

World Rowing Development Programme Bulletin

Asia and Oceania Olympic and Paralympic Continental Qualification Regatta

5 to 7 May 2021 in Tokyo, Japan

World Rowing (WR) and the Japanese Rowing Federation (JARA) are hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Continental Qualification Regatta (OPQR) for Asia and Oceania in Tokyo, Japan, from 5 to 7 May 2021.

Qualification Events

The below mentioned Olympic and Paralympic qualification events are included in the competition:

Olympic Events

Event	Number of Available Boat Quota Places
Men's Single Sculls (M1x)	5
Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x)	3
Women's Single Sculls (W1x)	5
Lightweight Women's Double Sculls (LW2x)	3

Paralympic Events

Event	Number of Available Boat Quota Places
PR1 Men's Single Sculls (PR1M1x)	1
PR1 Women's Single Sculls (PR1W1x)	1

Participation Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas all athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). For more details on the Olympic qualification process please check the Qualification System – Games of the Xxxii Olympiad – Tokyo [2020 link](#)

For more details on the Paralympic qualification process please check the Paralympic Games 2020 Qualification Guide – Rowing [link](#)

Eligibility for WR Development Support:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic and Paralympic qualification regattas with World Rowing development support, the below conditions must be fulfilled:

- Evidence that the athletes and coaches proposed to take part in the event with WR development support are currently participating in regular training.
- Evidence that the athletes proposed to take part in the event with WR development support are selected following a clear selection process.
- The team's commitment to continue training until the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Member Federation's WR Subscription Fee is paid to date.
- **For Paralympic events:** WR development support is only available for PR1 athletes who mainly use their arms and shoulders to row. See the links provided below for more information.

Classification of Eligible Para Rowing Athletes

- If your athlete is not internationally classified yet, you must upload the medical documentation (listed below) required for classification by the deadline mentioned below.
- Please note that only athletes competing in this regatta, or athletes who only require a classification renewal in order to be eligible for the Paralympic Games, will be permitted to be classified at this event.

As per prior information the deadline to upload the medical documentation and supporting documents mentioned below for the classification panel is 19 March 2021:

- WR Medical Diagnostics Form (for physically impaired) which can be found [here](#)
- Mandatory additional supporting documentation. (This varies based on the impairment of the athlete and the details can be found on page 2 of the WR Medical Diagnostics Form within the 'Impairments' chart, under the heading "Additional supporting tests/documentation").

NOTE: The medical forms must be completed by a registered licensed physician.

WR Medical Diagnostics Forms and supporting medical documents need to be uploaded to the WR Rowing Two database. Each Member Federation has a login for this. Please check with your Member Federation administrator to obtain the login.

For further questions and inquires about classification, please contact:
classification@worldrowing.com

Links

- [Para rowing Classification page](#)
- [WR Event page](#)

World Rowing Development Programme Support - Funding and Extra Costs

All participants **MUST arrive on the 1st of May** due to the Japanese Government regulations regarding COVID-19 measures. If for any reason your team is not able to arrive on the 1st of May please contact World Rowing as soon as possible at inas.hussein@worldrowing.com

Official accommodation will be available from 1 to 7/8 May for Asia and Oceania OPQR participants; and reservation/payments should be settled directly with the OC. The WR Development Programme will inform the OC on 17 March of the list of participants from developing Member Federations to be supported with **four (4) nights'** accommodation subject to prior WR approval:

Maximum of two (2) athletes (one male, one female), and the respective coach per nation (male or female).

Maximum of two (2) para-athletes (one male, one female), and the respective para rowing coach per nation (male or female).

*For the rowers (athletes) and coaches above the invited individuals, you are kindly requested to observe the accommodation costs included in the event bulletin (i.e. USD 200 per night /per person).

If approved, **the costs for four nights** will be deducted from the overall OC invoice to each developing Federation.

WR Development Programme support will include:

- Airport pickup-drop off;
- Accommodation in single rooms (in compliance with the Event Covid-19 Protection Plan);
- Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner;
- Hotel – Venue – Hotel transfers;
- Boats (limited to supported athletes and reserved on a first come, first served basis)
(Countries are requested to bring their own sculls and blade stickers, unless already requested);
- On-site support from local coaches.

Insurance

- Accident/Health insurance are mandatory and the responsibility of each MF for the entire delegation.
- All participants must have international travel insurance with medical care coverage for Covid-19.
- Teams are responsible for providing this travel coverage to each of their team members prior to boarding and must send proof of this medical coverage prior to their arrival.
- Participants will not be allowed to enter without valid travel insurance.

Flights

- Olympic Qualification Regatta

In view of the new Olympic Movement support system for the 2021-2024 quadrennial, MF are responsible for the flights of their Olympic team members to travel for participation in the Asia and Oceania OPQR. WR Member Federations are advised to contact their respective National Olympic Committee (NOC) and check for specific support to attend the Olympic Qualification Regatta.

- Paralympic Qualification Regatta

A maximum of two (2) para-athletes - one male and/or one female - and the respective para rowing coach (male or female) will receive:
Airfare contribution of a maximum of US\$ 500 per person (economy fare tickets, most direct route).

