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World Rowing Circular No. 3 of 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following item:

Athletes' Commission Elections and Appointments 2022 – Opening of the Nomination Process

Background

The 2020 Extraordinary Congress approved the proposal to introduce elections for membership of the World Rowing Athletes' Commission (AC) and also approved that the AC Chair be a member of the World Rowing Executive Committee with full voting rights. The Athletes' Commission Regulations & Election Procedures, Appendix S5 of the World Rowing Statutes, explain the election and appointment procedure of which the principal elements are:

- a. 50% elected and 50% appointed members.
- b. 10 members in total, including 6 representing flat water rowing, 2 representing para rowing, and 2 representing coastal rowing.
- c. Continued emphasis on full gender equality and diverse representation.
- d. AC Chair to be selected by the AC members and proposed to the Council for appointment.

Nominations

Candidates for the Athletes Commission shall be active or recently retired athletes and must be at least 18 years old. The candidate will represent one of the following communities: flat water rowing, para rowing, coastal rowing. Member Federations may nominate one candidate only for the Athletes' Commission. *

**Appendix S5 – Athlete Regulations & Election Procedures*

Part I, 2. Membership: 2.2 An Active Athlete is an athlete who competed at a Senior and/or Coastal World Rowing Championship (WRCh), in the applicable discipline or format (flat water Rowing, including Para Rowing; Coastal Rowing), as a representative of a Member Federation, in the year of their election or appointment. The athlete should be a national of that country. 2.3 A Recently Retired Athlete is an athlete who competed at a WRCh or the Olympic & Paralympic Games, in the applicable discipline or format (flat-water Rowing, including Para Rowing, and Coastal Rowing), as a representative of a Member Federation, in the previous eight (8) years.

Part II, 2 Eligibility Criteria: 2.2 The candidate must have reached the age of 18 no later than by the first day of competition of the relevant WRCh in the AC Election Year. 3. Nomination Process: 3.3 MFs may nominate one candidate only in any AC Election Year.

For the nomination to be accepted and validated, the Nomination Form needs to be completed and returned to World Rowing along with the accompanying information as listed in the Nomination Form, no later than 17 May 2022.

Member Federations (MFs) interested in nominating a candidate for the Athletes' Commission, for the four-year term beginning 1 January 2023, are asked to complete the Athletes' Commission Nomination Form, which can be accessed using the following link:

<https://worldrowing.com/athletes/athletes-commission/>

Elections & Appointments

The election & appointment process will be one continuous process:

Nominations: 17 March to 17 May	Opening of Nomination Process 17 March. Nomination Form to be submitted to World Rowing by 17 May. One nomination per Member Federation.
Candidate List: By 17 June	Validation of nominations & publication of candidate list by 17 June.
Campaigns: From 17 June	Promotion of candidates by World Rowing
Elections: Between 17 & 25 September; 7 & 9 October; and 14 & 16 October	Elections will take place during the 2022 World Rowing Championships, Racice, CZE (4 elected positions, for flatwater rowing including para rowing) and at the 2022 Coastal Championships, Saundersfoot, GBR (1 elected position, for coastal rowing). Election results will then be announced for the five elected AC members.
Appointments	The Council then appoints the remaining five members. The candidates for the appointments will include those candidates who were not elected, and may include other candidates. Such appointments shall ensure gender equality and diverse representation.
Appointment of the Chair	The five appointed AC members are announced. The members of the full AC meet and select their proposed candidate for Chair of the AC. The Chair is appointed by the Council.

Promotion and Conduct of Candidates

Candidate promotional activities shall be carried out in accordance with the Athletes Commission Regulations & Election Procedures, Appendix S5 of the World Rowing Statutes, and as described in the Athletes' Commission Nomination Form.

Elections: Electorate & Voting

Each athlete holding an athlete accreditation for the relevant World Rowing Championships during which the election takes place will have the right to vote in person. Voting by proxy is not allowed. Prior to the elections, World Rowing will provide information on the World Rowing website presenting all candidates and

providing information on the upcoming election, including the actual dates on which voting will take place, and voting instructions.

MFs and candidates are reminded to refer to Appendix S5 Athletes' Commission Regulations & Elections for further details, and to Art. 58 – Ethical Principles and Integrity.

Full details can be found on the Athletes' Commission web page:

<https://worldrowing.com/athletes/athletes-commission/>

If you have any questions, please send an email to Lucy Trochet, Governance Manager (lucy.trochet@worldrowing.com)

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments