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Following consultation at the 2023 European Rowing Presidents’ Meeting in Copenhagen the European Rowing Board proposes to the 2023 General Assembly in Bled to adopt a “pro-active” attitude in the approach to the future events programme for European Rowing events.

The ERB sets out some alternative proposals below for consideration and decision at the 2023 General Assembly:

The existing Rule 25 (below) describes in detail the current events programme.

Rule 25 – European Championships Event Programme							
In principle, the events programme for European Rowing Championships shall be the same for men and women.							
European Rowing Championships are held in the following events:							
Senior Men (M)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-		8+
Senior Women (W)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-		8+
Senior Lightweight Men (LM)	1x	2x	2-	4x			
Senior Lightweight Women (LW)	1x	2x	2-	4x			
Senior Para Rowing (PR)	PR1 M1x	PR1 W1x	PR2 Mix2x	PR3 Mix2x	PR3 Mix4+		
Under 23 Men (BM)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	4+	8+
Under 23 Women (BW)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	4+	8+
Under 23 Lightweight Men (BLM)	1x	2x	2-	4x			
Under 23 Lightweight Women (BLW)	1x	2x	2-	4x			
Under 19 Men (JM)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	4+	8+
Under 19 Women (JW)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	4+	8+
The event programmes for the European Rowing Coastal Championships, European Rowing Beach Sprint Championships and European Rowing Indoor Championships shall be found in their relevant Event Regulations (Appendices).							

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As the analysis of the World Rowing working group on the future regatta calendar and events is still ongoing, we can expect a proposal at the 2025 WR Quadrennial Congress.

However, we have observed that some events at European Championships had a poor number of participants in consecutive years.

The European Rowing Board would like to have the possibility to react quicker on those tendencies, where entries are declining as well as rising. By doing so we could achieve a more condensed and attractive events programme.

How can this be achieved?

- A. By applying the earlier existing (WR) 'natural death' rule: after a number of consecutive years with a low (limit to be defined) number of participants, the event concerned automatically would be scratched. This is quite a time consuming procedure and does not have the preference of the European Rowing Board.
- B. By **only defining the events of the existing Olympic/Paralympic Programme as the core events of the European (Senior) Rowing Championships**, and by completing this programme, as well as the programmes of all other European Rowing Events at least 2 years in advance. This would result in the proposal below.

Rule 25 – European Championships Event Programme						
In principle, the events programme for European Rowing Championships shall be the same for men and women and will comprise as a minimum the events included in the forthcoming Olympic and Paralympic Regattas. European Rowing Championships are held in the following events:						
Senior Men (M)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+
Senior Women (W)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+
Senior Lightweight Men (LM)		2x				
Senior Lightweight Women (LW)		2x				
Senior Para Rowing (PR)	PR1 M1x	PR1 W1x	PR2 Mix2x	PR3 Mix2x	PR3 Mix4+	
The event programmes for the <u>European Rowing Under 23 Championships</u> , <u>European Rowing Under 19 Championships</u> , <u>European Rowing Coastal Championships</u> , <u>European Rowing Beach Sprint Championships</u> and <u>European Rowing Indoor Championships</u> and the <u>non-Olympic and non-Paralympic events at the European Rowing Championships</u> shall be found in their relevant Event Regulations (Appendices) to be published at least 2 years before the Championship concerned.						

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- C. By **defining the events of the existing Olympic/Paralympic Programme as the core events of the European (Senior) Rowing Championships, and, in the same way, where applicable, having the similar existing events in the younger age categories (U23 and U19).** The programme could be completed by extra events at least 2 years in advance. This would result in the proposal below.

Rule 25 – European Championships Event Programme						
In principle, the events programme for European Rowing Championships shall be the same for men and women and will comprise as a minimum the events included in the forthcoming Olympic and Paralympic Regattas. The events at European Rowing U23 Championships and European Rowing U19 Championships shall be the same for men and women and will comprise as a minimum the events included in the forthcoming Olympic Games Regatta.						
European Rowing Championships are held in the following events:						
Senior Men (M)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+
Senior Women (W)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+
Senior Lightweight Men (LM)		2x				
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Senior Para Rowing (PR)	PR1 M1x	PR1 W1x	PR2 Mix2x	PR3 Mix2x	PR3 Mix4+	
Under 23 Men (BM)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+
Under 23 Women (BW)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+
Under 23 Lightweight Men (BLM)		2x				
Under 23 Lightweight Women (BLW)		2x				
Under 19 Men (JM)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+
Under 19 Women (JW)	1x	2x	2-	4x	4-	8+
The event programmes for the European Rowing Coastal Championships, European Rowing Beach Sprint Championships and European Rowing Indoor Championships <u>and the non-Olympic and non-Paralympic events at the European Rowing Championships, the European Rowing Under 23 Championships and European Rowing Under 19 Championships</u> shall be found in their relevant Event Regulations (Appendices), to be published at least 2 years before the Championship concerned.						