



Fairness Committee

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Rule 64 – Adverse Weather Conditions

2. For World Rowing Championship, Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic and relevant qualification regattas and World Rowing regattas, the Executive Committee shall appoint a **Fairness Committee** consisting of three persons with appropriate experience and ability to take the appropriate measures if the weather creates unfair or unrowable conditions. The President of the Jury shall implement the decisions of the Fairness Committee.

- Fairness Committee composition
 - 3 persons
 - Usually including a member of the Competitive Commission
 - 2 other experienced people

- Responsibilities
 - Determine if weather has created or is about to create unfair or unrowable conditions
 - Adopt the most appropriate alternatives
 - Communicate their decision to the President of the Jury for implementation
 - Communicate decisions to the Team Managers

Options for the Fairness Committee

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consider

1. To use the lanes offering the most equal conditions.
2. To delay/suspend the racing program and recommend alternative times for racing.
3. To re-allocate the lanes for each individual race, using the rankings from the previous round to put the crews with the better (°) rankings in the better lanes. ((°) seeded crews - fastest crews in time-trial)

Fairness Committee Executive Committee Decisions

After the Fairness Committee has

- adopted 1, 2, and/or 3 above, or
- has determined that the above are not appropriate solutions

The Executive Committee, or its designate, may implement one of the solutions on the next slide.

With each scenario, crews must be given adequate notice to prepare and information communicated promptly to Team Managers

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1. To start racing earlier than scheduled, provided that the announcement can be made at the Team Managers meeting on the previous day.
2. Resume racing at a later time when conditions have improved
3. To omit rounds of the event where adverse conditions have prevented racing for a significant period and no improvement is forecasted.
 - Composition of next round will be based on completed rounds and may necessitate more than 6 crews in each race.
 - Where possible crews rankings from the previous rounds will be used
4. Implement Time-Trial System. To use the lanes offering the most equal conditions.
5. Reduce the length of a race to no less than 1000 meters



Athlete Lane Selection - Trial

- 60- 90 minutes prior to a race the crews select their lanes.
- Order of selection for heats based on original draw
- Order of selection for R, Q, S F based on previous round's results.

Questions?