

SEEDING

Principles and Procedure

2019 FISA Seeding Criteria on the FISA
website (approved by the FISA
Executive Committee and published in
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<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/publications/2019-event-bulletins>

Principles

- Seeding is not predicting the best crews, but is to avoid having the best crews in the same heat in the beginning of the regatta.
- The previous race has the most value.
- In case of non participation at the World Cups, the last result of the previous WRC is valid.
- The presence of 50% of the crew is considered as the same crew.
- When Olympic medalists get back into competition, their position is evaluated separately.

Seeding panel

In accordance with Bye-Laws to Rule 68, the seeding has been determined by a Seeding Panel appointed by the FISA Executive Committee

- Rosie Mayglothing (GBR)
- Gianni Postiglione (ITA)
- Thor Nielsen (NOR)
- Pascale Bouton (FRA)

Procedure

STEP ONE

- After closure of the entries' procedure, the members of the Seeding Commission each determine their own ranking.
- All names are reviewed according to the 5 principles mentioned above.

Seeding' proposals (example WC ROTTERDAM 2019)

		THOR			PASCALE			GIANNI			Rosie		
Race 1	W2-	20 entries	4 heats		20 entries	4 heats		20 entries	4 heats		20 entries	4 heats	
		1. NZL 1	8. ROU 2	9. IRL	1. NZL 1	8. ROU 1	9. POL	1. NZL 1	8. NED	9. POL	1. NZL 1	8. GBR 1	9. ROU 1
		2. AUS 1	7. ROU 1		2. ESP	7. NED		2. ESP	7. ROU 1		2. ESP	7. CHN	
		3. ESP	6. NED		3. AUS 1	6. GBR1		3. AUS 1	6. GBR1		3. AUS 1	6. GER 1	
		4. GER 1	5. GBR 1		4. GER 1	5. ROU 2		4. ROU 2	5. GER 1		4. ROU 2	5. NED	
Race 2	M2-	18 entries	3 heats		18 entries	3 heats		18 entries	3 heats		18 entries	3 heats	
		1. CRO	6. CZE	7. FRA	1. CRO	6. GBR 1	7. FRA	1. CRO	6. GBR 1	7. FRA	1. CRO	6. GBR 1	7. FRA
		2. ROU	5. GBR 1		2. ROU	5. CZE		2. ROU	5. CZE		2. AUS 1	5. CZE	
		3. AUS 1	4. NZL 1		3. AUS 1	4. NZL 1		3. AUS 1	4. NZL 1		3. ROU	4. NZL 1	
Race 3	W2X	14 entries	3 heats		14 entries	3 heats		14 entries	3 heats		14 entries	3 heats	
		1. AUS	6. CAN	7. CZE	1. AUS	6. CAN	7. CZE	1. AUS	6. CAN	7. CZE	1. AUS	6. ROU	7. CAN
		2. USA	5. GER 1		2. USA	5. GER 1		2. USA	5. GER 1		2. USA	5. GER 1	
		3. NED	4. GER 2		3. NED	4. GER 2		3. NED	4. GER 2		3. NED	4. GER 2	
Race 4	M2X	21 entries	4 heats		21 entries	4 heats		21 entries	4 heats		21 entries	4 heats	
		1. SUI	8. CHN	9. FRA	1. SUI	8. CHN	9. FRA	1. SUI	8. CHN	9. FRA	1. SUI	8. CHN	9. FRA
		2. GBR	7. NED 1		2. GBR	7. NED 1		2. ROU	7. AUS 1		2. ROU	7. NED 1	
		3. GER	6. ROU		3. GER	6. AUS 1		3. GBR	6. POL		3. GBR	6. AUS 1	
		4. POL	5. AUS 1		4. POL	5. ROU		4. NED 1	5. GER		4. GER	5. POL	
Race 5	W4-	14 entries	3 heats		14 entries	3 heats		14 entries	3 heats		14 entries	3 heats	
		1. DEN	6. GER	7. NZL	1. DEN	6. GER	7. NZL	1. DEN	6. GER	7. NZL	1. DEN	6. GBR	7. GER
		2. AUS 1	5. GBR		2. AUS 1	5. GBR		2. AUS 1	5. GBR		2. AUS 1	5. RUS	
		3. NED 1	4. ROU		3. NED 1	4. ROU		3. NED 1	4. ROU		3. NED 1	4. ROU	
Race 6	M4-	13 entries	3 heats		13 entries	3 heats		13 entries	3 heats		13 entries	3 heats	
		1. AUS	6. GBR 2	7. DEN	1. AUS	6. ROU 1	7. GBR 2	1. AUS	6. ROU 1	7. GBR 2	1. AUS	6. ROU 1	7. NED 1
		2. POL	5. SUI		2. POL	5. SUI		2. POL	5. SUI		2. POL	5. GBR 2	
		3. GBR 1	4. GER		3. GBR 1	4. GER		3. GBR 1	4. GER		3. GBR 1	4. GER	
Race 7	W1X	21 entries	4 heats		21 entries	4 heats		21 entries	4 heats		21 entries	4 heats	
		1. IRL	8. SUI 2	9. GER	1. IRL	8. SUI 2	9. GER	1. IRL	8. SUI 2	9. GER	1. IRL	8. SUI 2	9. GER
		2. SUI	7. NED 1		2. SUI 1	7. NED 1		2. SUI 1	7. NED 1		2. NZL	7. DEN	
		3. CZE	6. DEN		3. NZL	6. DEN		3. CZE	6. DEN		3. SUI 1	6. GBR	
		4. NZL	5. GBR		4. CZE	5. GBR		4. NZL	5. GBR		4. CZE	5. NED 1	
Race 8	M1X	29 entries	5 heats		29 entries	6 heats		29 entries	6 heats		29 entries	6 heats	
		1. DEN	10. SUI	11. SWE	1. DEN	12. SUI	13. SWE	1. DEN	12. SUI	13. SWE	1. DEN	12. NED 1	13. SUI
		2. GBR 1	9. NED		2. GBR 1	11. NED		2. CZE	11. NED		2. GBR 1	11. FRA 1	
		3. GER 1	8. FRA		3. GER 1	10. FRA 1		3. CRO	10. FRA 1		3. GER 1	10. POL	
		4. CRO	7. POL		4. CRO	9. POL		4. GBR 1	9. POL		4. CRO	9. FIN	
		5. NOR	6. NZL 1		5. CZE	8. NZL 1		5. GER 1	8. NZL 1		5. CZE	8. NZL 1	
					6. NOR	7. GBR 2		6. NOR	7. GBR 2		6. NOR	7. GBR 2	

