

ROWING BRITISH COLUMBIA

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE A

FORM 3

SOCIETY ACT

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is ROWING BRITISH COLUMBIA.
2. The purposes of the Society are:
 - (a) To coordinate, promote, and assist rowing and any organization or organizations interested in rowing in the Province of British Columbia;
 - (a.1) To take all appropriate and desirable action to regulate the sport of rowing throughout British Columbia for its members in accordance with the bylaws, policies, rules and regulations of the Society and, where applicable, Rowing Canada Aviron and respond to recommendations and rules as may from time to time be presented by affiliated regulatory agencies.
 - (b) For the attainment of the above purposes to acquire, accept, solicit or receive by purchase, lease, contract, donation, legacy, gift, grant, bequest or otherwise any kind of real or personal property or choses in action;
 - (c) For the further attainment of the above purposes to collect or raise in any manner whatsoever and to distribute from time to time moneys to any such organization or organizations.
3. Upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Society, any funds of the Society remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such organization or organizations promoting interest in or development of the health and welfare of the public, as may be determined by the members of the Society at the time of winding-up or dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the foregoing provisions, then such funds shall be given or transferred to some other organization; provided that each organization referred to in this paragraph shall be a charitable organization, a charitable corporation or charitable trust recognized by the Department of National Revenue of Canada as being qualified as such under the provisions of the Income Tax Act of Canada from time to time in effect. This provision of the Constitution shall be unalterable.
4. The activities and purposes of the Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any income, profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used in promoting the purposes of the Society. This provision of the Constitution is unalterable.

BY - LAWS

BY-LAW ONE: MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Membership of ROWING BRITISH COLUMBIA (Hereinafter called "The Society") shall consist of rowing clubs and other associations interested in promoting rowing, who function in the Province of British Columbia, and meet the requirements of membership.
- 1.2 **Requirements of Membership**
- i. The Club or Association must be actively engaged in the sport of rowing.
 - ii. The Club or Association must agree to abide by and to comply with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.
 - iii. The Club or Association shall provide such documents and statements pertaining to the Club or Association as may be required by the Board of Directors.
- 1.3 **Application for Membership**
- i. The applicant shall submit a written application for membership to the Secretary stating:
 - a) The purpose of the Club or Association
 - b) The officers of the Club or Association
 - c) The address of the Club or Association
 - d) Any other documentation as shall be required by the Board of Directors.
 - ii. Acceptance of an application shall be by two-thirds majority at any Board of Directors meeting.
 - iii. The accepted applicant shall be under a probationary period of one year during which time they shall:
 - a) Pay annual dues to the Society as shall be required
 - b) Have representation but no voting privileges
 - c) Participate in club based activities such as rowing, dry land training, facilities development & administration or regatta organization. [amended 2005-09-18]
 - iv. At a Board of Directors meeting, not less than twelve (12) or more than fifteen (15) months after the date of probationary acceptance, the application shall be presented for final consideration and the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.
 - v. If after an application for final consideration has been rejected, the application shall not be reconsidered for at least a period of twelve (12) months after the date of such rejection.
- 1.4 **Cessation or Cancellation of Membership**
- A Club or Association shall cease to be a member of the Society:
- i. when a written letter of resignation by an officer of such club or association is delivered to the Secretary of the Society or mailed or delivered to the address of the Society;
 - ii. upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Society; or
 - iii. on being expelled as provided herein.

- a) A member is expelled when:
 - i) a motion to cancel the membership of the member is approved at a Board of Directors meeting; or
 - ii) a member has not been a member in good standing for 12 consecutive months. All members are in good standing except a member who has failed to pay his current annual membership fee or any other subscription or debt due and owing by him to the Society and he is not in good standing so long as the debt remains unpaid.

1.5 **Readmission without probation**

Where a club or organization has ceased to be a member of the Society and reapplies for membership, it may, in the discretion of the Board of Directors be readmitted as a member without serving the probationary period on payment of outstanding fees or debts to the Society.

