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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 2025**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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#### **1. Agenda Papers for the 2025 Quadrennial Congress – now online**

Member Federations are reminded that the 2025 World Rowing Quadrennial Congress will be held in-person in Lausanne, Switzerland. The congress will start at 9:00 AM on Friday, 14 March 2025 and conclude at 6:00 PM on Saturday, 15 March 2025.

- **Venue:** [Olympic Museum \(le Musée Olympique\)](#) in Lausanne, Switzerland. Please refer to the logistics information for the Congress as sent in the Circular 11 of 2024: [Circular-N11-of-2024\\_Final.pdf](#)

For non-European members interested in receiving support for accommodation costs during the Congress, please refer to the [letter](#) sent on 20 December 2024.

- **Agenda Papers**

Please note that the official Agenda Papers and the proposed changes to the Rules of Racing, Statutes and related by Laws can now be found at this link:

[World Rowing Congresses - World Rowing](#)

Member Federations are kindly asked to submit any comments or questions in advance of the Congress to: [congress@worldrowing.com](mailto:congress@worldrowing.com)

- **Member Federations conference calls**

Member federations conference calls in preparation of the Quadrennial Congress will be scheduled ahead of Congress. The exact dates and time will follow.

## 2. 2025 Quadrennial Congress Registration deadline

Member Federations (MF), Continental Rowing Confederations (CRC) and Member Grouping (MG) are reminded that they must advise World Rowing of the names of their delegates attending the Congress by completing the following Attendance forms **by Friday, 31 January**.

- **MFs delegates attendance form:**

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/2025-quadrennial-congress-form-a-mf-delegates/>

- **CRC and MG delegates attendance form:**

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/2025-quadrennial-congress-a-crc-mg/>

**After the mentioned deadline a late registration fee of EUR100 per delegate will be charged.**

Observers who would want to attend in person shall ask the authorisation as per Art. 23, by filling the following form:

- **Observers Attendance Form:**

<https://worldrowingforms.wufoo.com/forms/2025-quadrennial-congress-observers/>

- **Hotel reservation during Congress**

Kindly proceed with your hotel reservation at your earliest convenience using the link below.

<https://hotelmap.com/I/87DF0S>

We have secured pre-negotiated rates, and prices are expected to increase soon.

## 3. 2025 World Rowing Season – Key Updates

### 2025 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 2025, World Rowing will assume the files are correct and will use them for all 2025 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 cm<sup>2</sup>) 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 will be published on the respective event pages on [www.worldrowing.com](http://www.worldrowing.com) following the 2025 World Rowing Quadrennial Congress.

### **Accreditation Policy for Classic Rowing Events**

The accreditation policy applicable for Member Federations for the 2025 World Rowing Classic Events 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 2025 World Rowing Events of the classic rowing discipline. No late entries will be accepted. Note, some deadlines are earlier than the normal timelines

<b>Event</b>	<b>Event dates</b>	<b>Entry deadline</b>
WRC Varese	13-15 June	Monday, 2 June
WRC Lucerne	27 -29 June	Monday, 16 June
WRU23CH Poznan	23-27 July	Monday, 7 July
WRU19CH Trakai	6-10 August	Monday, 21 July
WRCH Shanghai	21-28 September	Monday, 25 August

### **Team Managers for 2025 Season Events**

Member Federations are requested to provide the contact details of the expected Team Managers for the 2025 Season Events via the online form posted on this link: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/541da4a2701a49918b1daad850948742>

#### 4. World Rowing Indoor Championships (WRICH) – IMPORTANT UPDATES - ENTRY PROCESS

Following requests by several member federations, the following adjustments have been made to the entry procedure for the WRICH. Please distribute to your Indoor Rowing and broader rowing communities.

