

2008 FISA STATUTES	Changes for 2009	<u>Decisions of Congress</u>
Declaration of Principles	[No Change proposed]	
A. ROWING	[No Change proposed]	
Rowing is one of the oldest sports and carries strong traditions. Over the years certain values and characteristics have become connected with rowing, which rowers protect and reinforce. These characteristics and values which should inspire all activities and decisions are the following:	[No Change proposed]	
A1. Development of the Individual	[No Change proposed]	
Individuals, through rowing, acquire a personal experience of determination, team spirit, respect, commitment, integrity and a sense of fair play. By applying these principles in all circumstances, rowers become independent and responsible individuals, prepared to face the realities of life and willing to share the values gained with others.	[No Change proposed]	
A2. International Understanding	[No Change proposed]	
International rowing events and meetings are organised in such a way as to be a means for friendly contact between the participants, contributing to a better understanding between people and nations, regardless of race, sex, frontiers or political systems. Rowers form a worldwide “family” based on the ideals of peace, friendship, fairness, understanding and mutual assistance. All rowers are encouraged to foster international understanding through the sport of rowing.	[No Change proposed]	
A3. Lifetime Sport for All	[No Change proposed]	

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Rowing allows for the maintenance of physical fitness from youth through to old age. Rowing is a competitive and recreational activity for all, regardless of age, gender or ability.	[No Change proposed]	
A4. Environmental responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
Rowing is a sport which requires clean air and clean water; the rowing community plays an important role in the responsible and sustainable management of the natural and physical resources especially those which are necessary for rowing.	[No Change proposed]	
B. FISA	[No Change proposed]	
FISA is the community of national rowing federations worldwide and the oldest international sports federation. It governs rowing by defending its principles and by acting in accordance with the following:	[No Change proposed]	
B1. Integral part of world sport	[No Change proposed]	
Founded in 1892, 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. It is an active participant in the world of sport and co-operates with the other international federations and the various world sports organisations. It encourages any steps which serve to propagate sport and contribute to develop it, as well as to promote the Olympic Games and the various other international championships. It seeks the inclusion of rowing in multi-sport international competitions and a presence on important international sports bodies.	Founded in 1892, 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. Adaptive Rowing has been integrated into the World Championships and has been on the programme of the Paralympic Games since 2008. FISA is an active participant in the world of sport and co-operates with the other international federations and the various world sports organisations. It encourages any steps which serve to propagate sport and contribute to develop it, as well as to promote the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the various other international championships. It seeks the inclusion of rowing in multi-sport international competitions and a presence on important international sports bodies.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>

B2. Independence	[No Change proposed]	
FISA will keep rowing free from political and commercial restraints. Moreover, FISA undertakes, at all levels, to preserve the independence and autonomy of international sport.	[No Change proposed]	
B3. Priority to Sport	[No Change proposed]	
FISA directs its work in the interest of rowers and rowing. It opposes any attempt to subordinate sport to any other interests.	[No Change proposed]	
B4. Fairness and equality of opportunity	[No Change proposed]	
FISA always seeks to ensure that its competitions and participants respect the principles of fairness and equality of opportunity. It fights, in particular, against doping and technical manipulation by enforcing strict rules. FISA carries out worldwide anti-doping tests, in and out of competition, and supports all appropriate measures taken in that field at the international level.	[No Change proposed]	
B5. Development of rowing in all its forms	[No Change proposed]	
FISA promotes and develops the sport. It establishes development programmes, organises training courses, and develops public relations and media opportunities. Thereby, FISA works to attract new rowers and members, improve the level, quality and appeal of its competitions, and ensure a leading position for rowing in world sport, in multi-sport events and, particularly, in the Olympic Games.	FISA promotes and develops the sport. It establishes development programmes, organises training courses, and develops public relations and media opportunities. Thereby, FISA works to attract new rowers and members, improve the level, quality and appeal of its competitions, and ensure a leading position for rowing in world sport, in multi-sport events and, particularly, in the Olympic and Paralympic Games.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
B6. Inclusion and Accessibility	[No Change proposed]	
FISA is committed to inclusion and accessibility. FISA promotes inclusive practices in the planning and staging of events. FISA encourages accessible design, construction and refurbishment of	[No Change proposed]	

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existing rowing facilities.		
B7. Sound environmental practices	[No Change proposed]	
FISA is committed to practices that respect and safeguard the environment in which the sport of rowing is conducted. FISA endorses responsible and sustainable environmental practices in the planning and staging of events, the design and construction of new rowing facilities and the refurbishment of existing rowing facilities. FISA promotes awareness and community consultation on rowing-related environmental issues.	[No Change proposed]	
PART I - GENERAL PROVISIONS	[No Change proposed]	
Article 1-Foundation, Name and Legal Status	[No Change proposed]	
With the object 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 25th June, 1892, in Turin. FISA was the first international sport federation to be established. FISA is a not-for-profit association governed by articles 60 and following of the Swiss civil code. It is endowed with legal personality. Its members, office bearers and employees are not responsible for its debts.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 2 -Objects	[No Change proposed]	
The objects of FISA shall be:	[No Change proposed]	
1. To maintain and promote the ethical principles of FISA as set out in the Declaration of Principles to the Statutes.	1. To maintain and promote the ethical principles of FISA’s as set out in the Declaration of Principles and Statutes.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
2. To promote and develop all forms of rowing, and in particular to	2. To promote and develop rowing in all its forms. , -and in particular	

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encourage competitive rowing, recreational rowing, junior rowing, masters rowing and rowing for people with disabilities.	to encourage competitive rowing, recreational rowing, junior rowing, masters rowing and rowing for people with disabilities.	
3. To encourage international understanding and co-operation.	3. To encourage the <u>universal</u> development of rowing <u>in all its forms</u> .	
4. To apply the eligibility rules as laid down in the FISA Rules of Racing for all competitions.	4. To establish and enforce the FISA Rules of Racing and Regulations <u>for all international rowing competitions.</u>	
5. To encourage the development of rowing, the creation of new clubs and rowing courses and the formation of national federations in countries where rowing is not developed.	5. To encourage the development of rowing, the creation of new clubs and rowing courses and the formation of national federations in countries where rowing is not developed. <u>5. To conduct World Rowing Championships, other world-level rowing events, and, within the limits of the authority of FISA, the regattas staged at Olympic, Paralympic, regional, and continental Games and multi-sport competitions.</u>	
6. To establish international championships under the titles of World Rowing Championships and Continental Championships and to take part in the organisation of Olympic regattas.	6. To establish international championships under the titles of World Rowing Championships and Continental Championships and to take part in the organisation of Olympic regattas. <u>6. To be the final authority for all international rowing competitions including at multi-sport competitions.</u>	
7. To encourage the organisation of international regattas open to all member federations, and to ensure that international regattas are governed by the Rules of Racing adapted to the development of the sport of rowing.	7. To encourage the organisation of international regattas open to all member federations, and to ensure that international regattas are governed by the Rules of Racing adapted to the development of the sport of rowing.	
8. To establish measures of development aid.	8. To establish measures of development aid.	
Article 3 -Non-Discrimination	Article 3 – <u>No Discrimination, Demonstrations or Propaganda</u>	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
FISA shall allow no political, religious, racial or gender discrimination.	FISA shall <u>not</u> allow political, religious, racial or gender discrimination.	
	<u>No demonstrations, or political, religious or racial propaganda are permitted in any rowing venue or in connection with any rowing activity.</u>	
Article 4 -Autonomy of national federations	[No Change proposed]	

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FISA shall have no part in purely national questions. It shall allow its member federations complete autonomy internally.	FISA shall have no part in purely national <u>rowing matters</u> questions. It shall allow its member federations complete autonomy internally.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
	FISA shall preserve the complete autonomy of its member federations and ensure that they do not suffer from any un-deserved pressures from their respective governmental authorities.	(Egyptian proposal was withdrawn)
	<u>FISA shall support the complete autonomy of its member federations. When the autonomy is being compromised, FISA may take any appropriate measures.</u>	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
Article 5 -Headquarters	[No Change proposed]	
The location of the FISA headquarters is decided by the Council.	[No Change proposed]	
Bye-Law to Article 5 - Headquarters	[No Change proposed]	
<i>The headquarters are currently in Lausanne, Switzerland.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
Article 6 -Emblem	[No Change proposed]	
The emblem of FISA is: the five oars, side by side, coloured blue, yellow, black, green and red with or without the letters F-I-S-A.	The emblem of FISA is: the five oars, side by side, <u>which are, from left to right</u> coloured blue, yellow, black, green and red with or without the letters F-I-S-A.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
	<u>The Executive Committee may create additional emblems for specific goals, events or activities</u>	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
Only the Executive Committee may authorise the use of the FISA emblem.	Only the Executive Committee may authorise the use of the FISA emblem <u>s</u> .	
Article 7 -Languages	[No Change proposed]	
The official languages of FISA 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	[No Change proposed]	

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the chair of the meeting on other occasions.		
Article 8 -Official Communications	[No Change proposed]	
Any communications required under these Statutes or Rules maybe made by post, fax or email. All communications to FISA shall be addressed to the Headquarters.	Any communications required under these Statutes or Rules may shall be made by post, fax or email. All communications to FISA shall be addressed to the Headquarters <u>in one of the official languages of FISA.</u>	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
Article 9 -Interpretation	[No Change proposed]	
In these Statutes, Rules of Racing and the Bye-Laws, and in all FISA documents, unless the context otherwise requires, all references to the masculine shall include the feminine and all references to “rowers” shall include scullers and coxswains.	The Executive Committee shall decide all questions of interpretation of the FISA Statutes, Rules <u>of Racing, Event Regulations and any related</u> Bye-Laws.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
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	[No Change proposed]	
Article 10 -Binding Authority	[No Change proposed]	
FISA is bound by the signatures of two members of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the President, or, in case of the incapacity of the President, the Vice President.	FISA is bound by the signatures of two members of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the President, or, in case of the incapacity of the President, the Vice President <u>or the Treasurer.</u>	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
PART II - MEMBERSHIP	[No Change proposed]	
Article 11 - Members	[No Change proposed]	
Only a national federation that includes the majority of rowing	[No Change proposed]	