Seeding'proposal (example CE LUCERNE 2019)

		THOR			PASCALE			ROSIE		
Race 1	W2-	16 entries	3 heats		16 entries	3 heats		16 entries	3 heats	
		1. NED	6. DEN	7. GRE	1. NED	6. DEN	7. GRE	1. NED	6. GRE	7. ITA
		2. ESP	5. ROU		2. ESP	5. GBR		2. DEN	5. UKR	
		3. IRL	4. GBR		3. IRL	4. ROU		3. ESP	4. IRL	
Race 2	M2-	16 entries	3 heats		16 entries	3 heats		16 entries	3 heats	
		1. SRB	6. CZE	7. BLR	1. SRB	6. CZE	7. BLR	1. SRB	6. CZE	7. BLR
		2. CRO	5. ESP		2. CRO	5. ESP		2. CRO	5. ESP	
		3. ROU	4. FRA		3. ROU	4. FRA		3. ROU	4. FRA	
Race 3	W2X	16 entries	3 heats		16 entries	3 heats		16 entries	3 heats	
		1. LTU	6. GRE	7. ITA	1. LTU	6. FRA	7. BLR	1. LTU	6. GRE	7. FRA
		2. CZE	5. POL		2. CZE	5. GRE		2. CZE	5. POL	
		3. GER	4. BLR		3. GER	4. POL		3. GER	4. BLR	
Race 4	M2X	19 entries	4 heats		19 entries	4 heats		19 entries	4 heats	
		1. FRA	8. GER	9. EST	1. FRA	8. GER	9. BLR	1. FRA	8. GER	9. EST
		2. SUI	7. GBR		2. SUI	7. GBR		2. SUI	7. GBR	
		3. ROU	6. IRL		3. ROU	6. IRL		3. ROU	6. IRL	
		4. NED	5. POL		4. NED	5. POL		4. NED	5. POL	
Race 5	W4-	9 entries	2 heats		9 entries	2 heats		9 entries	2 heats	
		1. DEN	4. NED	5. ROU	1. DEN	4. NED	5. ROU	1. DEN	4. NED	5. ROU
		2. POL	3. GBR		2. POL	3. GBR		2. POL	3. GBR	

