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2025 Ordinary Congress

Shanghai, China
29 September 2025

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1. Opening of the session

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Welcome

- Denis Oswald, Honorary President
- Delegates of World Rowing Member Federations
- Delegates from the Continental Rowing Confederations
- Delegates from recognised Groupings of Member Federations
- Guests and Observers

1. Opening of the session – The Council

Presentation of the Council members present at the Congress, finishing with Dušan Macháček, Continental Representative for Europe, present online.

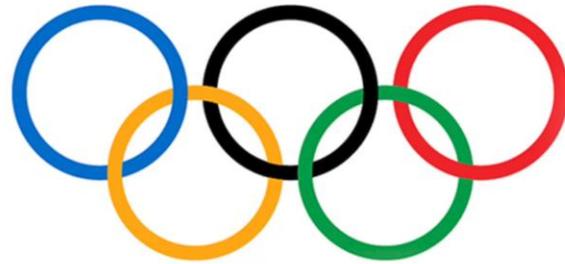
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2025 World Rowing Championships

Mr. Luo, Deputy Director of Shanghai Administration of Sports



Message from the IOC President



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In memory

A moment of silence in memory of friends and colleagues
who have passed away since the last Congress.

Agenda - 2025 World Rowing Ordinary Congress

Monday 29 September 2025 - Shanghai, China



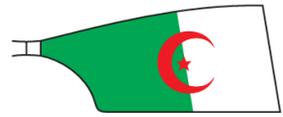
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13. **Appointment of the external auditors**
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16. **Reports on applications for affiliation and voting consequent thereon**
17. **Reports on future World Rowing events and Olympic & Paralympic regattas**
18. **Attribution of future World Rowing Championships in accordance with Rule 5**
19. **Reconsideration or confirmation of decisions (ref. Article 28) taken by the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Article 21.4, 41.3.2 and 41.3.3, or by the Executive Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Article 49.3.4**
20. **Specific proposals to an existing agenda item from the member federations, the Council or the Executive Committee**
21. **Other additional agenda items proposed by the member federations, the Council, or the Executive Committee.**
 - a. Council proposal to amend Article 47 - Election of the three Council members to the Executive Committee
 - b. Strategic Events & Calendar Review (SECR) - general update and decisions
 - c. Bahamas membership
 - d. Strategic Projects update
22. **Place and date of the next Congress**
23. **Any other business**

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Blades of the 159 Member Federations



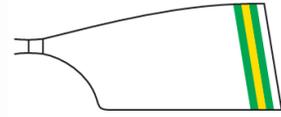
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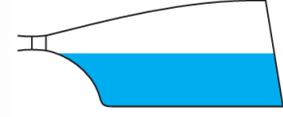
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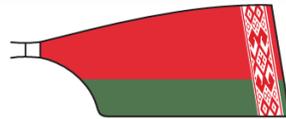
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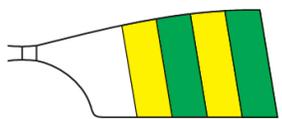
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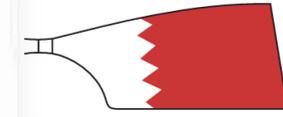
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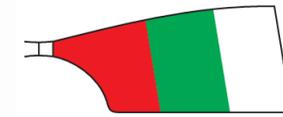
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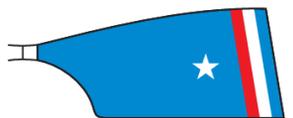
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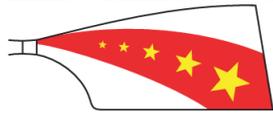
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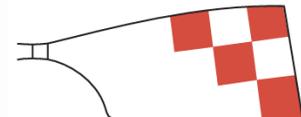
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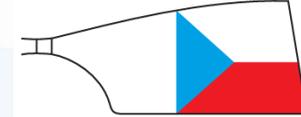
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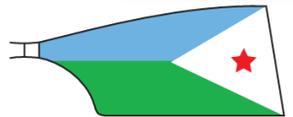
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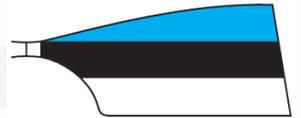
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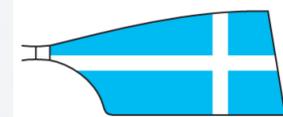
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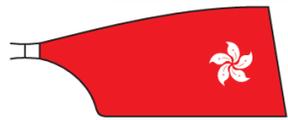


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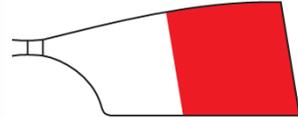
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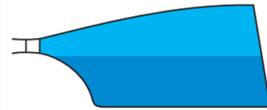
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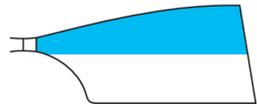
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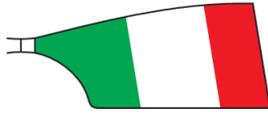
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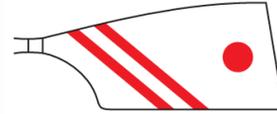
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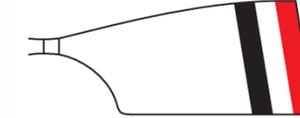
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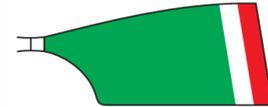
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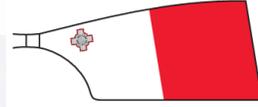
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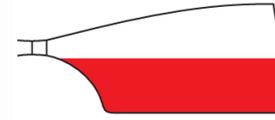
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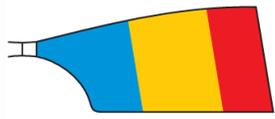


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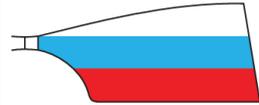
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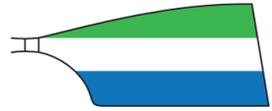
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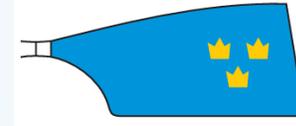
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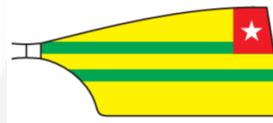
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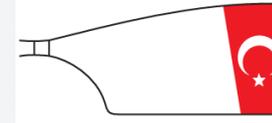
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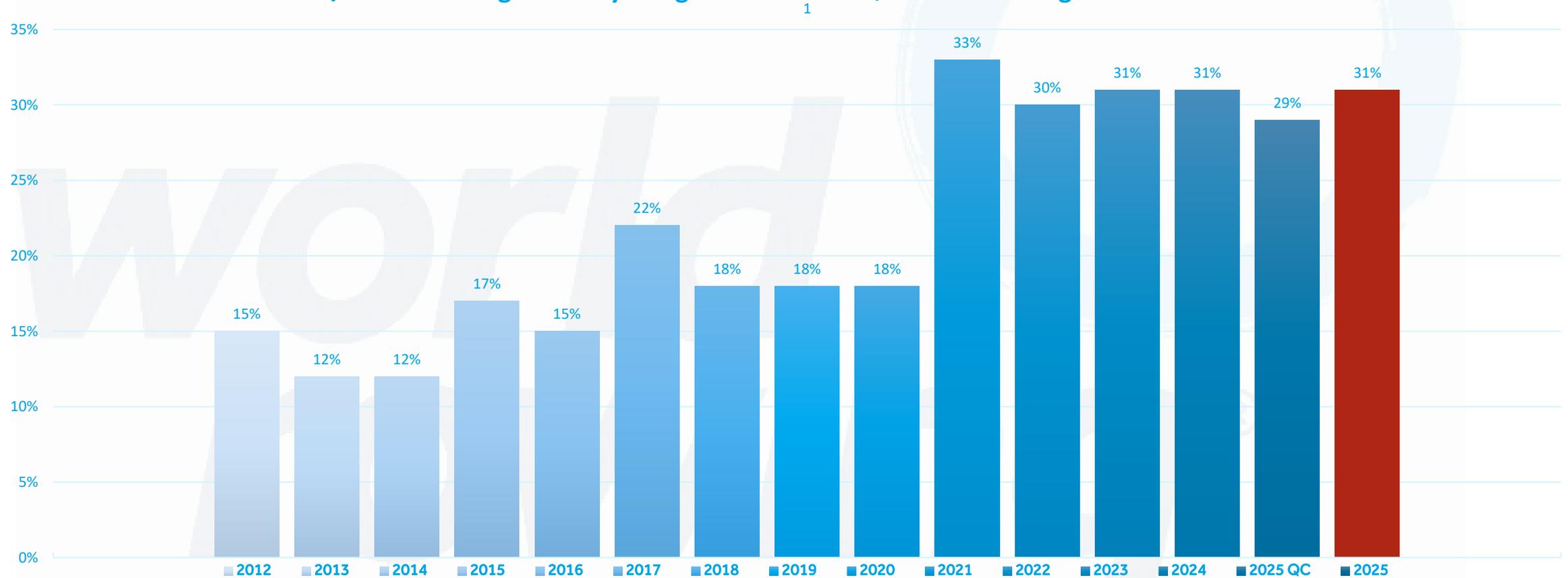
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Diversity

Percent of female delegates
at FISA/World Rowing Ordinary Congress and 2025 Quadrennial Congress



3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of Congress

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Appointment of the scrutineers for the period of Congress

- Lumi will act as the independent scrutineer for the period of the Congress and manage the voting.
- Should at any point the system fail, all voting will be postponed within 30 days by electronic means.

4. Approval of the minutes of the 2024 Ordinary Congress

Approval of the minutes of the 2025 Quadrennial Congress

Delegates participating in person

- Presentation by Lumi of the way to cast a vote to the delegates participating in person

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Technical problems during meeting for remote participants

If you are having issues with the voting platform, please email

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Agenda item 4 (vote 1 – absolute majority)

Approval of the minutes of the 2024 Ordinary Congress

Do you approve the minutes of the 2024 Ordinary Congress?

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 1) Item 4

Do you approve the minutes of the 2024 Ordinary Congress?

Total Possible Votes: 117

Valid Votes Cast: 99

Yes 98 98.99%

No 1 1.01%

Abstain 0

Majority required: Absolute



Agenda item 4 (vote 2 – absolute majority)

Approval of the minutes of the 2025 Quadrennial Congress

Do you approve the minutes of the 2025 Quadrennial Congress?

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 2) Item 4

Do you approve the minutes of the 2025 Quadrennial Congress?

Total Possible Votes: 120

Valid Votes Cast: 105

Yes 104 99.05%

No 1 0.95%

Abstain 0

Majority required: Absolute



5. President's report and reports from the Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Director

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- Additional remarks from World Rowing President, Jean-Christophe Rolland

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Additional remarks from World Rowing President

Mandate 2021 – 2025

- Olympic strategy and positioning in the Olympic movement
- Major reforms in classic rowing: SECR - Strategic Events and Calendar Review
- Coastal rowing growth and maturity
- Development of the huge potential of indoor/connected rowing
- Governance and institutional progress

Additional remarks from World Rowing President

Looking ahead – 2025-2029

- Consolidate Olympic strategy
- Pursuit transformation in our 3 disciplines
- Promote inclusivity, sustainability and solidarity

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- Additional remarks from World Rowing President, Jean-Christophe Rolland
- No additional remarks from the Vice President, Tricia Smith
- No additional remarks from the Treasurer, Gerritjan Eggenkamp
- Additional remarks from World Rowing Executive Director, Vincent Gaillard

Executive Director Report

TOP 2025 priorities, beyond 'business as usual'

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Agenda item 5 (vote 3 – absolute majority)

President's report and reports of the Vice-President,
Treasurer and Executive Director

Do you approve the 2024 reports of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer and the Executive Director?

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 3) Item 5

Do you approve the 2024 reports of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer and the Executive Director?

Total Possible Votes: 123

Valid Votes Cast: 107

Yes 107 100.00%

No 0 0.00%

Abstain 1

Majority required: Absolute



6. Reports of the Chairs of the specialist commissions

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Reports of the Chairs of the specialist commissions

- No additional remarks

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Agenda item 6 (vote 4 – absolute majority)

Reports of Chairs of the specialist commissions

Do you approve the 2024 reports of the Chairs of the specialist commissions?

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 4) Item 6

Do you approve the 2024 reports of the chairs of the specialist commissions?

Total Possible Votes: 123

Valid Votes Cast: 103

Yes 101 98.06%

No 2 1.94%

Abstain 1

Majority required: Absolute



7. Reports of the Continental Representatives and Co-opted Council members

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- No additional remarks

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Agenda item 7 (vote 5 – absolute majority)

Reports of the Continental Representatives and Co-opted Council members

Do you approve the 2024 reports of the Continental Representatives and Co-opted Council members?

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 5) Item 7

Do you approve the 2024 reports of the Continental Representatives and Co-opted members?

Total Possible Votes: 123

Valid Votes Cast: 106

Yes 104 98.11%

No 2 1.89%

Abstain 1

Majority required: Absolute



8. Presentation of the financial statements

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Financial statements 2024

	2024	2023
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INCOME		
Income		
Events Management	1'320'346	1'086'970
Olympic games	158'819	42'681
Events Marketing and TV Rights	57'620	524'647
Development Programme	366'634	306'122
Marketing	581'712	143'773
Administration and governance	133'945	205'659
Contribution from reserves - IOC Fund	4'000'000	4'000'000
Expenses and Income from previous years	336'651	49'449
Total Income	6'955'727	6'359'301
Expenditures		
Events Management	884'657	524'780
Events Logistics	513'191	993'322
Events Marketing and TV Rights	783'124	846'395
Events Communications	238'979	94'892
Development Programme	655'122	609'800
Communications	161'182	162'524
Marketing	37'327	80'734
Governance	800'847	1'009'752
Administration	2'864'016	2'773'956
Total Expenditures	6'938'443	7'096'155
Operational result before financial income/expenses	17'284	- 736'854
Financial income	798'120	327'059
Financial expenses	- 78'908	- 115'059
Exchange result	- 55'040	- 7'308
Surplus / loss for the year	681'456	- 532'162

Financial statements 2024

ASSETS	2024	2023
	CHF	CHF
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments	19'588'213	7'963'589
Cash and cash equivalents	11'549'121	867'520
Marketable securities	8'039'092	7'096'069
Trade receivables	956'179	1'358'591
Other short term receivables	59'969	146'064
Prepaid expenses	93'835	27'328
Total current assets	20'698'196	9'495'572
Non-current assets		
Fixed assets	69'302	62'479
Rent deposit	2'524	2'512
Loan to Rowing Federations	28'154	42'848
Total non-current assets	99'979	107'839
TOTAL ASSETS	20'798'175	9'603'411
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		
Short-term liabilities		
Accrued expenses and deferred income	1'172'215	566'729
Account payables	267'820	448'367
Total short-term liabilities	1'440'035	1'015'096
Total liabilities	1'440'035	1'015'096
Funds		
Permanent Reserves	3'625'485	3'625'485
Reserves for future expenses - IOC Fund	15'794'108	5'705'738
General surplus / loss	-61'452	-742'908
General surplus brought forward	-742'908	-210'746
Surplus / loss for the year	681'456	-532'162
Total funds	19'358'141	8'588'315
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS	20'798'175	9'603'411



9. Auditors' report

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Auditors' report

Report of the independent auditor

to the Congress of Fédération internationale des sociétés d'aviron (FISA),
Lausanne

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron (FISA) (the Federation), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2024, the statement of income and expenses for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements comply with Swiss law.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Federation in accordance with the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



10. Approval of the financial statements

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Agenda item 10 (vote 6 – absolute majority)

Approval of the financial statements, 2024

Do you approve the 2024 financial statements?

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 6) Item 10

Do you approve the 2024 financial statements?

Total Possible Votes: 124

Valid Votes Cast: 115

Yes 113 98.26%

No 2 1.74%

Abstain 0

Majority required: Absolute



11. Determination of entrance fee and annual subscription

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12. Budget for the following years

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2025 – 2028 Quadrennial Budget

Expenses	2025	2026	2027	2028
Governance	614,000	717,000	499,000	717,000
Communications	349,550	364,800	352,184	382,966
Corporate Services & Administration	1,401,032	1,401,532	1,365,482	1,199,350
Development Programme	595,140	598,940	584,216	589,598
Human Resources	2,763,489	2,812,559	2,862,610	2,913,662
Commercial & Broadcast	1,298,834	1,451,306	1,411,144	1,144,656
Event Management	980,000	1,015,500	1,142,150	1,364,650
Total Expenses	8,002,044	8,361,636	8,216,786	8,311,882

Incomes	2025	2026	2027	2028
Contribution from reserves	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
Governance	256,000	343,600	351,200	351,200
Communications	8,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Corporate Services & Administration	842,875	993,050	1,013,050	827,750
Development Programme	143,500	128,500	128,500	128,500
Commercial & Broadcast	1,010,833	1,224,833	1,283,333	1,248,000
Event Management	1,467,175	1,576,600	1,669,100	1,629,150
Total Incomes	7,728,383	8,272,583	8,451,183	8,190,600
Net operational result	-273,661	-89,053	234,397	-121,282



Agenda item 12 (vote 7 – absolute majority)

Budget for 2025

Do you approve the budget for 2025?

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 7) Item 12

Do you approve the budget for 2026?