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<p>clubs in its country, which has been recognised as such by the overall governing body of sport or the National Olympic Committee of that country, and whose statutes are not inconsistent with those of FISA, may become a member of FISA. To be accepted as a member of FISA, a national federation must cover the territory of a country that is recognised as such and as an independent and sovereign state by the international community. This requirement does not apply to members who were affiliated before 25 January 1993.</p>		
<p>Article 12 - Admission to membership</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>In order to become a member of FISA, a national rowing federation shall:</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>1. Make formal application to the Executive Committee at least one month before the date of the next Congress.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>2. Submit with its application a copy of its statutes, rules of racing, written evidence that the requirements for affiliation have been complied with, and a detailed report on the activities of the clubs that it represents.</p>	<p>2. Submit with its application a copy of its statutes <u>approved by its respective NOC</u>, rules of racing, written evidence that the requirements for affiliation have been complied with, and a detailed report on the activities of the clubs that it represents.</p>	<p>(Egyptian proposal withdrawn)</p>
	<p>2. Submit with its application a copy of its statutes <u>with a certified translation in one of FISA's official languages</u>, rules of racing, written evidence that the requirements for affiliation have been complied with, and a detailed report on the activities of the clubs that it represents.</p>	<p>Proposed changes approved <u>unanimously</u>.</p>
	<p>Provide details of the membership of its committee/Board. The Members of this committee/board shall be elected by the General Assembly of the NF. In case the National Federation Board members are nominated by Governmental Authorities, FISA give this NF time limited of five months to convene to General Assembly for elections</p>	<p>(Egyptian proposal withdrawn)</p>

	of Board. If this National Federation did not correct its situation according to FISA guidelines within five months, FISA Executive Committee — after studying the case — shall (temporary suspension or other penalties) take decision after consultation with the concerned continental representative and NOC.	
3. Provide details of the membership of its committee and the design and colours of its racing uniform and blades.	<u>3.</u> Give a formal undertaking to observe the Statutes, Rules of Racing, Regulations and Bye-Laws of FISA.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
4. Give a formal undertaking to observe the Statutes, Rules of Racing, Regulations and Bye-Laws of FISA.	<u>4.</u> Undertake to accept as binding and final the decisions of the competent authorities within FISA and in this regard to recognise the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne as the only possible external judicial authority.	
5. Undertake to accept as binding and final the decisions of the competent authorities within FISA and in this regard to recognise the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne as the only possible external judicial authority.	<u>5.</u> Undertake to impose the obligations in 3 and 4 <u>4 and 5</u> upon its affiliated clubs and their members in all those areas in which FISA has authority.	
6. Undertake to impose the obligations in 4 and 5 upon its affiliated clubs and their members in all those areas in which FISA has authority.	<u>6.</u> Provide details of the membership of its committee and the design and colours of its racing uniform and blades.	
7. Pay an entrance fee, the amount of which shall be fixed each year by Congress.	7. Pay an entrance fee, the amount of which shall be fixed each year by Congress.	
8. Be admitted to membership by a vote of Congress for which a clear majority of the votes of members represented shall be required.	<u>7.</u> Be admitted to membership by a vote of Congress for which a clear majority of the votes of members represented shall be required.	
Article 13 - Retaining membership status	[No Change proposed]	
In order to retain its membership status, a member federation shall, at all times, fulfil all the conditions necessary for its admission. Therefore, it shall immediately notify the Executive	In order to retain its membership status, a member federation shall, at all times, fulfil all the conditions necessary for its admission. Therefore, it shall immediately notify the Executive Committee of	

<p>Committee of FISA of any change made to its statutes, rules of racing, membership of its committee, its address, or the design or colours of its racing uniform and blades.</p>	<p>FISA of any change made to its statutes, rules of racing, membership of its committee, its address, or the design or colours of its racing uniform and blades, <u>or of any other change which affects its ability to fulfil these conditions.</u></p>	
<p>Article 14 - Resignation</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>A member federation wishing to withdraw from membership of FISA at the end of the current year shall give notice of resignation by registered post to the Executive Committee not later than 30th September. The Executive Committee shall immediately inform the remaining member federations of any resignations submitted to it.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>Article 15 - Subscriptions</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>Member federations shall pay an annual subscription, the amount of which is determined each year in advance by the Congress. The members' only financial responsibility towards FISA shall be to pay this subscription no later than 31st March of each year.</p>	<p>Member federations shall pay an annual subscription <u>no later than 31st March of each year.</u> The amount <u>of the subscription shall be</u> which is determined each year in advance by the Congress. The members' only financial responsibility towards FISA shall be to pay this subscription no later than 31st March of each year. <u>Member federations have no responsibility for any financial liabilities of FISA.</u></p>	<p><u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u></p>
	<p><u>Bye law to Article 15</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) <u>New member federations shall pay no subscription in their first three years of membership.</u> (ii) <u>The amount of 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.</u> (iii) <u>The Executive Committee may waive past due</u> 	<p><u>Bye-Law change submitted to the Congress was confirmed unanimously.</u></p>

	<u>subscriptions of inactive member federations.</u>	
Article 16 - Subscriptions in arrears	Article 16 – <u>Debts</u> Subscriptions in arrears	
Member federations whose subscriptions are in arrears may be suspended by the Executive Committee or expelled by Congress. In any event, they shall forfeit their voting rights.	Member federations whose subscriptions are in arrears <u>whose subscriptions are in arrears or that have unresolved debts to FISA or to an organising committee of a FISA Event</u> may be suspended by the Executive Committee or expelled by Congress. In any event, they shall forfeit their voting rights, <u>and may be banned from competition by the Executive Committee.</u>	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
Article 17 - Expulsion	[No Change proposed]	
If a member federation does not continue to fulfil the current conditions of membership of FISA 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.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 18 - Recognition of Rowing Confederations	[No Change proposed]	
The Council may recognise rowing confederations which consist of a number of FISA members with a common geographical or other basis and may grant to these confederations permission to be represented at Congresses by observers.	The Council may recognise <u>and cooperate with</u> rowing confederations which consist of a number of FISA members with a common geographical or other basis and may grant to these confederations permission to be represented at Congresses by observers.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
	FISA should ensure a close cooperation and consultations with these Confederations in any rowing activities exercise within the confederation's geographical area.	<u>Egyptian proposal withdrawn.</u>
PART III - GOVERNANCE	[No Change proposed]	
Article 19 – Governance	[No Change proposed]	

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FISA shall be governed by:	[No Change proposed]	
1. The Congress (Art.20 and following)	[No Change proposed]	
2. The Council (Art. 38 and following)	[No Change proposed]	
3. The Executive Committee (Art. 47 and following)	[No Change proposed]	
PART III A. CONGRESS	[No Change proposed]	
Article 20 - Congress	[No Change proposed]	
The Congress shall be the supreme authority of FISA whose activities shall be subject to its control.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 21 - Composition and Presidency	[No Change proposed]	
The Congress shall consist of delegates of national federations that are currently members of FISA. The President of FISA shall preside or, failing him, the Vice-President. The Council shall also participate in the Congress.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 22 - Delegates	[No Change proposed]	
Each member federation shall have the right to have a maximum of three delegates accredited. Member federations may at any time change their delegates but they may not be represented by a delegate who already represents another member federation or by a member of the Council. Each delegate shall satisfy the Executive Committee that he is a citizen or bona fide resident of the country or territory of the member federation he represents. He shall be able to provide immediate proof of his authority to represent the member federation. In an exceptional case, the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.	[No Change proposed]	

Article 23 - Observers	Article 23 - Observers <u>at the Congress</u>	
Observers may attend part or all of the Congress, Executive Committee, Council and Commission meetings, but may speak only by invitation from the chair of the meeting.	Observers may attend part or all of the Congress, Executive Committee, Council and Commission meetings, but may speak only by invitation from the chair of the meeting.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
Article 24 - Ordinary Congress	[No Change proposed]	
Delegates shall meet annually as an Ordinary Congress, preferably at a time and place at which a World Rowing Championship regatta is to be held.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 25 - Extraordinary Congress	[No Change proposed]	
Delegates shall meet as an Extraordinary Congress when the annual Ordinary Congress or the Executive Committee shall so decide or when at least one-third of the member federations submit a request in writing to the Executive Committee giving reasons therefor.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 26 - Convening notice and Agenda	[No Change proposed]	
The Executive Committee shall send a convening notice to member federations at least four months before the date of the Congress.	The Executive Committee shall send a convening notice to member federations at least four months before the date of the Congress. <u>The convening notice shall include a draft agenda.</u>	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
The convening notice shall call for member federations to submit any specific proposals for inclusion in the agenda, which shall be received by FISA, in English and/or French, at least three months before the date of the Congress. The Executive Committee shall send out the agenda for the Congress at least two months before the date of the Congress. 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	The convening notice shall call for m Member federations <u>may</u> submit specific proposals <u>or other items</u> for inclusion in the agenda, which shall be received by FISA, in English and/or French, at least three months before the date of the Congress. The Executive Committee shall send out the <u>final</u> agenda for the Congress at least two months before the date of the Congress. 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	

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Executive Committee.	Committee.	
Article 27 - Agenda for Ordinary Congress	[No Change proposed]	
The agenda for an Ordinary Congress shall include:	The agenda for an Ordinary Congress shall include:	
	A. <u>Mandatory items for an Ordinary Congress -</u>	
1. Opening of the session	[No Change proposed]	
2. Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority	[No Change proposed]	
3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of Congress	[No Change proposed]	
4. Approval of the minutes of the last Congress	[No Change proposed]	
5. President's report and reports from the Executive Committee Members	[No Change proposed]	
6. Reports of the Chairs of the specialist Commissions	[No Change proposed]	
7. Reports of the Continental Representatives	[No Change proposed]	
8. Accounts, financial report and auditors' report	[No Change proposed]	
9. Approval of accounts	[No Change proposed]	
10. Determination of entrance fee and annual subscription	[No Change proposed]	
11. Budget for the following year	[No Change proposed]	
12. Reports on future FISA Events and Olympic regattas	[No Change proposed]	
13. Place and date of the next Congress	[No Change proposed]	
14. Appointment of the federation, if any, to be responsible for	14. Appointment of the federation, if any, to be responsible for	(Proposed change in Article 33)

