



WORLD ROWING DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN  
ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION WORKSHOP  
27 APRIL – 1 MAY 2026

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## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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**Comité d'organisation et de support des manifestations d'aviron (COSMA) and Ligue Île-de-France d'Aviron (LIFA)**

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## INTRODUCTION

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As part of its goals, World Rowing (WR) collaborates with the IPC (International Paralympic Committee) and event Organising Committees (OC) to provide education and training opportunities to targeted Member Federations (MFs) to train and certify future national and international classifiers.

This programme is supported under the WR Development Programme and IPC Sport for Mobility (SfM) Sport Technical Training Grant targeting successful applicants from eligible NPCs ([see annex 1](#)) and other self-funded applicants from non-eligible NPCs.

As part of the 2026 calendar of classification education activities, and with the support of the French Rowing Federation and Ligue Île-de-France d'Aviron, WR have the pleasure to send MFs this development programme bulletin for an Advanced Classification Workshop in Paris, from **27 April – 1 May 2026**.

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## GENERAL PROGRAMME

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Arrival	Monday 27 April 2026
Advanced Classification Workshop	Tuesday 28 – Wednesday 29 April 2026
Classification Observations	Thursday 30 April 2026
Departure	Friday 1 May 2026

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

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Please read this bulletin carefully.

Please complete the [Application Form](#) in full.

Applications must be submitted before **Friday 27 February 2026, 23:59 UTC**.

Following the application submission, applicants may be invited for a short interview with the World Rowing Classification Advisory Panel to determine their suitability for the workshop.

Applicants will be informed of their admission to the workshop before Friday, 13 March 2026. A maximum of 10 trainees will be considered (five medical and five technical).

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## 2026 ADVANCED CLASSIFICATION WORKSHOP – APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

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Individuals with the following profile are eligible to apply to attend an Advanced Classification Workshop. Please read these pre-requisites included in the [World Rowing Classifier Training, Development & Certification Pathway](#).

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- A National Classifier who has accurately classified at least one athlete in every Sport Class following successful completion of the Basic Classification Workshop. Ideally have classified at least one athlete with a neurological impairment. Exceptional circumstances will be considered on an individual basis by the World Rowing Classification Advisory Panel.
- Successful completion of the Basic Classification Workshop ideally 24 months prior to the Advanced Classification Workshop. Exceptional circumstances will be considered on an individual basis by the World Rowing Classification Advisory Panel, for example Classifier in another sport.
- Submission of Classification assessments of athletes from all three Sport Classes to the World Rowing Classification Advisory Panel for review.
- Excellent interpersonal skills to collaborate with the Classification panel, athlete, and team support.
- Ability to communicate in English both in writing and verbally.

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## VISAS

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If you need a visa to enter France, please send a copy of your passport to Inas Hussein, [inas.hussein@worldrowing.com](mailto:inas.hussein@worldrowing.com) confirming your expected arrival and departure dates to Paris **by 27 February 2026** at the latest so the OC can issue you the proper invitation letter. Then you need to follow the instructions established via the respective French Embassy/Consulate in your country.

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

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## ACCOMMODATION

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Workshop participants will be accommodated in Vaires-Sur-Marne Nautical Stadium Training Centre in shared rooms, same gender (from twin to quadruple rooms based on availability).

Support from WR and the IPC Sport Technical Grant is available to successful applicants from eligible NPCs ([annex 1](#)) to cover the accommodation cost.

Non-eligible applicants will need to self-fund.

For self-funded participants, or for any additional nights beyond what is covered, price per person per day is around 75 € with meals (rooms are from twin to quadruple). No single rooms available.

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## TRAVEL

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Support from IPC Sport Technical Grant is available to successful applicants from eligible NPCs ([annex 1](#)) to cover the travel cost on an up to basis (425 euro/person).

Non-eligible applicants will need to self-fund their own national/international travel.

For local transportation, there is no OC airport pick up or drop off. The Training centre is accessible via public transport to the local train station (Bussy St Georges).

Further information will be shared once applications are screened and candidates confirmed.