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# Constitution

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE COUPE DE LA JEUNESSE

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Membership of the Coupe de la Jeunesse will be limited to twelve countries who are in membership of FISA, by invitation.
- 1.2 Replacement or additional members of the Coupe de la Jeunesse must be agreed by 2/3 of the member federations.
- 1.3 Member countries must attend the Coupe de la Jeunesse meetings even if they are not represented at the match.
- 1.4 Countries must confirm their participation by 1<sup>st</sup> May of the match year.

### 2. MATCH ORGANISATION

- 2.1 The match is open to oarsmen and oarswomen who have participated in the Junior European Championships, but who are not participating in the World Rowing Junior Championships. However, competitors of the Coupe de la Jeunesse may act as substitutes in a World Rowing Junior Championship team.
- 2.2 In principle the match will be held one week before the World Rowing Junior Championship.
- 2.3 Countries must race with vests and blades in national colours.
- 2.4 The organising committee will present a trophy to the winners of the junior men's and winners of the junior women's competition. These will be the '*Neil Thomas Trophy*' for the winners of the Junior Men's competition and the '*Michel Bugnano Trophy*' for the winners of the Junior Women's competition.
- 2.5 The Coupe de la Jeunesse trophy will be presented to the overall winner of the competition. This trophy is to be held for one year.
- 2.6 In the event of a tie the winning country will be decided by boat type:  
JW trophy → JW4x  
JM trophy → JM8+  
Coupe trophy → JM8+
- 2.7 Any redundant trophy will be awarded to the country with the greatest number of wins up to that date. If this count back is tied the trophy will be awarded to the tied country that has competed the most times.
- 2.8 The age will be FISA junior age.
- 2.9 FISA nationality rules will apply. Nationality will be determined by passport or national identity card and there will be no exceptions\*.  
  
*\* Rowing is a cross-border sport in Ireland for anything up to and including World Championships. It is not a cross-border sport under Olympic Rules. (e.g.: In the Irish team, team members who live in Northern Ireland, will have UK passports)*
- 2.10 The closing dates for entries will be 12:00 hrs CET on the Monday, 12 days before the event.

<b>3.</b>	<b>MANGAGEMENT</b>
3.1	Overall management of the match will be vested in a Delegate Assembly consisting of four officers and a national representative from each member federation. The President, or his nominee, will act as chairman of the Assembly. The Delegate Assembly will meet during the match and once in a four year period, during the February preceding the match.
3.2	An Extraordinary Delegate Assembly meeting may be called by the Executive Committee as and when required.
3.3	The number of votes available to each nation will depend on a running mean of their entry size over the previous three-year period. A federation that has a running mean entry over the previous three-year period of 1 – 5 crews will be have 1 vote in the Delegates' Assembly, a federation that has a running mean entry over the previous three-year period of 6 - 8 crews will be have 2 votes in the Delegates' Assembly and a federation that has a running mean entry over the previous three-year period of 9 -12 crews will be have 3 votes in the Delegates' Assembly
3.4	Voting must be completed in person. In all matters, excepting constitutional change, a simple majority will operate. A 2/3 majority will be needed to effect any constitutional change. If there is no majority the status quo will operate, except in the any appointment of an officer when the President will have the casting vote.
3.5	The national representatives will elect the officers at the summer meeting. Nominations for any elected role can only be made by the nominee's own national federation.
3.6	The four officers are: President, Secretary-General, Technical Adviser (facilities) and Technical Adviser (logistics and services). These officers comprise the Executive Committee which will be responsible for the annual day-to-day management of the event.
3.7	The Executive Committee, four match assessors and the Organising Committee's President of the Jury comprise the Coupe Committee. This committee will meet with the local organisers and are responsible for the overall management of the event.  The assessors are those delegate members responsible for hosting the previous year's event, the current year's event and the two subsequent year's events.  The Organising Committee's President of the Jury shall be non-voting.
3.8	The Secretary-General must be in receipt of the name of each federation's representative at least 14 days before any meeting of the Coupe Committee.
3.9	The local Organisation Committee, overseen by the National Federation, are responsible for the organisation of the current year's match.
3.10	The four officers will serve for a term of four years, with an upper limit of three terms. The officers change at the end of the regatta.
3.11	The officers should, if possible, be from different Federations, and their period of office shall not run concurrently. Each year, an officer shall be stand for election in the following order by function: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="359 1892 518 1926">1. President</li> <li data-bbox="359 1937 917 1971">2. Technical Assessor (logistics and services)</li> <li data-bbox="359 1982 630 2016">3. Secretary-General</li> <li data-bbox="359 2027 758 2060">4. Technical Assessor (facilities)</li> </ol>
	If any officer is unable to complete his/her period of office, the Executive Committee will appoint a temporary officer for a period not exceeding three years.