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inspecting the accounts for the following year;	inspecting the accounts for the following year;	<u>was approved unanimously)</u>	
	<u>14. Attribution of future FISA Events in accordance with Rule 5.</u>	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>	
	<u>15. Any other business</u>		
	<u>B. Additional Items, as appropriate, for an Ordinary Congress</u>		
15. Reports on applications for affiliation and voting consequent thereon	<u>16. Reports on applications for affiliation and voting consequent thereon.</u>		
16. Reconsideration or Confirmation of decisions (ref. Art. 32) taken by the Council in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Art. 44 or by the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Art. 50.	<u>17. Reconsideration or Confirmation of decisions (ref. Art. 32) taken by the Council in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Art. 44 or by the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Art. 50.</u>		
17. Proposals from Member Federations	<u>18. Council and Executive Committee Elections, if any, in accordance with Articles 39 and 48.</u>		
18. Attribution of future FISA Events in accordance with Rule 5.	<u>19. Specific Proposals from the Member Federations, <u>the Council or the Executive Committee.</u></u>		
19. Council and Executive Committee Elections, if any, in accordance with Articles 39 and 48.	<u>20. Other Items proposed by Member Federations,</u> the Council or the Executive Committee.		
20. Any other items proposed by the Council or the Executive Committee.	[No Change proposed]		
21. Any other business	[No Change proposed]		
Article 28 - Reports	[No Change proposed]		
Congress may appoint individuals to report on matters brought before it. It may also require the Executive Committee to submit to it its views on questions to which it may wish to give further	[No Change proposed]		

consideration.		
Article 29 - Specific Proposals from Federations	[No Change proposed]	
A member federation may submit in writing to the Executive Committee specific proposals to be included in the Agenda of a Congress, together with the reasoning behind the proposal. A member federation may also submit any specific proposal it proposes should be discussed under an existing agenda item. If these are received at the FISA headquarters at least three months before the date of the next congress they will be included in the Agenda for that Congress. The Executive Committee will decide whether proposals received after that date may be included in the Agenda.	A member federation may submit in writing to the Executive Committee <u>additional agenda items and</u> specific proposals to be included in the Agenda of a Congress, together with the reasoning behind the proposal. A member federation may also submit any specific proposal it proposes should be discussed under an existing agenda item. If these are received at the FISA headquarters at least three months before the date of the next congress they will be included in the Agenda for that Congress. The Executive Committee will decide whether proposals received after that date may be included in the Agenda.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
Article 30 - Proposals from the Council or Executive Committee	[No Change proposed]	
The Council or the Executive Committee may include on the Agenda any proposal which they consider to be appropriate.	[No Change proposed]	
Unless there are exceptional circumstances, such proposal shall be included in the Agenda sent to the member federations in accordance with Article 26. They may submit a proposal to the Congress at any time provided it relates to an item on the Agenda.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 31 - Alterations to the Statutes and Rules of Racing	[No Change proposed]	
The Statutes and Rules of Racing may only be altered every four years in the year following the staging of the Olympic Games (cases of Force Majeure reserved).	[No Change proposed]	
Article 32 - Reconsideration and Confirmation of decisions of	[No Change proposed]	

Council or the Executive Committee		
<p>Requests for the reconsideration of decisions taken by the Council in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Art. 44 or by the Executive Committee in accordance with paragraph 3 of Art. 50 shall be submitted to FISA and received at least one month before the date of Congress. Each decision may be submitted only once to the Congress for reconsideration and shall be submitted within one year of the date of taking effect. Any change of a decision by the Council/Executive Committee following a vote for reconsideration by the Congress, will not have retroactive effect unless the Council/Executive Committee so decides.</p>	<p>Requests <u>to</u> reconsider decisions <u>of</u> the Council in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Art. 44 or <u>of</u> the Executive Committee in accordance with paragraph 3 of Art. 50 shall be submitted to FISA and, <u>unless there are exceptional circumstances</u>, received at least <u>three one</u> months before the date of Congress. Each decision may be submitted only once to the Congress for reconsideration and shall be submitted within one year of the date of taking effect. Any <u>alteration change</u> of a decision by the Council/Executive Committee following a vote for reconsideration by the Congress, will not have retroactive effect unless the Council/Executive Committee so decides.</p>	<p><u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u></p>
<p>The Council and/or the Executive Committee may seek confirmation by the next Congress of any of their decisions made within their own competence. If confirmed, this decision may not be submitted to the Congress for reconsideration.</p>	<p>The Council and/or the Executive Committee may, <u>on its own initiative</u>, seek confirmation by the next Congress of any of their decisions made within their own competence. If confirmed, this decision may not be submitted <u>again</u> to the Congress for reconsideration.</p>	
<p>Article 33 - Auditing of accounts</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>FISA's accounts shall be audited each year by a professional auditor appointed by the Executive Committee, and subsequently may be inspected by a representative of a Member Federation if so desired by the Congress.</p>	<p>FISA's accounts shall be audited each year by a professional auditor appointed by the Executive Committee, and subsequently may be inspected by a representative of a Member Federation if so desired by the Congress.</p>	<p><u>Belgian Federation proposal approved unanimously.</u></p>
<p>Article 34 - Quorum</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>Subject to the provisions of Article 66, no quorum is required and the decisions of Congress shall be valid, irrespective of the number of member federations represented.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>Article 35 - Voting</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	

	<p><u>Voting at the FISA Congresses shall be by a show of official voting cards which indicate the number of votes to which each member federation is entitled. If the Executive Committee so decides, voting may take place by electronic means.</u></p>	<p><u>All wording changes, the addition of the Under 23 Championships and Paralympic qualification regatta as well as elimination of Olympic regatta approved with a vote of 91 in favour out of a possible total of 115 votes.</u></p> <p><u>Proposed deletion of Continental Games regattas rejected by a vote of 63 in favour, 42 against (60%, needed 67%). Continental Games regattas stays in the article.</u></p>
<p>Unless a secret ballot is demanded by a delegate, voting shall be by a show of hands. Irrespective of the number of delegates representing it each member federation shall be entitled to one vote.</p>	<p>Unless a <u>At a FISA Congress, 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> voting shall be by a show of hands. Irrespective of the number of delegates representing it each member federation shall be entitled to one vote.</p>	
<p>However, a member federation which fulfils the following conditions shall instead be entitled to three votes for a period of four years commencing 1st January of the year following the Olympic Games, if:</p>	<p>However, a <u>if a</u> member federation which fulfils the following conditions, <u>it</u> shall instead be entitled to three votes for a period of four years commencing 1st January of the year following the Olympic Games, if:</p>	
<p>a. it has been a member of FISA for at least three years, and</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>b. it has competed at any one or more of the following regattas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) World Rowing Championships; (ii) World Rowing Junior Championships; (iii) Olympic Regatta or the Olympic qualifying regattas (iv) Continental Games regatta <p>with a total of at least 12 boats during the previous four year Olympic period. The Council will notify all member federations of the voting entitlements of member federations by 31st December in the year of an Olympic Games.</p>	<p>b. it has competed at any one or more of the following regattas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) World Rowing Championships; (ii) World Rowing Junior Championships; (iii) <u>World Rowing Under 23 Championships;</u> (iv) Olympic Regatta or the Olympic <u>or Paralympic</u> qualification regattas; (v) <u>Continental Games regattas</u> <p>with a total of at least 12 boats during the previous four year Olympic period. The Council will notify all member federations of the voting entitlements of member federations by 31st December in the year of an Olympic Games (starting from 2009 and applying to voting from</p>	

	2013).	
Article 36 - Majorities	[No Change proposed]	
Subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Article and of Article 66, decisions of Congress shall be taken on the basis of a majority of valid votes cast in each ballot. In the case of elections, if additional ballots are necessary, the candidate obtaining the smallest number of valid votes in each ballot shall be eliminated until one candidate obtains a majority of the valid votes cast.	Subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Article and of Article 66, decisions of Congress shall be taken on the basis of a majority of valid votes cast in each ballot. <u>Blank, incomplete or spoiled voting forms and abstentions will not be considered "valid" votes.</u> In the case of elections, if additional ballots are necessary, the candidate obtaining the smallest number of valid votes in each ballot shall be eliminated until one candidate obtains a majority of the valid votes cast.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
In similar situations, for example the designation of a member federation for organising a FISA World Championship Regatta, this method of voting shall also apply.	[No Change proposed]	
In the case of a tie, a new vote shall be taken. If the candidates are still tied, the Council shall make the decision.	In the case of a tie, a new <u>ballot</u> shall be taken. If the <u>vote is</u> still tied <u>after two ballots, the Council shall immediately carry out a vote to determine make</u> the decision.	
Alterations to the Statutes and Rules of Racing shall be carried only if they obtain two-thirds of the valid votes cast in each ballot. An abstention is not considered to be a vote.	Alterations to the Statutes and Rules of Racing shall be carried only if they obtain two-thirds of the valid votes cast in each ballot. An abstention is not considered to be a vote.	
Article 37 - Date of Taking Effect	[No Change proposed]	
Elections and decisions of a Congress shall take effect from the 1st of January following that Congress unless Congress determines otherwise.	[No Change proposed]	
PART III B. COUNCIL	[No Change proposed]	
Article 38 - The Council	[No Change proposed]	

