

World Rowing Council as of 01/01/2024

President – Jean-Christophe Rolland (FRA)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- IOC Member (2017 -)
- WADA Foundation Board Member
- Paris 2024 Organising Committee Board Member
- Three-time Olympic Rower, Olympic Gold medallist, World Champion
- MSc Electrical and Physical Engineering Managing Director



In office since: 2014

Current mandate: 2022 – 2025

Vice President – Tricia Smith (CAN)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- IOC Member
- Four time Olympic Rower; Olympic Silver medal winner; seven-time World Championship medallist
- President CAN NOC
- Member, International Court of Arbitration for Sport
- Lawyer and businesswoman

In office since: 2014

Current mandate: 2022 – 2025



Treasurer – Gerritjan Eggenkamp (NED)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- Olympic Silver medallist; two-times Olympian; participated 5 times in World Championships
- Masters in Applied Computer Science; and Management
- Currently Partner at Avedon Capital Partners (private equity)



In office since: 2019

Current mandate: 2022 – 2025

Executive Director – Vincent Gaillard (SUI)

- World Rowing Executive Director & Secretary General
- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- Board Director at the Centre for Sport & Human Rights
- Co-founder of Sport & Sustainability International



Appointed in 2022

Chair Umpiring commission Patrick Rombaut (BEL)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- European Rowing Vice President
- Rower, Coach, Manager, Event Organiser
- Honorary President BEL MF & Coupe de la Jeunesse
- Member Umpiring Commission since 1992



In office as Chair of the Umpiring commission since: 2001

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

In office as Executive Committee member since: 2015

Current mandate: 2022 - 2025

Chair Competitive Rowing Commission Rosie Mayglothling (GBR)

- Chair, Coaching Development Cross Commission
- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- Olympian and World Championship level Rower, Coach and Team Manager
- Master of Philosophy in Sport
- Formerly British Rowing 's Pathway Development Director



In office as Chair of the Competitive rowing commission since: 2015

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

In office as Executive Committee member since: 2019

Current mandate: 2022 - 2025

Chair Events Commission

Eva Szanto (HUN)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- European Rowing Board Member
- Rower; World Rowing International Umpire
- Sport Manager; Event Organiser
- Masters in English & Russian Philology



In office as Chair of the Events commission since: 2019

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

In office as Executive Committee member since: 2020

Current mandate: 2022 - 2025

Chair Athletes Commission Frida Svensson (SWE)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- Board Member of Swedish Rowing Federation
- 3 times Olympian; World Champion 2010 W1x; participated in 9 World Championships
- Member of Swedish National Team for 17 years



In office as Chair of the Athletes commission since: 2020

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

In office as Executive Committee member since: 2021

Current mandate: 2022 - 2025

Chair Coastal Rowing Commission Guin Batten (GBR)

- Former Chair, Rowing for All Commission
- Olympic Silver Medallist Rower
- World Championship level rower (classic and coastal);
two-times Coastal Rowing World Champion
- Henley Management Committee
- Masters Degree
- Sport Administrator

In office since: 2011

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027



Chair Indoor Rowing Commission

Filip Ljubicic (SRB)

- Chair, Indoor Rowing Commission
- Rower, representing GBR in Coupe de la Jeunesse (2006)
- Current Deputy Chairman of Thames Regional Rowing Council
- BA in Business & Eastern European Studies
- Entrepreneur, developed services & products in sport, education & health



In office since: 2022

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027

Chair Equipment & Technology Commission world rowing®

Mathias Binder (SUI)

- One time Olympian; World Rowing Champion 1997 in LM2-participated in 6 World Rowing Championships
- Member of Swiss National Team for 15 years
- BSc mechanical Engineering & EMBA
- Head of Engineering with Andritz Soutec AG



In office since: 2022

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027

Chair Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (GEDI) Commission - Jacomine Ravensbergen (NED)

