

FISA Rule Book Changes for 2006

Statutes

Bye-Law Changes for Athletes Commission

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3.1 *Members of this Commission can no longer serve on the commission after 31st December following the (formerly: ~~fourth~~) eighth anniversary of their last participation as a competitor at a World Rowing Championships or Olympic Games.*

Rules of Racing

Bye-Laws to Rule 31 – Boats and Equipment

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Formerly:

1.1 *The bows of all boats shall be fitted with a white ball, minimum diameter 4 cm, in rubber or similar material fitted in a safe manner unless the bow of the boat is so constructed as to afford equivalent protection and visibility.*

New:

1.1 *The bows of all boats shall be fitted with a white ball shape, minimum diameter 4 cm, in hard rubber or a hard material. If this is an external part it shall be firmly affixed to the bow of the boat, if an integral part of the hull construction it shall afford equivalent protection and visibility to a ball.*

Formerly:

1.4 *No substances or structures like riblets capable of modifying the natural properties of water or of the surface layer of the water shall be applied to the hull.*

New:

1.4 *No substances or structures (including riblets) capable of modifying the natural properties of water or of the boundary layer of the hull/water interface shall be used.*

Formerly:

1.11 *Boats constructed or delivered after 1st January 2007 must also show on the production plaque (in 1.10 above) whether the boat meets the FISA Guideline for Minimum Flotation: "A boat when full of water with a crew of average weight equal to the design weight stated on the boat's production plaque, seated in the rowing position should float such that the top of the seat is a maximum of 5 cm below the static waterline."*

New:

1.11 *Boats constructed or delivered after 1st January 2007 must also show on the production plaque (in 1.10 above) whether the boat meets "FISA's Minimum Guidelines for the Safe Practice of Rowing": "A boat when full of water with a crew of average weight equal to the design weight stated on the boat's production plaque, seated in the rowing position should float such that the top of the seat is a maximum of 5 cm below the static waterline."*

Formerly:

1.12 Length of Boats – Minimum length of racing boats - The minimum overall length of a racing boat shall be 7.20 metres. This will be measured from the front of the bow ball to the furthest aft extent of the boat, which may include an extension beyond the hull. If an extension is used it will terminate in a 40 mm ball as described in Bye-Law to Rule 31:1.1.

New:

1.12 Length of Boats – Minimum length of racing boats - The minimum overall length of a racing boat shall be 7.20 metres. This will be measured from the front of the bow ball to the furthest aft extent of the boat, which may include an extension beyond the hull. If an extension is used it will be firmly affixed to the stern and terminate in a 4 cm. ball as described in Bye-Law to Rule 31:1.1.

Bye-Law to Rule 32 – Boat Weights

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Formerly:

2. The minimum weight of the boat shall include only the fittings essential to its use; in particular - riggers, stretchers, shoes, slides and seats. The minimum weight shall not include the oars or sculls, the bow number, any sound amplification equipment and loudspeakers or any other kind of electronic equipment.

New:

2. The minimum weight of the boat shall include only the fittings essential to its use; in particular - riggers, stretchers, shoes, slides, seats and hull extensions. The minimum weight shall not include the oars or sculls, the bow number, any sound amplification equipment and loudspeakers or any other kind of electronic equipment.

Appendix 2 - Bye-Laws to Rule 41 – FISA Advertising Rules

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Add new:

1.0 General Principles

At a FISA event, a boat or crew with any rower with altered, partially or completely covered or removed FISA advertising identifications on clothing and/or equipment will not be allowed to race and shall be excluded by the Starter or Umpire.

Where a boat or rower(s) is found to have raced with altered, partially or completely covered or removed FISA advertising identifications on their clothing and/or equipment worn or used during that race, the crew shall be relegated to last place in the race concerned. If the crew races again in a later round of the same event with clothing and/or equipment that is again in breach of this rule, the crew shall be excluded from the event concerned.

Where rower(s) participating in a victory ceremony have altered, partially or completely covered or removed FISA advertising identifications on clothing without the specific approval of the Executive Committee or are not in accordance with the FISA Advertising Rule 41, if a first violation, shall be relegated to last place in the particular race or, if a repeat violation, excluded from the event concerned. Medals already awarded shall be withdrawn and awarded to the next placed crew in that event.

(re-number remaining 1.0 paragraphs)

(delete 2.3 b. on page 120 – ~~b. Competitors will not be allowed to race or will be disqualified if they alter, partially or completely cover up or remove this identification.~~)