Total Possible Votes: 124

Valid Votes Cast: 114

Yes 113 99.12%

No 1 0.88%

Abstain 1

Majority required: Absolute



13. Appointment of the external auditors

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Appointment of the external auditors

In accordance with Appendix S6, the Internal Audit Committee recommends PriceWaterhouse Cooper as the external auditors for the 2025 Accounts .

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Agenda item 13 (vote 8 – absolute majority)

Appointment of the external auditors

Do you approve the recommendation of the internal audit to appoint PriceWaterhouse Cooper as external auditors for 2025?

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 8) Item 13

Do you approve the recommendation of the Internal Audit Committee to appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as external auditors for 2025?

Total Possible Votes: 124

Valid Votes Cast: 112

Yes 112 100.00%

No 0 0.00%

Abstain 3

Majority required: Absolute



21. Other additional agenda items proposed by the member federations, the Council, or the Executive Committee

21. Specific proposals to an existing agenda item from the member federations, the Council or the Executive Committee

- a) Council proposal to amend Article 47
Election of the three Council members to the Executive Committee

Working Group on the Amendment of Article 47 – Election of the Three Council Members to the Executive Committee

- Tricia Smith, Vice President (working group lead)
- Annamarie Phelps, Chair Governance Working Group (working group lead)
- Jean-Christophe Rolland, President
- Vincent Gaillard, Executive Director
- Representatives from AUS, NZL, CAN, USA
- Eva Szanto, Executive Committee
- Gerritjan Eggenkamp, Treasurer
- Mehdi Garidi, Africa Continental Representative
- Victoria Aguirregomezcorta Americas Continental Representative
- Klm Fay Ho, Asia Continental Representative
- Nobuhisa Ishizuka, Strategic Projects Advisor
- Ludovica Caprino, Governance & Integrity Manager

Primary objectives of the working group:

1. Evaluate the geographical diversity at World Rowing in all its dimensions;
2. Examine the proposal received from AUS, CAN, NZL, and USA;
3. Conduct consultations with relevant member federations;
4. Develop a recommendation, ensuring any proposal balances fairness, representation, and operational efficiency;®
5. Review the current wording of Article 47.

Outcome – Council proposal

- Sets out the ambition that Executive Committee members will be drawn from at least 3 continents.
- Ensures that the Executive Committee contains members from at least 2 continents.
- Maintains a feasible and efficient decision-making size.
- Retains the principle of a skills-based selection.
- Provides a process to return the Executive committee to return to the original size when the goal of 3 continents is achieved.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARTICLE 47:

47.1 (minor tidy up):

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.

47.2

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

47.3:

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.

47.4 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).

47.5

- i. Notwithstanding Articles 46, 47.1, 47.2 and 47.3, if, at the conclusion of the Ordinary Congress in the year following each Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, the elected members of the Executive Committee (including the Athlet Commission Chair) collectively represent less than three continents, one additional member (the Appointed member) will be appointed to the Executive Committee by Council. The process for this appointment is set out in the By-law to Article 47.
- ii. Determination of the continental representation on the Executive Committee shall follow the principles set out in Article 22.1.2 regarding their nominating Member Federation.
- iii. Council will approve the Appointed member no later than 31 March in the year after the Ordinary Congress following the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- iv. The Appointed member's term shall be up to two years starting from the date of Council's approval and running until 31 December in the calendar year after the appointment. The Appointed member will have the rights and responsibilities of an Executive Committee member during their term.
- v. Where the number of continents represented on the Executive Committee remains below three, the Appointed member, or a replacement, will be re-appointed for subsequent terms, subject to Article 38.3 and Article 38.4.
- vi. Where the number of Continents represented on the Executive Committee meets or exceeds three, the Appointed member will conclude their membership at the end of their current term.



By-law to Article 47 Process for nomination of the Appointed member:

- a) The Executive Committee will recommend to Council for approval, a nominee from Council from a continent not already represented on the Executive Committee, for the Appointed member, following an analysis of the experience and skills needs of the Executive Committee.
- b) If no Council members are willing or able to stand as the Appointed member, the Executive Committee may recommend to Council an existing member of a Specialist Commission, who, as per principles set out in Article 22.1.2 regarding their nominating Member Federation, is from a continent not already represented on the Executive Committee.



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Agenda item 21.a (vote 9 – two-third majority)

Council proposal to amend Article 47 - Election of the three Council members to the Executive Committee

Do you approve the Council proposition for the election of the three Council members to the Executive Committee

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 9) Item 21

Do you approve the proposed amendments to Article 47?

Total Possible Votes: 124

Valid Votes Cast: 110

Yes 101 91.82%

No 9 8.18%

Abstain 5

Majority required: Two Thirds



14. Council and Executive Committee elections in accordance with Art. 35 and 47.

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Treasurer**
- **Chair of Sports Medicine Commission**
- **Election of three Council members to Executive Committee**

Election of the President

One candidate

- Jean-Christophe Rolland
(nominated by FRA)



Agenda item 14 (vote 10 – absolute majority)

Council election - Election of the President

Please cast your vote; the candidate for the post of President is Jean-Christophe Rolland (nominated by FRA)

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 10) Item 14

Do you agree to elect Jean-Christophe Rolland (FRA) to the position of President?

Total Possible Votes: 124

Valid Votes Cast: 115

Yes 115 100.00%

No 0 0.00%

Abstain 1

Majority required: Absolute



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Paris, France





Election of the Vice-President

Two candidates

- Annamarie Phelps
(nominated by GBR)



- Lenka Dienstbach-Wech
(nominated by GER)



Election of the Vice-President

Annamarie Phelps - nominated by GBR



Election of the Vice-President

Lenka Dienstbach-Wech - nominated by GER



Agenda item 14 (vote 11 – absolute majority)

Council election - Election of Vice President

Please cast one vote; the candidates for the post of Vice President are

- Annamarie Phelps (nominated by GBR)
- Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (nominated by GER)
- Abstain

(Vote 11) Item 14

Please select your preferred candidate to be elected as Vice-President

Total Possible Votes: 124

Valid Votes Cast: 116

Annamarie Phelps (GBR)	103	88.79%
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Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (GER)	13	11.21%
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Abstain	1	
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Election of the Vice-President

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Election of the Treasurer

One candidate

- Gerritjan Eggenkamp
(nominated by NED)



Agenda item 14 (vote 12 – absolute majority)

Council election - Election of the Treasurer

Please cast your vote; the candidate for the post of Treasurer is Gerritjan Eggenkamp (nominated by NED)

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 12) Item 14

Do you agree to elect Gerritjan Eggenkamp (NED) to the position of Treasurer?

Total Possible Votes: 124

Valid Votes Cast: 115

Yes 114 99.13%

No 1 0.87%

Abstain 3

Majority required: Absolute



Election of the Treasurer

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Casual vacancy for the Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission

Two candidates

- Michael Wilkinson
(nominated by CAN)



- Henning Bay Nielsen
(nominated by DEN)



Casual vacancy for the Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission

Michael Wilkinson - nominated by CAN



Casual vacancy for the Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission

Henning Bay Nielsen - nominated by DEN



Agenda item 14 (vote 13 – absolute majority)

Council election - Election of the Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission

Please cast one vote; the candidates for the Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission are

- Michael Wilkinson (nominated by CAN)
- Henning Bay Nielsen (nominated by DEN)
- Abstain

(Vote 13) Item 14

Please select your preferred candidate to be elected as the Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission

Total Possible Votes: 124

Valid Votes Cast: 118

Michael Wilkinson (CAN)	72	61.02%
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Henning Bay Nielsen (DEN)	46	38.98%
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Abstain	1	
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Election of the Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission

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Jürgen Steinacker

Council member since 2017

Commission member since 2001







14. Council and Executive Committee elections in accordance with Art. 35 and 47.

Election of three members of the Executive Committee

The Council's recommendation is to appoint

- Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (GER), co-opted Council Member
- Eva Szanto (HUN), Chair of the Events Commission
- Mathias Binder (SUI), Chair of the Equipment and Technology Commission

as Members of the Executive Committee

Agenda item 14 (vote 14 – absolute majority)

Election of three members of the Executive Committee

Do you approve the Council recommendation to appoint Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (GER), co-opted Council Member as Member of the Executive Committee

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 14) Item 14

Do you approve the appointment of Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (GER) as a member of the Executive Committee?

Total Possible Votes: 121

Valid Votes Cast: 113

Yes 104 92.04%

No 9 7.96%

Abstain 1

Majority required: Absolute



Agenda item 14 (vote 15 – absolute majority)

Election of three members of the Executive Committee

Do you approve the Council recommendation to appoint Eva Szanto, Chair of the Events Commission (HUN) as Member of the Executive Committee

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 15) Item 14

Do you approve the appointment of Eva Szanto (HUN) as a member of the Executive Committee?