Procedure

STEP TWO

- SKYPE CALL lively discussion to decide the most reasonable and final seeding according to the principles.
- Preliminary seeding on the FISA website
 - > crews are listed in alphabetical order (WCup 2/3)
 - > crews are listed in rank order (LINZ)

2019 World Rowing Championships, Linz-Ottensheim, Austria

Preliminary Event Seeding*

Event	W2-	M2-	W2x	M2x	W4-	M4-	W1x	M1x	LW2x	LM2x	W4x	M4x	W8+	M8+
Event number	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
Number of entries	26	29	22	31	16	22	39	44	28	33	12	19	11	10
Number of heats	5	5	4	6	3	4	8	8	5	6	2	4	2	2
Seeded crews by rank	1. AUS 2. NZL 3. USA 4. CAN 5. ROU 6. ESP 7. ITA 8. IRL 9. CHN 10. GER	1. CRO 2. CZE 3. NZL 4. ROU 5. ESP 6. CAN 7. SRB 8. ITA 9. GBR 10. AUS	1. NZL 2. USA 3. ROU 4. AUS 5. CHN 6. NED 7. CAN 8. CZE	1. SUI 2. IRL 3. GBR 4. GER 5. NED 6. POL 7. NZL 8. ROU 9. LTU 10. FRA 11. AUS 12. CHN	1. AUS 2. DEN 3. CHN 4. ROU 5. NED 6. USA	1. AUS 2. ITA 3. GBR 4. POL 5. RSA 6. GER 7. DEN	1. IRL 2. NZL 3. SUI 4. AUT 5. CAN 7. GBR 8. GER 9. CZE 10. DEN 11. UKR 12. FRA 13. NAM 14. CHN 15. BLR 16. SWE	1. DEN 2. NED 3. BLR 4. NOR 5. CRO 6. CZE 7. CUB 8. GER 9. GER 10. GBR 11. LTU 12. POL 13. SUI 14. FIN 15. ITA 16. SWE	1. NZL 2. ITA 3. NED 4. SUI 5. CHN 6. FRA 7. BLR 8. ROU 9. USA 10. GBR	1. GER 2. ITA 3. IRL 4. NOR 5. BEL 6. NZL 7. AUS 8. CAN 9. ESP 10. DEN 11. FRA 12. POR	1. CHN 2. GER 3. POL 4. AUS	1. POL 2. GER 3. NED 4. ITA 5. AUS 6. RUS 7. GBR 8. NOR	1. NZL 2. AUS 3. USA 4. CAN	1. GBR 2. GER 3. CAN 4. NZL
Next seeded crew**	11. GRE	11. BLR	9. GER	--	7. CAN	9. ROU	17. BUL	17. FRA	11. GER	13. SVK	5. GBR	--	5. RUS	5. NED

