

**Application of the IOC Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) Policy and  
the Impact on the Application of FISA Rules (at 290616)**

FISA RULES	DIFFERENCE UNDER OLYMPIC RULES AND LAR
<b>Rule 59 – Crew Changes after the Entry Deadline and up to one hour before the First Heat</b>	
2.1 Crews – Member federations may substitute up to one half the number of rowers (as well as the coxswain, if applicable) in all crews entered by them, provided that the substitutes are eligible to represent that federation in accordance with these rules, and that the changes are communicated in writing to FISA at least one hour before the first heat of the event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Changes using accredited or entered “Aa” athletes among crews is allowed, as per FISA Rule 59 (up to 50%), without medical reasons.</li> <li>– Any such change would not be subject to LAR procedures as it is not considered a Late Athlete Replacement (LAR).</li> </ul>
2.2 Single scullers – A single sculler who is entered and falls ill or is injured may, on production of a medical certificate, be replaced up to one hour before his heat provided that the substitute sculler is eligible to represent that federation in accordance with these rules and that the change is communicated in writing to FISA at least one hour before the first heat of the event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Changes of single scullers are only allowed for medical reasons.</li> <li>– From Entry Deadline until 3 hours before the draw, substitution only for confirmed medical reasons may be made using “Aa” athletes, “P” athletes or a “long list” athlete.</li> <li>– From 3 hours before the Draw to 1 hour before the first heat, substitution for medical reasons, may only be made with “Aa” or “P” accredited athletes.</li> <li>– No substitutions for single scullers may be made after the first heat.</li> </ul>
<b>Bye-Law to Rule 59 – Changes after the Entry Deadline 18 July 2016 and before the First Heat for Medical Reasons</b>	
<i>World Rowing Championship regattas, qualification regattas for Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Olympic Games and World Rowing Cup regattas – In addition to the provisions of paragraph 2.1 of this rule, in the case of illness of, or injury to, a member of a crew before the first heat, a substitution may be made if a medical certificate is provided and if the change is approved by a member of the Sports Medicine Commission of FISA or his delegate who shall first examine the ill or injured rower. The replaced rower may compete again in the same crew at any point during the competition on production of a further medical certificate, and with the approval of the same member of the Sports Medicine Commission or delegate, who shall</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– From Entry Deadline until 3 hours before the Draw, Aa athletes, P athletes and “long list” athletes may be used for medical substitutions.</li> <li>– From 3 hours before the Draw until the end of the regatta, only P athletes and Aa athletes may be used.</li> <li>– All changes involving P athletes and non-accredited “long list” athletes are considered as Late Athlete Replacements, follow the LAR procedures and, as such, may only be made for medical reasons and are permanent</li> <li>– Teams may change and confirm their P athletes, at the latest, 3 hours before the draw (change with “long list” athletes) for</li> </ul>

<p><i>first make a further examination of the rower concerned. Any replacement rower must be eligible to represent that member federation in accordance with these rules.</i></p>	<p>the rest of the games.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If a P or a long list athlete is used (according to the timelines in 2.1 and 2.2 above), the replacement is permanent and the replaced rower is <u>not</u> allowed to re-enter the crew when better/recovered.</li> <li>- If the substitution is made by “doubling up” an Aa athlete from another boat during the period of illness (i.e. not using a P athlete or non-accredited athlete from the long list), it is not a LAR and the ill or injured athlete may return when recovered upon confirmation by the FISA doctor.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Lightweight crews - Where the change involves a lightweight crew which has already officially weighed in, then the replacement rower is required to be weighed in racing uniform and meet the weight limits under Rule 31. In such a case the other members of the crew shall not be required to weigh again for the same race.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No difference</li> </ul>
<b>Rule 60 – Changes after the First Heat</b>	
<p>2.1. Crews – No change shall be made in a crew which has already raced in the heat of its event except in the case of illness or injury to a member of the crew, in which case a medical certificate shall be required and the crew change request shall be submitted in writing to FISA. The change may only be made if it is approved by a member of the Sports Medicine Commission of FISA or his delegate, who shall first examine the ill or injured rower. The rower may compete again if he has returned to health, but only in the same crew, at any point during the competition upon notification to FISA in writing and upon presentation of a further medical certificate, and with the approval of the same member of the Sports Medicine Commission or his delegate. Up to half of the rowers in a crew plus the coxswain, if applicable, may be changed in accordance with this rule. Any replacement rower must be eligible to represent that member federation in accordance with the Rules of Racing and Bye-Laws.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After the first heat, substitutions for medical reasons may be made only using “Aa” or “P” athletes.</li> <li>- It is no longer allowed to use a non-accredited athlete on the accreditation long list</li> <li>- Replacement with a P athlete is a LAR and therefore permanent; the replaced rower is <u>not</u> allowed to re-enter the crew when better/recovered.</li> <li>- Substitutions for medical reasons using Aa athletes from other crews (“doubling up”) are not considered as Late Athlete Replacements and are still possible in accordance with this rule; in such cases, the recovered athlete may re-enter the crew upon approval by FISA Doctor.</li> </ul>
<p>2.2. Where the change involves a lightweight crew which has already</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No difference</li> </ul>