BY-LAW TWO: REPRESENTATION ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2.1 The affairs of the Society shall be vested in the Board of Directors consisting of:

- i. All current Officers of the Society. [amended 2005-09-18]
- ii. The immediate past-president of the Society.

2.2 **Regional Representatives** [amended 2005-09-18]

- i. The Province of British Columbia shall be divided into three regions, based on the zones in use at the British Columbia Games, as follows:
 - a) Vancouver Island region Zone 6, Vancouver Island
 - b) Lower Mainland region Zone 3, Fraser Valley
Zone 4, Delta
Zone 5, Vancouver - Squamish
 - c) Interior region Zone 1, Kootenays
Zone 2, Okanagan
Zone 7, Northwest
Zone 8, Northeast
- ii. Where any region does not have representation among the Officers of the Society as defined under bylaw 3.1, a voting position on the Board of Directors will be created and filled through election by the membership called "Regional Representative" will be deemed an Officer of the Society, including the right to vote at Board of Directors Meetings. Only individuals from a Region not otherwise represented are eligible for election to the position. Should no individuals stand for election, the position will remain vacant until the following election of Officers.
- iii. The term of office for a Regional Representative shall be one year.
- iv. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy on the Board of Directors provided at least 5 remaining Officers were elected by the membership at the most recent General Meeting. Vacancies may be caused by resignation, death or removal from office.
- v. No director shall receive any remuneration for being or acting as a director, but a director may be reimbursed for expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by him or her while engaged in the affairs of the society.

BY-LAW THREE: OFFICERS

3.1 The Officers of the Society shall be as follows:

- i. President
- ii. Vice President - Club Development
- iii. Vice President - Athletic Development
- iv. Vice President - Coaching Development

- v. Vice President - Competition and Risk Management
- vi. Vice President – Marketing
- vii. Secretary
- viii. Treasurer

An assistant Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary may be appointed with such responsibilities as the Board of Directors may decide, but in no case shall they exercise a vote. [Amended 2005-09-18]

3.2 All Officers shall be elected in accordance with the following:

- i. All Officers shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting by a majority of the members in attendance, for a term of two years commencing on the day immediately following the annual meeting.
- ii. Incumbent Officers are eligible for re-election but in no case shall an Officer or a particular Officer hold such office for a consecutive period of more than four (4) years except that the Treasurer or a Vice President may hold office for a consecutive period of six (6) years and, where the members approve by special resolution, a Treasurer or Vice President may hold office for a consecutive period of more than six (6) years.
- iii. The positions of the following Officers will be elected at the AGM held in even numbered years:
 - President;
 - Vice President – Club Development;
 - Vice President – Coaching Development;
 - Vice President – Secretary.
- iv. The positions of the following Officers will be elected at the AGM held in odd numbered years:
 - Vice President – Athletic Development;
 - Vice President – Competition and Risk Management;
 - Vice President – Marketing;
 - Treasurer.
- v. Where an Officer has been appointed to fill a vacancy, the position to which they were appointed will become subject to an election at the following AGM, for a term of either one or two years in order to bring the position renewal in compliance with Bylaw 3.2.iii or 3.2.iv.

3.3 The term of office of a director shall cease upon:

- i. delivery to the Secretary of a written notice of resignation signed by the director;
- ii. the passing of a special resolution of members removing a director in accordance with by-law 17.1.

BY-LAW FOUR: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE [deleted 2005-09-18]

BY-LAW FIVE: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

5.1 **President** [amended 2005-09-18]

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, the Board of Directors and shall order that Directors' meetings be held whenever he may deem necessary.

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

5.2 **Vice-President** [amended 2005-09-18]

In the absence of the President, a Vice-President shall, in order of seniority, act in his place. The

Vice-Presidents shall assume such responsibilities as may be arranged by the Board of Directors.

5.3 **Treasurer** [amended 2005-09-18].