Total Possible Votes: 121

Valid Votes Cast: 115

Yes 113 98.26%

No 2 1.74%

Abstain 0

Majority required: Absolute



Agenda item 14 (vote 16 – absolute majority)

Election of three members of the Executive Committee

Do you approve the Council recommendation to appoint Mathias Binder, Chair of the Equipment and Technology Commission (SUI) as Member of the Executive Committee

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 16) Item 14

Do you approve the appointment of Matthias Binder (SUI) as a member of the Executive Committee?

Total Possible Votes: 121

Valid Votes Cast: 114

Yes 102 89.47%

No 12 10.53%

Abstain 1

Majority required: Absolute



15. Reports of Continental Rowing Confederations and other Member Groupings

16. Reports on applications for affiliation and voting consequent thereon

17. Reports on future World Rowing events and Olympic & Paralympic regattas



WORLD ROWING BEACH SPRINT FINALS

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ANTALYA, TÜRKİYE
6-9 NOVEMBER 2025



ANTALYA

LOCATION INFORMATION

- Antalya, with its extensive flight network, is not only one of Turkey's but also one of the world's most important tourism destinations.
- There are direct flights to Antalya from 59 international destinations across 32 countries. In addition, with 5 domestic connections, Antalya can be reached directly from a total of 64 destinations.
- Thanks to this strong flight network, Antalya welcomes visitors directly from all around the world.





- Considering the limited transfer options, we kindly request that teams plan their flights and make their reservations as early as possible.
- In addition, it is necessary to confirm and notify us of the designated arrival and departure airport.

The distance between Antalya Airport and Manavgat Çamiçi Public Beach is about 70 km, taking around 1 hour and 15 minutes by car with scenic coastal views.



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	HOTEL	SINGLE	TWIN	TRIPLE
CATEGORY A	Hotel I	€ 190,00	€ 150,00	€ 120,00
CATEGORY B	Hotel II	€ 150,00	€ 120,00	€ 100,00
CATEGORY C	Hotel III	€ 130,00	€ 110,00	€ 80,00
CATEGORY D	Hotel IV	€ 90,00	€ 75,00	€ 60,00



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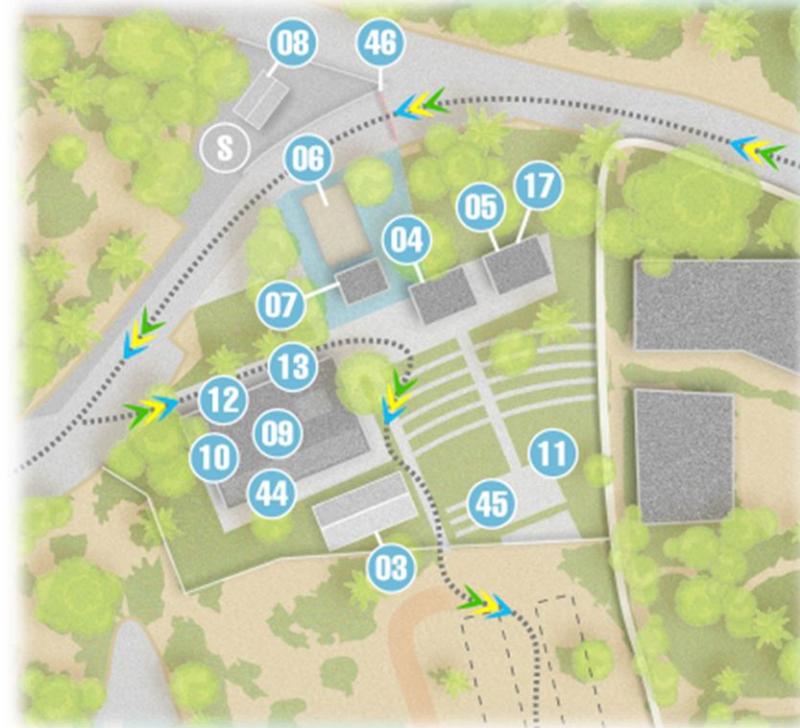
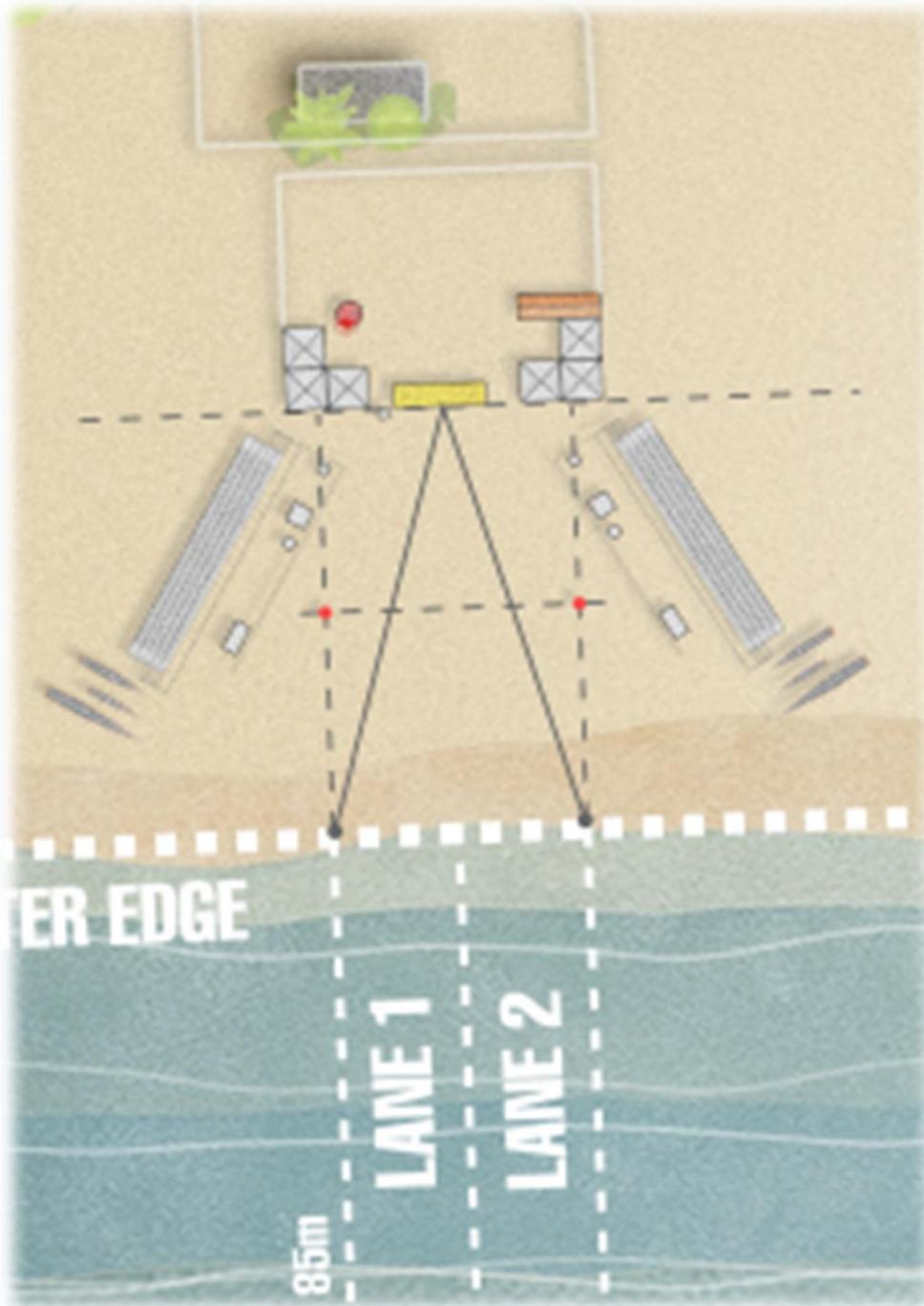
All quoted prices are in Euro, per person, per night, on a full-board basis, airport transfers and local shuttle bus services included.



