



## **2025 World Rowing Seeding Criteria for World Rowing Under 19 Championships and World Rowing Under 23 Championships**

### **1. The Purpose of Seeding**

The purpose of seeding is simply to avoid many of the faster boats in an event being drawn into the same heat. The seeding order shall only affect the placing of crews in the heats and is for no other purpose. It shall not be taken into account for any of the later rounds of competition.

Seeding is neither aimed at predicting the likely finalists, nor ensuring that they have a clear road to the finals.

To make sure there is reasonable separation of the faster boats, the Seeding Panel will make as accurate an assessment as possible of the past results of each crew, noting particularly which crews have raced each other and giving priority to the most recent and, therefore, the most current results of each crew. Since not all crews attend every regatta, the Seeding Panel must extrapolate based on which crews have raced against each other.

It should be accepted therefore, that there is an element of subjectivity in this exercise.

### **2. Events that may be Seeded**

A Seeding Panel may be appointed by the Executive Committee for the following events to seed crews in accordance with Rule 59:

2.1 World Rowing Under 19 Championships;

2.2 World Rowing Under 23 Championships.

### **3. The Seeding Panel will determine which crews in which events should be seeded.**

### **4. The Number of Boats to be Seeded in an Event**

One or two boats will be seeded for each Heat depending on available data on the participating crews. The number of boats to be seeded at World Rowing Under 19 Championships, World Rowing Under 23 Championships, relative to the number of entries, will therefore be as follows:

<b>No. of Entries</b>	<b>No. of Heats</b>	<b>No. of Seeded Crews</b>
7-12	2	2 or 4
13-18	3	3 or 6
19-24	4	4 or 8
25-30	5	5 or 10

31-36	6	6 or 12
37-42	7	7 or 14
43-48	8	8 or 16
49-54	9	9 or 18
55-60	10	10 or 20
61-66	11	11 or 22
67+	Time-Trials	12 or 24

For Events with 67 or more entries, Appendix 7, the bye law to rule 58, requires one Time-Trial for all crews. In this case, 12 or 24 crews will be seeded.

## 5. The Ranking of Seeded Crews

The Seeded crews will be ranked in **order of highest to lowest seeding**, (for example, where there are 12 seeded crews they will be ranked 1-12).

## 6. Heat Allocation

6.1 In case one boat is seeded, the seeded crews shall be placed in the different Heats.

*Example for 31-36 entries:*

	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat
Seeded crew	3	5	2	4	1	6

6.2 In case two boats are seeded, 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.

*Example for 31-36 entries:*

	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat
Higher Group "A" Seeds	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lower Group "B" Seeds	12	11	10	9	8	7

In this example therefore, the crews seeded 6 and 7 will be in the same Heat.

6.3 There shall be a random draw to place each crew or 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.

## 7. Lane Allocation

7.1 The lanes for each of the two seeded crews in each Heat shall be determined by random draw.

7.2 The lanes for all other crews in each Heat shall be determined by random draw.

7.3 In the case of Heats raced in a Time-Trial format, the higher seeded crews will start first and the lower seeded crews will start second. For all other crews there shall be a random draw for the starting order.

7.4 In the case of one Time-Trial for all crews in the event, the seeded crews will start first in ranked order of seeding. There shall be a random draw for the start order for all the other crews.

## **8. The Criteria for the Seeding of Crews**

These shall be as follows:

8.1 The most recent World Rowing Under 19 Championships or World Rowing Under 23 Championships result, and/or;

8.2 The most recent Continental Championships result and/or;

8.3 If neither 8.1 nor 8.2 above provide sufficient information, then other significant and most recent 2'000 meter events may be taken into consideration.

8.4 The Seeding Panel shall exercise its judgement in respect of circumstances which may override 8.1 to 8.3 above, and which may have influenced the most recent result of a particular crew, e.g. equipment breakage, changes to crew composition, or a prolonged absence from competition, etc.

8.5 The Seeding Panel shall also exercise its judgement, if it considers that adverse weather conditions have affected the results of previous events.

## **9. Publication of the seeding for an event**

9.1 The list of seeded crews in rank order will be published not less than 48 hours before the draw for the World Rowing Under 19 Championships and World Rowing Under 23 Championships.

9.2 All comments from team managers on the seeding proposal must be submitted no later than 5 hours before the draw to give the seeding committee time to consider these prior to the draw.

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