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FISA shall be managed by the Council, consisting of:	[No Change proposed]	
The President	[No Change proposed]	
The Vice President	[No Change proposed]	
The Treasurer	[No Change proposed]	
The Executive Director	[No Change proposed]	
The Chairs of the specialist Commissions	[No Change proposed]	
	<u>Up to two Co-opted members, each appointed for a two year term by the Council upon proposal by the Executive Committee</u>	<u>Proposed change approved with a vote of 97 in favour (84%) out of a total possible of 115 votes.</u>
The Continental Representatives	[No Change proposed]	
Article 39 - Election of Members of the Council	[No Change proposed]	
The members of the Council, with the exception of the Executive Director and the Continental Representatives, shall be elected for four years by the Congress. They are eligible for re-election. Members of the Council can no longer hold office after the 31st of December following their 65th birthday. With the exception of the Executive Director, the members of Council are not remunerated by FISA but may receive reimbursement of expenses.	The members of the Council, with the exception of the Executive Director and the Continental Representatives, shall be elected for four years by the Congress. They are eligible for re-election. Members of the Council can no longer hold office after the 31st of December following their 75th 65th birthday. With the exception of the Executive Director, the members of Council are not remunerated by FISA but may receive reimbursement of expenses.	<u>Egyptian Federation proposal withdrawn.</u>
	The members of the Council, with the exception of the Executive Director and the Continental Representatives, shall be elected for four years by the Congress. They are eligible for re-election. Members of the Council can no longer hold office after the 31st of December following their 70th <u>65th</u> birthday. With the exception of the Executive Director, the members of Council are not remunerated by FISA but may receive reimbursement of expenses.	<u>British Federation proposal approved with a vote of 77 in favour, 32 against (70.6%).</u>

Bye-Law to Article 39 - Election of Members of the Council	[No Change proposed]	
<i>The President, Vice President and Treasurer are elected at the Ordinary Congress in the year following each Olympic Games.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1. The Chairs of the Events, Umpiring, Competitive, Women's, Masters, Media, Marketing and Promotions, and Adaptive Commissions are elected in the second year after each Olympic Games.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2. The Chairs of the Materials, Youth, Sports Medicine, Rowing for All and Athletes Commissions are elected in the third year after each Olympic Games.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>3. The Executive Committee shall give notice of those positions on the Council which are due for election at the time of sending out the Convening Notice for the Congress; that is, at least four months before the Congress</i>	<i>3. The Executive Committee shall give notice of those positions on the Council which are due for election at the time of sending out the Convening Notice for the Congress ; that is, at least four months before the Congress.</i>	<u>Bye-Law change submitted to the Congress was confirmed unanimously.</u>
<i>4. The notice will call for nominations for the positions to be elected by the Congress. The nomination shall be made by the member federation of the person nominated and shall be received at FISA headquarters no later than three months before the date of the Congress.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>5. No later than one month after the closing date for nominations FISA shall send to all member federations a list of all nominations received by the closing date</i>	[No Change proposed]	
Article 40 - Appointment of the Executive Director	[No Change proposed]	
The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. He shall be supported by administrative staff. He is also the Secretary General.	[No Change proposed]	

Article 41 - Appointment of the Continental Representatives	[No Change proposed]	
The Council shall appoint a Continental Representative for each of the following continents or sub-continents: Africa, Asia, Oceania, South America and North America (including Central America and the Caribbean).	The Council shall appoint a Continental Representative for each of the following continents or sub-continents: Africa, Asia, <u>Europe</u> , Oceania, South America and North America (including Central America and the Caribbean).	<u>German Federation proposal approved unanimously.</u>
They are appointed in the Olympic year for a four year term and may be reappointed. In making the appointment, the Council may consult the member federations concerned. Continental Representatives should become members or ex-officio members of the Executive Committee of the appropriate rowing Confederations in their continent for the period of their appointment.	[No Change proposed]	
Continental Representatives shall serve as liaisons between the Council and the member federations in their respective continents. The Executive Committee may entrust Continental Representatives with specific duties. Continental Representatives shall be ex-officio members of the Development Commission.	Continental Representatives shall serve as liaisons between the Council and the member federations in their respective continents. The Executive Committee may entrust Continental Representatives with specific duties. Continental Representatives shall be ex-officio members of the Development <u>Cross</u> Commission.	<u>Egyptian Federation proposal approved unanimously.</u>
Article 42 - Honorary Members	[No Change proposed]	
The Council may propose that the Congress grant the honorary title of their office to former members of the Council who have rendered distinguished service to the cause of international rowing. They shall act in an honorary capacity.	<u>On the proposal of Council</u> , may propose that the Congress <u>may confer</u> grant the honorary the title " <u>Honorary Council Member</u> " of their office to former a <u>on a retired Council member</u> of the Council <u>who has</u> have rendered distinguished service to the cause of international rowing.	<u>Slightly amended Council proposal approved unanimously.</u>
	<u>Honorary Council Members shall not, however, be entitled to participate in the work of Council. Specifically, they shall have no voting rights.</u>	
Article 43 - Decisions of the Council	[No Change proposed]	

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Decisions of the Council shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast. In the case of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote. The Executive Director does not participate in the voting.	Decisions of the Council shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast. In the case of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote. <u>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.</u>	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
Article 44 - Duties of the Council	[No Change proposed]	<u>All proposed changes in Article 44 were approved unanimously.</u>
The duties of the Council shall be:	[No Change proposed]	
1. To take such steps as may be necessary to achieve the Objects laid down in Article 2 of the Statutes.	[No Change proposed]	
2. To ensure the execution of decisions taken by Congress and to establish the duties of the individual members of the Council and the duties of the Commissions.	[No Change proposed]	
3. To adopt and amend Bye-laws made under the Statutes and Rules of Racing and to adopt and amend Regulations for FISA Events.	3. To adopt and amend Bye-laws made under the Statutes and Rules of Racing and to adopt and amend <u>Event</u> Regulations for FISA Events .	
4. To ensure the observance of the Statutes, Rules of Racing and Regulations for FISA Events and any associated Bye-Laws.	4. To ensure the observance of the Statutes, Rules of Racing and <u>Event</u> Regulations for FISA Events and any associated Bye-Laws.	
5. To ensure the maintenance of proper standards in the organisation of FISA Events, International Regattas, Olympic Regattas and, in general, all events and competitions conducted under the authority of FISA.	[No Change proposed]	
6. To select the most suitable candidate(s) for the World Championships and propose it (them) to the Congress for final approval (in accordance with Rule 5).	6. To select the most suitable <u>bids from</u> candidate <u>national federations for the organisation</u> of World Championships and propose it (them) to the Congress for final approval (in accordance with Rule 5).	

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7. To propose three Commission Chairs to Congress to be elected to the Executive Committee in accordance with Art. 48.	[No Change proposed]	
8. To appoint Continental Representatives in accordance with Article 41 and members of the various Commissions in accordance with the proposals of the Chairs of the Commissions concerned and with the approval of the member federation of the person concerned.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 45 - Duties of the Council Members	[No Change proposed]	
The duties of the Members of the Council shall be set out as Bye-Laws.	[No Change proposed]	
<i>Bye-Law to Article 44 - Duties of the Council Members</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>a. Duties of the President</i>	[No Change proposed]	
The President of FISA:	[No Change proposed]	
1. leads and represents FISA;	[No Change proposed]	
2. chairs the Congresses, Council and Executive Committee meetings, Joint Commissions Meetings, and other meetings, where appropriate, and which are organised within FISA or by FISA. In the absence of the President meetings are chaired by the nominee of the President;	[No Change proposed]	
3. defines the policies to be followed by FISA in co-operation with the Council and the Congress;	[No Change proposed]	
4. suggests initiatives to promote FISA's goals, delegates tasks to members of the Executive Committee, the Council, Commissions and working groups, in addition to those outlined in the Statutes and Bye-Laws, and	[No Change proposed]	

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encourages the member federations to be active contributors to the advancement of rowing;		
5. submits a report to the Ordinary Congress each year; and	[No Change proposed]	
6. may make necessary decisions in urgent circumstances, if it is not possible to consult the relevant parties within FISA. Such decisions shall be deemed to be decisions of the Council for the purposes of Article 31.	6. may make necessary decisions in urgent circumstances, if it is not possible to consult the relevant parties within FISA. Such decisions shall be deemed to be decisions of the Council for the purposes of Article 31 Article 32.	<u>Bye-Law change submitted to the Congress was confirmed unanimously.</u>
b. Duties of the Vice President	[No Change proposed]	
The Vice President of FISA:	[No Change proposed]	
1. carries out such duties as are delegated by the President;	[No Change proposed]	
2. is responsible for representing FISA when the President is unable to do so, or when requested by the Executive Committee;	[No Change proposed]	
3. works on special assignments and working groups when requested to do so by the Executive Committee or the Council. These assignments or working groups may concern the internal affairs of FISA or FISA's relations with other bodies;	[No Change proposed]	
4. chairs the Development Cross-Commission; and,	[No Change proposed]	
5. submits a report to the Ordinary Congress each year.	[No Change proposed]	
c. Duties of the Treasurer	[No Change proposed]	
The Treasurer of FISA:	[No Change proposed]	
1. is responsible for the financial management of FISA;	[No Change proposed]	
2. prepares FISA's long-term financial plan having regard to	[No Change proposed]	

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the four year Olympic cycle;		
3. is responsible for keeping the Executive Committee and Council informed of FISA's financial situation by means of management accounts;	[No Change proposed]	
4. oversees the management of FISA's assets, the adequacy of insurance, the financial terms of major contracts and staff remuneration in consultation with the President and the Executive Director; and,	[No Change proposed]	
5. oversees the preparation of the annual budget and the annual accounts, and presents them to the Ordinary Congress, liaises with the Executive Director in order to monitor the progress of income and expenditure during the year, and seeks approval from the Executive Committee for significant deviations from budget.	[No Change proposed]	
	6. <u>submits a report to the Ordinary Congress each year.</u>	<u>Bye-Law change submitted to the Congress was confirmed unanimously.</u>
<i>d. Duties of the Executive Director</i>	[No Change proposed]	
The Executive Director of FISA:	[No Change proposed]	
1. is responsible for the effective management of FISA, within the policies and objectives approved from time to time by the FISA Council;	[No Change proposed]	
2. is supervised by the President and operates within the limits of authority and budget approved by the Executive Committee and the Council;	[No Change proposed]	