- **Early entries.** Times recorded at National Indoor Championships events held from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – will now be able to use that time to enter in the 2025 WRICH. This is an extension of several weeks prior to the opening of the registration period. Likewise, all 3 options to register and enter a valid score – will also be valid. See [here](#) for event details.
- **Closing date.** The closing date for entries **has been extended until 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 12:00hrsCET**. All 3 options to register and enter a valid score remain possible.
- **Developing Nations entry fee.** WR will provide access to a developing nation entry fee to targeted Member Federations with the greatest needs. Relevant Member Federations will be contacted on 20th Jan. For more information, please contact [development@worldrowing.com](mailto:development@worldrowing.com)
- **Developing Nations.** Competitors who participated in an official World Rowing (WR) Development programme camp or other official WR activities will be able to use valid scores performed in any testing activities to enter the WRICH – provided they occur between the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. Please send your request to: [indoor@worldrowing.com](mailto:indoor@worldrowing.com)
- Event information and the Competitor Handbook can be found [here](#)
- To make an entry, go to the entry portal [here](#).

#### 5. Indoor Rowing Webinar

An Indoor Rowing Webinar was conducted on Wednesday, 8th January by members of the Indoor Rowing Commission and World Rowing staff. To watch or rewatch it, go to this link: <https://youtu.be/SBCmc6m0ZG0>

The webinar included information on the 2025 World Rowing Indoor Championships and some insights about the future aims and objectives for Indoor Rowing from 2025 and beyond. Any questions please send an email to: [indoor@worldrowing.com](mailto:indoor@worldrowing.com)

#### 6. World Rowing Continental Representatives and Co-opted members appointments

The five Continental Representatives:

*Victoria Aguirregomezcorra (ARG)*

*Mehdi Garidi (ALG)*

*Kim Fay Ho (HKG)*

*Dusan Machacek (CZE)*

*Sarah Cook (AUS)*

and two Co-opted members:

*Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (GER)*

*Masakuni Hosobuchi (JPN)*

were re-appointed by Council for a two-year term until 31 December 2026.

## 7. WADA Athlete Council election

On 17 December 2024, WADA has announced the eight members who have been elected to the Athlete Council Group 2.

World Rowing is honoured to announce that ***Toby Cunliffe-Steel from New Zealand*** was elected as one of the members of the Council. World Rowing is fortunate to have a rower in the WADA Athlete Council and Toby, with his vast experience, will be a valued ambassador.

## 8. World Rowing Long Term Calendar

The World Rowing Long Term Calendar 2025 – 2028 has been published at [www.worldrowing.com/events/calendar](http://www.worldrowing.com/events/calendar).

## 9. 2025 International Gavirate Pararowing Regatta – cancelled

World Rowing has been notified by A.S.D. Canottieri Gavirate, that the 2025 International Pararowing regatta has been cancelled. The decision was primarily based on the capacity of the venue following prolonged and extreme weather conditions suffered at the lake throughout 2024. It is hoped that the regatta will return to the Calendar in the future. If your Member Federation stages open International Regattas focused on Para events, please send the event details to: [matt.draper@worldrowing.com](mailto:matt.draper@worldrowing.com)

## 10. 2025 Asian Youth Para Games – alternative host being sought

The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) has announced that Tashkent, Uzbekistan, will not host the 2025 Asian Youth Para Games. The APC is exploring alternative host cities for the 2025 games.

For further information, please see the APC's press release [here](#).

## 11. 2025 Classification Opportunities

Following the cancellation of the 2025 International Gavirate Pararowing Regatta and the news regarding the 2025 Asian Youth Para Games, please see below the updated opportunities for classification in 2025.

The classification opportunity in Gavirate has been replaced by an opportunity at the World Rowing Cup, Varese. It is still hoped that a classification opportunity will be available at the 2025 Asian Youth Para Games.

Event	Location	Physical Classification	Visual Classification	Classification Documentation Deadline
World Rowing Cup, Varese	Varese, ITA	11 – 12 June 2025	12 June 2025	Friday 11 April 2025, 23:59 CEST

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World Rowing Cup, Lucerne	Lucerne, SUI	25 – 26 June 2025	N/A	Friday 25 April 2025, 23:59 CEST
World Rowing Championships	Shanghai, CHN	19 – 20 September 2025	20 September 2025	Monday 21 July 2025, 23:59 CEST
<b>Asian Youth Para Games</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>

Please email [classification@worldrowing.com](mailto:classification@worldrowing.com) to add any new or additional national federation staff members to a para rowing coordinator mailing distribution list, to receive updates regarding classification and para rowing.

Sincerely,



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