TRAINING INFORMATION



*Training camps are available, and reservations must be made directly through the **Organizing Committee.***



VENUE LAYOUT

Sorgun Çamiçi Public Beach
Sorgun, 07600 Manavgat/Antalya



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RENOVATION BOSBAAN

Boathouses and changing rooms
2025 - early 2026

Regatta course, roads, small bridges and
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2024 - 2025

Start tower, finish tower, timing huts
2024 - 2025





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ATHLETES VILLAGE





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HOTEL OVERVIEW

TEAM HOTELS	TRANSPORT BY
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Ibis Styles Amsterdam Schiphol Airport 2	Bus
Ibis Schiphol Amsterdam Airport	Bus
Novotel Amsterdam City	Bus
Mercure hotel Amsterdam City	Bus
Mercure hotel Amsterdam West	Bus
Leonardo Royal Amsterdam	Bus
Leonardo hotel Rembrandtpark	Bus
NH Hotel Schiphol Airport	Bus
Steigenberger Airport	Bus
Intercity hotel Amsterdam Airport	Bus
Radisson Hotel Schiphol Airport	Bus
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Europarcs Amsterdamse Bos	Bike
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Radisson hotel & Suites Amsterdam Zuid	Bus



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DAY	DAY TICKETS - GENERAL ADMISSION		WEEK TICKET - GENERAL ADMISSION		WEEKEND TICKET - GENERAL ADMISSION	
	Adult / disabled	Kids / disabeld	Adult / disabled	Kids / disabeld	Adult / disabled	Kids / disabeld
MONDAY 24 AUGUST	€ 14,00	€ 7,00	€ 114,50	€ 57,25		
TUESDAY 25 AUGUST	€ 14,00	€ 7,00				
WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST	€ 14,00	€ 7,00				
THURSDAY 27 AUGUST	€ 22,50	€ 11,25				
FRIDAY 28 AUGUST	€ 22,50	€ 11,25				
SATURDAY 29 AUGUST	€ 27,50	€ 13,75			€ 49,50	€ 24,75
SUNDAY 30 AUGUST	€ 27,50	€ 13,75				

*All prices exclude a €1,50 handling fee.

** All disabled tickets include a free companion ticket (valid for two persons)

TICKETPRICES - GRANDSTAND TICKETS - VAT INCLUDED

DAY	DAY TICKETS - GRANDSTAND		WEEK TICKET - GRANDSTAND		WEEKEND TICKET - GRANDSTAND	
	Adult	Kids	Adult	Kids	Adult	Kids
MONDAY 24 AUGUST	€ 20,00	€ 10,00	€ 147,75	€ 73,85		
TUESDAY 25 AUGUST	€ 20,00	€ 10,00				
WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST	€ 20,00	€ 10,00				
THURSDAY 27 AUGUST	€ 27,50	€ 13,75				
FRIDAY 28 AUGUST	€ 27,50	€ 13,75				
SATURDAY 29 AUGUST	€ 32,75	€ 16,35			€ 58,95	€ 29,50
SUNDAY 30 AUGUST	€ 32,75	€ 16,35				

*All prices exclude a €1,50 handling fee.



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INTRODUCTION



Saly Beach

Rowing Competition Schedule

29 October - training day

30 October – training day

31 October – racing day & Opening Ceremony

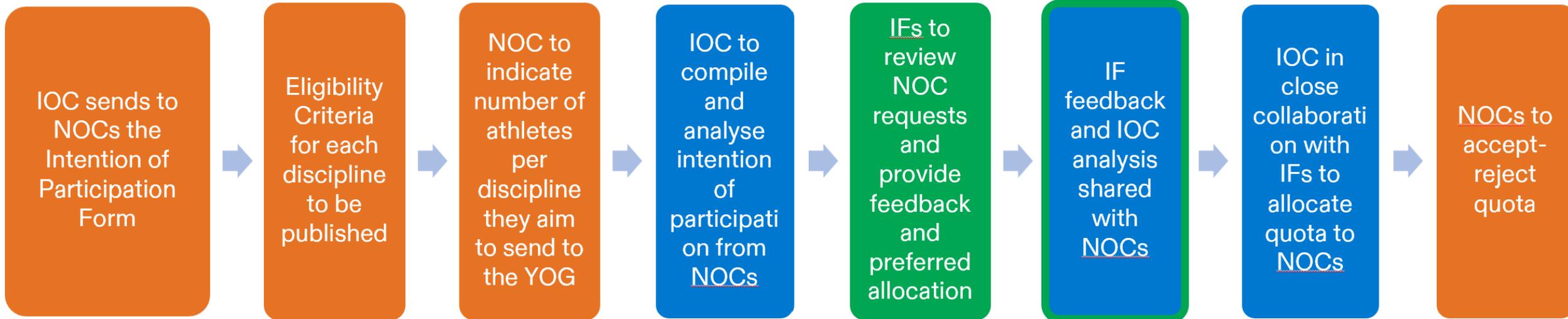
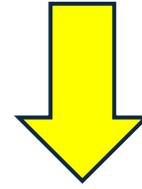
1 November – racing day

2 November – racing day

3 November – racing day



QUOTA ALLOCATION PROCESS



Deadline for NOC confirmation of request to participate was 31 July 2025



The IOC and IF will review and analyse the preferences put forward by each NOC, ensuring that quota are allocated in line with the Dakar 2026 Participation Principles.

NOC replies

82 NOCs requested to participate in rowing in Dakar of which 64 indicated beach sprints as a priority.

15 NOCs – Africa

14 NOCs – Americas

19 NOCs – Asia

31 NOCs – Europe

3 NOCs – Oceania

Men's Solo – 80 NOCs

Women's Solo – 73 NOCs

Mixed Double Sculls – 65 NOCs



Requirements & Quota

Age requirement: Athletes must be born on or after 14 November 2008.

Athlete quota: 64 (32 male /32 female) – max. 3 athletes per NOC

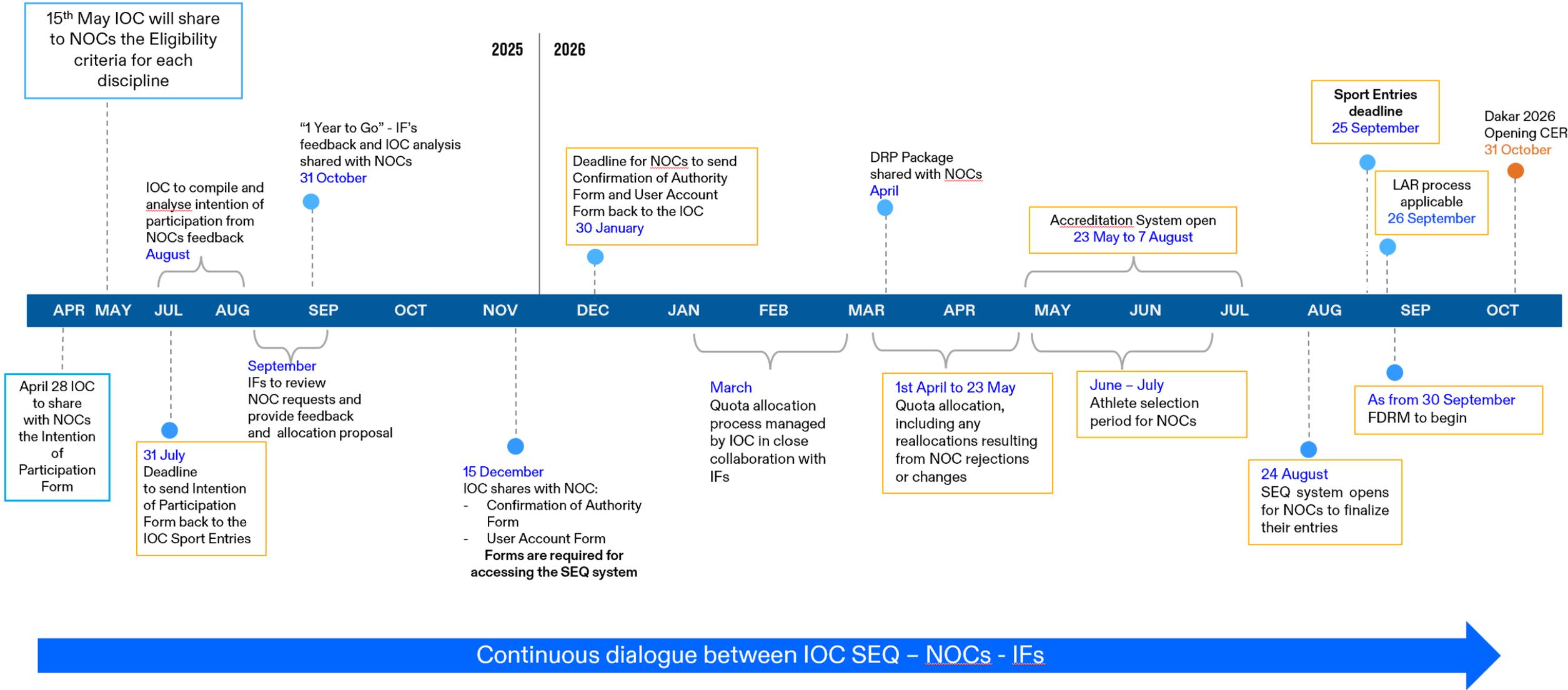
Eligibility: To be eligible to participate the NOCs must ensure their athletes are safe, competent and experienced in the discipline.

NOC must demonstrate the existence of an active youth beach sprint rowing programme in the country.

All athletes must be able to swim 50m and remain afloat with their head above the water unassisted for 3min.