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3. selects and engages the staff of FISA within the manpower plan and budget approved by the Council, and is responsible for the direction and management of the staff;	[No Change proposed]	
4. prepares the annual Business Plan as well as the Olympic Cycle (four year) Business Plan in consultation with the Executive Committee for approval by the Council; and,	[No Change proposed]	
5. submits a report to the Ordinary Congress each year.	[No Change proposed]	
e. Duties of the Commission Chairs	[No Change proposed]	
The Chairs of the Commissions of FISA:	[No Change proposed]	
1. advise, direct and represent the Council in their technical areas;	[No Change proposed]	
2. chair commission meetings and allocate duties to the commission members in accordance with the Commission Duty Statement;.	[No Change proposed]	
3. prepare annual budget proposals with the Executive Director for approval by the Executive Committee;	[No Change proposed]	
4. propose appointments to their commissions for approval by the Council; and,	[No Change proposed]	
5. report to the Council on technical matters related to their commissions and submit reports on their commissions' activities to the Ordinary Congress each year.	[No Change proposed]	
f. Duties of the Continental Representatives	[No Change proposed]	

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The Continental Representatives of FISA:	[No Change proposed]	
1. represent FISA within their continents;	[No Change proposed]	
2. promote rowing and maintain close and regular contact with the member federations and regatta organisers in their continents;	[No Change proposed]	
3. take any necessary action in cases of non-observance of the Statutes or Rules of Racing in their continents and, in all such cases, submit reports to the Executive Committee;	[No Change proposed]	
4. ensure the proper organisation of international regattas held within their continents.	ensure the proper organisation of <u>observe the major</u> international regattas held within their continents	<u>Bye-Law change submitted to the Congress was confirmed unanimously.</u>
5. submit reports to the Ordinary Congress each year. For this purpose they may request reports from the member federations within their continents;	[No Change proposed]	
Article 46 - Council Meetings	[No Change proposed]	
The Council shall normally meet at least three times per year as decided by the Executive 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.	[No Change proposed]	
The Agendas for all meetings are established by the Executive Committee. Reports on Council meetings shall be circulated to all member federations and Council and Commission members within one month of the meeting.	[No Change proposed]	

PART III C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	[No Change proposed]	
Article 47 - Executive Committee	[No Change proposed]	
The Executive Committee consists of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, three Commission Chairs and the non-voting Executive Director.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 48 - Election of the Members of the Executive Committee	[No Change proposed]	
The Executive Committee is elected at the Ordinary Congress in the year following each Olympic Games. The elections for President, Vice President and Treasurer are direct votes by the Congress. The three Commission Chairs shall be elected individually to the Executive Committee by the Congress based on a proposal from the Council. If one or more proposed Commission Chair does not receive a clear majority of valid votes cast, there will be additional rounds of voting where all Commission Chairs shall be eligible for election.	The Executive Committee is elected at the Ordinary Congress in the year following each Olympic Games. The elections for President, Vice President and Treasurer are direct votes by the Congress. The three Commission Chairs shall be elected individually to the Executive Committee by the Congress based on a proposal from the Council. If one or more proposed Commission Chair does not receive a clear majority of valid votes cast according to Art. 36 , there will be additional rounds of voting where all Commission Chairs shall be eligible for election to any unfilled position .	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
Article 49 -Decisions of the Executive Committee	[No Change proposed]	
Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast. In the case of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote.	Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be 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.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
Article 50 - Duties of the Executive Committee	[No Change proposed]	
The duties of the Executive Committee shall be (inter alia):	[No Change proposed]	
1. To be responsible for the directional guidance of FISA's programmes with the relevant Council Members,	[No Change proposed]	

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<p>Commission Members, Working Group Members, Organising Committees and member Federations.</p>		
<p>2. To be responsible for the administrative and financial management of FISA. To this end, the Executive Committee may establish administrative offices with remunerated personnel.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>3. To make any decisions appropriate to the circumstances in the interests of the sport of rowing.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>4. To interpret and rule on appeals by member federations on disputes regarding the provisions of the Statutes, Rules of Racing and Regulations for FISA Events.</p>	<p>To <u>decide all questions of interpretation</u> interpret and rule on appeals by member federations on disputes regarding the provisions of the Statutes, Rules of Racing and <u>Event Regulations or Bye-Laws for FISA Events.</u></p>	<p><u>Proposed changes were approved unanimously.</u></p>
<p>5. To impose penalties, at any time, as provided for in Article 63, on member federations, clubs, or individuals who breach the Statutes, Rules, Regulations for FISA Events or Bye-Laws or who refuse to conform to instructions given, or who behave in a negligent or inappropriate manner.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>6. To issue convening notices and the relevant Agenda Papers for Congresses and Council meetings, and to keep member federations informed of the affairs of FISA.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>7. To ensure FISA is represented by its President or by one of its Council members at important events and meetings of other organisations.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
	<p>8. <u>To perform all other duties of the Executive Committee as established in FISA's Statutes, Rules, Event Regulations and Bye-Laws.</u></p>	

	<u>9. To assume all responsibilities which are not expressly attributed to another entity within FISA.</u>	
Article 51 - Executive Committee Meetings	[No Change proposed]	
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.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 52 - Casual Vacancies	[No Change proposed]	
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.	[No Change proposed]	
PART III D. COMMISSIONS	[No Change proposed]	
Article 53 - Commissions	[No Change proposed]	
The Council may establish Commissions having special duties and, in particular, in the following fields:	[No Change proposed]	
-Adaptive Rowing	[No Change proposed]	
-Athletes,	[No Change proposed]	
-Competitive Rowing,	[No Change proposed]	
-Development,	[No Change proposed]	

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-Events,	[No Change proposed]	
-Masters Rowing,	[No Change proposed]	
-Materials,	[No Change proposed]	
-Media, Marketing and Promotion,	-Media, Marketing and Promotion,	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
-Rowing for All,	[No Change proposed]	
-Sports Medicine,	[No Change proposed]	
-Umpiring,	[No Change proposed]	
-Women's Rowing,	[No Change proposed]	
-Youth Rowing.	[No Change proposed]	
The Development and Women's Rowing Commissions are Cross Commissions whose members are drawn from amongst the Council and other Commission members. The Development Commission is chaired by the Vice President.	The Development and Women's Rowing Commissions are Cross Commissions whose members are drawn from amongst the Council and other Commission members. The Development Commission is chaired by the Vice President.	<u>Egyptian Federation proposal approved unanimously.</u>
The Women's Rowing Commission is chaired by an elected Chair who is a member of Council and is not necessarily a member of another Commission.	The Women's Rowing Commission is chaired by an elected Chair who is <u>shall be</u> a member of Council and is not necessarily a member of another Commission.	<u>Approved in the above vote.</u>
These Commissions shall consist, in principle, of a minimum of two and a maximum of six members appointed by the Council for a period of four years which may be renewed, in addition to the Chair who shall be a member of the Council. The Council shall determine from time to time the size of each Commission within these limits.	These Commissions shall consist, in principle, of a minimum of two <u>four</u> and a maximum of six members appointed by the Council for a period of four years which may be renewed, in addition to the Chair who shall be a member of the Council. The Council shall determine from time to time the size of each Commission within these limits.	<u>Egyptian proposal withdrawn.</u>

	These Commissions shall consist, in principle, of a minimum of two of four to and a maximum of six eight members appointed by the Council for a period of four years which may be renewed, in addition to the Chair who shall be a member of the Council. The Council shall determine from time to time the size of each Commission within these limits.	<u>Approved in the above vote.</u>
	FISA Council may appoint honorary members in the specialist commissions in addition to the commissions members after consultation with the chairs of the concerned commissions	<u>Egyptian proposal withdrawn.</u>
The Council shall seek to achieve a gender balance for Commission membership consistent with that in the sport of rowing. The Commissions shall meet as required when so requisitioned by their Chairs. The Council is also permitted to create Working Groups for specific tasks and to entrust occasional assignments to non-members of the Council.	[No Change proposed]	
Commission members may no longer serve after 31st December following their 65th birthday.		
	Commission members may no longer serve after 31st December following their 70th 65th birthday.	<u>British Federation proposal failed to achieve 67% (73 yes, 38 no). Existing age of 65 stays.</u>
Bye-Law to Article 53 - Appointments to Commissions	[No Change proposed]	
<i>For all commissions, except Cross Commissions, FISA will call for nominations for Commission membership in the year of election of the Commission Chair. Candidates shall be nominated in writing by their member Federations no later than the end of the Congress of that year. Appointments of Commission members are made by the Council on the recommendation of the newly elected Commission Chairs. Member federations nominating</i>	<i>For all commissions, except Cross Commissions, FISA will call for nominations for Commission membership in the year of election of the Commission Chair. Candidates shall be nominated in writing by their member Federations no later than the end of the Congress of that year. Appointments of Commission members are made by the Council on the recommendation of the newly elected Commission Chairs. Member federations nominating candidates are expected to</i>	<u>All proposed changes to Bye-Law to Article 53 submitted to the Congress were confirmed unanimously.</u>

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<i>candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission members, if they are appointed.</i>	<i>commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission members, if they are appointed. <u>In case of a casual vacancy in a Commission, the Executive Committee may replace the member concerned.</u></i>	
Recognised Working Groups:	Recognised Working Groups <u>and Management Boards:</u>	
1. Working Group on Rowing and the Environment.		
	<u>2. European Rowing Management Board</u>	
Article 54 - Duties of the Commissions	Article 54 - Duties of the Commissions, <u>Working Groups and Management Boards</u>	
The duties, authority and field of activity of each Commission shall be set out in the Bye-Laws.	[No Change proposed]	
Bye-Law to Article 54 - Duties of the Commissions	Bye-Law to Article 54 - Duties of the Commissions, <u>Working Groups and Management Boards</u>	
1. Terms of Reference	[No Change proposed]	
<i>Each Commission:</i>	<i>Each Commission, <u>Working Group and Management Board:</u></i>	
<i>1.1 meets at least twice a year; one of the meetings is, in principle, held at the major event for that commission for that year e.g. FISA World Championships, FISA World Masters Regatta; and another at the annual Joint Commissions Meeting.</i>	<i>1.1 meets at least twice a year; one of the meetings is, in principle, held at the major event for that commission for that year e.g. FISA World Championships, FISA World Masters Regatta; and another at the annual Joint Commissions Meeting.</i>	
<i>1.2 will liaise with the President, the Council and the FISA secretariat through its Chair.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.3 will liaise with other commissions generally and at joint commissions meetings.</i>	[No Change proposed]	

