Financial Compensation	
1. The judicial bodies of World Rowing have the power to make decisions and impose sanctions in		

their areas of responsibility set out in the Statutes and Bye-Laws. They can impose sanctions including but not limited to the following:		
1.1 Reprimand, which may be a public reprimand;		
1.2 Ban from competition;		
1.3 Fine;		
1.4 Expulsion (according to Art. 15);	1.4 Expulsion (according to Article 15);	
1.5 Any other appropriate measure.		
2. If appropriate, the judicial body concerned may take the following actions:		
2.1 Suspend for a definite period, in part or in whole, either the ban from competition or the payment of the fine on such conditions as it considers appropriate; and, or,		
2.2 Order payment of money as financial compensation or fine against those (in particular Member Federations, clubs, rowers, or officials) who have been found to have acted in a negligent or inappropriate manner including where such conduct has caused financial loss or damage to another party or breached these Statutes and Bye-Laws; and, or,		
2.3 Direct that all or part of a fine imposed by the judicial body be paid to the aggrieved or injured party not as compensation for loss but to reflect the judicial body's disapproval of the offending party's conduct.		
Article 65 – Ordinary Arbitration Proceedings	Article 65-61 – Ordinary Arbitration Proceedings	
Any party who alleges that a decision made by a World Rowing judicial body violates fundamental legal principles or World Rowing statutory clause(s), or who has a dispute with World Rowing,		

<p>may submit a claim to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne only, to the exclusion of any court of law of any country or any other arbitration body. The claim shall set out the facts and reasons upon which it is based. It shall be sent to CAS within one month from the day of delivery of the decision or, in the case of dispute, from the day World Rowing formally refused to accept its views or request. The CAS conducts the arbitration and rules over the dispute in accordance with its own regulations. In addition, the CAS applies Swiss law and the rules of Swiss federal procedure. The seat and place of the arbitration is in Lausanne. The decisions made by the CAS Ordinary Arbitration Division are final and may not be appealed.</p>		
<p>Article 66 – Appeal Arbitration Proceedings</p>	<p>Article 66-62 – Appeal Arbitration Proceedings</p>	
<p>Any party penalised by a judicial body of World Rowing may appeal the decision to CAS in Lausanne only, to the exclusion of any court of law of any country or any other arbitration body. The appeal brief shall set out the facts and reasons on which it is based. It shall be sent to CAS within 21 days following receipt by the party of the decision in question. The CAS conducts the appeal and rules on it in accordance with its own regulations. In addition, the CAS applies Swiss law and the rules of Swiss federal procedure. The seat and place of the arbitration is in Lausanne. The decisions made by the CAS Appeals Arbitration Division are final and may not be appealed.</p>	<p>Any party penalised by a judicial body of World Rowing may appeal the decision to CAS in Lausanne only, to the exclusion of any court of law of any country or any other arbitration body. The appeal brief shall set out the facts and reasons on which it is based. It shall be sent to CAS within 21 days following receipt by the party of the decision in question. The CAS conducts the appeal and rules on it in accordance with its own regulations. In addition, the CAS applies Swiss law and the rules of Swiss federal procedure. The seat and place of the arbitration is in Lausanne. The decisions made by the CAS Appeals Arbitration Division are final and may not be appealed.</p>	
<p>PART VII – DISSOLUTION</p>		

Article 67 – Dissolution	Article 67-63 – Dissolution	
The dissolution of World Rowing shall be valid only if carried by four-fifths of the valid votes cast at an Extraordinary Congress specially convened for the purpose. Furthermore, a quorum of two-thirds of the member federations is necessary.		
Article 68 – Assets	Article 68-64 – Assets	
If the motion for dissolution is carried, the Executive Committee shall be entitled to realise the assets of World Rowing which shall be divided equally between the Member Federations constituting World Rowing at the time the vote is taken.		
Article 69 – Exceptions	Article 69-65 – Exceptions	
In no other circumstances shall any Member Federation have any claim to any share whatsoever in the assets and any federation ceasing to be a member shall forfeit its claim to any assets of World Rowing.		
PART VIII – CONCLUDING PROVISIONS		
Article 70 – Concluding Provisions	Article 70-66 – Concluding Provisions	
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