It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to attend to the following matters:

- i. The Treasurer shall collect and have custody of all monies and assets belonging to the Society and keep accurate accounting records of receipts and disbursements.
- ii. The Treasurer shall pay all bills approved by the President and the Treasurer and such payments shall be ratified by the Board of Directors.
- iii. The Treasurer shall submit a report of the Society's financial transactions at regular meetings of the Board of Directors.
- iv. The Treasurer shall submit an annual report to the annual meeting supported by financial statements certified by a chartered accountant duly appointed at the last annual meeting.
- v. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the production of his records for inspection on fourteen (14) days notice at the request of the President or on the vote of the Board of Directors, and shall have them available at any general meeting.

5.4 **Secretary** [amended 2005-09-18]

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to attend to the following matters:

- i. The Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation and custody of minutes of all meetings of the Society.
- ii. The Secretary shall attend to correspondence on behalf of the Society.
- iii. The Secretary shall prepare notices of all meetings.
- iv. The Secretary shall prepare an agenda for each meeting.
- v. Upon appointment of a successor, he shall give all copies of correspondence, records, and all other pertinent information to such successor.
- vi. The Secretary shall be responsible for seeing that the credentials of the voting representatives are in order.
- vii. The Secretary shall encourage and receive applications for membership and see that lists of such membership are maintained for use by the Society in its work.
- viii. The Secretary shall be responsible for the custody of the Corporate Seal.
- ix. The Secretary shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.

BY-LAW SIX: PATRONS AND HONORARY OFFICERS

6.1 The Board of Directors shall have the right to appoint and terminate the appointment of any or all of the following:

- i. Honorary President.
- ii. Member of Honour
- iii. Honorary Member-Patron

6.2 The title "Honorary President" is granted by the Board of Directors to past presidents who have rendered

distinguished services to the Society. This title confers the right to attend all meetings of the Society but not to vote.

- 6.3 The title "Member of Honour" is granted by the Board of Directors to persons who render or who have rendered distinguished services to the Society. This title confers the right to attend all meetings of the Society but not to vote.
- 6.4 The title "Honorary Member-Patron" may be granted by the Board of Directors to persons who have devoted themselves to the development of rowing or who, because of their position or their activity have been useful or may serve the cause of the goals pursued by the Society. Their functions are strictly honorary.

BY-LAW SEVEN: COMMITTEES [amended 2005-09-18]

- 7.1 Committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors as required and for as long as required, which committees shall include the Umpires Committee and the Regattas and Technical Installations Committee. At the time of appointment of each committee, the Board of Directors shall indicate, in reasonable detail, the scope, the purpose, and the authority of the committee so appointed.
- 7.2 At the first Board of Directors meeting after the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors shall determine that the following standing committees are functioning:
- i. Umpires Committee
 - ii. Regattas and Technical Installations Committee.
- 7.3 Additional committees may be appointed by the Board of Directors for any purpose. When appointing any committee, the Board of Directors may put any conditions, restrictions or limitations on the mandate of the said committee.
- 7.4 Each committee shall consist of the following:
- i. A Chairperson
 - ii. A member of the Board of Directors
 - iii. Additional members as required.
- 7.5 **Nominating Committee** [amended 2005-09-18]

The Board of Directors shall appoint, not less than sixty (60) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting, a Nominating Committee consisting of two individuals who have been active in the affairs of the Society and one of which is a member of the Board of Directors.

The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to prepare a slate of candidates for the positions of officers of the Society and to obtain their written consent to stand for office.

Additional nominations may be received by the Nominating Committee up to the time of each election and must be accompanied by the candidates' letters of agreement to stand for the position for which he or she is nominated.

- 7.6 The Board of Directors shall have the power to dissolve a committee by a majority vote.
- 7.7 The Board of Directors shall have the power to remove any committee member by a majority vote, and to appoint a replacement for the balance of the term.

BY-LAW EIGHT: SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

- 8.1 **Executive Director** [amended 2005-09-18]

An Executive Director may be appointed by the Board of Directors.

8.2 **Representatives** [amended 2005-09-18]

Representatives of the Society shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to the National Rowing Association at their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

Representatives may be appointed to any other association deemed necessary or advantageous by the Board of Directors.