The contribution to the Paralympic team is offered on an “up to” basis; thus, in case the Member Federation paid a lower rate for their flights booking than the offered contribution, the actual amount of the airfares will be paid as per the presented receipt.

The contribution may be reimbursed to the Member Federation upon providing WR with an “Invoice” with the related scans of the receipt(s) within 20 days of the request for payment.

****It should be noted that, WR Development Programme travel support is only applicable for Paralympic teams if own budgets are not available.**

Covid-19 Protection Plan

Please read carefully and comply with the COVID-19 Protection Plan, COVID-19 Protection Plan - Participant's Guide, COVID-19 - Participation Forms (Commitment Form, Consent Form, Pre-Event Health Form) to be posted on the World Rowing Website.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WR Development Programme Application Process

Step 1: Submit your MF participant list **using the ATTACHMENT MF Application Form - Asia and Oceania OPQR** to World Rowing at inas.hussein@worldrowing.com

Deadline: Tuesday, 16 March 2021

Step 2: WR confirms if your Member Federation is eligible for development support, for this purpose:

- Please send the results for a 2000 m erg test (recommended up to 30 March) to Chris Perry cxjperry@gmail.com
- Please observe a formal national team selection policy.
- Please check if your MF World Rowing Subscription Fee is paid to date.

Step 3: WR will confirm support **for four nights' accommodation** to the Organising Committee directly in copy to your Member Federation. (Expected confirmation by Wednesday, 17 March, depending on complete applications received within deadlines).

Step 4: Confirm your travel information to the OC and send all required documentation.

Step 5: Plan your team travel, namely all aspects related to the necessary health related measures to be able to enter Japan.

Equipment Note: As per earlier communication your WR development programme equipment request should already have been submitted. Please contact Matt Cui at boatrental@swiftracing.com with copy to inas.hussein@worldrowing.com and paolo.mattana@worldrowing.com if you have any equipment related questions.

***Teams who are already working with their own boat providers are advised to continue to discuss with them directly. However, duplicate requests for equipment by teams with multiple parties will result in the Member Federation being removed from WR Development Support Programme for one year.

Weather

Please check the OC bulletin for information about the weather.

Pre-Competition Health Screening

Please acknowledge that all participating athletes have their pre-competition Health Screening done as per the specifications mentioned within Part VII, Rule 99 By-Law 1 of the World Rowing rules.

Anti-Doping

Please be updated with the latest rules on anti-doping. Doping tests will be conducted at the event.

World Rowing Rules of Racing

Please be aware that your team needs to follow the official World Rowing Rules of Racing available through the following [link](#).

This means teams are responsible for:

- Official racing uniforms.

- Rowing oars with the official design of their nation on it (as per [link](#)).
- Boat weigh-in procedure.
- Correct equipment: straps, seat, safety release.
- Be present at all team managers meetings.
- Etc.

Recommendations

Make sure your MF checks all steps below when submitting your application

- Excel application form (**ATTACHMENT MF Application Form – Asia-Oceania AOPQR**) is completed.
- Passport scans of the athletes and coach to be funded through the WR Development Support Programme is attached.
- Test performance results (it is recommended you may send them to Chris Perry at cxperry@gmail.com by 30 March 2021)
- Selection document of your national team.
- Team members Accident/Health insurance to cover their travel/stay in Japan.
- Event entries - procedures and deadlines.
- Regulations of the Japanese government for all international travelers entering the country.
Please consult the OC Athlete Track information
- Check if you require an entry VISA to travel to Japan, please click on this [link](#) for more details.

Please keep in close communication with the OC team

- Please check the OC bulletin for official accommodation, transport and VISA contacts

Boats and sculls (official OC equipment provider):

boatrental@swiftracing.com

WR Development support: inas.hussein@worldrowing.com

Member Federations may make their entries online through

<https://rowingtwo.sportresult.com>

Asia and Oceania OPQR queries on entries: databases@worldrowing.com

Para rowing Classification: classification@worldrowing.com

Safety

The ability to swim and tread water is fundamental for participants in a water sport, such as rowing.

Capsizing in a rowing boat can be dangerous if athletes are not able to tread water, and coaches need to be prepared.

All rowers competing in World Rowing Championship and World Rowing Cup regattas and qualification regattas for the Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Olympic Games should be able to swim 50m and keep their head above water unassisted for three minutes. It is the responsibility of the Member Federation to ensure and certify that rowers can meet these minimum standards and be able to provide evidence thereof, if requested by World Rowing.” Similarly, all rowers, other than those who are reliably known to have done capsize drills, need to have completed a boat capsize recovery exercise.

Swimming tests and capsize drill must be conducted in swimming pools with at least two lifeguards in attendance. World Rowing recommends that you contact your national swimming federation to ask for guidance, if needed. Swim tests should never be conducted in open water. Each Member Federation is requested to be able to certify the swimming ability for each rower presented for participation at a World Rowing activity.

It is recommended that Member Federations carefully read the British Rowing guidance on Swimming Competence that can be found in Section 3.6 of RowSafe, available through the following [link](#).

We remain at your disposal for any further clarifications that you may require.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your continuous collaboration.

Kind regards,

World Rowing Development Team