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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 2026**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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### **1. 2026 WR Virtual Indoor Championships**

Entries for the 2026 WRVICH will close on **10<sup>th</sup> February at 23:59 CET**.

Registration can be done on an individual basis by athletes themselves or in groups, by a coach. WR encourages your national teams to take part in this Championship. This event will reward official World Champion titles and apply hard conditions and requirements for athletes regarding anti-doping, performance verification and fairness.

#### **Events & Progression system**

This edition offers 3 new individual formats and 2 team events:

- Individual: 1min Sprint, 1000 m, 5000 m
- Team: 1000 m Relay in team of 2, 5000 m in team of 4

➤ Heats will take place in different Time Zones, on **Saturday 21 February** (1Min/1000 m) and **Sunday 22 February** (5000 m and Relays).

➤ Finals will take place on **Saturday 28 Feb from 15:00 to 22:30 CET**

- 1min, 1000 m: Heats Top 6 in each Age category.

- Adaptive: Heats Top 10 in each category
- 5000 m: Heats Top 20 Overall
- Relays: Heats Top 15 in each category

### **Participation**

All participants race LIVE from their home, gym, club, etc. by connecting the Concept2 erg to a laptop and accessing the race platform/website.

### **Information & Registration**

Below are the Promotion flyers and Event page links in 4 languages:

- **English**
  - [Flyer to download](#) (expires on 10/02)
  - [Event page](#)
- **Français**
  - [Flyer à télécharger](#) (expire le 10/02)
  - [Page de l'évènement](#)
- **Español**
  - [Documento para descargar](#) (caduca el 10/02)
  - [Página del evento](#)
- **Arabic**
  - [Flyer to download](#) (expires on 10/02)
  - [Event page](#)

## **2. World Rowing Season – Key Updates**

### **2026 International Regatta Calendar Form**

Applications for the inclusion of international regattas on the World Rowing website calendar are now open. Please submit your application using the following link:  
[International Regatta Calendar Form](#).

### **National Anthems and Flags**

The National anthems and flags are available [here](#). Member Federations are requested to review them, and if there have been any changes to the anthem or flag, contact [registration@worldrowing.com](mailto:registration@worldrowing.com). If no comments are received by 31 March 2026, World Rowing will assume the files are correct and will use them for all 2026 season events.

### **Team Uniforms and Blade Designs**

Member Federations are requested to send their National Team Uniforms to World Rowing to [prateek.gumbar@worldrowing.com](mailto:prateek.gumbar@worldrowing.com) for approval (Art.13). The designs must clearly show the front, back and side of the uniforms and the dimensions (in cm2) of all logos and identifications on the uniforms must be provided. If your team will have different uniforms for U19, U23 or Senior World Championships, each of those uniforms must be submitted for prior approval. It is reminded that all crews (including para crews) of a National Team must wear the same uniform at any particular regatta.

The Member Federation Oar Blade design poster is available at this [link](#). If there has been a change to your oar blade design, kindly send the updated design file to [prateek.gumbar@worldrowing.com](mailto:prateek.gumbar@worldrowing.com)

### **Event Programmes**

The event programmes are published on the respective event pages on [www.worldrowing.com](http://www.worldrowing.com).

### **Accreditation Policy**

#### **Classic Rowing Events**

The accreditation policy applicable for Member Federations for the 2026 World Rowing Classic Events can be found [here](#). All Member Federations are requested to comply with this policy.

#### **Coastal Rowing Events**

The accreditation policy applicable for Member Federations for the 2026 World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals can be found [here](#). All Member Federations are requested to comply with this policy.

### **Entry and Accreditation Deadlines**

Member Federations are advised to take note of the Entry and Accreditation deadlines for the 2026 World Rowing Events. No late entries will be accepted.

#### **Classic Rowing**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Event dates</b>	<b>Entry deadline*</b>
WRCup I Seville	29-31 May	Monday, 18 May
WRCup II Plovdiv	12-14 June	Monday, 1 June
WRCup III Lucerne	26-28 June	Monday, 15 June
WRU23CH Duisburg	22-26 July	Monday, 6 July
WRU19CH Plovdiv	5-9 August	Monday, 20 July
WRCH Amsterdam	23-30 August	Monday, 27 July

#### **Coastal Rowing**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Event dates</b>	<b>Entry deadline</b>
WRCC Qingdao	11-13 October	Monday, 21 September
WRBSF Qingdao	18-21 October	Monday, 28 September

\*Entry deadline time is 23:59 CEST of the announced deadline.

The World Rowing [entries system](#) is open for Member Federations to make entries now. Entry system for the clubs to make entries for the 2026 WRCC Endurance event will open later and announced on the website.

### **Team Managers for 2026 Season Events**

Member Federations are requested to provide the contact details of the expected Team Managers for the 2026 Season Events via the online form posted on this link: [2026 Season Team Manager Information](#)

### **3. Mixed Events – Mix8+ & Mix2x – Event & Regulations**

The World Rowing Council has decided at its latest meeting in January 2026:

At World Rowing Championship events and World Rowing Cups, the preliminary races for Mix2x and Mix8+ will be cancelled (if 6 or less crews are entered).

