



The Coupe de la Jeunesse Executive Committee met for the annual February meeting on 6 February 2016 in Poznan (Poland) with the Organising Committee and the Coupe Delegates present.

This circular covers the following items:

- a. Information for the 2016 Coupe de la Jeunesse, 29-31 July 2016 in Poznan
- b. Information about Coupe de la Jeunesse matters
- c. Information about important dates

A. Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta from 29-31 July 2016 in Poznan (Poland)

I. Team accommodation and catering

The Organising Committee showed the proposed accommodation in Camping Malta, Hotel Park and the Novotel Hotel Malta (see prices and locations in the presentation attached). All three accommodation options are in walking distance to the regatta course. Accommodation will be confirmed on a first come, first served principle.

Breakfast and dinner will be served in the hotels. Lunches will be at the regatta venue.

Booking contact: ala.lagoda@wioslarstwo.poznan.pl

The booking deadlines were discussed, altered and agreed:

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| 01 May 2016 | Booking deadline for accommodation at the official Poznan 2016 hotels (preliminary booking) / 50% deposit payment to confirm the reservation |
| 15 July 2016 | Deadline for final accommodation booking and to submit transport requests for airport transfers / final payment |

Note: The student accommodation will only be offered if a minimum of 100 beds will be used. National Federations seriously interested in the student accommodation option have to contact the Organising Committee (ala.lagoda@wioslarstwo.poznan.pl) immediately and no later than 29 February 2016.

II. Transport

Transport is generally not included in the Coupe de la Jeunesse accommodation/catering prices. The 2016 Organising Committee informed that they can provide transport between Poznan airport and the official hotels free of charge if the travel details are submitted by 1 May 2016 (preliminary) and 15 July 2016 (final). We thank for this generous service for the teams.

National Federations are asked to submit transport requests for arrival and departure days to ala.lagoda@wioslarstwo.poznan.pl

III. Entries

Entry deadline: Monday, 18 July 2016 (12:00 hrs, CET)

Each member federation will be sent a login and password in advance to submit the entries of the Coupe de la Jeunesse about one month before the entry deadline.

IV. International Jury

The Coupe de la Jeunesse Executive Committee confirmed the proposal of the Polish Rowing Association to appoint **Ms Marta Wolny-Marszalek** (POL, FISA Umpire 1132) as President of the Jury for the 2016 Coupe de la Jeunesse in Poznan.

The member federations are asked to nominate umpires as candidates for the 2016 Coupe de la Jeunesse Jury by 31 March 2016. The Secretary-General will circulate the necessary nomination form.

V. Athlete's surprise by the 2016 Organising Committee

The Poznan Organising Committee wishes to organise a short tour (approx. 1-1½ hours) of Poznan on Saturday after the afternoon racing session. The tour will be by bus or tram. The intention of the tour is a guided city tour that athletes can also see parts of the city of Poznan.

Question: Are the Member Federations and it's teams committed to take the tour and participate on the tour on Saturday after racing? Please submit your answers to the Secretary-General no later than 29 February 2016 by e-mail (c.stofer@bluewin.ch).

VI. 2016 Ordinary Delegate Assembly of the Coupe de la Jeunesse in Poznan

Date/Time: **Saturday, 30 July 2016 (12:00 – 13:00 hrs)**

Location: Team Manager Meeting Room (Auditorium in the ground floor) in the Finish Tower complex at the regatta course

Member Federations are asked to confirm the name of the official Delegate by 30 June 2016 to the Secretary-General by e-mail.

B. Coupe de la Jeunesse matters

I. Potential changes to the Coupe de la Jeunesse constitution and Rules of Racing

The Coupe de la Jeunesse Constitution and Rules of Racing can only be changed every four years during an Extraordinary Delegate Assembly. The next Extraordinary Delegate Assembly will be held in February 2017. A preliminary and non-binding discussion about the number of members, the membership rules, the Coupe de la Jeunesse structures and the Coupe de la Jeunesse event programme was held in Poznan. The members present expressed their views.

It is highlighted to keep the ethos and spirit of the Coupe de la Jeunesse by also keeping the two day race format. Nevertheless, the members could see a potential to open membership for two or three new members by invitation. This was felt as a general consensus.