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1.4 will provide an annual report to the Council and any other reports as required.	[No Change proposed]	
1.5 is responsible for producing and circulating minutes of Commission meetings to the Council.	[No Change proposed]	
2. Working Groups	2. Working Groups <u>and Management Boards</u>	
2.1 Working Groups, appointed for specific tasks, report to the Council.	2.1 Working Groups, appointed for specific tasks, report to the Council through their Chair.	
	<u>2.1.1 The Working Group on Rowing and the Environment shall consist of four expert members appointed by the Council to serve two year terms.</u>	
	<u>2.2 Management Boards, created for specific reasons as defined by the Council, report to the Council through their Chair.</u>	
	<u>2.2.1 The European Rowing Management Board shall consist of three European members appointed by the FISA Council and four members elected by the European Member Federations at the annual General Assembly. The FISA Council shall appoint one of the seven members to act as Chair. The members of the Board shall each serve for a period of four years, which can be renewed, subject to re-appointment or re-election as appropriate.</u>	
3. Specific Duties of the Commissions	[No Change proposed]	
Adaptive Rowing Commission	[No Change proposed]	
1. Areas of Responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
1.1 To oversee all areas of adaptive rowing.	[No Change proposed]	
1.2 To increase participation in adaptive rowing at all levels of performance.	[No Change proposed]	

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1.3 <i>To promote and monitor trends in adaptive rowing at national, international and Paralympic levels.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
1.4 <i>To provide advice on adaptive rowing as required by FISA.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2. Objectives and Activities	[No Change proposed]	
2.1 <i>To develop inclusive policies within FISA.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.2 <i>To develop inclusive on-water and indoor rowing competition.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.3 <i>To include adaptive rowing in active life programmes.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
Athletes Commission	[No Change proposed]	
1. General Areas of Responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
1.1 <i>To provide a means of ensuring that the Council of FISA is aware of the opinions of current active rowers concerning major issues affecting the sport.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2. Objectives and Activities	[No Change proposed]	
2.1 <i>To establish a network of representative rowers throughout the world for a wide canvassing of opinion.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.2 <i>To assist the Executive Committee in convening and conducting competitors' meetings at World Rowing Championships.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.3 <i>To be available to hear the views of rowers on FISA matters and to channel them to FISA Council.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.4 <i>To advise the Council on any matters referred to the</i>	[No Change proposed]	

Commission.		
2.5 To analyse World Rowing Championship and Olympic Organisation and to report its findings to the Council.	[No Change proposed]	
2.6 To make known to the Council the views of competitors on any matter in the field of competitive rowing,-including Olympic, sprint, adaptive, ergometer, coastal etc, as it sees fit.	2.6 To make known to the Council the views of competitors on any matter in the field of competitive rowing, <u>in all its forms</u> -including Olympic, sprint, adaptive, ergometer, coastal etc, as it sees fit.	
3. Membership	[No Change proposed]	
3.1 Members of this Commission can no longer serve on the commission after 31st December following the eighth anniversary of their last participation as a competitor at a World Rowing Championships or Olympic Games.	[No Change proposed]	
3.2 The Chair of the Commission must be eligible for membership of the Commission at the time of election to the chair, and may then serve a full four-year term as Chair.	[No Change proposed]	
Competitive Rowing Commission	[No Change proposed]	
1. General Areas of Responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
1.1 To increase participation in all types of competitive rowing, including Olympic, sprint, ergometer, etc.	[No Change proposed]	
1.2 To raise standards in competitive rowing.	[No Change proposed]	
	<u>1.3 To provide advice to the Council on all matters related to competitive rowing, especially at FISA Events.</u>	
2. Objectives and Activities	[No Change proposed]	
2.1 COACHING; To undertake the following activities in the	[No Change proposed]	

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<i>coaching field:</i>		
2.1.1 <i>Coach identification and recruitment</i>	2.1.1 <i><u>Advise on</u> coach identification and recruitment</i>	
2.1.2 <i>Liaison with coaches</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.1.3 <i>Coach education</i>	2.1.3 <i><u>Advise on</u> coach education</i>	
2.1.4 <i>Implementation of Coaching Development Programme in conjunction with the Development Commission;</i>	2.1.4 <i><u>Assistance in the</u> implementation of Coaching Development Programme in conjunction with the Development Commission;</i>	
2.1.5 <i>Annual FISA Coaches Conference</i>	2.1.5 <i><u>Staging of the a</u>nnual FISA Coaches Conference</i>	
2.1.6 <i>Specific coaching courses and seminars</i>	2.1.6 <i><u>Assistance in s</u>pecific coaching courses and seminars</i>	
2.1.7 <i>Production of coach education material</i>	2.1.7 <i><u>Assistance in the p</u>roduction of coach education material</i>	
2.1.8 <i>Implementation of coach communication network</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.2 <i>COMPETITION; To undertake the following activities in relation to competition:</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.2.1 <i>Regulation of international rowing competition in terms of (i) composition (events, boat-classes, categories), (ii) conditions, (iii) environment, (iv) international regatta programme,</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.2.2 <i>Promotion and development of competitions.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.2.3 <i>Analysis and review of competition from the point of view of changes e.g. in competitive standards, social and financial environment, global mobility, participation levels.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2.2.4 <i>Development of alternative and of complementary types of competition.</i>	[No Change proposed]	

	<u>2.2.5 Undertaking the tasks delegated to it by the Council or the Rules in relation to FISA Events, such as seeding.</u>	
Development Commission	[No Change proposed]	
1. General Area of Responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
1.1 To promote the universality of rowing in all its aspects.	[No Change proposed]	
1.2 To plan and co-ordinate the FISA Development Programme Activities, to be carried out by relevant commissions.	[No Change proposed]	
1.3 To manage the FISA Development Budget.	[No Change proposed]	
2. Objectives and Activities	[No Change proposed]	
2.1 To increase the number of federations affiliated with FISA.	[No Change proposed]	
2.2 To help raise the standards of rowing amongst member federations, particularly in the developing rowing nations.	[No Change proposed]	
2.3 To produce a high quality of programme educational material.	[No Change proposed]	
2.4 To plan and co-ordinate educational courses and seminars world wide.	[No Change proposed]	
2.5 To plan and co-ordinate the FISA Boat Collection and Boat Building Programmes.	[No Change proposed]	
2.6 To stimulate a greater number of rowing federations to participate in FISA Championships and the Olympic Games.	[No Change proposed]	
Events Commission	[No Change proposed]	
1. General Area of Responsibility	[No Change proposed]	

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<p>1.1 To set and monitor the standards of international regattas and of all FISA events with regard to the venue, the technical installations and the organisation of the events.</p>	<p>1.1 To set and monitor the standards of international regattas and of all FISA events with regard to the venue, the technical installations, <u>the safety of rowers</u> and the organisation of the events.</p>	<p><u>(slight change in wording as proposed by the British Federation)</u></p>
<p>2. Objectives and Activities</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>2.1 To advise and assist Organising Committees to improve the standard of facilities and regatta courses for all major competitive events.</p>	<p>2.1 To advise and assist Organising Committees to improve the standard of facilities and regatta courses for all major international competitive events.</p>	
<p>2.2 To maintain and improve the standard of regatta organisation at all major competitive events in co-operation with the Umpiring Commission.</p>	<p>2.2 To maintain and improve the standard of regatta organisation at all major competitive <u>international</u> events in co-operation with the Umpiring Commission.</p>	
<p>2.3 To provide advice and guidance at every stage from initial concept to final commissioning in the development of new courses and new regattas.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>2.4 To monitor and co-ordinate changes to the structure of the FISA international regatta calendar in co-operation with the Competitive Rowing Commission.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>2.5 To prepare and regularly update documents and manuals which specify the FISA requirements for all aspects of: a) the upgrading of existing courses; b) the development of new courses; c) the organisation of championships and major regattas.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>2.6 To visit and inspect regatta courses and regattas.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>2.7 To provide members for the technical group responsible for inspecting candidates for future championships and Olympic Games.</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	

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2.8 To advise and assist Organising Committees in the organisation of international events for sprint rowing, adaptive rowing, ergometer rowing and coastal rowing.	[No Change proposed]	
Masters Rowing Commission	[No Change proposed]	
1. General Area of Responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
1.1 To promote Masters rowing in all its forms on a national and international basis.	[No Change proposed]	
2. Objectives and Activities	[No Change proposed]	
2.1 To organise a world-wide FISA World Masters Regatta annually.	[No Change proposed]	
2.2 To prepare the annual Masters Regatta Calendar.	[No Change proposed]	
2.3 To publish written information in consultation with the Media, Marketing and Promotions Commission.	2.3 To publish written information in consultation with the Media, Marketing and Promotions Commission.	
Materials Commission	[No Change proposed]	
1. General Areas of Responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
1.1 To define and ensure compliance with rules concerning boats and equipment for all types of FISA events, including Olympic, adaptive, ergometer, coastal etc.	[No Change proposed]	
1.2 To support development in the field of rowing equipment.	[No Change proposed]	
2. Objectives and Activities	[No Change proposed]	
2.1 To check rowing equipment from the point of view of safety of the rowers.	[No Change proposed]	

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2.2 To co-operate in the Development Programme of FISA.	[No Change proposed]	
2.3 To encourage the production of inexpensive rowing equipment complying with specified standards.	[No Change proposed]	
2.4 To work in co-operation with the Control Commission at FISA World Championships.	[No Change proposed]	
2.5 To organise and conduct courses on boat building and repairs.	[No Change proposed]	
2.6 To meet with manufacturers of rowing equipment.	[No Change proposed]	
2.7 To produce theoretical material and drawings for rowing material including maintenance manuals.	[No Change proposed]	
	<u>2.8 To review and evaluate new technology applicable to the sport of rowing.</u>	
	<u>2.9 To collect and review scientific information available for the sport of rowing.</u>	
Media, Marketing and Promotion Commission	Media, Marketing and Promotion Commission	
1. General Areas of responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
<p>1.1 To advise on the policy and strategic planning of FISA's marketing, media, communications, promotion and television activities;</p> <p>1.2 To monitor progress in these areas and to provide input to and receive feedback from those responsible for the detailed execution;</p> <p>1.3 To provide, where needed, technical support;</p>	<p>1.1 <u>to provide and coordinate presentation of FISA events;</u></p> <p>1.2 <u>to advise on the policy and strategic planning of FISA's promotion activities in media, communications and any public relations;</u></p> <p>1.3 <u>to advise on FISA's development of advertising rules and guidelines;</u></p> <p>1.4 <u>to support FISA publications (print and electronic) in co-</u></p>	

