



Development Support
2026 ERU19CH
23- 24 May 2026
Brandenburg, GER
Development Bulletin



Organising Committee (OC)

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Introduction

As part of its goals, World Rowing and European Rowing provide 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 participation in World and Continental level key events and Championships.

As part of the European Rowing Development Programme, and with the generous support of the 2026 Brandenburg European Rowing Under 19 Championships OC, we have the pleasure to send targeted MFs the Development Programme Bulletin.

Please read this bulletin carefully and apply for support no later than 27th February 2026, using the following [Application Form](#).

Development Programme – ELIGIBILITY

Targeted MFs and their teams will be eligible based on the following requirements:

- Regular training and compliance with the WR Test Performance Programme (see below)
- Having a National Selection Policy
- Having own budgets for travel (flight tickets, insurance)
- No outstanding debts to World Rowing or European Rowing.

All European Rowing Member Federations (including Israel) shall be eligible to compete in the ERU19CHs. An athlete must present a valid passport from the country for which they wish to compete (as per the [European Rowing Rules of Racing](#)).

A rower may compete in an Under 19CH event until 31st December of the year in which he/ she reaches the age of 18.

Test Performance Programme

Teams wishing to be considered for Development Programme are required to provide testing results during the pre-regatta season from January 2026 as per the Test Performance Protocol.

Please submit your Test Performance results here: [RowersDataBase](#)



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The Test Performance Tutorial can be found [here](#).

For any questions regarding the Test Performance Programme please contact Giovanni Postiglione (postiglione1gianni@gmail.com)

Events

- Under 19 Men (JM): 1x, 2x, 2-, 4-, 4x, 4+, 8+
- Under 19 Women (JW): 1x, 2x, 2-, 4-, 4x, 4+, 8+

Development Programme – DEADLINES & SUPPORT INFO

As part of the 2026 Brandenburg ERU19CH Development Programme, there is support available for a maximum of 15 rowers and/or coaches.

The support for each team consists of free accommodation in shared rooms (same gender) and meals, for a maximum of **one female + one male athlete AND one coach (female OR male), from 21st May till 23rd of May 2026 (maximum support for 3 nights)**. The World Rowing Development team may, if justified consider adding a second place for a female coach.

NOTE: The deadline for the team applications is **27th February 2026**.

Applications sent after the deadline 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 MFs.

However, MFs are welcome to send more athletes and coaches at their own cost to take part in the 2026 ERU19CH.

The application submitted online for the Development Programme should mention the whole delegation size and the extra costs should be paid directly to the OC.

SUMMARY

Supported MFs/participants will receive:

- **Local transport:** Airport pick-up/drop-off and local transportation between venue and hotel during the regatta's competition period.
- **Accommodation:** Accommodation in shared rooms of the same gender (maximum 3 nights)
- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **Coaching:** Support from World Rowing Coaches

Boats and Equipment

MFs are encouraged to bring their own blades/oars, the OC will not provide these for renting.

These must be painted in the registered colours of your Federation.

Equipment support may be considered upon request on an up to basis.

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All equipment must comply with World Rowing Rules of Racing.



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Criteria

As places are limited, World Rowing will select the supported nations on the below criteria:

- Applications will only be considered if the attached **Test Performance results** were submitted online [here](#) and after careful analysis of the World Rowing Development Team.
- 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 capsize drill. This is the responsibility of the MF, and we assume that by applying for the Development Programme support, the MF clearly testifies that the athletes proposed are capable to swim.
- World Rowing and European Rowing 2026 Subscription fees paid in full and no outstanding debts to World Rowing.
- Compliance with the [pre-competition health screening](#).

Entries

Entries and accreditation must be made online [here](#).

Deadline is midnight CET on 11th May 2026.

Late entries will not be accepted.

For any questions regarding the entry process for the 2026 ERU19CHs please contact: registration@worldrowing.com

General Programme

Arrival	21 May 2026
2026 ERU19CHs	23 - 24 May 2026
Departure	24 May 2026

***Maximum 3 nights' accommodation support is offered.**

Any extra nights shall be covered by the MFs and paid directly to the OC.

Transport

Transportation between the following airports and the official hotel will be organised by the Organising Committee.

Airports:

Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER)

To secure a pick-up from the airport, the teams must complete the Travel Form at this online [link](#).

A free shuttle bus service will be provided between the hotel and the regatta venue during the competition period.



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Accommodation

The participants of the WR Development Programme will be accommodated at the following address:

Hotel Pension Gerono

Magdeburger Str. 12, 14770 Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany

Prices for additional participants/nights including full board (FB) accommodation and local transport:

- Twin-sharing room 88 €/person/night
- Single room 103 €/person/night

Once your MF's Development Programme application is analysed and confirmed by the World Rowing Development Team, we will automatically confirm your hotel booking.

However, for MFs with additional participants, please make sure to upload a list of the additional participants on the online application form.

NOTE: Failure of MFs/teams to travel to the event after the confirmation of the hotel booking will result in charging your MF with the hotel booking cost incurred.

Rules of racing

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

The new World Rowing Rules App is now available here: <https://rules.worldrowing.com/home>

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, Byelaw to article 57 of the rules.

Rowers may only compete at the European Under 19 Championships if they have submitted a signed [WR 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 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 2026 ERU19CHs, 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 capsize drill, must have completed the capsize drill with safe recovery.

Swim tests and capsize 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



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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 Rowing Federation on swimming competitions found in section 3.6 of RowSafe, available [here](#).

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.

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 2026 ERU19CHs 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](#)

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 at the event.

Each MF 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”.

It is mandatory that all participants have medical and incident insurance abroad.

Weather

Find weather updates [here](#).



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SUMMARY OF ALL DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO SUBMIT

Please read this bulletin in detail and keep in regular contact with World Rowing and the Organising Committee for any questions.

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As soon as possible, please complete the following online forms:

- ☐ **Online Application Form** at this [link](#) (Deadline: 27th February 2026)
- ☐ **Test Performance Results** uploaded on the WR [Test Performance Database](#)
- ☐ **Online Travel Form** at this [link](#) (Deadline 23rd April 2026).

NOTE:

International travel support is not included. MFs need to cover their own flight tickets.