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Good evening:

Per the Procedure to Propose Changes to the Rules of Rowing, and as co-chair of the High Performance Committee, I submit the attached changes (4 documents) on behalf of myself and the other HPC co-chair, Bruce Ibbetson, to Article VI – Trials Rules. The HPC will continue to refine these proposed rules as the 2015 Selection Procedures are prepared in September/October 2014. Any additional changes will be finalized by October 31, 2014 in accordance with the public review and comment opportunity outlined in the Procedure.

The goal of the proposed changes is to bring the national team trials procedures in alignment with FISA rules such that athletes competing at the various selection regattas and trials are following the same rules that apply at the World Championships, Olympics, and other international regattas. The side benefit of this change is to streamline/simplify the Rules of Rowing by moving most of the Trials section of the Rules to the various applicable sections of the Selection Procedures and clarifying that all trials races will be run in accordance with FISA rules.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on to the attached.

Best wishes,

Christine Collins
HPC Co-Chair