<p>1.4 To be a resource with ideas for the promotion of: a. existing events; b. new events; c. development initiatives, and;</p> <p>1.5 To provide educational advice in these fields to national federations.</p>	<p><u>operation with the professional FISA staff;</u></p> <p>1.5 <u>To produce promotions-related publications in areas of assistance to national federations;</u></p> <p>1.6 <u>to provide, where needed, technical support for promotions activities;</u></p> <p>1.7 <u>to be a resource with ideas on the subject of promotion of all FISA events and development initiatives;</u></p> <p>1.8 <u>to provide education advice in these fields to national federations.</u></p> <p>1.9 <u>To identify and propose to FISA suitable candidates from the world rowing community to be nominated for appropriate international awards and distinctions.</u></p>	
<p>Rowing for All Commission</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>1. General Area of Responsibility</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>1.1 To promote on a national and international basis all the following forms of rowing: a. touring, b. fitness and recreational, c. traditional and fixed seat, d. ergometer rowing.</p>	<p>1.1 To promote on a national and international basis all the following forms of rowing: a. touring, b. fitness and recreational <u>rowing, b. e-coastal and traditional rowing-and-fixed seat, c. d.</u> ergometer rowing.</p>	
<p>2. Objectives and Activities</p>	<p>[No Change proposed]</p>	
<p>2.1 Touring: To establish annually one or several FISA Tours for different age groups and to advise the national federations organizing them.</p>	<p>2.1 Touring, <u>Fitness and Recreational Rowing</u>: To establish annually one or several FISA Tours for different age groups, <u>and</u> to advise the national federations organising them. and to promote <u>fitness and recreational activities this movement</u> in affiliated countries.</p>	
<p>2.2 Fitness and Recreational: To establish regattas for fitness and recreational boat classes and to promote this movement in</p>	<p><u>2.2 Coastal and Traditional Rowing: To stage an annual FISA Coastal Rowing Championship for Clubs and to promote coastal</u></p>	

<i>affiliated countries.</i>	<u><i>rowing in member federations.</i></u>	
<i>2.3 Traditional and Fixed Seat: To link organisers of traditional and fixed seat events and to promote traditional and fixed seat rowing organisations on an international basis.</i>	<i>2.3 Ergometer Rowing: To promote and facilitate the international development of the rowing ergometer movement.</i>	
<i>2.4 Ergometer Rowing: To promote and facilitate the international development of the rowing ergometer movement.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
Sports Medicine Commission	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1. General Areas of Responsibility</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.1 To oversee and advise on all medical aspects related to rowing.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.2 To monitor medical services at regattas.</i>	<i>1.2 To monitor medical <u>and safety</u> services at <u>World Rowing Championships and regattas of the Rowing World Cup.</u></i>	
<i>1.3 To investigate and promote the prevention of sports injuries.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.4 To study, monitor and publicise biological aspects of training.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.5 To assist in the basic medical education of coaches.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.6 To regulate and undertake doping control.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2. Objectives and Activities</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.1 To provide advice and recommendations on request to the Council, Coaches Conference and national federations.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.2 To formulate and publish guidelines for medical services.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.3 To document literature related to exercise physiology, sports</i>	[No Change proposed]	

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<i>medicine and biomechanics.</i>		
<i>2.4 To formulate and publish anti-doping rules and to assist in putting them into effect.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.5 To participate in the FISA Coaches Conference.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.6 To provide information by way of published material.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
Umpiring Commission	[No Change proposed]	
1. General Areas of Responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.1 To promote umpiring throughout the world.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.2 To standardise umpiring and to maintain and improve the quality of umpiring in general, in particular at FISA World Championships, and at international events (regattas, sprints, adaptive, ergometer, coastal, etc) throughout the world.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.3 To monitor the qualifications and quality of international umpires.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2. Objectives and Activities	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.1 To maintain and develop selection criteria for juries at FISA World Championships.</i>	<i>2.1 To maintain and develop selection criteria for juries at FISA <u>Events</u>.</i>	
<i>2.2 To supervise the work of the juries at FISA World Championships.</i>	<i>2.2 To supervise the work of the juries at <u>World Rowing Championships</u>.</i>	
<i>2.3 To give advice to members of the juries at FISA World Championships and at other times when requested.</i>	<i>2.3 To give advice to members of the juries at FISA World Championships and at other times when requested.</i>	
<i>2.4 To be represented at all FISA World Championships and</i>	<i>2.4 To be represented at all FISA World Championships and FISA</i>	

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<i>FISA events.</i>	<i>events.</i>	
<i>2.5 To conduct umpires' seminars using the most modern educational techniques and methods.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.6 To conduct examinations for international umpires licences.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.7 To be represented at as many international regattas as possible.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.8 To take part in jury meetings at international regattas.</i>	<i>2.8 To attend jury meetings at international regattas.</i>	
Women's Rowing Commission	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1. General Areas of Responsibility</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.1 To promote participation in women's events.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.2 To oversee all areas of women's activity in rowing.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.3 To identify and promote women in administration, coaching, umpiring and research.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2. Objectives and Activities</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.1 To establish better communication with national federations and to meet with teams.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.2 To assist FISA in promotion and public relations.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.3 To co-operate with other international sport federations.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.4 To co-operate in the FISA Development Programme.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>2.5 To investigate and evaluate regatta results, numbers of participants, weight limits etc.</i>	[No Change proposed]	

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2.6 To establish and maintain contacts with people responsible for women's rowing in each national federation.	[No Change proposed]	
2.7 To organise seminars.	[No Change proposed]	
2.8 To report each year to the FISA Congress.	[No Change proposed]	
2.9 To collect material for publicity and promotion of women's rowing.	[No Change proposed]	
Youth Rowing Commission (Men and Women)	[No Change proposed]	
1. General Areas of Responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
1.1 To oversee all areas of youth rowing.	[No Change proposed]	
1.2 To increase participation in youth rowing at all levels of performance.	[No Change proposed]	
1.3 To monitor trends in youth rowing at national and international levels.	[No Change proposed]	
1.4 To provide advice on youth rowing as required by FISA.	[No Change proposed]	
2. Objectives and Activities	[No Change proposed]	
2.1 To support the FISA Development Programme.	[No Change proposed]	
2.2 To broaden youth participation especially amongst developing rowing nations.	[No Change proposed]	
2.3 To represent the interests of junior rowing when decisions about the competition system are to be made.	2.3 To represent the interests of junior youth rowing when decisions about the competition system are to be made.	
2.4 To provide themes for the FISA Junior Coaches Conference.	2.4 To provide themes for and facilitate the FISA Junior Youth	

	<i>Coaches Conference.</i>	
<i>2.5 To maintain and improve contact with coaches and athletes at the World Junior Championships, e.g. by holding meetings.</i>	<i>2.5 To maintain and improve contact with coaches and athletes at the World Junior <u>and Under 23</u> Championships, e.g. by holding meetings.</i>	
<i>2.6 To assist and advise during the preparation of the organisation of the World Junior Championships.</i>	<i>2.6 To assist and advise during the preparation of the organisation of the World Junior <u>and Under 23</u> Championships.</i>	
<i>2.7 To analyse the organisation, entries and results of the World Junior Championships and to publish the results.</i>	<i>2.7 To analyse the organisation, entries and results of the World Junior <u>and Under 23</u> Championships and to publish the results.</i>	
<i>2.8 To assist the Control Commission at the World Junior Championships.</i>	<i>2.8 To assist the Control Commission at the World Junior <u>and Under 23</u> Championships.</i>	
4. Duties of the Working Groups	[No Change proposed]	
Working Group on Rowing and the Environment	[No Change proposed]	
1. General Area of Responsibility	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.1 Promote environmental responsibility in the planning and staging of events, design and construction of new rowing facilities;</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.2 Raise awareness on environmental issues throughout the rowing community;</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.3 Liaise with external institutions such as public authorities, environmental organisations and other sporting bodies;</i>	[No Change proposed]	
<i>1.4 Monitor and evaluate the applications of FISA's environmental policies and guidelines.</i>	[No Change proposed]	
2. Objectives and Activities	[No Change proposed]	

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2.1 Create and revise policy and assist in its implementation.	[No Change proposed]	
2.2 Create environmental regulations for FISA operated events and monitor their application.	[No Change proposed]	
2.3 Make recommendations for planning, siting, design, construction and operation of new facilities.	[No Change proposed]	
2.4 Suggest guidelines to national federations for environmentally responsible operations of rowing clubs.	[No Change proposed]	
2.5 Make recommendations for environmental codes of conduct for the rowing community.	[No Change proposed]	
2.6 Undertake projects and programs which fulfil FISA's environmental policies.	[No Change proposed]	
	<u>2. European Rowing Management Board</u>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>General Areas of Responsibility</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 <u>To be responsible for directional guidance, promotion and development of European rowing.</u> 1.2 <u>To manage rowing competitions among the rowers of the European member federations.</u> 2. <u>Objectives and Duties</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 <u>To ensure that European Rowing Championships are successfully staged every year.</u> 2.2 <u>To determine the format, programme and timing of the European Rowing Championships.</u> 2.3 <u>To make any decisions appropriate to the circumstances in the interests of European Rowing.</u> 2.4 <u>To hold an annual General Assembly.</u> 2.5 <u>To ensure the execution of decisions taken by the General Assembly.</u> 2.6 <u>To ensure the observance of the Constitution and Rules of the European Rowing Championships.</u> 2.7 <u>To ensure the maintenance of proper standards in the</u> 	

