

Regulations for FISA Championship Regattas

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Regulation 1 - Application

These regulations apply to FISA World Rowing Championships and Olympic regattas, including Qualification regattas together with and not in exclusion of the Rules of Racing. They also apply equally and by analogy to continental championships and rowing regattas organised in connection with multi-sport competitions.

The Executive Committee of FISA may authorise departures notably for Continental championships.

Regulation 2 - Frequency of Championships

FISA World Junior Rowing Championships shall be held in every year. Non-Olympic Senior events shall also have World Championship races every year. The Senior and Lightweight Olympic events shall only have World Championships in the years between the Olympic Games.

Regulation 3 - Location of Championships

FISA shall encourage a worldwide allotment of FISA Championship regattas to suitable candidates.

Regulation 4 - Allotment of FISA World Championships

1. FISA World Rowing Championships shall be allotted to a federation for organisation at least four years in advance. The Council shall decide the dates of the Championships at least two years in advance.

2. Each candidate federation for the organisation of FISA World Rowing Championships must complete and submit detailed answers to the Candidate Federation Questionnaire within the period prescribed by the Executive Committee. The answers to the questionnaire will form part of the Event Agreement signed with FISA if the candidature is successful.
3. Each Candidate Federation must present written guarantees on several topics to the Council, including one from their national governmental authorities that rowers from all the countries whose federations are affiliated to FISA will be admitted to the country if the Championships are awarded to that federation. If national, regional or local governmental authorities or other entities are financial participants or guarantors to the budget of the event, they must confirm their financial contribution in writing. The Candidate Federation and any governmental authority(ies) presenting the bid must submit a written undertaking in which they agree to sign the Event Agreement if they are successful.

The Bye-Laws shall prescribe the conduct permissible by bidding federations during the period of their candidatures.

4. The Executive Committee may send to the candidate sites, at the cost of the respective Candidate Federations, a group of experts (up to five persons) to evaluate, in reference to the answers given in the questionnaires, the conditions under which the Championships could best be held.
5. The Council will evaluate all candidates and will circulate a report to all National Federations eight weeks before the Congress.
6. The Council will select the most suitable candidate(s) and propose it (them) to the Congress for final approval. The Congress will elect one of the selected candidates by a majority of valid votes cast. In the event that Congress fails to so elect one of the selected candidates, a second election will then take place for which all candidates will be eligible.
7. The federation to which the Championships are allotted shall immediately enter into an Event Agreement with FISA to comply with its undertakings.

Regulation 5 - Exclusive Rights of FISA

The following rights are the exclusive property of FISA at all FISA Championship Regattas and shall be commercialised in cooperation with each Organising Committee in accordance with the Bye-Laws:

1. Television rights, including all means now known or hereafter devised, whether live or recorded, pay or free television including terrestrial, satellite or cable transmission;
2. Commercial rights, including all commercial and sponsorship rights arising in relation to or in any way connected including signage rights, general sponsorship rights, official supplier rights, event programme rights, advertising rights on all promotional materials and publications and hospitality rights; and
3. The right to use and licence the name and official emblem of FISA and other names, emblems and logos as registered by FISA.

FISA shall negotiate with the various Organising Committees in order to determine what proportion of the proceeds of the sale of these rights shall be handed to them.

FISA also possesses the right to sell souvenir and other products at FISA World Rowing Championships and the Organising Committee shall provide space for this activity at the venue of the Championships without charges to FISA.

Regulation 6 - Organisation Expenses

In organising the Championships, the national federation selected shall be required to pay for the following:

1. Upon signature of the Event Agreement, a deposit of CHF 35,000 to FISA to cover the costs of all diplomas and medals to be awarded at the Senior World Championships as supplied by FISA and the entire expenses of up to nine visits by individuals designated by FISA to inspect the venue and review preparations with the Organising Committee prior to the Championships. These costs shall be accounted for and any unspent balance shall be returned to the OC or any excess costs withheld from any other Championship contributions from FISA.
2. Where necessary, a Congress of the required standard with simultaneous translation in the official languages by qualified interpreters appointed by FISA and paid by the OC.

3. The bed and breakfast expenses in single hotel rooms before and during the Championships (maximum of two weeks) for the Council members, or their substitutes, and two Technical Delegates of FISA.
4. The reasonable cost of travel, accommodation (in shared double rooms) and meals incurred by the members of the jury as well as a per diem allowance, the amount of which shall be agreed in advance between FISA and the organising committee.
5. Transportation from and to the nearest major airport as well as local transportation for competitors and officials.
6. The National Federation will also provide accommodation and meals for all competitors and officials at the agreed prices.

For FISA World Junior Championships, FISA shall make a financial contribution of such amount as the Council shall determine when inviting candidates.

Regulation 7 - Events

FISA World Rowing Championships are held in the following events:

Men (M)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+	2+	4+
Women (W)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+		
Lightweight Men (LM)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+		
Lightweight Women (LW)	1x	2x	2-	4x				
Junior Men (JM)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+	2+	4+
Junior Women (JW)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+		

If, in any of the above events, there are less than seven starters in three consecutive World Championships, then that event shall be automatically removed from the programme of the World Championships for the following years.

The programme at an Olympic regatta includes the following events:

Men (M)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+
Women (W)	1x	2x	2-	4x		8+
Lightweight Men (LM)		2x			4-	
Lightweight Women (LW)		2x				

The programme of Regional and Continental Championships as well as regattas attached to multi-sport competitions shall be laid down by agreement between the organisers and the Council of FISA.

Regulation 8 - Titles and Prizes - Victory Ceremony

The title of Champion shall be conferred on winning competitors at a FISA World Championship Regatta. They shall each be awarded a gold plated medal and a diploma.

A large bronze gilt medal shall be awarded to the national federation of the winners.

To those finishing second in each event, there shall be awarded silver medals and to their federation a large silver plated bronze medal.

To those finishing third in each event, there shall be awarded bronze medals and to their federation a large bronze medal.

At the victory ceremony, the national anthem of the country which the winning competitors represent shall be played.

The national flags of the three countries which the winning competitors, the competitors finishing second and the competitors finishing third represent shall be raised.

Above medals and diplomas shall be supplied by FISA but at the cost of the Organising Committee.

Regulation 9 - Cases Not Covered and Disputes

The Executive Committee shall adjudicate on all cases not covered by the Rules of Racing, the Bye-Laws and the present Regulations, as well as on disputes which may arise during FISA World Rowing Championships and Olympic regattas. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.

Any decision made by the Executive Committee under this article shall immediately be communicated to the member federations of FISA in writing.

Regulation 10 - Concluding Provisions

These Regulations were approved or confirmed effective immediately by the Extraordinary Congress held from 1st to 3rd February 2001 in Porto.

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General - Regulations for FISA Rowing Tours

1. All affiliated national federations shall be invited.
2. Applications of candidates shall be filed with the National Rowing Federation and subsequently submitted by the National Rowing Federation to the FISA Rowing for All Commission for final selection of participants.
3. The National Rowing Federations shall be responsible to verify that possible candidates for FISA Tours comply with the following requirements:
 - a) Candidates shall comply with any age requirements requested.
 - b) Candidates shall possess good knowledge and ability or rowing techniques, both for sculling and rowing.
 - c) Candidates shall be in good health and have the physical condition necessary for rowing the distances proposed and shall be furthermore in a position to handle risk situations on their own and in general not depend on the help of others.
 - d) Candidates shall be capable of swimming a distance of at least 300 m.
4. Each participant of a FISA tour shall carry with him a life saving jackets as recommended by his national authorities.
5. Each participant of a FISA tour shall be responsible for his own insurance arrangements.