**Procedure for Participation in FISA World Cup Regattas 2019**

**Qualification**

Athletes training for the USRowing National Team may qualify for participation at a FISA World Cup through one of three options:

1) In the case of Olympic events, an athlete/crew may automatically qualify as outlined under the current year’s Senior World Championship selection procedures; or,

2) May attend a World Cup as part of an approved training group under the respective USRowing Head Coaches; or,

3) An athlete/crew who does not qualify for the opportunity to attend the FISA World Cup in an Olympic event outlined in section 1 or 2 may petition to attend a World Cup based on their placement at Speed Order/NSR/Trials in their respective event. The top 3 places will be considered in order of placement. After 3rd place other criteria may be considered from petitioning boats.

**Application**

The petition should be submitted by the deadline outlined in the selection procedures (generally 21 days prior to the first day of competition for the requested World Cup) and must include the following:

1) Name and contact information of athlete(s) petitioning
2) Name of club and coach for athletes
3) Event and World Cup being requested
4) Stated goals for attending World Cup
5) Athlete’s current performance data, including but not limited to, results from USRowing selection events, erg tests performed under witnesses or other relevant regatta performances during the previous 12 months

**Review**

After receipt of petition, the HPD will convene a three-person selection panel from its High Performance Committee, including at least one athlete representative, to review the petition. The selection panel will consider fully completed petitions based on the following criteria listed in order:

1) Performance at Speed Order/NSR/Trials regattas
2) Performance data provided by petitioner as well as results from other relevant regattas
3) Relevance of prospective entry to USRowing’s future Olympic event performance
4) Available space for entry. FISA currently allows 4 entries per country at World Cup I and 2 per country for World Cup II and III.
Participation

Should the petition be approved, athletes will be provided the opportunity to attend World Cup under the following terms:

1) Athletes will follow all FISA and USRowing rules and regulations;
2) Athletes are responsible for all associated costs for the trip including but not limited to: travel, accommodation and equipment lease and transport;
3) An approved coach must travel with the athletes who is responsible for those athletes. 
4) Athletes and approved coach must sign the USRowing Athlete & Coaches Agreement (Appendix G) and abide by the USRowing Code of Conduct (Appendix F). Coaches must also Appendix D – Coaches.

World Cup Performance and Selection Process

All athletes should understand that performance at a World Cup will only be considered for selection or funding as outlined in the current annual selection procedures.