	<p><u>organising of the European Rowing Championships and European Junior Rowing Championships.</u></p> <p>2.8 <u>To increase participation in European Rowing Championships.</u></p> <p>2.9 <u>To investigate other forms of rowing competition (Under 23, ergometer rowing, etc).</u></p>	
CHAPTER IV - INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS	[No Change proposed]	
Article 55 -Commitment	[No Change proposed]	
Any party which deals with FISA, is a member of FISA or shares in its activities including a party which:	[No Change proposed]	<u>All proposed changes in Article 55 approved unanimously.</u>
a) participates in an event under the authority of FISA;	[No Change proposed]	
b) acts as an official (trainer, coach, team manager, delegate, representative etc) of a team, a club or a member federation;	b) acts as an official (trainer, coach, team manager, delegate, representative etc) of a team, a club, a member federation, <u>or recognised confederation;</u>	
c) officiates as an international umpire or in a similar role;	[No Change proposed]	
d) organises or participates in a competition which is placed under FISA's authority, according to the Statutes and Rules of Racing;	[No Change proposed]	
e) assumes any role within FISA, within its Council, its Executive Committee, one of its commissions or another committee or working group;	e) assumes any role within FISA, within its Council, its Executive Committee, one of its commissions or another committee or working group <u>or management board;</u>	
f) recognises and accepts the following subject to paragraph v:	f) recognises and accepts the following subject to paragraph v:	
i) the FISA Statutes, Rules of Racing, Regulations for FISA Championships and Bye-Laws;	the FISA Statutes, Rules of Racing, <u>Event</u> Regulations for FISA Championships and <u>related</u> Bye-Laws;	
ii) FISA's authority on all matters concerning international rowing;	[No Change proposed]	

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iii) The mandatory nature of the Statutes, the Bye-laws and other rules regulating FISA, in their current version and as amended from time to time;	[No Change proposed]	
iv) FISA's jurisdiction to make any decision or impose any sanction within its field of competence;	[No Change proposed]	
v) The CAS in Lausanne, as the only competent judicial authority external to FISA, to the exclusion of any ordinary court of law, any civil judicial authority of any country and any other arbitration body;	[No Change proposed]	
a. to settle any dispute which directly involves FISA, one of its bodies, one of its Executive Committee members, any person acting on its behalf (Council and Commission members, umpires, etc.), one of its members or an organising committee of a FISA event run under FISA's authority (see Art. 64);	[No Change proposed]	
b. to review any decision alleged to violate fundamental legal principles or FISA statutory clause (see Art. 65)	b. to review any decision alleged to violate <u>any relevant law, any</u> fundamental legal principles or FISA statutory clause (see Art. 65)	
c. to rule on any appeals from disciplinary sanctions or penalties of any kind, made by FISA or one of its bodies (see Art. 65);	[No Change proposed]	
vi) the final and without appeal status of the decisions made by the CAS;	[No Change proposed]	
vii) the requirement to abide by the decisions of FISA and CAS without attempting to hinder their application;	[No Change proposed]	
viii) the application of Swiss law and the rules of Swiss federal procedure supplemental to FISA and CAS rules and regulations with Lausanne as the only place and seat of the arbitration.	[No Change proposed]	

Article 56 - Individual and written confirmation of commitments	[No Change proposed]	
Although the commitment set out in Art. 55 is mandatory and automatic, FISA 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 from:	[No Change proposed]	<u>Proposed changes in Article 56 approved unanimously.</u>
a) any FISA member federation or from any national rowing federation which wishes to become a member;	[No Change proposed]	
b) any athlete, club, official, or international umpire likely to participate in a competition under FISA's authority;	b) any <u>rower</u> , club, official, or international umpire likely to participate in a competition under FISA's authority;	
c) an organising committee of any event under FISA's authority;	[No Change proposed]	
These confirmations are valid unless and until they have been formally revoked in writing and this written revocation has reached the FISA headquarters. Such revocation shall not be retroactive.	These confirmations are valid unless and until they have been formally revoked in writing and this written revocation has reached the FISA headquarters. Such revocation shall not be retroactive <u>and shall only be valid if the individual or entity has ceased all activities or relationships to which the commitment and this article refers.</u>	
CHAPTER V – PROVISIONS FOR ETHICAL ISSUES	[No Change proposed]	
Article 57 - Commitment to Ethics	[No Change proposed]	
Any party which deals with FISA and /or shares in its activities in any capacity, notably those referred to in Art. 55, commits itself by this act to behave in a correct and ethical manner according to all generally recognised ethical principles.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 58 - Right of Complaint	[No Change proposed]	
Any party claiming to have a valid complaint concerning a party	[No Change proposed]	

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mentioned at Art. 55 and 57 may submit it to the Executive Committee or, in a case involving a possible ethical violation by a member of the Executive Committee, to the IOC Ethics Commission.		
Article 59 - Decision-Making Authority	[No Change proposed]	
The authority to resolve cases submitted shall be the Executive Committee of FISA, except in cases involving members of the Executive Committee of FISA where the authority shall be the IOC Ethics Commission.	[No Change proposed]	
The relevant authority may make any decision it deems appropriate in such a case.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 60 -Applicable procedural rules	[No Change proposed]	
The Executive Committee and the IOC Ethics Commission shall respect the principles stipulated in Art. 62.	[No Change proposed]	
PART VI - JUDICIAL PROVISIONS	[No Change proposed]	
Article 61 - Judicial bodies of FISA	[No Change proposed]	
The following bodies of FISA have judicial powers in accordance with FISA Statutes, Bye-Laws and other regulations:	The following bodies of FISA have judicial powers in accordance with FISA Statutes, Rules, <u>Event</u> Regulations, or <u>related</u> Bye-Laws:	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
• The Congress	[No Change proposed]	
• The Council	[No Change proposed]	
• The Executive Committee	[No Change proposed]	
• The Board of the Jury	[No Change proposed]	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Doping Hearing Panel 	[No Change proposed]	
With the exception of the Doping Hearing Panel, the body concerned may delegate its power to a smaller number of its members to undertake any investigation, hearing or imposition of penalty. In all cases the provisions of Articles 62 and 63 shall be followed.	With the exception of <u>the Board of the Jury and a</u> Doping Hearing Panel, the body concerned may delegate its power to a smaller number of its members to undertake any investigation, hearing or imposition of penalty. In all cases the provisions of Articles 62 and 63 shall be followed.	
Article 62 - Procedural rules applicable to the judicial bodies of FISA	[No Change proposed]	
The judicial bodies of FISA shall provide fair procedures to all parties involved and shall respect their fundamental rights. They recognise in particular:	[No Change proposed]	
1. that a person who may have a conflict of interest shall not be a member of the decision-making body.	[No Change proposed]	
2. the right of the person charged to know what he is charged with and to examine his file.	[No Change proposed]	
3. the right to know the penalties which might be imposed.	[No Change proposed]	
4. the right to be heard, to present a defence, to produce evidence and to be assisted by counsel.	[No Change proposed]	
In addition, the following rules apply:	[No Change proposed]	
1. A protest or appeal shall be submitted in writing to the relevant body and shall set out the facts, reasons and evidence on which it is based. It shall be accompanied by a deposit of CHF 100 or equivalent, which amount shall be refunded if the protest or appeal is allowed.	[No Change proposed]	

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2. A decision is considered as delivered when received by the person concerned or his member federation. A protest or appeal is validly made if it is received before midnight FISA headquarters time, on the last day of the deadline.	[No Change proposed]	
3. The lodging of a protest or of an appeal shall not have the effect of suspending the decision at stake or any penalty imposed.	[No Change proposed]	
However, the protester or appellant may submit a request for suspension of the decision or penalty and the body hearing the appeal or the protest shall rule on the request.	[No Change proposed]	
For all situations not covered by the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws, the judicial bodies of FISA shall apply Swiss law and the rules of Swiss federal procedure.	For all situations not covered by the Statutes, Rules, Event Regulations and related Bye-Laws, the judicial bodies of FISA shall apply Swiss law and the rules of Swiss federal procedure.	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
Article 63 - Penalties and financial compensation	[No Change proposed]	
The judicial bodies of FISA have the power to make decisions and impose penalties in their areas of duty set out in the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws. They can impose the following penalties:	The judicial bodies of FISA have the power to make decisions and impose penalties in their areas of duty set out in the Statutes, Rules, Event Regulations and Bye-Laws. They can impose the following penalties:	
1. reprimand;	[No Change proposed]	
2. Yellow Card (under Rules 77 and 87);	2. Yellow Card (under Rules 79 and 89);	
	NEW. <u>Relegation (where provided under the Rules);</u>	<u>Proposed changes approved unanimously.</u>
3. exclusion;	3. exclusion/ Red Card ;	
4. disqualification;	[No Change proposed]	
5. ban from competition;	[No Change proposed]	

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6. fine;	[No Change proposed]	
7. any other appropriate measure. If appropriate, the judicial body concerned may suspend, in part or in whole, the ban from competition or the payment of the fine.	[No Change proposed]	
The judicial body concerned may also order payment of money as financial compensation against those (in particular member federations, clubs, rowers officials) who have behaved in a negligent or inappropriate manner that has caused financial loss or damage to another party.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 64 - Ordinary arbitration proceedings	[No Change proposed]	
Any party that alleges that a decision made by a FISA judicial body that it has not supported violates fundamental legal principles or FISA statutory clause(s), or that has a dispute with FISA, 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 FISA 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 are final and may not be appealed.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 65 - Appeal arbitration proceedings	[No Change proposed]	
Any party penalised by a judicial body of FISA 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	[No Change proposed]	

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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 are final and may not be appealed.		
PART VII - DISSOLUTION	[No Change proposed]	
Article 66 - Dissolution	[No Change proposed]	
The dissolution of FISA 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.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 67 - Assets	[No Change proposed]	
If the motion for dissolution is carried, the Executive Committee shall be entitled to realise the assets of FISA which shall be divided equally between the member federations constituting FISA at the time the vote is taken.	[No Change proposed]	
Article 68 - Exceptions	[No Change proposed]	
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 FISA.	[No Change proposed]	
PART VIII – CONCLUDING PROVISIONS	[No Change proposed]	
Article 69 - Concluding Provisions	[No Change proposed]	

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