3.12	<p>The function of the four officers is as follows:</p> <p><u>President</u> – to represent the interests of the event to national federations and governing bodies; to chair all meetings of the Assembly, Coupe Committee and Executive Committee; to open and close the event; to co-ordinate the work of the Coupe Committee in the overall management of the match; to co-ordinate the work of the Executive Committee in the day-to-day management of the match.</p> <p><u>Secretary-General</u> – to manage the day-to-day administration of the Delegate Assembly, Coupe Committee and Executive Committee; to manage the finances of the Delegate Assembly, Coupe Committee and Executive Committee; to call all meetings, arrange agenda, and keep minutes; to maintain the records of the event; to organise and run the draw; to be responsible for the computation of the match score; to present audited accounts to the Delegate Assembly during the summer meeting. To visit, check and advise organising committees on team accommodation, feeding, transport, Opening Ceremony and any social events.</p> <p><u>Technical Adviser (Facilities and Race Control)</u> - to visit, check and advise organising committees on their course facilities, and to oversee the on-water operation during competition. To advise the Chairman of the Race Committee on the needs of the event, to observe the racing, to check that all on-water jobs have been filled with appropriately qualified personnel and to draw up a technical code of practice.</p> <p><u>Technical Adviser (logistics and services)</u>- to write and maintain the Coupe web site, to visit, observe and advise the Organising Committee on the computing requirements of the event. To oversee the entry, crew and boat changes and provide the necessary information to the local organising committee. To oversee the draw for Sunday racing.</p>
3.13	<p>The Delegate Assembly will have the power to appoint any past officer of the event to a honorary position. Any honorary officer may attend any meeting of the Delegate Assembly, Coupe Committee and Executive Committee.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>MEETINGS</b>
4.1	<p>The Delegate Assembly will meet each summer during the match, at the match location, except that once every four years (2005, 2009, 2013 etc.), the Delegate Assembly will meet in place of the Coupe Committee. If the Coupe Committee are able to make a site visit, this meeting may take place at any location in the country hosting the event in that year.</p>
4.2	<p>The Coupe Committee will meet every February at the match location. This meeting will consist of two parts: a meeting to discuss general Coupe matters and a meeting between the Coupe Committee and the local organising committee. An on-site inspection will take place at this time.</p>
4.3	<p>The Executive Committee will meet as and when deemed necessary by the President. Individual members of the Executive Committee can and may act on behalf of that body with the knowledge and consent of the President.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES</b>
5.1	<p>Members of the Executive Committee and national federations in membership of the Coupe match can propose constitutional amendments.</p>
5.2	<p>Constitutional amendments can only be proposed at the four yearly February meetings of the Delegate Assembly.</p>

5.3	Changes to the constitution will operate from the date of the meeting.
5.4	Changes to the Rules of Competition and Code of Practice can be proposed at any meeting of the Delegate Assembly and will operate from the following month.
<b>6.</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>
6.1	Each participating country will contribute to a central fund, held and administered by the Secretary-General. The fee will be agreed annually by the Delegate Assembly.
6.2	Membership dues must be paid by the 30th April of the match year. The Executive Committee will have the right to refuse an entry from any member federation which has not paid by that date.
6.3	The accounting year will run from the 1st July to the 30th June. Two inspectors will audit the financial records; they will be the assessors for the present and subsequent match.
6.4	Members of the Executive Committee, whilst acting on behalf of the event, may claim out of pocket expenses
6.5	The accounts for the preceding financial year will be presented at the Delegate Assembly held during the match.
6.6	The host country will be responsible for the cost of the match organisation and prizes. The Organising Committee will be responsible for providing accommodation and full board for the President of the Coupe, the Secretary-General and the two assessors from the Wednesday evening preceding the match to the time of the Closing Ceremony.
<b>7.</b>	<b>EVENT ORGANISATION</b>
7.1	National federations applying to host the match must adhere to the outline laid down in the Coupe Code of Practice (administration).
7.2	Any presentation given to the Delegate Assembly by an organising committee must include an accurate presentation of the current state of the course and accommodation facilities.
7.3	Local organising committees may use the Coupe die held by the Coupe de la Jeunesse for the medal face.
7.4	Entries must be submitted electronically as directed by the Technical Assessor (logistics and services).
7.5	The form of the opening ceremony must be agreed by the Executive Committee and should be limited in time and extent. It will take place early on the Friday evening so as not to interfere with the competitors' mealtimes.
7.6	The closing ceremony will be linked to the Junior Men's VIII (JM8+) medal ceremony. The sequence of events will be as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disembark medal crews,</li> <li>2. Presentation of Junior Women and Junior Men's trophies,</li> <li>3. Presentation of Coupe trophy,</li> <li>4. Closing remarks and presentation of Coupe flag to the subsequent organising committee,</li> <li>5. Presentation to the medal winners of the Junior Men's VIII.</li> </ol>

7.7	Each participating country will be responsible for the cost of their team's transport, board and lodging. They will also be responsible for any cost incurred by a nominated umpire.
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The constitution has been accepted by the Extraordinary Delegate Assembly held on 23 February 2013 in Sarnen (Switzerland).

Sarnen, 23 February 2013

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