PARTICIPATION TIMELINE

NOC milestones





Los Angeles 2028

Update to Congress

29 September 2025

LA28 Olympic dates

ROW = classic

RCB = coastal

- Competition dates
 - ROW – 15 July to 22 July – (spare day 23 July)
 - RCB – 24 July to 25 July
- Training dates still to be confirmed for ROW and RCB



Olympic Athlete Quota & Allocation

- Principles to find the balance between:
 - Excellence
 - Universality
 - Attractive programme
- Overall athlete quota for rowing 502 athletes
 - ROW - 438 athletes (219 men / 219 women)
 - RCB - 64 athletes (32 men / 32 women)

Olympic Athlete Quota & Allocation – ROW

Paris 2024

Number of boat quota places available per qualification event (subject to the reallocation of unused quota places):								
		Continental Qualification Regattas						
	2023 World Champs	Asia/ Oceania	Africa	Americas	European	Final Qualif Regatta	Total Boats	Total Athletes
Men								
Single Sculls (1x)	9	5	5	5	3	2	29	29
Pair (2-)	11	-	-	-		2	13	26
Double Sculls (2x)	11	-	-	-		2	13	26
Four (4-)	7	-	-	-		2	9	36
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	7	-	-	-		2	9	36
Eight (8+)	5	-	-	-		2	7	63
Men Lightweight								
Double Sculls (L2x)	7	2	1	2	2	2	16	32
Other								
Host Country Places (1x)							1	1
Universality Places (1x)							2	2
Total Men's Boats	57	7	6	7	5	14	99	251

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Olympic Athlete Quota & Allocation – ROW

Proposal for LA28

	2027 World Champs	Asia/ Oceania	Africa	Americas	European	Final Qualif Regatta	Universality Places and Host Country	Qualified Boats	Total quota Athletes	Maximum num of boats
Men or Women										
Single Sculls (1x)	10	5	5	5	3	2	3	33	33	36
Pair (2-)	10	-	-	-	-	2		12	24	18
Double Sculls (2x)	10	-	-	-	-	2		12	24	18
Four (4-)	7	-	-	-	-	2		9	36	12
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	7	-	-	-	-	2		9	36	12
Eight (8+)	5	-	-	-	-	2		7	63	12
Other										
Development Countries								0	0	
Intermediate										
Large Team								0	0	
Total Boats	49	5	5	5	3	12		82	216	
								Quotum / 2 difference	219	3
								<i>Left for coxes for additional 8+</i>		

Competition Schedule - ROW

- Beginning of June submitted the competition proposal (session time duration and session start time) to LA28
- 8 days of racing with 6 medal days
- For rowing due to the complexity of the venue with the tide, the exact session start times have not been confirmed
- LA28 & World Rowing have commissioned a tidal study which is in process
- Lanes 12m width

Competition Schedule - ROW

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8	DAY 9
<i>Saturday, July 15</i>	<i>Sunday, July 16</i>	<i>Monday, July 17</i>	<i>Tuesday, July 18</i>	<i>Wednesday, July 19</i>	<i>Thursday, July 20</i>	<i>Friday, July 21</i>	<i>Saturday, July 22</i>	<i>Sunday, July 23</i>
Preliminary	Preliminary	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	RESERVE
12:00 PM - 2:15 PM	12:00 PM - 2:15 PM	12:30 PM - 2:40 PM	1:30 PM - 3:40 PM	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	10:00 AM - 11:20 AM	10:30 AM - 11:50 AM	
ROW01	ROW02	ROW03	ROW04	ROW05	ROW06	ROW07	ROW08	

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Competition Schedule – RCB

DAY 10	DAY 11
<i>Monday, July 24</i>	<i>Tuesday, July 25</i>
Preliminary	Preliminary
8:30 AM - 12:15 PM	10:00 AM - 11:50 AM
RCB01	RCB03
Final	Final
2:30 PM - 4:50 PM	2:00 PM - 3:20 PM
RCB02	RCB04

4 Session Option - Overview					
	Day 1			Day 2	
	Session 1			Session 3	
8:30	TT 1	W1x	10:00	TT 1	Mix2x
		M1x			
	TT 2	W1x		TT 2	Mix2x
		M1x			
	Last 16	W1x		Last 16	Mix2x
12:15		M1x	11:50		
	Session 2			Session 4	
14:30/14:35	Last 8	W1x	14:00/14:05	Last 8	Mix2x
		M1x		VC	Mix2x
	VCs	W1x	15:20		
16:50		M1x			

Olympic Athlete Quota & Allocation - RCB

WRBSF Focus										
Boat Class	2027 WRBSF	Continental Qualification (existing events e.g. continental Games)					Host Nation	Universality / Tripartite	Total	Total
		Africa	Americas	Asia	Oceania	Europe			Boats	Athletes
Men's Solo (M1x)	6	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	17	17
Women's Solo (W1x)	6	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	17	17
Mixed Double Sculls (Mix2x)	6	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	15	30
Total									49	64

Olympic Athlete Quota Principles - RCB

Proposal to IOC

Maximum no. of athletes per NOC : 2 (1 male / 1 female)

Doubling up:

- If you qualify the Mix2x you can double up into the Solo's
- If you qualify the M1x and W1x you can double up into the Mix2x

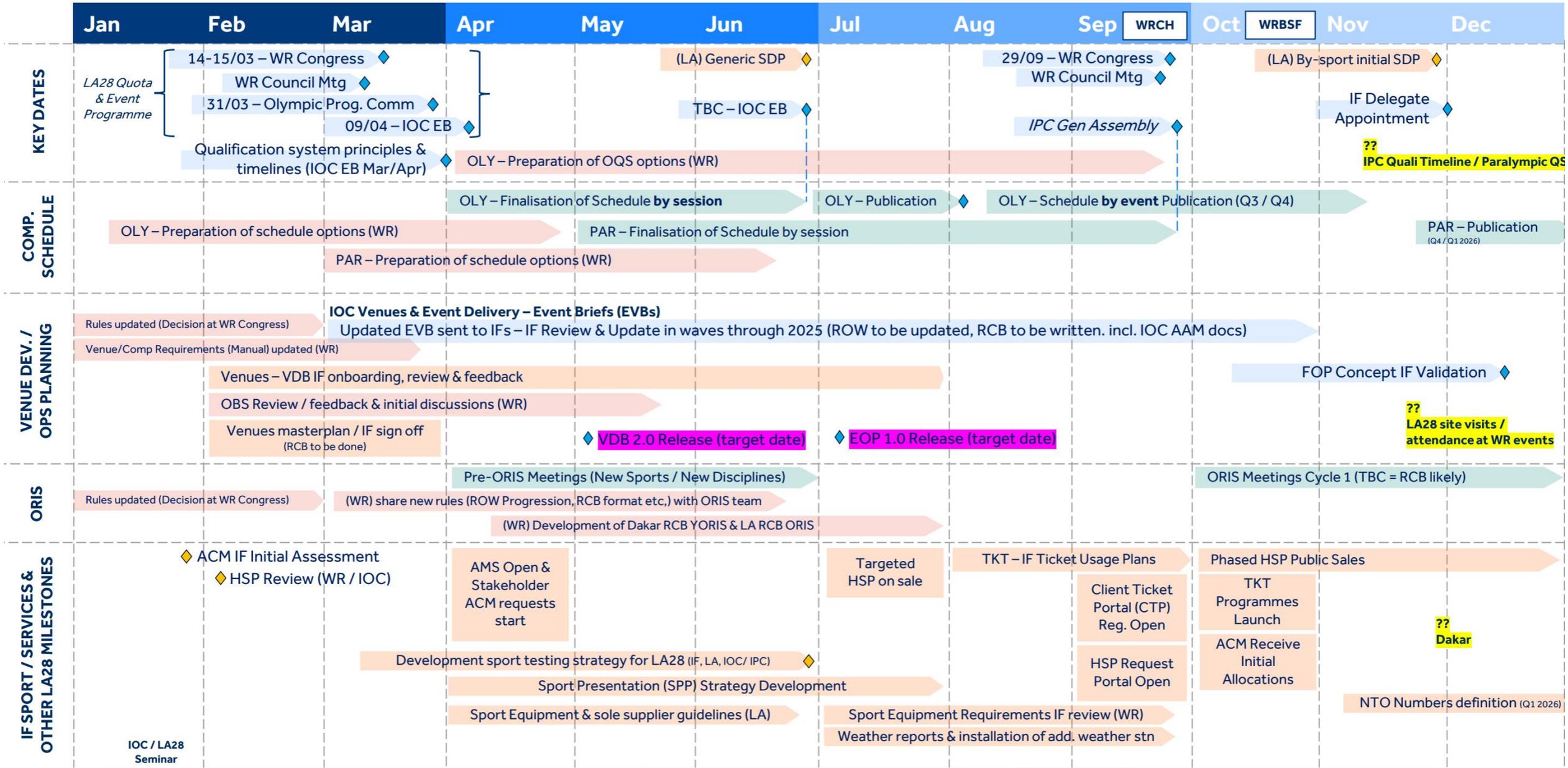
Continental qualifications to take place before WRBSF

- Continental Quota held (frozen) and allocated after the WRBSF where the Continental ranking would be used.

Olympic Athlete Quota & Re-Allocation

- If the same athlete qualifies for ROW and RCB – as per the IOC guidelines it counts as 1 quota place.
- Proposal that the World Rowing Executive Committee to have the authority to allocate the quota to the discipline and event as per a criteria – excellence, universality, schedule etc.

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Paralympics



Paralympic Athlete Quota & Allocation

- Overall athlete quota for rowing 104 athletes (coxwains are not counted as per Olympics)
- PR1M1x
- PR1W1x
- PR2Mix2x
- PR3Mix2x
- PR3Mix4-
- Proposal to keep same allocation & re-allocation as Paris 2024. If an exceptional situation occurs – World Rowing Executive Committee to reallocate the quota.

Paralympic Athlete Quota & Allocation

Boat Class	2027						Host Country / Bipartite (number of athletes)
	WRCH	Asia/Oceania	Americas	Africa	Europe	FPQR	
PR1M1x	7	1	1	1	1	1	
PR1W1x	7	1	1	1	1	1	
PR2Mix2x	6					2	
PR3Mix2x	5	1	1	1	1	1	
PR3Mix4+	6				0	2	
Undefined							12
Total Athletes	104						

Competition Schedule – Para Rowing

DAY 1 18-Aug		DAY 2 19-Aug		DAY 3 20-Aug	
	Heats		Heats		Finals B
09:00	PR1 W1x	09:00	PR2 Mix2x	09:00	PR2 Mix2x
09:15	PR1 W1x	09:15	PR2 Mix2x	09:15	PR3 Mix2x
				09:30	PR3 Mix4+
09:30	PR1 M1x	09:30	PR3 Mix4+		
09:45	PR1 M1x	09:45	PR3 Mix4+		
					FINALS A
10:00	PR3 Mix2x		Finals B	09:45	PR2 Mix2x
10:15	PR3 Mix2x	10:00	PR1 W1x	10:00	PR3 Mix2x
		10:15	PR1 M1x	10:15	PR3 Mix4+
			FINALS A		
		10:30	PR1 W1x		
		10:45	PR1 M1x		



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18. Attribution of future World Rowing Championships in accordance with Rule 5

Agenda item 18 (vote 17 – absolute majority)

The Council recommends to attribute the 2028 World Rowing Championships (U19, U23, Senior non-Olympic) to Sarasota

Do you approve the Council recommendation to attribute the 2028 World Rowing Championships (U19, U23, Senior non-Olympic) to Sarasota

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 17) Item 18

Do you approve the Council recommendation to attribute the 2028 World Rowing Senior, Under 23 & Under 19 Championships to Sarasota (USA)

Total Possible Votes: 121

Valid Votes Cast: 105

Yes 96 91.43%

No 9 8.57%

Abstain 4

Majority required: Absolute



Attribution of future World Rowing Championships in accordance with Rule 5



- 19. Reconsideration or confirmation of decisions (ref. Art.28) taken by the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Art.21.4, 41.3.2 and 41.3.3, or by the Executive Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Art.49.3.4**

20. Specific proposals to an existing agenda item from the member federations, the Council or the Executive Committee

21. Other additional agenda items proposed by the member federations, the Council, or the Executive Committee

Specific proposals to an existing agenda item from the member federations, the Council or the Executive Committee

- a) Council proposal to amend Article 47 - Election of the three Council members to the Executive Committee
- b) SECR
- c) Bahamas membership
- d) Strategic Projects

Specific proposals to an existing agenda item from the member federations, the Council or the Executive Committee

c) Bahamas membership

The Executive Committee's recommendation is to expel the Bahamas Rowing Federation

Bahamas Rowing Federation

Expulsion Proceeding under Article 15(3)

Status of Bahamas Rowing Federation with NOC

- Recognition of Bahamas Rowing Federation suspended in 2015 by Bahamas Olympic Committee and the Bahamas Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture due to allegations of violations of proper processes for good governance,
- Withdrawal of recognition confirmed verbally and in writing



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January 5, 2017

Mr. Matt Smith
Executive Director
FISA, World Rowing Federation
Avenue de Rhodanie 54
1007 Lausanne
Switzerland

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: Status of Bahamas Rowing Federation

We are disappointed to report that the joint efforts of the Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture and the Bahamas Olympic Committee to stabilize the unrest between the Bahamas Rowing Federation, its members and others interested in the sport have not been successful.

A copy of a petition executed by members of the Federation requesting the resignation of the BRF President is included for information. This further demonstrates the level of frustration being experienced in the local rowing community.

We remain optimistic with respect to the growth possibilities of this sport here in the Bahamas; however, under the existing organizational structure and unsettled climate, we cannot offer the Bahamas Rowing Federation our endorsement.

Sincerely,

Mr. Timothy Munnings
Director of Sports
Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture

Mr. Wellington Miller
President
Bahamas Olympic Committee

cc. Mr. Jason Williams – Bahamas Rowing Federation

Attachment//





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Executive Committee	5th February, 2021
President Romell Knowles	
Vice President Roy Colebrook	
Vice President	
	To Whom it Might Concern:

Members Athletics Basketball Boxing Cycling Football Gymnastics Judo Sailing Swimming Taekwondo Tennis Volleyball Wrestling Baseball Softball Archery Table Tennis Handball Fencing Golf Equestrian Triathlon Rugby	<p>Further, the BOC wishes to categorically state that the Bahamas Rowing Federation is not in good standing with the Bahamas Olympic Committee and Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture which adopted and maintains the same stance simultaneously.</p> <p>For any additional information or clarification on the BOC's position, please contact Lantashia Bethel at managerboc@coralwave.com who will appropriately direct your inquiry.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>  <p>ROMELL KNOWLES PRESIDENT</p>
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Actions taken by World Rowing

- Informal correspondence (2017 to 2023) over many years regarding BRA status with the Bahamas Olympic Committee and compliance with obligations of a member federation
- On July 3, 2024, formal letter to Bahamas Rowing Federation noting alleged breaches of WR Statutes, and requiring production of documents and information, including the steps that have been taken to ensure that BRF is a recognised member of the NOC, the validly elected National Federation for Rowing, and when this recognition will be confirmed.
- Requested response by by 31 July 2024 18:00 CET at the latest.
- No response received.

Bahamas Rowing Federation
By email: bahamasrowing@gmail.com

Dear President Williams, dear Jason,

As you are aware there has been much correspondence over many years regarding the governance of the Bahamas Rowing Federation (BRF) but have been unable to resolve or conclude the concerns raised. We are now writing to let you know that World Rowing (WR) has received further allegations of (a) non-compliance by Bahamas Rowing Federation (BRF) with the international federation's statutes and regulations, including the requirements related to Art. 13, 'Obligations of Member Federations'; (b) concerns that BRF is not following its own statutes; and (c) a formal request for WR to take action under the Bye-Law to Article 10, Appendix S1. In response to a request from WR, we understand that BRF is currently suspended as a member of the Bahamas Olympic Committee.

A number of the allegations relate to alleged breaches of the WR Statutes, including:

- Art.10 The Member Federation (MF) shall be a rowing federation made up of the majority of active rowing clubs and governed within its statutes;
- Art. 11 a MF must be organised and governed in accordance with its own statutes;
- Art. 13 the constitution of a MF must be consistent with the principles of the Olympic Charter;
- Art. 13.4 the MF must be recognised as a member by the relevant NOC;
- Art. 13.4 the MF must have its President and ExCo elections validated by the NOC.

The consequences of such breaches are serious and have potential sanctions which are set out in Art. 15 including but not restricted to:

1. A financial penalty upon the MF;
2. Suspension of the MF from membership (totally or partially) for a fixed period or until a set of circumstances had changed or ceased to exist;
3. Removal or denial of accreditation to, or exclusion of a member's athlete, official or representative from any activities of WR;
4. Any other sanction WR may deem to be appropriate.

We fully understand the difficulties that the Covid-19 pandemic presented in Bahamas due to political decisions that were out of your control. You have set these out in previous correspondence, and we acknowledged those at the time. However, we now consider that any delays to updating governance, elections, and operations should have been completed and the WR Executive Committee needs to assess the recent allegations and take appropriate steps if deemed necessary. Therefore, as a first step, we request that all the following information and supporting documentation be sent to WR Interim Governance Manager (pat.lambert@worldrowing.com) by email to arrive **as soon as possible, or by 31 July 2024 18:00 CET** at the latest:

1. A copy of the most recent, approved statutes of BRF, including evidence to show these were approved at a quorate and compliant meeting of the BRF.
2. A list of all rowing clubs in the country with a list of the BRF active affiliated member clubs.