To allow further discussion and collect proposals of Member Federations, the Coupe de la Jeunesse Executive Committee decided to fix the following procedure and milestones:

Timetable for changes to the „Constitution“ and „Rules of Racing“ of the Coupe de la Jeunesse:

- 30 July 2016 Discussion and agreement in principle about potential new members of the Coupe de la Jeunesse
- 31 October 2016 Deadline for submitting formal proposals of National Federations to change the „Constitution“ and „Rules of Racing“ of the Coupe de la Jeunesse. (please send by E-Mail to the Secretary-General: c.stofer@bluewin.ch)
- Based on the proposals, the Coupe de la Jeunesse Executive Committee will draft formal proposals for voting at the Extraordinary Delegate Assembly on 25 February 2017 in Mechelen (Belgium)
- 31 December 2016 Invitation and documents for the Extraordinary Delegate Assembly will be sent to the Delegates and National Federations
- 25 February 2017 Extraordinary Coupe de la Jeunesse Delegate Assembly Mechelen (Belgium)

II. Election of the Technical Advisor (Facilities and Race Control)

The position of Technical Advisor (Facilities and Race Control) is up for election this year. The position was held by Daniël Deweert (Belgium) for the last four years. As he reaches the upper limit of terms after three terms of four years, a new Technical Advisor will be elected.

Nominations for the position of Technical Advisor (Facilities and Race Control) can only be made by the National Federations and have to include a formal nomination on National Federation letter, accompanied by a one page Curriculum Vitae of the nominated candidate.

Nominations have to be sent no later than 30 June 2016 to the Secretary-General by E-Mail.

Short description of the position Technical Adviser (Facilities and Race Control): - to visit, check and advise organising committees on their course facilities, and to oversee the on-water operation during competition. To advise the Chairman of the Race Committee on the needs of the event, to observe the racing, to check that all on-water jobs have been filled with appropriately qualified personnel and to draw up a technical code of practice.

The Technical Advisor is expected to attend at the venue of the Coupe regatta five days, Wednesday to Sunday, each summer, to attend the February meeting with the Organising Committee each year, three days, and other meetings of the Executive Committee and with the Organising Committee as are necessary from time to time. Some work in preparation of these meetings will be required.

III. Future events / bidding

2017 Coupe de la Jeunesse Hazewinkel (Belgium) | 2018 Coupe de la Jeunesse in Cork (Ireland).

The attribution of the 2019 Coupe de la Jeunesse will be in summer 2016 if formal bids are submitted. Bids can only be made by National Federations on National Federation letter. The bidding federation has to make a presentation of the bid during the Delegate Assembly and circulate the preliminary bulletin.

Bids for the 2019 Coupe de la Jeunesse have to be sent by E-Mail to the Secretary-General of the Coupe de la Jeunesse no later than 30 June 2016.

National Federations are asked to express their interest for future events during the Delegate Assembly.

IV. Coupe finances

The Secretary-General informed the Delegates about the Coupe de la Jeunesse finances. The membership fee will be proposed unchanged for 2016/2017. The Secretary-General then indicated that the Executive Committee will propose a raise of the membership fee for 2017/2018. The discussion will be held during the Extraordinary Delegate Assembly in February 2017.

C. Summary of important dates

29 February 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Firm commitment for student accommodation to the 2016 Poznan Organising Committee (ala.lagoda@wioslarstwo.poznan.pl)➤ Feedback by member federations about the proposed guided tour through Poznan for the competitors (c.stofer@bluewin.ch)
31 March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Umpire Nominations for the 2016 Coupe de la Jeunesse (c.stofer@bluewin.ch)
01 May 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Booking deadline for preliminary accommodation reservation at the 2016 Poznan hotels and first indication for the transport requests (ala.lagoda@wioslarstwo.poznan.pl)
30 June 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Nomination of the National Federation Delegate (name and e-mail) for the Delegate Assembly (c.stofer@bluewin.ch)➤ Submitting bids of candidates for future events (c.stofer@bluewin.ch)➤ Nomination of candidates for the role of Technical Advisor (Member of the Coupe de la Jeunesse Executive Committee). c.stofer@bluewin.ch
15 July 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Deadline for final accommodation booking and submitting final transport requests to the Poznan Organising Committee (ala.lagoda@wioslarstwo.poznan.pl)
18 July 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Entry deadline for the 2016 Coupe de la Jeunesse regatta via Time Team System (login and password circulated separately)➤ Monday, 18 July 2016 (12:00 hrs, CET)
29-31 July 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Coupe de la Jeunesse 2016 in Poznan➤ Saturday, 30 July 2016 (12:00-13:00 hrs): Ordinary Delegate Assembly in the Auditorium in the Finish Tower complex.
31 October 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Proposals for changes to the constitution and the rules of racing on National Federation letter to the Secretary-General by E-Mail (c.stofer@bluewin.ch)
31 December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Invitation and documents for Extraordinary Delegate Assembly will be sent out
25 February 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Extraordinary Delegate Assembly in Mechelen (Belgium): mandatory participation of all member federations according to the constitution.