

A GUIDE TO World Rowing Development Programme at Events





World Rowing allocates Development Programme opportunities to Member Federations based on a combination of indicators that reflect both need and development potential. The aim is to ensure that support reaches Member Federations who require assistance and have the structures to translate that support into sustainable progress.

PARTICIPATION & REPRESENTATION INDICATORS

A central element of the assessment process is participation data from recent years.

Each quadrennium, and in alignment with the World Rowing voting entitlements exercise, World Rowing reviews:

- The number of crews entered by the Member Federation in World Rowing and Continental Rowing events
- Levels of gender balanced participation
- Representation across age categories (Under 19, Under 23, Senior)

THESE INDICATORS HELP IDENTIFY WHERE ATHLETE PATHWAYS MAY NEED STRENGTHENING AND WHERE TARGETED SUPPORT COULD HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT.



PERFORMANCE & MONITORING DATA

Member Federations targeted for support are required to submit standardised ergometer test results throughout the season via the [World Rowing Test Performance Database](#).

These tests:

- Are requested from all Member Federations applying to the World Rowing Development Support Programme at events.
- Provide objective benchmarks to monitor athlete progression.
- Demonstrate regular training and minimum performance standards.
- Support the World Rowing Development Programme selection process.

Member Federations may contact their respective World Rowing Development Manager for guidance on how to register in the database if they do not yet have an account, or by contacting development@worldrowing.com

STRUCTURAL READINESS CRITERIA

Beyond participation and performance, World Rowing requests the Member Federation to have the basic structures needed for sustainable development.

This includes:

- A national selection policy
- Confirmation of athlete swimming ability and safety awareness

These criteria ensure that support is directed to Member Federations that can build long-term capacity.





ACCESSING SUPPORT

While the programme prioritises Member Federations with the greatest needs, World Rowing recognises that operating and participation costs continue to rise globally. Member Federations interested in learning more about the Development Programme, or in being considered for the targeted development list for events, are encouraged to contact:

development@worldrowing.com



APPLICATION PROCESS & COMMUNICATION

Opportunities and application information are communicated through the [World Rowing Circulars](#) and/or the World Rowing Development Programme Bulletins.

All Development Bulletins and Invitations for each World Rowing and Continental Rowing events are available on the [World Rowing Website](#).

Member Federations are notified ahead of the season and invited to apply once the World Rowing Development programme opens.



OTHER WORLD ROWING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

In addition to event participation support, the World Rowing Development Programme includes a range of development-focused initiatives.

More information is available in the [World Rowing Development Programme Guide](#).

Planned development activities and educational courses are published in the [Continental Development Calendar](#) on the World Rowing website as they are confirmed throughout the season.

To learn more about previous activities, you can explore the news articles published on the [World Rowing Academy](#).