



TO THE UMPIRES

WORLD ROWING UMPIRES NEWSLETTER

Dear Umpires, welcome to the July 2023 World Rowing Umpires Newsletter.

The international regatta season is underway at full speed. Three World Rowing Cup regattas (Zagreb, Varese and Lucerne) and the WRU23CH in Plovdiv (Bulgaria) have been concluded successfully. Unfortunately, the ANOC World Beach Games in Bali were cancelled at the last moment, preventing our sport and officials to get more experience in preparation to a potential inclusion of Beach Sprint Rowing in the 2028 Olympic Games.

In a few days we will test the 2024 Olympic/Paralympic rowing course in Vaires-sur-Marne, near Paris, France for the 2023 WRU19CH, while the twice postponed FISU Summer Universiade finally will happen in Chengdu (CHN). And soon the pre-Olympic WRCH in Belgrade (SRB) and the WRCC & BSC in Barletta (ITA) will host our World Rowing family.

The first 2023 exam session delivered four new colleagues from GBR, HUN and SUI(2) and we welcomed well attended "in person" seminars in Hammamet (TUN) and Plovdiv (BUL). I refer to the list of the upcoming seminars and exams in this newsletter. This list is regularly updated on www.worldrowing.com.

May I also repeat once more our earlier call for your contribution to the content of future editions of our newsletter? By including your experiences, questions and challenges, this document has to become the mirror of the whole umpiring world, not restricted to the Umpiring Commission *sensu stricto*. Finally I attract your attention to the imminent deadline for the 2024 Olympic/Paralympic jury nominations, which will be August 25, 2023, due to

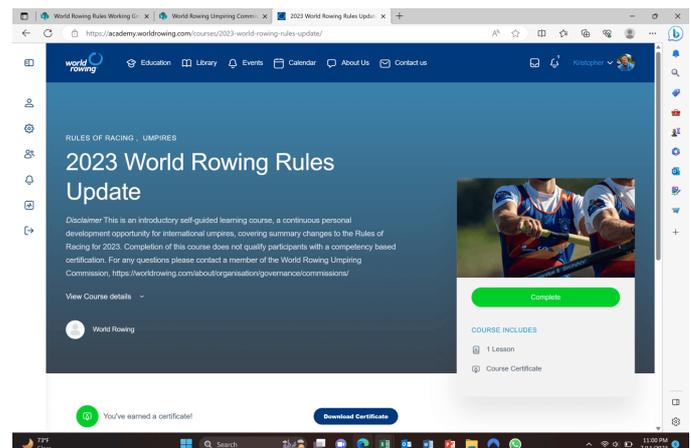
the very early request by the IOC. Check with your federation!

On behalf of the WR Umpiring Commission, Patrick ROMBAULT.



UMPIRING JOINS THE WORLD ROWING ACADEMY

Over the past 2 decades, we have all seen how technology has changes our lives. 10 years ago the Umpiring Commission took the first steps utilise the new technologies by developing live on-line clinics.



More recently, the World Rowing Development Group has also been working to utilise 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.

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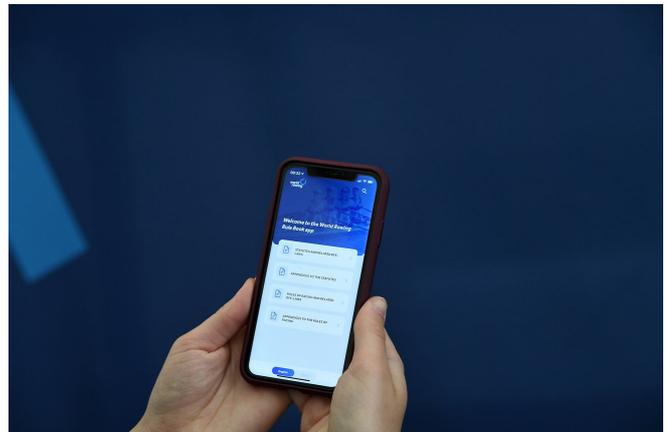
PRACTICAL RULES

In this section, we will provide you with some practical rules with regard to Identification of Athletes at the start, and Para-Rowing Strapping. Please read these carefully.

[Click here to access the Practical Rules.](#)

RULES APP UPDATE - 2023

This year the World Rowing Council approved the updates to the Rules in two sections. The Rules App has also been updated. Unfortunately, the automated update does not always work correctly so some people may need to either manually force an update or reinstall the App. You can tell if your App is showing the most current rules by checking the following two items :



- When you open the app, the home page should say "Version April 2023"
- When Appendix R18 or R19 is opened, the first paragraph is highlighted in yellow. If both of these are not true when you view the app, the Rules app on your device has not been fully updated and you will need to force an update or uninstall and reinstall the Rules App.

MORTEN JUEL HANSEN - INTERVIEW



"Rowing has given me everything in my life and I just try to give something back to the sport that I love and care for." Morten Juel Hansen from Denmark became a national umpire in 1996. He recently became a member of the Umpiring Commission, and he shares his thoughts about his role, what he can bring to the Commission and the love for the sport he still has.

[Read the full interview here.](#)

UMPIRE UPDATES

Welcome to our new colleagues who passed the World Rowing Umpiring Examination earlier this year in Bled:

Zoe Davies, GBR ; Bertold Bajcsi, HUN ; Sabine Damer, SUI ; Fabian Betzing, SUI.



We also welcome a new generation of Umpires with Vladimir Meglic and Judit Meszaros, and Ciaran Hayes and Zoe Davis. We say our congrats to our newly married umpire Michael Deutsch, join Ignacio Eguibar still going strong as he celebrates his 92nd birthday, and mark the passing of Umpire Emeritus Jean Conort from France.

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Exams and Seminar Schedule

Click [here to find out](#) the dates and locations of the 2023 World Rowing Exams and Seminar Schedule.



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