The term of appointment of such representatives shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

BY-LAW NINE: FEES

9.1 **Annual fees**

Annual fees for membership shall be assessed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

9.2 **Non-Payment**

Unless annual fees are paid within thirty (30) days of the demand being sent out, the member concerned forfeits all voting rights and privileges until the outstanding fees are paid in full.

9.3 **Registrant Fees**

Fees for registration of individuals as defined in Bylaw Eighteen shall be set by the Board of Directors from time to time.

9.4 **Non-Payment of Registrant Fees**

Registration shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the appropriate fee.

BY-LAW TEN: MEETINGS

10.1 **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place, in accordance with the Society Act, as the directors decide. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to all members in good standing at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall include the following:

- i. Proposed agenda
- ii. Proposed by-law changes
- iii. List of nominations for elected officers.

10.2 **Board of Directors Meetings**

A Board of Directors Meeting shall be held at least quarterly. The date for each meeting shall be decided at the previous Board Meeting or the Annual General Meeting as appropriate.

The Secretary shall send the notice of the meeting not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting.

- i. Should less than 5 elected Officers remain on the Board of Directors, the remaining Officers are obligated to call an Annual or Special General Meeting to elect officers as per Bylaw 3.2 within 90 days. Until such elections, the remaining members may not pass motions that affect the Society, except for matters relevant to the General Meeting. [added 2005-09-18]

10.3 **Executive Committee Meetings** [deleted 2005-09-18]

10.4 **Special General Meetings**

Special General Meetings may be called by the President, and in his absence, a Vice-President in order of seniority. A Special General Meeting must be called by the Secretary on written request of a minimum of one-tenth (1/10) of the members, subject to the requirements of the Society Act of British Columbia.

The Secretary shall call the meeting within two (2) weeks of receipt of such request.

The request for the meeting and the notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting.

BY-LAW ELEVEN: ORDER OF BUSINESS

11.1 Annual General Meetings

At Annual General Meetings the order of business shall be as follows:

- i. Reading of notice calling the meeting.
- ii. Secretary's report as to credentials of members present.
- iii. Roll call by the Secretary.
- iv. Reading and adoption of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
- v. Presentation of reports.
- vi. Adoption of Auditor's report and financial statements.
- vii. Unfinished business.
- viii. Election of Officers and Regional Representatives.
- ix. Appointment of Auditor.
- x. New Business.
- xi. Adjournment.

11.2 Board of Directors Meetings [amended 2005-09-18]

At Board of Directors meetings, the order of business shall be as above except items (iv), (vi), (viii) and (ix) shall be deleted, and in place of (iv) "Reading and adoption of minutes of previous Board of Directors Meeting", as applicable, shall be substituted.

BY-LAW TWELVE: QUORUM

12.1 General Meetings

A quorum at General Meetings is one third (1/3) of the members in good standing, but never less than three (3).

12.2 Board of Directors Meetings

At Board of Directors Meetings a majority of the directors including a majority of the regional representatives in office shall constitute a quorum.

12.3 Executive Committee Meetings [deleted 2005-09-18]

BY-LAW THIRTEEN: VOTING RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

13.1 Annual General Meetings

At Annual General Meetings, each member in good standing and each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote.

13.2 Special General Meetings

At Special General Meetings, each member in good standing shall have one vote.

13.3 Board of Directors Meetings

At Board of Directors Meetings, each Director present shall have one vote.

13.4 **Executive Committee Meetings** [deleted 2005-09-18]

13.5 **Proxy Votes**

Proxy votes shall be recognized at the Annual General Meeting only. Members may vote by proxy providing:

- i. That a written request signed by the President or Secretary of the member indicating who is to exercise the proxy is received by the Secretary prior to the meeting.
- ii. A person may exercise a proxy on behalf of one absentee member only.
- iii. That the proxy is requested and exercised by a member in good standing.
- iv. The person exercising the proxy need not be a representative of a member.

13.6 **Voting Procedures**

- i. At all meetings, voting shall be by a show of hands, or by secret ballot on resolution of the simple majority of members voting at the meeting.
- ii. At Board of Directors meetings, the President shall in the event of a tie vote be entitled to a tie breaking vote.
- iii. For the election of officers, each appointment shall be voted on separately and in order, commencing with the President.

BY-LAW FOURTEEN: FINANCES

14.1 **Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on the first day of April of each year and end on the thirty-first day of March of the following year.

14.2 **Signing Officers** [amended 2005-09-19]

All contracts, documents or any like instruments required to be executed by the Society shall be signed by two (2) members of the Board of Directors, one of which shall be the President, a Vice-President, or the Executive Director.

14.3 **Bank Accounts**

One or more bank accounts shall be kept for the Society in a chartered bank or trust company. All cheques on such accounts shall be signed by any two of the President, the Treasurer, or the Executive Director.

14.4 **Borrowing**

- i. In order to carry out the purposes of the Society, the Board of Directors may, on behalf of and in the name of the Society, borrow such funds as the Board of Directors think desirable and secure the payment or re-payment of such borrowings by giving security in whatever form the Board of Directors shall deem fit over the funds, property and assets of the Society.
- ii. The members may by special resolution restrict the borrowing powers of the Board of Directors, but a restriction imposed expires at the next Annual General Meeting.

- iii. No debenture will be issued except by special resolution.

BY-LAW FIFTEEN: VACANCIES

15.1 **Board of Directors** [amended 2005-09-18]

In the event of a vacancy within the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement, within a period of three (3) months, to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

BY-LAW SIXTEEN: AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

16.1 **Special Resolutions**

These by-laws may be amended or replaced in whole or in part at a General Meeting of which notice of intention to amend or replace has been given. Any amendment or replacement requires a seventy-five (75%) majority vote of those members present and entitled to vote.

BY-LAW SEVENTEEN: DISCIPLINARY ACTION

17.1 **Removal from Office**

Any Director may be removed from office by a special resolution of members provided:

- i. Thirty (30) days notice in writing is sent to every member and Director advising of the proposal.
- ii. Thirty (30) days notice in writing is sent to the Director in question, stating specifically the charges.

BY-LAW EIGHTEEN: REGISTRATION OF OARSPERSONS, COACHES, OFFICIALS AND AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS

18.1 The Board of Directors may require that a register of oarspersons, coaches, officials and auxiliary volunteers be maintained.

18.2 Members will be required to submit the necessary information for such a register to be maintained.

18.3 An oarsperson or coach may belong to more than one club, but for purposes of registration shall be registered to only one member club at any one time.

18.4 Registration of individuals does not imply membership in the Society by the individual.

BY-LAW NINETEEN: SANCTION

19.1 **Sanction Hierarchy**

Sanction from the Society is required for all regattas held in British Columbia.

Sanction from the National Rowing Association, in addition to sanction from the Society, is required for regattas hosted in British Columbia which are of national importance.

Sanction from FISA in addition to sanction from the Society and from the National Rowing Association, is required for international championships and meetings held in British Columbia, as specified in the FISA Statutes.

19.2 **Regattas Requiring Sanction** [amended 2005-09-18]

- i. Any racing between two (2) or more clubs shall require sanction from the Society.
- ii. Racing within one club and inter-club training sessions which are conducted by the coaches do not require sanction.

- iii. Sanction shall be given by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Regattas and Technical Installations Committee.

19.3 **Policy for Granting Sanction**

The Board of Directors shall establish a policy for requesting sanction and for granting sanction for regattas.

19.4 **Removal of Sanction** [amended 2005-09-18]

The Board of Directors may withdraw sanction of any regatta if it appears that the requirements for holding the regatta are not being fulfilled.

19.5 **Sanction for competition outside British Columbia** [amended 2005-09-18]

The Board of Directors may require members and registrants to obtain sanction before participating in regattas outside the province of British Columbia.

19.6 **Failure to obtain sanction** [amended 2005-09-18]

The Board of Directors shall establish a policy for disciplining either members or registrants who fail to obtain sanction.

BY-LAW TWENTY: DISCIPLINE.

20.1 **Behaviour and Discipline** [amended 2005-09-18]

The Board of Directors may establish standards of behaviour and disciplinary procedures for members and individual registrants.