World Rowing Cups (only) – if there are more than 6 crews entered there will be no Final B, Final C etc. for the Mix2x and Mix8+. Only the Final A will take place. The exact progression system to be used in such a scenario will be shared in due course.

#### **4. LA28 Olympic Qualification Systems**

The IOC Executive Board has confirmed the LA28 Olympic Qualification Systems for rowing. Please find the qualification systems here:

[2028 Olympic Games Classic Rowing - World Rowing](#)

[2028 Olympic Games Beach Sprints - World Rowing](#)

#### **5. Team Managers Webinar for 2026 Events and LA28 Olympic Qualification System Q&A – Wednesday 4 March**

A team managers webinar is being organised on Wednesday 4 March to cover the key updates for the 2026 World Rowing season & question and answer session regarding the 2028 Olympic Games Qualification Systems. The same webinar (same content) will be organised in two different time slots to offer teams the opportunity to join as per their time – zone convenience.

Wednesday 4 March 09:00-10:00 CET

Wednesday 4 March 16:00-17:00 CET

Teams Link for the Webinar [MEETING LINK](#)

#### **6. World Rowing Classifier Training, Development and Certification Pathway**

The World Rowing Classifier Training, Development and Certification Pathway has been published on the World Rowing website at [Classifier Education, Training, and Certification - World Rowing](#).

#### **7. World Rowing Advanced Classification Workshop, Paris, France**

As part of its objectives, World Rowing (WR) works in close collaboration with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and event Organising Committees (OC) to provide education and training opportunities for Member Federations (MFs), supporting the development and certification of future national and international classifiers. This work is delivered through the WR Development Programme and the IPC Sport for Mobility (SfM) Sport Technical Training Grant.

Within the 2026 calendar of classification education activities, and with the support of the French Rowing Federation and the Ligue Île-de-France d'Aviron, WR will host an Advanced Classification Workshop in Paris from 27 April to 1 May 2026. The activity bulletin, containing all detailed information, is available [here](#).

For any additional information, please contact [inas.hussein@worldrowing.com](mailto:inas.hussein@worldrowing.com).

## **World Rowing Development Training Camp Paris International Para Rowing Regatta**

As part of its strategic objectives, World Rowing (WR) collaborates closely with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and event Organising Committees (OC) to create meaningful opportunities that support Member Federations in their Para Rowing development pathway and preparation for key continental and world events. These initiatives aim to strengthen athlete training environments, build local capacity, and advance coaching and technical education across the Para Rowing community.

Within the 2026 calendar of Para Rowing activities, and with the valued support of the French Rowing Federation and the Ligue Île-de-France d'Aviron, World Rowing is pleased to share this development programme bulletin. The programme includes a training camp in Paris from 25 April to 01 May 2026, followed by the 2026 Para Rowing Regatta from 02 to 03 May 2026.

Member Federations are kindly requested to read this [bulletin](#) carefully and to submit their applications to Inas Hussein at [inas.hussein@worldrowing.com](mailto:inas.hussein@worldrowing.com) no later than 13 February 2026, following the application process outlined in the bulletin.

### **8. World Rowing Development Programme**

Member Federations are requested to complete a survey to signpost their interest in any of the areas covered by the [2026 WR Development Programme](#) via the online form posted on this [link](#)

### **9. 2029 World Rowing Championships, 2029 & 2030 World Rowing Masters Regatta – bids now open**

World Rowing has launched a call for Expressions of Interest from cities, regions, and National Rowing Federations for the following events:

2029 World Rowing Championships  
2029 & 2030 World Rowing Masters Regatta

In addition, the following events are still open for bidding: 2027 & 2028 World Rowing Cups.

Please find the Event Hosting Expression of Interest Form [here](#). Please complete the form by **13 March 2026**. Any questions, please contact Matt Draper [matt.draper@worldrowing.com](mailto:matt.draper@worldrowing.com)

### **10. IPC Sport for Mobility – Para Sport Equipment Grant for NPCs**

The IPC has launched the *Sport for Mobility – Para Sport Equipment Grant*. This grant supports eligible NPCs in acquiring essential sport and classification equipment, with the overall aim of expanding access to Para sport, elevating the quality of training environments, and ultimately strengthening the competitive performance of Para athletes.

In case your country is included in the [Sfm – Para Sport Equipment Grant eligibility NPCs list](#), you may reach out to your NPC to evaluate the opportunity for the NPC to apply for purchase of Rowing equipment. **The application deadline is 13 February 2026**. Any questions, please contact [development@worldrowing.com](mailto:development@worldrowing.com).

**11. World Rowing Executive Member appointment – Ron Chen (USA)**

Pursuant to [Article 47](#) of World Rowing Statutes, Ron Chen (USA), Chair of the World Rowing Masters Commission has been elected by the World Rowing Council to be on the Executive Committee until 31 December 2027.

Sincerely,



Jean-Christophe Rolland  
President



Vincent Gaillard  
Executive Director