

Rules and Event Regulations for European Rowing Coastal & Beach Sprint Championships (Proposals 2026)

These Rules and Regulations apply to European Rowing Coastal Championships.

They should be read in conjunction with the applicable European Rowing Rules of Racing and related Bye-Laws.

Where a matter arises not explicitly covered by these Rules and Regulations, those of World Rowing will apply.

European Rowing will follow all the rules, regulations and requirements set out in the World Rowing Coastal & Beach Sprint Rules, save that Executive Committee will generally be replaced by European Rowing Board, and World Rowing will generally be replaced with European Rowing (**WR Rule Book RC 1 to 21; RCE 1 to 26; RCB 1 to 28**).

This concerns in particular:

Coastal – General

RC 2	Application
RC 3	Men's & Women's Events
RC 4	Safety and Health of Rowers
RC 5	Insurance
RC 6	Commitment
RC 7	Coxswains
RC 9	Coastal Boats and Equipment
Bye-law to RC 10	Boat Numbers and Crew Identification Numbers
RC 11	Innovations in Equipment
RC 12	President of the Jury
RC 13	Regatta Roles
Bye-law to RC 14	Identifications, Commercial Publicity, Sponsorship, Advertising
RC 15	Rowers Clothing and Blade Colours
RC 16	Entries
RC 17	Withdrawals and Crew Changes
RC 19	Exceptional Cases

Coastal – Endurance

RCE 2	Eligibility
RCE 3	Age categories
RCE 4	Additional Categories
RCE 5	Boat Classes
RCE 7	Race Course Characteristics for International Coastal Endurance Regattas
RCE 8	Racing Distances
RCE 12	World Rowing Coastal Endurance Progression System
RCE 13	The Draw and Determining the Lanes
RCE 14	Adverse Weather Conditions
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Coastal – Beach Sprint

RCB 1	Eligibility and Nationality
RCB 2	Age Categories
RCB 4	World Rowing Beach Sprint Championships Event Programme
RCB 5	Boats and Equipment
RCB 6	Race Course
RCB 7	Race Format
RCB 10	Safety – General Principles
RCB 11	The Jury
RCB 12	World Rowing Beach Sprint Progression System
RCB 13	The Draw and Determining the Lanes
RCB 14	Team Managers
RCB 17	Adverse Weather Conditions

Any other departures in the requirements for the European Rowing Coastal and Beach Sprint Championships and departures from the World Rowing Coastal and Beach Sprint Championships rules are highlighted below:

European Rowing Rules of Racing 2025	European Rowing Rules of Racing (proposals 2026)	Remarks
RC 18 Anti-Doping		
European Rowing accepts and shall apply Rule 86 – Anti-Doping of the World Rowing Rules of Racing – and its Bye-Laws.		
RCE 1 Right to participate		
<p>The European Rowing Club Coastal Championships are open only to European club crews nominated by the member federation in which they are located.</p> <p>The European Rowing Coastal Championships are open to European national team crews nominated by their member federation.</p>	<p>The European Rowing Club Coastal Championships are open only to European club crews nominated by the member federation in which they are located.</p> <p>The European Rowing Coastal Championships are open to European national team crews nominated by their member federation.</p>	<p><i>Endurance events are not anymore open to national team crews, only club crews.</i></p>
RCE 2 Eligibility	RCE 2 Eligibility	
	To compete in a European Rowing Club Coastal Championship regatta, a rower shall be a member of a club affiliated to their member federation.	<i>Extra paragraph</i>
RCE 6 European Rowing Coastal Endurance Championships Event Programme		
European Rowing Coastal Endurance Championships are held in the events set out in the Bye-law to this Rule.		

<p>Bye-laws to Rule RCE 6 – World European Rowing Coastal Endurance Championships Event Programme</p>	<p>Bye-laws to Rule RCE 6 – World European Rowing Coastal Endurance Championships Event Programme</p>	
<p>European Rowing Coastal Endurance Championships are held in the following events:</p> <p>Club crews:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Men (M) C1x, C2x, C4x+ 2. Women (W) C1x, C2x, C4x+ 3. Mixed (Mix) C2x <p>National team crews:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Men (M) C1x 2. Women (W) C1x 3. Mixed (Mix) C2x <p>European Rowing may add other events and shall publish any additional events in the Competition Notice.</p>	<p>European Rowing Coastal Endurance Championships are held in the following events:</p> <p>Club crews:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Men (M) C1x, C2x, C4x+ 2. Women (W) C1x, C2x, C4x+ 3. Mixed (Mix) C2x 4. Masters C4x+ <p>National team crews:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Men (M) C1x 2. Women (W) C1x 3. Mixed (Mix) C2x <p>European Rowing may add other events and shall publish any additional events in the Competition Notice.</p>	<p><i>Adding Masters category in club crews events.</i></p> <p><i>Scratching national team crews events <u>from Jan 1, 2027 onwards.</u></i></p>
<p>RCE 9 Entries</p>	<p>RCE 9 Entries</p>	
<p>Club crews:</p> <p>A maximum number of 5 Club crews may be entered per member federation, per event. This number may be adjusted by European Rowing and the Organising Committee after the preliminary entry deadline, if required.</p>	<p>Club crews:</p> <p>A maximum number of 5 Club crews may be entered per member federation, per event. This number may be adjusted by European Rowing and the Organising Committee after the preliminary entry deadline, if required.</p>	<p><i>Consequence of bye law to Rule RCE 6</i></p>

<p>National team crews:</p> <p>A maximum of 2 national team crews may be entered per event for the European Rowing Coastal Championship events.</p>	<p>National team crews:</p> <p>A maximum of 2 national team crews may be entered per event for the European Rowing Coastal Championship events.</p>	
<p>RCB 3 Boat Classes</p>		
<p>The following boat classes are recognized by European Rowing for Beach Rowing Sprint regattas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solo (C1x) 2. Double Sculls (C2x) 		
<p>RC 21 Concluding provisions</p>	<p>RC 21 Concluding provisions</p>	
	<p>These Rules of Racing were approved effective immediately by the European Rowing Extraordinary General Assembly held in Varese, ITA on August 1, 2026.</p>	
	<p>Asuncion Loriente, President European Rowing Patrick Rombaut, Vice-President European Morten Juel Hansen Dusan Machacek Jacomine Ravensbergen Eva Szanto Neville Tanzer, members European Rowing Board</p>	

Remark:

The European Rowing Departures from World Rowing Coastal Championships Manual and World Rowing Beach Sprint Championships Venue and Competition Specifications will be published with the information of each specific European Rowing Coastal event.