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To: Member Federations
Council and Commission Members
Recognised Continental Confederations
Recognised Groupings of Member Federations
Organisers of World Rowing Events
National Rowing Magazines
Partners

World Rowing Circular No. 1 of 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. World Rowing Council January 2022 Meeting

The World Rowing Council recently met virtually in three sessions from 20 to 23 January 2022. The key decisions taken during the Council meeting are included in this Circular.

2. Continental Representatives & Commission Member Appointments

The following appointments were made in accordance with the Statutes:

Continental Representatives (term ends 31 December 2022)

Europe: Dusan Machacek (CZE)

Oceania: Sarah Cook (AUS)

Coastal Rowing Commission (term ends 31 December 2023)

Sarah Cook (AUS)

Marcelo Santos (BRA)

Chen Chunxin (CHN)

Libor Kubrycht (CZE)

Richard Mouchel (FRA)

Katharina von Kodolitsch (GER)

Pasquale Triggiani (ITA)

Manuel Pita (POR)

Indoor Rowing Commission (term ends 31 December 2023)

Juliette Duchemin (FRA)
 Kenny Baillie (GBR)
 Eric Murray (NZL)
 Linda Muri (USA)

The Council thanks the Member Federations for the large number of excellent nominations.

The casual vacancy nomination deadline for the vacancies on the Equipment & Technology, Para Rowing and Sports Medicine Commissions and the Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Group was postponed to 22 January 2022. The nominations are currently being assessed. The Executive Committee expects to make these appointments at their next meeting in February.

3. 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Systems

The Council discussed the above-mentioned qualification systems but are continuing internal analysis of the related qualification rules and consequences. The IOC Executive Board will decide on the Olympic and the IPC Governance Board will decide on the Paralympic Qualification System in March 2022. This will be finalised by mid-February and communicated to member federations.

4. 2022 Statute & Rule Bye-Law Changes

The proposed 2022 Bye-Law and Event Regulation changes for the World Rowing Rule Book were presented to the Council for approval. Final corrections are being made at the moment. The changes will be published shortly in a dedicated circular as soon as all wording is proofread and finalised.

5. 2022 World Rowing Event Confirmation Timeline

The World Rowing Executive Committee has announced the 2022 World Rowing Event Confirmation Dates. Given the continuing uncertainty and unpredictability during this pandemic period, Member Federations are advised to be sure about refund conditions before booking flights and carefully consult the accommodation booking conditions for each event given the “confirmation dates” indicated below:

Event Name	Event Location	Event Dates	Confirmation Deadline
World Rowing Cup I	Belgrade, SRB	27-29 May	25-Feb
World Rowing Cup II	Poznan, POL	17-19 June	18-Mar
World Rowing Cup III	Lucerne, SUI	8-10 July	08-Apr*
World Rowing U19 and U23 Championships	Varese, ITA	25-31 July	29-Apr
World Rowing Masters Regatta	Libourne, FRA	7-11 Sept	10-Jun
World Rowing Championships	Racice, CZE	18-25 Sept	13-May
World Rowing Coastal Championships and Beach Sprint Finals	Wales, GBR	7-9 Oct 14-16 Oct.	08-Jul

* To be confirmed

The key dates can be found at this link:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/official-communications-world-rowing-circulars/>

6. 2022 Provisional World Rowing Event Programmes

Following consultations with organising committees, Member Federations and television broadcasters, the 2022 current Provisional World Rowing Event Programmes have been approved by the Council (subject to change) and will be published on the respective event pages on www.worldrowing.com by the end of February.

7. 2022 World Rowing Event International Juries

The World Rowing Executive Committee announced the members of the International Juries for the 2022 World Rowing Events in December 2021. The Juries can be found at this link:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/governance/official-communications-world-rowing-circulars/>

Given the continuing uncertainty and unpredictability during this pandemic period, jury members are asked not to book any non-refundable flights until specific directions have been received from the Event Manager of each event and only after the “confirmation date” indicated above.

8. 2021 World Rowing Awards Ceremony

The 2021 World Rowing Awards will be held virtually on **Saturday, 29 January 2022 at 12:00 CET**. The Awards Ceremony can be followed using this link: <https://youtu.be/q9u84vwYwrA>

The following Awards will be announced:

- **Men’s Crew of the Year**
- **Women’s Crew of the Year**
- **Para Rowing Crew of the Year**
- **Coach of the Year**
- **Thomas Keller Medal**
- **Distinguished Service to International Rowing**

Following public nominations, the Executive Committee has selected the finalists based on the analysis and recommendations of expert panels created for each of the awards.

The 2021 finalists for each category can be found here: [World Rowing reveals the 2021 World Rowing Awards finalists - World Rowing](#)

9. Safeguarding Education & Awareness Programme - Athletes

Following on from the World Rowing Safeguarding Webinar series which took place in March, two further webinars are planned for the Athlete community to discuss how rowers can contribute to a safer environment across our sport. To register for the webinars, please click on the links below:

- 7 March, 13h30 CET - Webinar 1, “Athlete Rights and Responsibilities with respect to Safeguarding: what you need to know”

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g1Hrs2L4QsewJts2TS5RmQ

- 14 March, 13h30 CET - Webinar 2, "Putting athletes' rights and responsibilities into action – a toolkit for athletes"

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7CT1VGqKRwmcc_ue_mxsmw

Please communicate this information to your athlete community and encourage their participation. For more information:

<https://worldrowing.com/responsibility/safeguarding/>

10. World Rowing launches Women in Coaching Toolkit

Improving the gender balance of coaches is a key objective for World Rowing. Fundamental to this work is supporting our Member Federations in building their own national pathways for female coaches. This toolkit is designed to support Member Federations to address challenges in this domain and in building their own national pathways for female coaches. It can be found here:

<https://worldrowing.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WR-Women-Coaching-Toolkit.pdf>

11. 2024 World Rowing Event Calendar Change

The World Rowing Council has requested that the Lucerne Organising Committee hosts World Rowing Cup 2 in 2024 instead of World Rowing Cup 3. This will position the 2024 Final Olympic Qualification Regatta for the period of 19 to 22 May 2024 (final dates to be decided) which better corresponds with competitive and administrative timing for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The Lucerne Organising Committee has accepted this request, and will host the 2024 World Rowing Cup 2 on 24-26 May 2024.

As a result of this change, the 2024 World Rowing Cup 3 is now open for attribution and will be included in this round of the Strategic Event Attribution Process.

Candidates who wish to bid for this event can express their interest to Liz Soutter (liz.soutter@worldrowing.com) via email. For more information on the Strategic Event Attribution Process, please visit our website at

<https://worldrowing.com/events/event-bidding/>

12. World Rowing Member Federation Details

We kindly ask that each Member Federation check their details presented on the website and inform World Rowing Headquarters (info@worldrowing.com) of any incorrect information. Please refer to this section of the website:

<https://worldrowing.com/about/organisation/member-federations/>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments