



Development Support
2023 World Rowing CH
3-10 September 2023
Belgrade, Serbia
Development Bulletin No. 1



Organising Committee (OC)

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Introduction

As part of its goals, World Rowing provides development opportunities on a regular basis for targeted Member Federations (MFs), who are identified as needing support for their crews, with the aim of supporting and enabling such MFs to participate in World Rowing key events and championships.

As part of the World Rowing Development Programme, and with the generous support of the 2023 Belgrade World Rowing Championships (WRCHs) Organising Committee, we have the pleasure to send targeted MFs the development programme bulletin.

Please read this bulletin carefully and apply for support **no later than Friday 09 June 2023** to Inas Hussein, inas.hussein@worldrowing.com, using the Application Form attached.

Development Programme - Belgrade 2023 WRCH– ELIGIBILITY: Targeted MFs and their Teams will be eligible based on the following requirements: regular training and compliance with the WR Test Performance programme – (please see pages 5 for detailed information); having a national selection policy; having own budgets for travel (including international flight tickets, travel and medical insurance, COVID-19 PCR tests, clothing kit, general extra costs...etc.), and no outstanding debts to World Rowing.

Events Offered

The following Olympic, Paralympic and International Events are offered at the World Rowing Championships:

Men (M): M1x, M2x, M2-, M4x, M4-, M8+

Women (W): W1x, W2x, W2-, W4x, W4-, W8+

Lightweight Men (LM): LM1x, LM2x, LM2-, LM4x

Lightweight Women (LW): LW1x, LW2x, LW2-, LW4x

Para-rowing (PR): PR1 W1x, PR1 M1x, PR2 Mix2x, PR2 M1x, PR2 W1x, PR3 Mix2x, PR3 Mix4+, PR3 M2-, PR3 W2-.

Development Programme - Belgrade 2023 WRCH– Key dates and support

As part of the 2023 Belgrade WRCH's development programme, there is support available for a maximum of 150 rowers (including para rowers) and/or coaches. Support consists of free accommodation in shared rooms (same gender), meals, boats rental and local transport from **1/2 September 2023 till 10/11 September 2023 (maximum support for 10 nights)**. Please note that, athletes and coaches will be housed with other athletes and coaches of the same gender from double, to quadruple occupancy rooms and shared toilets/bathrooms, and international flight tickets will be at the cost of the participants/MFs, as well as any other expenses, apart from those mentioned above as being covered through the development support.

Each team can apply for development support **for a maximum of two female + two male athletes (the athletes proposed may be para-rowers) and one coach (female or male)**. An additional place for a female coach may be considered when justified at the discretion of World Rowing Development.

Invited rowers and/or coaches will be able to take part in the event from 3-10 September 2023.

World Rowing will invite coaching experts to support the programme.

Please note that **the deadline for team applications is no later than Friday 09 June 2023** to Inas Hussein, inas.hussein@worldrowing.com, using the Application form attached. **Applications sent after the deadline, or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

There is a maximum number of nations and persons that can be funded. This number depends on the number and size of the teams and quality of all the applications sent by Member Federations. However, Member Federations are welcome to send more athletes and coaches at their own cost to take part in the 2023 World Rowing Championships. The application sent for the Development Programme should mention the whole delegation size and the extra costs should be paid directly to the Belgrade OC.

Supported MFs/participants will receive:

- **Local transport:** Airport pickup/drop off and local transportation between venue and hotel during the CH's official period.
- **Accommodation:** Accommodation in shared rooms of the same gender (check-in 1/2 September 2023, check-out 10/11 September) (**maximum 10 nights per person**)
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Coaching:** Support from World Rowing Coaches
- **Equipment:** Maximum of two boats per nation

Boats and Equipment

For participants approved by each MF and WR, equipment (maximum of two boats per nation) will be free of charge during the training and racing period.

The rental price of additional boats per seat/per day is 30,00 €.

For equipment requests the information should be sent no later than Friday 09 June 2023 to Inas Hussein, inas.hussein@worldrowing.com, using the application form attached.

Each team is highly recommended to bring their own oars as all of the oars need to be painted on both sides in the colours of the respective federations. If your team made a request for oars, you must bring your blade stickers with you. This service will not be offered.

All equipment must comply with World Rowing Rules of Racing.

Bike Rental

At the Regatta Venue there will be an independent bike rental company. Bike rental prices will range between 10-12 Euros per bike for the whole day.

Criteria

As places are limited, World Rowing will select the nations to invite following the below criteria:

- Applications will only be considered if all the required test performance documents are received and approved by the World Rowing Head of Coaching. These must be submitted with the application as per instructions below.
- Commitment to a training programme and evidence of athletes and coaches participating in regular training.
- Athletes need to be able to swim in deep-water and perform a capsizing drill. This is the responsibility of the Member Federation to confirm.
- World Rowing 2023 Subscription fees paid in full and no outstanding debts to World Rowing.
- Compliance with the [pre-competition health screening](#).