- Formerly Chair Women's Rowing Commission
- Rower, Coach, World Rowing International Umpire, Manager, Event Organiser
- Former Medical Doctor
- Ph.D degree holder
- Vice President, Avans University of Applied Sciences
- Supervisory Board and Audit Committee Member Health Institutions



In office since: 2015

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027

Chair Masters Rowing Commission

Ron Chen (USA)

- Long serving Masters Commission member
- International Umpire; Jury Member, 1996 Atlanta Olympics
- Law Professor and former Dean of his Law School



In office since: 2019

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

Chair Para Rowing Commission Rebecca Thomas Orr (CAN)

- World Rowing International Level 2 Technical Classifier
- Member of Classification Advisory Panel
- Rower, coach
- BA Honours in Business Administration
- Diploma in Sport & Event Promotion
- Account Manager, Event Organizer



In office since: 2021

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

Chair Sports Medicine Commission Juergen Steinacker (GER)

- Rower, Manager, Team Doctor
- Sports Medicine Doctor , Cardiologist, Internist
- Dr med., Ph.D., Dr h.c.
- Professor of Medicine at Ulm University Hospital



In office since: 2017

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027

Chair Youth Rowing Commission Axel Mueller (GER)

- World Championships Junior, U23 & senior lightweight rower
- Int. Coach, Team Manager of several National Teams
- Long serving Youth Rowing Commission member
- Sports Manager; Coaches Education; Consultant
- Certified classical rowing & swimming Coach
- MSc sciences of physical activity and sports



In office since: 2024

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027

Continental Representative for Africa - Mehdi Garidi (ALG)

- World Rowing Youth Commission Member
- Technical Director Nat'l Rowing Team, UAE Sailing & Rowing Federation; Coach; Competition Manager
- Masters in Chemistry; Sport Science



Appointed in: 2020

Current mandate: until 2024

Continental Representative for the Americas - Victoria Aguirregomezcorta (ARG)

- World Rowing Events Commission Member
- Rower
- Organiser
- Educator



Appointed in: 2019

Current mandate: until 2024

Continental Representative for Asia

Fay Ho (HKG)

- Former Chair Para Rowing Commission
- Olympic athlete - Canoeing (1984) and Rowing (1992) and World Championship rower
- Vice President Asian Rowing Federation
- Deputy Secretary General HKG NOC
- Degree in Recreation and Sports Management



Appointed in: 2020

Current mandate: until 2024

Continental Representative for Europe - Dusan Machacek (CZE)

- European Rowing Board Member
- 2014-21 CZE Rowing president
- Two-time Olympian, World Champs medallist
- CEO of National Olympic Centre of Water Sports - Racice, CZE
- International Event Organiser
- Economist, MBA in healthcare
- Czech Olympic Committee Medical Commission manager



Appointed in: 2022

Current mandate: until 2024

Continental Representative for Oceania - Sarah Cook (AUS)

- Member of the World Rowing Coastal Rowing Commission, and GEDI Cross-Commission (ret. August 2023)
- Two-time Olympic Rower, 2008 & 2012
- Australian representative in Rowing, 2004-2012; and in Sailing, 2013-2015
- World Rowing Broadcast Commentator
- Steward of Henley Royal Regatta
- Bachelor Degree in Human Biology; Graduate Diploma in Education
- Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Chief Operating Officer, Rowing Australia

Appointed in: 2022

Current mandate: until 2024



Co-opted Council Member Masakuni Hosobuchi (JPN)

- Rower, Natl Team Coach, Natl Team Manager
- Member, Japanese NOC; Chef de Mission NOC
- President, Sanwa Building Company
- Successful Businessman
- Vice President Asian Rowing Federation



Appointed in: 2017

Current mandate: until 2024

Co-opted Council Member Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (GER)

- Formerly Chair, Athletes Commission
- Formerly World Rowing Executive Committee
- Three-time Olympic Rower; World Champion
- Rower; two-time World Champion Coastal Rower
- National Team member for 13 Years
- IOC Medical Commission Member
- Medical Doctor

Appointed in: 2020

Current mandate: until 2024

