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Lausanne, Switzerland

To: Member Federations
Council and Commission Members
Recognised Continental Confederations
Recognised Groupings of Member Federations
Organisers of World Rowing Events
National Rowing Magazines
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World Rowing Circular No. 7 of 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

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1. 2025 Ordinary Congress

Member Federations are reminded that today, **29/08/2025, at 23:59 CES**, is the registration deadline to register for the upcoming congress. If you have not registered yet and wish to participate, please contact us at congress@worldrowing.com as soon as possible by Tuesday, 2 September at 23:59 CEST.

a. Place and time

Monday, 29 September 2025 from 8:30 to 16:00 local time
Venue: Jin Jiang Tower
161, Changle Rd, Huangpu, Shanghai, China, 20002

b. Congress Agenda papers

Official Agenda papers are available [here](#). French versions will be uploaded in the coming days. Member Federations are encouraged to review the documents in advance.

Item 18 – the attribution of the 2028 World Rowing Senior, Under 23 & Under 19 Championships is expected to take place during Congress.

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c. In person participation - logistical information

Registration will start at **07:30** on the day of the Congress. Please be on time and bring a valid ID.

Lunch will be provided on site to all registered delegates, and a cocktail reception will follow the Congress session, providing an informal opportunity for networking and discussions among delegates.

For any questions related to accommodation, please contact reception@2025wrch.com.

d. Online participation

Delegates participating virtually are reminded that all times listed for Congress refer to Shanghai local time (CEST +6)

All relevant access links, login, voting credentials and instructions will be sent via email directly from Lumi in due course, along with an invitation to join a training session. Please check your spam folder regularly.

e. Interpretation

Simultaneous AI-based translation will be provided during Congress in 10 different languages. Delegates participating in person and wishing to use the interpretation tools are invited to bring their own earphones/headsets compatible with their mobile devices.

Instructions on how to access the interpretation tool will be provided to both online and in-person delegates on the day of the Congress.

2. 2025 World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals, Antalya - Eligibility for Inclusion Mixed 2x (INMix) 2x

The Inclusion Mix2x crew shall comprise of one rower who can row in a women's event and one man. Only one rower shall be a para rower, and they shall be classified as PR3-PI.

National and International Classifications will be accepted for the 2025 WRBSF. To validate your national classification with World Rowing, please send proof to classification@worldrowing.com before **Monday, 8 September 2025**. National classifications received after this date will not be accepted, and the athletes will not be eligible to enter.

No international classification opportunity will be offered at the 2025 WRBSF.

Virtual Classification Panels

If a Member Federation does not have national classifiers, they may contact classification@worldrowing.com to request a Virtual Classification Panel (VCP) before Monday, 8 September 2025. VCPs are available between 20 - 24 October 2025.

Athletes classified by a VCP will receive the international classification designation: 'New', allowing them to compete at the 2025 WRBSF only.

Prior to competing at a future World or European Rowing event, athletes with the designation must attend an in-person evaluation session with a full international panel.



3. Anti-Doping Education Member Federation Survey

World Rowing, in cooperation with the [International Testing Agency \(ITA\)](#), invites Member Federations to complete a short survey on anti-doping education.

The ITA is an independent anti-doping organisation that implements World Rowing's anti-doping programme, including education initiatives.

Under Articles 18.2 and 20.2.13 of the World Anti-Doping Code, World Rowing is responsible for planning and implementing an anti-doping education program and for requiring National Federations to conduct anti-doping education in coordination with their National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO).

This survey aim is to understand how anti-doping education is currently delivered within your National Federation. The responses will help World Rowing and ITA identify ways to provide improved support, resources and guidance.

[\[Click here to access the survey\]](#) Please complete it by **Monday, 6 October 2025**.

The survey is in English, and a Google Translate tool is available at the top of the page for your convenience. It shall take approximately 15 minutes.

Should you have any questions or prefer to provide input via a call instead of completing the survey, please feel free to contact the ITA Education Team directly at education@ita.sport.

4. Call for applications for the WISH Programme - Cohort 6 (2026).

World Rowing invites applications for the Women in Sport High Performance Pathway (WISH) Programme – Cohort 6 (2026). The WISH Programme, funded by Olympic Solidarity (OS), a department of the IOC, aims to increase the number of women high-performance coaches at major events: this is a unique opportunity for elite coaches to enhance their skills and become more effective within their organisations.

We invite each Member Federation to nominate suitable candidates - a maximum of one (1) per country - to take part in the WISH Programme. World Rowing will conduct a selection process and support the participation of up to two elite coaches for Cohort 6 2026. This support includes funding to cover coaches' travel to the UK and accommodation throughout the residential week 1 - 7 March 2026. Please note that the programme is conducted in English - candidates should have good written and spoken English (min IELTS 6.5)

Federations wishing to benefit from this opportunity should apply via following link **by Friday 5 September 2025**

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/x2310bf061jtjz/>

Please be sure to attach the candidate's CV and include the requested the supporting information.

Member Federations wishing to self-fund their candidate (i.e. cover coach's travel to the UK, accommodation throughout the residential week, provide sport specific opportunities and programme mentoring) should mention this intention in the nomination process, via the form provided. Please do not hesitate to contact Anna Mguni at anna.mguni@worldrowing.com should you have any further questions.



5. World Rowing Para Rowing Commission Member Federation Survey

The World Rowing Para Rowing Commission is seeking feedback from Member Federations on current race opportunities and ideas to support para rowing development globally. Member Federations are kindly asked to complete the [World Rowing Para Rowing Commission – Member Federation Survey](#) before **Friday, 12 September 2025**.

To discuss the feedback, Member Federations are invited to a **Para Rowing Coordinators' Meeting** at the **2025 World Rowing Championships, Shanghai**, led by the World Rowing Para Rowing Commission and the World Rowing Classification Advisory Panel. The meeting will take place at the 2025 WRCH Regatta Venue on Wednesday, 24 September straight after the daily Team Managers Meeting. Attendance is possible in-person only. Teams will be informed should there be any changes to the programme.

Sincerely,

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Jean-Christophe Rolland
President

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Vincent Gaillard
Executive Director