Key contacts and application

To make sure the arrangements are clear, please carefully read this bulletin in detail and keep in regular contact with World Rowing and the Organising Committee:

World Rowing Development Manager: Inas Hussein, inas.hussein@worldrowing.com

OC Coordinator for the World Rowing Development Group: Ivica Mršulja, ivica.mrsulja@2023wrchbelgrade.rs

As soon as possible, please send an email with the following information to Inas Hussein, inas.hussein@worldrowing.com and no later than Friday 09 June 2023 :

- **Application Form completed with the applicants' details (athletes & coach, including your full team size), and your Equipment request.**
- **Athlete test performance registered on the WR [test performance website](#).**



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This application should include the total size of the team you intend to send to the WRCHs 2023, not just the participants applying to receive support. A decision will be further made on which rowers and/or coaches will be offered the support.

- **Information about the arrival and departure dates of your team should be sent by Monday 31 July 2023 to:**

World Rowing Development Manager: Inas Hussein, inas.hussein@worldrowing.com

With a copy to OC Transportation Services: transportation@2023wrchbelgrade.rs

Using the attached Form.

Please note that, international travel support is not included. MFs need to cover their own flight tickets, insurance, Covid-19 tests (if applicable) and all other extra costs.

Information on VISAS

Serbia is not part of the European Union. Visa free entry is granted for holders of foreign national passports having a valid Schengen, UK and other Member States visa, or visa of the United States of America, and for holders of foreign national passports having residence permit in the countries of the Schengen area, EU or the United States of America. If you need a visa to enter Serbia, please follow the instructions on the [Event Bulletin](#)

Please note that the Visa issuance process can take several weeks, so you should apply as early as possible.

[Visa regime | Ministry of Foreign Affairs \(mfa.gov.rs\)](#)

If you need any further information, please contact Ivica Mršulja, ivica.mrsulja@2023wrchbelgrade.rs

General Programme

Arrival:	1/2 September 2023
Official opening (rescue covers)	31 August 2023
2023 World Rowing Championships	3-10 September 2023
Departure	10 or 11 September 2023

Maximum 10 nights' accommodation support is offered. Any extra nights shall be covered by the MFs and paid directly to the OC.

PARA CLASSIFICATION

Classification Documentation Deadline –	18 July 2023
Classification Date(s)	1-2 September, 2023

Type of Classification Offered – Physical Impairment, Visual Impairment

Please refer to the following links for more information about the event:

WR Event page: [2023 World Rowing Championships - World Rowing](#)

Event Bulletin: [2023-WRCH-Bulletin-2.pdf \(worldrowing.com\)](#)

Organising Committee Website: [2023 World Rowing Championships, Belgade, Serbia \(2023wrchbelgrade.rs\)](#)

Transport

Shuttle Bus Service

Airport

Teams who made accommodation reservation through the Organizing Committee (OC) may use transportation service organized by the OC for the World Rowing Championships 2023 Belgrade.

Further information about transportation and how to get to Belgrade, can be found through the OC link below.

[2023 World Rowing Championships, Belgade, Serbia \(2023wrchbelgrade.rs\)](#)

Transportation booking forms can be found through the link above and should be sent to:

World Rowing Development Manager: Inas Hussein, inas.hussein@worldrowing.com

With a copy to OC Transportation Services: transportation@2023wrchbelgrade.rs

By Monday 31 July 2023

Hotel-Venue

A **Shuttle bus service will operate connecting the regatta course and the official hotel** (according to the timetable to be announced by the OC).

The transport fee is included in the accommodation costs. However, transportation before official operational dates of the shuttle bus should be subject to OC's availability against additional charges to be confirmed by the OC.

Accommodation

The Organising Committee has reserved accommodation for the WR development group at **Hotel Jugoslavija**.

The cost of accommodation and local transport is supported by the OC and WR for 10 nights for a maximum of four athletes and one coach, previously approved by the Member Federation and World Rowing.

For additional participants, the cost of full board accommodation and local transport is mentioned below.

Additional participants are encouraged to send their accommodation request well in advance, by **09 June 2023** to Jelena Mozetić, accommodation@serbian-rowing.org.rs copying Inas Hussein, inas.hussein@worldrowing.com

Accommodation within the development group must be booked via WR and the OC using the development application form and identifying the entire delegation, including extra persons outside of the development support.