3. The minutes of the most recent election meeting, specifically those for President and Executive Committee members, including recognition and validation by the NOC and including the names and addresses of those elected and the number of terms each has served to date, the number of voting clubs/members present and confirmation that the meeting was quorate.
4. Please set out the steps that have been taken to ensure that BRF is a recognised member of the NOC, the validly elected National Federation for Rowing, and when this recognition will be confirmed.
5. Under Art. 13.5 a MF is required to inform WR immediately of any material change made to statutes, a change of President or Secretary General, its address and contact details, or of any other elements that may affect its ability to comply with WR membership obligations. Please confirm that any such changes have not negatively impacted BRF's compliance with the mandatory requirements of WR membership.

We hope that you will understand the importance of WR taking these allegations seriously and ensuring that the Executive Committee can understand the situation and take appropriate steps if deemed necessary. WR would like to ensure that Bahamian athletes can continue to compete at World Rowing events.

If we do not receive your response by 31 June 2024 at 18:00 CET, or if any of the requested information is missing WR will proceed with the information it has at its disposal.

Yours sincerely



Jean-Christophe Rolland
World Rowing President



Vincent Gaillard
World Rowing Executive Director

Cc: Rommel Knowles, President, National Olympic Committee Bahamas

Suspension of Bahamas Rowing Federation

- no response to the July 3, 2024 letter and request for information.
- Executive Committee therefore decides under Article 15(1)(b) of the Statutes to SUSPEND the Bahamas Rowing Federation from WR membership, through letter dated February 27, 2025.
- Bahamas Rowing Federation given final deadline **until July 31, 2025** to address its outstanding non conformities with the World Rowing Statutes. and to provide evidence of corrective actions along with the documents requested in the letter dated 3 July 2024.
- Given notice that if BRF has not successfully addressed the non-conformities, Executive Committee may propose the federation's expulsion to the World Rowing Ordinary Congress in accordance with Art.15.3 of the World Rowing Statutes.
- No substantive response received by July 31, 2025 deadline.

27 February 2025

Bahamas Rowing Federation

By email: bahamasrowing@gmail.com

RE: Suspension of the Bahamas Rowing Federation

Dear President Williams,

As you are aware, we sent you a warning letter on 3 July 2024 outlining our concerns arising from the Bahamas Rowing Federation's failure to comply with the requirements and obligations set out in the World Rowing Statutes. We gave you a formal notice to rectify this situation and at the same time you were requested to submit by 31 July 2024 a number of documents listed in our letter.

Despite this communication, no tangible actions have been taken by the Bahamas Rowing Federation to address the matters raised nor was any response received to our last official communication until last Monday, 24 February 2025. Unfortunately, the February 24 communication did not address the concerns previously communicated.

In view of 1) the lack of cooperation on your part, 2) the seriousness of the allegations received relating to alleged breaches of the World Rowing Statutes, and 3) the confirmation of the suspension of BRF by the Bahamas Olympic Committee, the Executive Committee has decided to take the measures it considers appropriate to deal with this situation.

In accordance with [Articles 13 and 15 of the World Rowing Statutes](#) the Executive Committee has decided at its last meeting held on 19 February 2025, to suspend the Bahamas Rowing Federation with immediate effect for failure to comply with the obligations of Member National Federations under the World Rowing Statutes.

Duration of the suspension

Bahamas Rowing Federation is given until **31 July 2025**, to address its outstanding non-conformities with the World Rowing Statutes. During this period BRF is required to address and rectify all identified non-compliance and shall provide evidence of corrective

actions along with the documents requested in the letter dated 3 July 2024. After the aforementioned deadline the Executive Committee will reanalyse the BRF membership status and will determine whether to lift the suspension, extend it, or if necessary, and if BRF has not successfully addressed the non-conformities, propose the federation's expulsion to the World Rowing Ordinary Congress in accordance with Art.15.3 of the World Rowing Statutes.

As a result of this suspension, officials of the Federation will not be permitted to participate in World Rowing events and activities. The recent registration of the BRF delegation at the upcoming Quadrennial Congress will not be accepted.

Sincerely,



Jean-Christophe Rolland

President



Vincent Gaillard

Executive Director

CC: *Romell Knowles, President Bahamas National Olympic Committee*
Arge Diez Gonzalez, COPARE President
Victoria Aguirregomezcorta, World Rowing Continental Representative for Americas

Recommendation of Expulsion

- Executive Committee therefore recommends expulsion of Bahamas Rowing Federation pursuant to Article 15(3) of the Statutes for these reasons:
 - 1. The withdrawal of recognition of the Bahamas Rowing Federation by the Bahamas Olympic Committee and the Bahamas Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture, due to their finding that Bahamas Rowing Federation has violated proper processes for good governance,
 - 2. The non-compliance of Bahamas Rowing Federation to repeated direct requests by World Rowing since July 2024 for information and documentation made pursuant to Appendix S1 of the Statutes to address the allegations of governance malfeasance, as set out in the letter dated 3 July 2024 (which relate to breaches of good governance extending back over many years), and in particular non-compliance with a final warning and demand by the World Rowing Executive Committee when it suspended the Bahamas Rowing Federation in February 2025 to respond by July 31, 2025.
- As a result of these events, the Bahamas Rowing Federation is in default of its obligations as a member federation of World Rowing.

21 September 2025

Bahamas Rowing Federation

By email

bahamasrowing@gmail.com

RE: Expulsion of the Bahamas Rowing Federation

Dear President Williams,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday September 29, 2025, at the World Rowing Ordinary Congress, being held at Jin Jiang Tower, 161 Changle Rd, Huangpu, Shanghai, China, 200020, at 8:30 a.m. local time or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, the Executive Committee of World Rowing will present its recommendation to the Congress that the Bahamas Rowing Federation be expelled as a member of World Rowing pursuant to Article 15(c) of the World Rowing Statutes.

The bases for this recommended action are:

1. The withdrawal of recognition of the Bahamas Rowing Federation by the Bahamas Olympic Committee and the Bahamas Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture, due to their finding that Bahamas Rowing Federation has violated proper processes for good governance, and
2. The non-compliance of Bahamas Rowing Federation to repeated direct requests by World Rowing since July 2024 for information and documentation made pursuant to Appendix S1 of the Statutes to address the allegations of governance malfeasance, as set out in the letter dated 3 July 2024 (which relate to breaches of good governance extending back over many years), and in particular non-compliance with a final warning and demand by the World Rowing Executive Committee when it

suspended the Bahamas Rowing Federation in February 2025 to respond by July 31, 2025.

3. As a result of these events, the Bahamas Rowing Federation is in default of its obligations as a member federation of World Rowing.

You will have the opportunity, either in person or by video, to appear before the Congress to respond to these charges. If you wish to take this opportunity, please contact Ludovica Caprino, World Rowing Governance & Integrity Manager at ludovica.caprino@worldrowing.com.

Sincerely,



Jean-Christophe Rolland
President



Vincent Gaillard
Executive Director

CC: Bahamas National Olympic Committee President, Romell Knowles, COPARE President, Arge Diez Gonzalez, WR Continental Representative for Americas Victoria Aguirregomezcorta

World Rowing Statutes

- [ARTICLE 10](#)

- ***Members***

- 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.

- [ARTICLE 13](#)

- ***Obligations of Member Federations***

- Member Federations have the following obligations:

- To abide by and comply fully at all times with:

- All duties and provisions of the World Rowing Statutes, Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations, including but not limited to:
 - The World Anti-Doping Code;
 - The World Rowing Safeguarding Policy and any supplementary guidance issued by World Rowing;
 - 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.
- All decisions taken by World Rowing.

- To be governed by statutes that are consistent with Article 14.2.2.a, to be recognised as a member by their NOC, and to have the Member Federation president and executive board elections validated and recognised by their NOC;

- To notify the 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;

Specific proposals to an existing agenda item from the member federations, the Council or the Executive Committee

c) Bahamas membership

The Executive Committee's recommendation is to expel the Bahamas Rowing Federation

Agenda item 18 (vote 18 – absolute majority)

The Executive Committee recommends expel Bahamas

Do you approve the Executive Committee recommendation to expel the Bahamas rowing federation

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

(Vote 18) Item 21

Do you approve the Executive Committee recommendation to expel the Bahamas Rowing Federation?

Total Possible Votes: 121

Valid Votes Cast: 83

Yes 66 79.52%

No 17 20.48%

Abstain 20

Majority required: Absolute



MF anti-doping survey