Event	LW1x	LM1x	LW2-	LM2-	LW4x	LM4x	PR1 W1x	PR1 M1x	PR2 Mix2x	PR3 Mix 2x	PR3 Mix4+	PR2 W1x	PR2 M1x	PR3 W2-	PR3 M2-	
Event number	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(81)	(82)	(83)	(84)	(85)	(86)	(87)	(88)	(89)	
Number of entries	19	32	5	9	5	8	14	27	12	7	17	6	8	2	8	
Number of heats	4	6	0	2	0	2	3	5	2	2	3	0	2	0	2	
Seeded crews by rank	1. GER 2. ITA 3. CAN 4. JPN 5. SWE 6. DEN 7. NOR 8. NED	1. AUS 2. CAN 3. HUN 4. SLO 5. IRL 6. GER 7. ITA 8. SUI 9. GBR 10. NZL 11. NOR 12. POL		1. CZE 2. ITA 3. HUN 4. TUR			1. ITA 2. NED 3. FRA 4. AUT	1. NOR 2. ISR 3. UKR 4. FRA 5. GER 6. ITA	1. UKR 2. AUS 3. RUS 4. USA 5. BRA 6. GBR 7. ITA 8. LTU 9. ISR 10. FRA	1. NED 2. POL 3. UKR 4. FRA	1. ISR 2. AUT 3. RUS 4. USA	1. GBR 2. USA 3. AUS 4. ITA 5. ISR 6. UKR		1. NED 2. CAN 3. ITA 4. CHN		1. CAN 2. AUS 3. FRA 4. UKR
Next seeded crew**	--	13. CRO	--	5. AUT	--	5. CHN	7. USA	11. POL	5. GBR	--	7. FRA	--	5. USA	--	5. GER	

** Will be seeded in the case of a seeded crew withdrawing before the Draw.

Procedure

STEP THREE

- Any comments on the preliminary seeding may be addressed using the official form, and should be submitted to the FISA office until 10:00 am on the day of the draw (3:00 pm)
- Last meeting of the seeding panel the morning of the draw at the FISA office (10:00 am)

COMMENT ON SEEDING DECISION

SUBMITTED BY: _____ (National Federation)
 _____ (Name)
 _____ (Contact telephone or email)
 ON: _____ (Date)

FOR (REGATTA): World Rowing Cup 1 World Rowing Championships
 World Rowing Cup 2 European Rowing Championships
 World Rowing Cup 3

EVENT:	<input type="checkbox"/> W1x	<input type="checkbox"/> W8+	<input type="checkbox"/> M1x	<input type="checkbox"/> M8+	<input type="checkbox"/> PR1 M1x	<input type="checkbox"/> PR3 M2-
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	<input type="checkbox"/> W2x	<input type="checkbox"/> LW2-	<input type="checkbox"/> M2x	<input type="checkbox"/> LM2-	<input type="checkbox"/> PR2 M1x	<input type="checkbox"/> PR3 Mix2x
	<input type="checkbox"/> W4-	<input type="checkbox"/> LW2x	<input type="checkbox"/> M4-	<input type="checkbox"/> LM2x	<input type="checkbox"/> PR2 W1x	<input type="checkbox"/> PR3 Mix4+
	<input type="checkbox"/> W4x	<input type="checkbox"/> LW4x	<input type="checkbox"/> M4x	<input type="checkbox"/> LM4x	<input type="checkbox"/> PR2 Mix2x	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUGGESTION/
COMMENT:

JUSTIFICATION:

This form must be submitted to the FISA Office (to Daniela or Prateek) by 10h00 on the day of the Draw.

While comments and observations on the seeding are welcome and will be given due consideration, however it should be noted that the decision of the FISA Seeding Panel is final.

Procedure

STEP FOUR

- The last version is finalized by the seeding panel two hours before the draw, when the changes for the entries are closed and submitted for the draw
- The final seeding will be available following the draw

The Number of Boats to be Seeded in an Event

- **Two** boats will be seeded for each heat
- The number of boats to be seeded at the Worldcup or at the World Championship regatta is relative to the number of the entries

The Ranking of Seeded Crews

- The Seeded crews will be ranked in **order of highest to lowest seeding**

Heat Allocation

- The **highest and lowest seeded crews** shall be placed in the **same heat**. Similarly the second highest and second lowest seeded crews shall be placed in the same heat, etc.
- There shall be a **random draw to place each pair of seeded crews in the heats** (so that the highest seeded crew is not always in heat 1). The heats for all other crews shall be determined by a further random draw.

Lane Allocation

- The **lanes for each of the two seeded crews** in each heat shall be determined **by random draw**
- The **lanes for all other crews** in each heat shall be determined **by random draw**

Results/Seeding

- Most of the seeded crews are in the finals
- Winning medals for many crews not seeded during the last years
- Many examples that break the theory of “no medal if not seeded”

Thank you for your attention