Prices for additional participants including Full Board accommodation and local transport:

EUR 110 single room rate per person/day

EUR 98 twin/double room rate per person/day

EUR 98 triple room rate per person/day

Rules of racing

Racing will be run in accordance with the [World Rowing Rules of Racing](#)

Safety and Health of the Rowers

It is a priority for World Rowing to preserve the health and safety of the athletes and coaches. Please read the World Rowing Statutes, Rules of Racing and kindly acknowledge Appendix S10, Bye-law to article 57 of the rules (**World Rowing Commitment Form**) [2021 World Rowing Rule Book - EN - World Rowing](#).

Rowers may only compete at the World Rowing Championships if they have submitted a signed commitment form. Each Team official must have submitted a commitment form before accreditation is issued.

Swimming ability

The ability to swim and stay afloat is essential for participants in water sports, such as rowing. The risk of tipping over or falling into the water in a rowboat can be dangerous if athletes are unable to stay afloat, and coaches need to be prepared.

Each rower taking part in the development programme at the World Rowing Championships shall ensure that they have a state of health and fitness which allows them to compete at a level commensurate with a world level event; and they have a basic swimming ability, including being able to swim 50 m and keep their head above water unassisted for three minutes.

Accordingly, prior to attending the WRCHs, all national rowing federation officials need to verify athlete compliance with the safety and health of the rowers. Likewise, all rowers, unless they are athletes who are known to have already performed the capsized drill, must have completed the capsized drill with safe recovery.

Swim tests and capsized drills must be held in pools with at least two lifeguards present. World Rowing recommends that you contact your national swimming federation and ask for guidance, if necessary. Swim tests should never be conducted in open water. Each national federation is required to certify the swimming ability for each rower submitted to participate in a World Rowing development activity.

It is recommended that members of the federation carefully read the guidelines of the British federation on swimming competitions found in section 3.6 of RowSafe, available at the link below:

<https://www.britishrowing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Row-Safe-April-2018.pdf>

Please note that all rowers must have completed a pre-competition health screening as per the World Rowing rule book, by laws to rule 14 – safety and health of rowers.



Insurance & Liability

The participants are responsible for insurance costs of equipment and persons. The Organising Committee declines all liabilities for all kinds of damage in the area of the regatta. Participants are solely responsible for themselves, and the material used. The OC is not responsible for damages that may occur in Serbia.

Each Member Federation shall ensure that it has adequate and appropriate insurance cover in place for each of its rowers and accompanying team officials (including delegates) for at least the duration of the event and the period of travel to and from. We refer to Rule 15 – insurance on the WR rule book for “adequate and appropriate insurance cover”. [FISA-rule-book-EN-2022.pdf \(d2cx26qpfwuhvu.cloudfront.net\)](https://www.fisa.org/~/media/2022/09/2022-Rule-Book-EN-2022.pdf)

It is mandatory that all participants have medical and incident insurance abroad, including Covid-19 coverage.

Covid 19 Test

World Rowing encourages all participants to be vaccinated and stay current with the COVID-19 vaccination cycle.

All participants to the regatta are required to follow the event’s guidelines of the Organising Committee for the prevention of infection from COVID-19. These will be available on the Event website <http://www.2023wrchbelgrade.rs/> and on World Rowing’s [2023 World Rowing Championships - World Rowing](#)

Safeguarding & Wellbeing

World Rowing believes that it is a fundamental right of all individuals involved with World Rowing to be able to participate in a non-violent, safe, and respectful environment.

World Rowing acknowledges its duty of care in this regard and is committed to creating and supporting an environment and a culture free from harassment and abuse. The welfare of all individuals involved with World Rowing is paramount.

All forms of harassment and abuse constitute a violation of the World Rowing Code of Ethics, World Rowing Safeguarding Policy, and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Code of Ethics. Thus, all behaviours and actions that constitute harassment and abuse will not be tolerated.

All MFs participating at the WRCH in Belgrade, Serbia must ensure that their delegations (including officials, coaches, and athletes) respect and follow the World Rowing Safeguarding Policy. They should refrain from any behaviour that constitutes any form of discrimination, abuse or harassment to others. They have a duty to report any concerns about or allegations of discrimination, abuse or poor practice via proper reporting channels.

Violation of the World Rowing Safeguarding Policy and Code of Ethics can result in formal disciplinary sanctions.

You can learn more information about the World Rowing Safeguarding Policy and Procedures from the following link: [Safeguarding - World Rowing](#)

Weather

For weather updates please visit: [Meteorological Information Belgrade \(2023wrchbelgrade.rs\)](https://www.2023wrchbelgrade.rs/)

Test Performance Programme

Teams wishing to be considered for development support are required to provide testing results during the pre-regatta season from January 2023 as per the test performance protocol. Please submit your test performance results here: [Login | RowersDataBase \(rowingtest.com\)](#)

The test performance tutorial can be found here: [Rowing Test Tutorial - Tutorial](#)

World Rowing Development Team