

2015 FISA Statute and Rule Bye-Law Changes

Effective immediately

1. Change to Bye-Law to Article 53 – Appointments to Commissions

New Wording:

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 Chair. Member federations nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission members, if they are appointed. Exceptionally, an existing Commission member may be nominated for re-appointment by the Executive Committee. In case of a casual vacancy in a Commission, the Executive Committee may replace the member concerned.

2. Changes to Bye-Law to Rule 39 - Boats and Equipment

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5.1 Data Transmission - During racing (which shall mean at all time when racing “traffic rules” are in force), no ~~processed data or~~ communication with the crew is permitted from outside the boat using electric or electronic equipment. In addition, no data may be electronically received in the boat and no data or communication of any sort may be sent electronically sent to, or received from the boat except as provided for in paragraph 5.3.

5.2 Allowable Data – During racing, the only information allowed to the crew in the boat shall be:

- a. Time
- b. Stroke rate
- c. Boat Velocity / Acceleration
- d. Heart rate

This information shall be designated as “allowable data”. ~~This Other~~ data and any information derived directly from it, may be recorded during racing for later use and stored on equipment in the boat for later review, but may not be presented or available to the crew during racing in any form. No other data or information may be measured, recorded or stored.

Failure to comply with this Bye-Law shall result in a sanction up to disqualification.

3. Bye-Law to Rule 41 - Weight of Boats

1. Minimum boat weights are the following:

Designation Boat type Minimum Weight (kg)

1x	Single Sculls	14
2x	Double Sculls	27
2-	Pair	27
2+	Coxed Pair	32
4x	Quadruple Sculls	52
4-	Four	50
4+	Coxed Four	51
8+	Eight	96

The minimum weight of the boat shall include the fittings essential to its use, in particular: riggers, stretchers, shoes, slides, seats and hull extensions.

It shall also include:

- a. loud speakers if they are firmly fastened to the boat and associated wiring for such speakers;
- b. any housings or fixings that are firmly fastened to the boat for the purpose of holding electronic or other equipment;
- c. cables and wires required to connect equipment to provide "Allowable Data" (see Bye-Law to Rule 39, paragraph 5), and
- d. Seat Pads that are attached to the seat

The minimum boat weight shall not include the oars or sculls, the bow number or any other item not essential to its use and not firmly fastened to the boat. ~~All equipment or elements of equipment associated with providing information other than or in addition to "Allowable Data" shall not be included in the boat weight, even if it is firmly fastened to the boat.~~

Additional weight carried in the boat to achieve the required minimum weight shall be firmly fastened to the boat or to the essential fittings described above.

4. Bye-Law to Rule 99 - Pre-Competition Health Screening

Comments from the Sports Medicine Commission:

The PCHS is often the only contact many athletes have with a health provider and considering different screening recommendations from around the world, the FISA Medical Commission recommends:

1. *The screening medical questionnaire and examination as per FISA rules need to be performed every year. Further investigations would be dependent on the clinical findings.*
2. *Resting ECG is mandatory at the following frequency*
 1. *Every three years up to the age 23 years*
 2. *And thereafter an ECG every five years.*
3. *More frequent and focused cardiac investigations may be required in those with identified risk factors and clinical findings.*

New wording for the Bye-Law to Rule 99 :

Bye-Laws to Rule 99 – Health of Rowers
<p>1. Pre-competition Health Screening</p> <p>1.1 <u>From 2015</u>, all athletes competing in the World Rowing Junior, <u>Under 23 or Senior Championship regattas</u> must have completed a pre-competition health screening which includes a questionnaire, a physical examination and an ECG following the IOC's recommended procedure. It is the responsibility of the national federation to ensure and certify that these Pre-competition Health Screening procedures have been performed.</p> <p>1.2 <u>Thereafter</u>, all athletes competing in the World Rowing Junior, Under 23 and Senior World Championship regattas must <u>complete the medical questionnaire and undergo a medical examination each year, and</u>, in addition, must undergo <u>a resting ECG every three years up to the age of 23, and every five years after</u> the age of <u>23</u>.</p> <p>1.3 For all other events, including the World Rowing Coastal Championships and World Rowing Masters Regattas, it is strongly recommended that rowers competing in these events undergo this Pre-competition Health Screening.</p>

5. Changes to Bye-Law to Rule 100, paragraph 5.2.1 - Anti-Doping Committee

Comments:

For consistency it was agreed that appointments to this Committee of Council members and doctor(s) should both be made by Executive Committee.

The new wording for paragraph 5.2.1 is:

<i>5.2.1 The FISA Anti-Doping Committee shall consist of:</i>
<i>- the Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission as Chair of the Committee who will have a discretionary vote and a casting vote, if necessary ;</i>
<i>-one medical doctor of the Sports Medicine Commission appointed by the Council<u>Executive Committee</u>;</i>
<i>- the FISA Executive Director (with voting right).</i>
<i>- <u>And one Council member appointed by the Executive Committee</u> -the Chair of the Competitive Rowing Commission, and</i>
<i>The Committee can call upon experts to assist in understanding difficult cases.</i>

5. Changes to the progression system

a. Case 10 31-36 entries

There are several combinations of crews which are in the same race in both repechage options. A better variation between options can be achieved by changing RII (RI remains unchanged) as follows:

RII: R1 4H1, 4H6, 5H3, 5H5, 6H2, 6H4
R2 4H2, 4H4, 5H1, 5H6, 6H3, 6H5
R3 4H3, 4H5, 5H2, 5H4, 6H1, 6H6

b. Case 8 25-26 entries

Under the current system, when there are 25 entries, there is a four boat final D, and final E has three boats, the sixth place crews from Semi-finals C and D and the last crew from the repechage. This is done to give the latter a final race. It has been pointed out that this is not equal treatment as the crews coming from the semi-finals have raced four times (H,R,Q,S) whereas the crew coming directly from the repechage has only raced twice (H,R) and thereafter has had a considerable period of rest.

For 7 and 13 entries, the last crews from the repechage are eliminated, after having had two races. For all other cases (19, 31, 37, 38 and 43 entries), it is possible to place all the crews which have competed in the repechages in the finals, having had the same number of previous races.

The special case for 25 entries will be removed resulting in the slowest crew from the heats being eliminated. This means one less race – no final E.

New wording:

World Rowing Championships Case 8: 25 to 26 entries

Format: Five heats, one repêchage, four quarter-finals, two semi-finals A/B and two semi-finals C/D.

Heats: The first four crews in each heat go forward to the quarter-finals; the remaining crews go to the repêchage.

Repêchage: The first four crews in the repêchage go to the quarter-finals; the remaining crews go to final E.

Quarter-finals: the first three crews in each quarter-final go forward to semi-finals A/B. The remaining crews go forward to semi-finals C/D. There are two options for the quarter-finals.

Semi-finals: The first three crews in semi-finals A/B go forward to final A. The remaining crews go forward to final B. The first three boats in semi-finals C/D go forward to final C. The remaining crews go forward to final D. There are two options for the semi-finals.

Note the special case for 25 entries: the last crew in the repechage is eliminated and there will be no Final E-~~each semi-final C/D goes forward to Final E.~~