

World Rowing Development Programme Guide

The WR Development Programme Explained

Introduction

Who is World Rowing?

World Rowing, previously named FISA (from the French, Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron) is the governing body of the sport of rowing. It is empowered by its 158 member National Rowing Federations.



What does World Rowing do?

- Sets the rules and regulations for the practice of the sport in all its forms and for all communities—classic, Coastal, Indoor, and Para Rowing from grassroots through to elite and masters levels.
- Oversees sanctioned events and provides advice and expertise for the organisation of Rowing regattas.
- Works on coach education and other matters relating to the sport and its development.

World Rowing

Vision

To encourage the development of the sport of Rowing and strengthen the bonds that unite those who practice it.

Mission

To make Rowing a universally practiced and globally relevant sport & grow the sport in all its forms.

World Rowing's Development

Mission

To sustainably **develop, promote,** and **grow** Rowing in all its forms and for all communities by keeping its core values at the center.

Classic Rowing. Coastal Rowing. Indoor Rowing, including Para Rowing, masters, elite, schools, universities, and clubs.

Values

Fairness

In a spirit of fairplay rowers compete with discipline, commitment & respect for every opponent.

Timeless Legacy

We carry our values & shared experiences from one generation to the next, advancing together.

Inclusion

Rowers combine into a single & cooperative community; irrespective of race, gender, orientation, creed, age, or ability.

Teamwork

Rowers learn that by working together to achieve a common goal everyone achieves more.

Healthy Waters

We protect and respect the waters & environments we row in.

World Rowing's Development

Goal

To provide their Member Federations with support, training, guidance, resources and tools to sustainably develop the sport of Rowing and all its aspects in line with World Rowing's Guiding Principles.

- ✓ Priority to Rowers and Rowing
- ✓ Rowing in all its Forms
- ✓ Equality of Opportunity & Fairness
- ✓ Inclusion & Non-Discrimination
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Autonomy & Independence
- ✓ Integral Part of World Sport



World Rowing's Development

Objectives

Participation

Increase the participation of Member Federations in leading events by encouraging and assisting participation in regional, continental, and world competitions, while helping them to promote gender-equal national development pathways through sustainable development and competition structures.

Integration

Integrate and expand all forms of Rowing by developing tailored participation strategies for Classic, Coastal, and Indoor Rowing across Youth, Elite, and Masters levels, ensuring full mainstream integration of Para Rowing. Provide comprehensive educational resources, including manuals and guides, to support sustainable development

Opportunities

Increase Rowing opportunities through clubs, schools, universities, and other entities by supporting Member Federations in building comprehensive development pathways—from youth to elite to masters. This includes creating educational resources for coaches, entourage, and administrators; supporting event organisation; collaborating with FISU to strengthen university rowing; and fostering shared-commitment initiatives with national and international stakeholders to provide essential equipment such as boats and ergometers to developing MFs.

Quality

Improve the quality of Rowing and coaching worldwide by imparting knowledge through educational strategies and training camps for rowers and coaches from developing countries. Improve coach education through different-level coaching courses and providing development material. Create awareness on the IOC Olympic Solidarity Programme, and create links to further assist National/Continental Federations in their own Development projects and athletes-coaches' scholarships.

Universality

Increase the number of countries having Rowing and ensure their ongoing sustainable growth. Identify the countries not having rowing and engage in a strategy to target countries on a priority basis for a phased approach, considering each country's style of Rowing best suited to the natural local conditions, fostering links the NOC, Sports Ministry and IOC Olympic Solidarity, through well prepared experts assisting with technical and administrative guidance.

How Do We Do This?

Delivering on Our Goals

WR Development offers mentoring, training, guidance and support through a set of multidisciplinary programmes offering opportunities and tools to promote development pathways for athletes, coaches, entourage and administrators to progress

Through Strategic Partnerships

Coordination across International, Continental, Regional & National levels

IOC Olympic Solidarity & IPC

National & Continental Olympic/Paralympic Committees

Government agencies

Equipment manufacturers

Outcome

- Strong national-to-Olympic & Paralympic competition pathways
- Sustainable & holistic development of Rowing worldwide

WR Development Programme

Member Federations

- **Support & Technical guidance**
- **Development of National System**
- **Equipment Assistance**
- **Beach Sprint Event Hosting Capacity**

Athletes & Coaches

- **WR Coach Development Programme**
- **Development & Youth Athlete Development Training Camps**
- **Development Programme at Events**
- **Assistance with IOC Olympic Solidarity (Athletes & Coaches scholarships)**
- **Coach Mentorship & Support**

Other

- **GEDI Programmes**
- **WR Education Academy**
- **Row Values & Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP)**
- **Training of Coach Developers**
- **Training for MF administrators**
*2026 launch
- **Training of Classifiers** (cross collaboration with CAP)
- **Training of National Umpires** (cross collaboration with the WR Umpiring Commission)

How To Express Interest & Apply?

Explore Opportunities

Opportunities and application details are shared via:

- ▶ WR Circular [LINK](#)
- ▶ WR Development Programme Bulletins [LINK](#)
- ▶ WR Continental Development Calendar [LINK](#)

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