<p>officially weighed in, then the replacement rower is required to be weighed in racing uniform and meet the weight limits under Rule 31. In such a case the other members of the crew shall not be required to weigh again for the same race.</p>	
<p>2.3. Single scullers – No substitution of a single sculler may be made once he has competed in his heat.</p>	<p>– No difference</p>
<p>2.4. Consequential Substitutions - Where a rower is ill or injured and a substitution is made for that rower using a rower from a second boat (with no doubling up), the rower from the second boat may in turn be substituted in that boat by another rower, even though the rower from the second boat is not ill or injured. This consequential substitution may only occur if the line of substitutions is clearly resulting from the illness or injury of a rower in the first boat in accordance with Bye-Law to Rule 59 or Rule 60. If the ill or injured rower recovers and is substituted back into the boat, the rower substituted for the ill or injured rower and any other rower substituted as a consequence of the initial substitution, must then at the same time, and effective immediately, be substituted back into their original boat for the next round of their event. Any replacement rower must be eligible to represent the member federation in accordance with the Rules of Racing and Bye-Laws.</p>	<p>After the first heat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Any replacement using a P-athlete is a LAR and is therefore permanent; the replaced athlete may <u>not</u> compete again.</li> <li>– It is no longer allowed to use a non-accredited athlete from the accreditation “long list”.</li> <li>– Non-LAR replacements may be made using “Aa” athletes (doubling up) in which case the ill athlete may return to the boat when confirmed as recovered by the FISA doctor.</li> </ul>

**In all cases, the substituted athlete must be eligible according to the LAR Policy, i.e.:**

- The replacement Athlete meets the eligibility conditions and qualification criteria to take part in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, as stipulated in the “Qualification Systems – Games of the XXXI Olympiad – Rio de Janeiro 2016” per sport/disciplines published in 2014, and regularly updated by the IOC;
- The NOC of the replacement Athlete had applied successfully for accreditation for the Athlete prior to 29 April 2016 (accreditation application deadline). As such, the replacement Athlete has been registered by Rio 2016 in the “NOC's Athlete Accreditation Long List”; and
- No doping control issues are pending concerning the replacement Athlete.

**DATES:**

- Entry deadline: 18/07/2016, 23.59 GMT-4
- Technical meeting (Draw): 04/08/2016, 15.30
- Start of racing: 06/08/2016, 08.30

## Rio2016 Changes / Substitutions Matrix

RIO 2016 ATHLETE REPLACEMENT MATRIX					
		ENTRY DEADLINE (23h59, 18 July)	3 hrs before DRAW (12h30, 4 August)	1 HOUR BEFORE FIRST RACE	END OF COMPETITION
TYPE OF REPLACEMENT	LAR?	ALLOWED?	ALLOWED?	ALLOWED?	
Replacement of entered (Aa) athlete using another Aa athlete	No	YES* Does not need to be medical Non-permanent	YES* Does not need to be medical Non-permanent	YES** For medical reasons only Non-permanent	
Replacement of entered (Aa) athlete using a P athlete	Yes	YES For medical reasons only Permanent	YES For medical reasons only Permanent	YES** For medical reasons only Permanent	
Replacement of entered athlete using a non-accredited athlete on the accreditation long list	Yes	YES For medical reasons only Permanent	NO	NO	
Replacement of P athlete using a non-accredited athlete on the accreditation long list	Yes	YES For medical reasons only Permanent	NO	NO	

\* For single sculls, medical reasons only  
 \*\* Except for single sculls