

Umpiring Joins the World Rowing Academy

Over the past 2 decades, we have all seen how technology has changed our lives. 10 years ago the Umpiring Commission took the first steps to utilize the new technologies by developing live on-line clinics. More recently, the World Rowing Development Group has also been working to utilize the evolving technology by creating the World Rowing Academy to develop online coaching education.

These two projects have now come together with the creation of the Umpiring Course as part of the World Rowing Academy. The first module of the Course is a 2023 Rules Update.

The World Rowing Academy format allows for participants to watch the full module at one time or to watch it in parts as time allows or go back and review slides multiple times. It is also available 24 hours a day so Umpires can participate at their convenience.

All current World Rowing Umpires should have received login credentials for the World Rowing Academy and an invitation to participate in the 2023 Rules Update Module. All Umpires are asked to participate in the course and beginning with the 2023 U19 Championship, it will be required for members of the Juries of World Rowing Events to have completed this module.

The Umpiring Commission sees the 2023 Rules Update as the first step in our next generation of Umpiring education. The Umpiring Commission has plans to develop additional modules for the Umpiring Course which will be made available in the future. While the initial roll-out of the program is to current umpires, there are discussions to make the Umpiring Course more widely available.

We are looking at how World Rowing Academy will complement the requirement for Umpires to attend an in person seminar every four years to prolong an Umpiring license. Look for more announcements on this subject in the future after we have been able to digest the lessons from this first module.

We know that you will find the Umpiring Course of the World Rowing Academy a valuable tool and look forward to your feedback on how we can continue to improve the tools we all share.

