

# Athlete Lane Selection for the LM1x and LW1x

## World Rowing Cup I, Belgrade

### INSTRUCTIONS

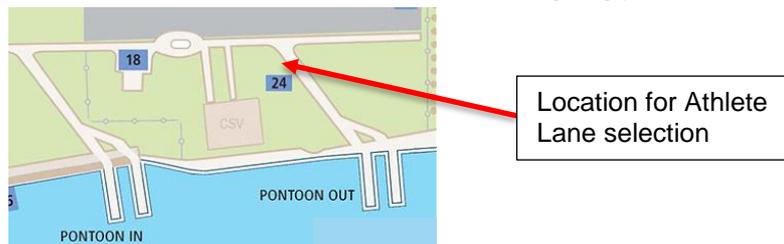
The Council has agreed to test a system for athletes to choose their own lanes for all rounds following the heats. As an outdoor sport, rowing results can be affected by the impact of weather conditions on lanes. The purpose of athlete lane selection is to place in the hands of athletes the key decision on lane assignment based on their previous round performance.

The system will be tested at World Rowing Cup I in Belgrade for the following events and rounds:

#### LW1x and LM1x: repechages, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals

The lane selection process shall be as follows:

- **Only the rower** may make the lane selection (no coaches or team managers);
- The lane selection will take place at the Control Commission close to the outgoing pontoons:



- The order in which the rowers will select their lanes will be indicated on a **Preliminary Start List** as A, B, C, D, E, F, where A chooses first, then B, etc. (The order of selection is determined by ranking in the previous round, where rowers with the higher ranking choose their lane first. Where rowers have equal ranking a random draw will have been made to decide which of those rowers chooses first, and will already be reflected in the Preliminary Start List.)
- A **Preliminary Start List Summary** for the LM1x and LW1x will be issued separately from the Start List Summary for the rest of the regatta. This Preliminary Start List Summary will also show the selection order for each race. Note that the LM1x and LW1x will not appear on the Start List Summary that is issued at the end of each racing session.
- The rower must be present at the Athlete Lane Selection tent **90 minutes before his or her race time** in order to make the lane selection;
- Each rower shall have a maximum of **30 seconds to make the selection**;
- Any rower not present in the lane selection area at the designated time shall lose their priority and select last. Rowers not present by the end of the lane selection process shall be allocated the remaining lane or in the case that more than one rower is not present for the lane selection, a random draw will be made for lanes between the missing rowers.
- Once the lane selection has been completed for a race, an updated start list showing the lane allocation will be produced and distributed via the normal channels, i.e. at the team information centre and on [www.worldrowing.com](http://www.worldrowing.com). The Start List Summary will also be updated and published online (but not printed).

Rowers should make their own analysis of weather and forecasts to enable their lane selection. FISA will publish a weather forecast but will not take responsibility for changing weather or the accuracy of the forecasts. In addition, a diagram will be provided showing the impact of different wind conditions and directions on the course; this diagram will be based on information provided by local rowers that know the course well.

Where athlete lane selection is in place, the Fairness Committee will not reallocate lanes in the case of adverse or changing weather. The Fairness Committee will only have the option to move lanes across the course (for example use lanes 2–7, instead of 1–6) or can stop racing if conditions become unrowable.

Contingency arrangements will be in place where athletes are delayed through no fault of their own or if the race programme is delayed.

During the Athlete Lane Selection procedure, additional FISA officials will be available in the Control Commission area to support the operation and answer questions from teams. Please come to the FISA office if you have any questions in the interim!