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Introduction

The 2026 World Rowing Championships (WRCHs 2026) will take place from 24-30 August in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

As part of its goals, World Rowing provides 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 such MFs to participate in World Rowing key events and championships.

As part of the World Rowing Development Programme, and with the generous support of the 2026 WRCH Organising Committee, we have the pleasure to send targeted MFs the development programme bulletin.

Please read this bulletin carefully and apply for support **no later than 30 April 2026** using the following [Application Form](#). **Please note that this deadline is final, and no extensions will be possible due to the tight timeline for confirming accommodation bookings.**

World Rowing will respond to MFs applications no later than 10 May 2026.

Development Programme – WRCHs Amsterdam 2026 – Eligibility, Key Dates & Support

ELIGIBILITY: Targeted MFs and their Teams will be eligible based on the following requirements: regular training and compliance with the WR Test Performance programme; commitment to a training programme and evidence of athletes and coaches participating in regular training; having a national selection policy; having own budgets for travel (including international flight tickets and VISAs, equipment, medical and accident insurance, clothing kit, general extra costs...etc.), and no outstanding Membership or other debts to World Rowing.

As part of the 2026 WRCHs Development Programme, there is support available for a maximum of 100 rowers and/or coaches. Each team can apply for development support **for a maximum of two female + two male athletes and one coach (female or male)**. An additional place for a female coach may be considered when justified at the discretion of World Rowing Development, and subject to availability.

Regarding Para Rowing, MFs can also apply for **a maximum of two para female + two para male athletes and one para coach (as additional quota)**.

Supported MFs/participants will benefit from the following support:

- **Local transport:** Official airport pickup and drop-off, as well as one bicycle per person for local transportation between the venue and the Development Programme accommodation, will be provided during the WR Development Programme and CHs official period. If any of your team members—particularly para rowers—require transportation by vehicle, please inform us of their local transport needs **at the time of application** so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For **Olympic participants** who prefer not to use a bicycle and wish to commute by car or van, the transportation cost will be **€50 per ride**, which can be shared among passengers (maximum of 4 per vehicle), reducing the cost per person. These transport rides can be requested at the transport desk at the venue.

As an alternative, participants may also use taxi service apps such as Uber or Bolt in Amsterdam.

A final option is public transport. Traveling by bus takes approximately 40 minutes, with a cost of less than **€4 per person** for a one-way trip. The 9292 app can be used to check routes and departure times. There are multiple public transport connections available from the area around EuroParcs Amsterdamse Bos to the venue.

- **Local accommodation¹:** Accommodation in shared rooms of the same gender (**maximum 10 nights per person**) Extra days due to earlier arrivals/later departures need to be supported by each Member Federation.
- **Meals:** Breakfast (packaged at the accommodation), lunch & dinner at the venue.
- **Coaching support**
- **Equipment support:** At the discretion of World Rowing Development subject to availability and MFs expression of equipment support needed at the time of application.

Member Federations are welcome to send more athletes and coaches at their own cost to take part in the 2026 WRCHs. The application should mention the whole delegation size. The costs for any extra nights or additional participants will be the responsibility of each MF and must be paid directly to the OC.

Please note that there will be a special accommodation booking arrangements for the World Rowing Development Programme independent of the accommodation booking system established by the OC for the other Teams. As such, and to avoid booking duplication, MFs applying for the WR Development Programme should mention the whole size of its delegation so proper accommodation could be arranged for the entire MF's team (including the team members at own cost).

Full Board Accommodation

The WR Development Programme participants will be housed at **EuroParcs Het Amsterdamse Bos, in shared bungalows**, 20 min. cycling from the regatta venue.

Beyond the nights and team members supported through the World Rowing Development Programme, the price per person/per night for additional participants/nights is as follows:

- Single Occupancy Room (Full board/day) = €271 Euro
- Twin Occupancy Room (Full board/person/day) = €168 Euro

WR Development Pre-Event Training Camp

A pre 2026 WRCHs Development training camp might be organised by World Rowing for a limited number of teams, especially teams most in need and with a time zone gap to help with acclimatisation and travel recovery.

At the discretion of World Rowing Development, applicant MFs will be proactively approached to join the training camp once it is confirmed with the OC.

¹ Please note that, subject to rooms types and availability, athletes and coaches can be housed with other athletes and coaches of the same gender from double, to quadruple occupancy rooms and shared toilets/bathrooms).



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Test Performance Programme

Teams wishing to be considered for development support are required to provide testing results as per the test performance protocol. Please submit your test performance results here: [Login | RowersDataBase \(rowingtest.com\)](#)

The test performance tutorial can be found here: [Rowing Test Tutorial - Tutorial](#)

For test performance programme related questions please contact the WR Head of Coaching Gianni Postiglione at postiglione1gianni@gmail.com

Events Offered

The following Olympic, Paralympic and International Events are offered at the World Rowing Championships:

Men (M): 1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4-, 8+

Women (W): 1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4-, 8+

Lightweight Men (LM): 1x, 2x

Lightweight Women (LM): 1x, 2x

Mix: Mix2x, Mix8+

Para-rowing (PR): PR1 W1x, PR1 M1x, PR2 Mix2x, PR3 Mix2x, PR3 Mix4+

Please find the Event programme and all other event related information [here](#).

Eligibility and nationality (for participation in the Event)

World Rowing Championship, World Rowing Cup and International regattas shall be open to all rowers who are authorised to compete by their member federation and who are eligible under the relevant Rules. Subject to the provisions of this Rule, to represent a country in a World Rowing Championship regatta, rowers shall be nationals of that country. They must be able to prove this by showing an official document which is recognized as confirming identity (passport or identity card).

You may find more information on Rule 12, here: <https://worldrowing.com/technical/rules/>

Entries and Accreditation

Entries and accreditation must be made online through: <https://www.worldrowing.swisstiming.com/>

The entry deadline for the 2026 World Rowing Championships is:

Monday, 27 July, 23:59 CEST

For any questions regarding the entry and accreditation process please contact registration@worldrowing.com.

Boats and Equipment

Participating teams are encouraged to bring their own boats and sculls or contact boat builders to request a rental offer. In exceptional circumstances where Member Federations may not have sufficient budget for boats/oars please complete the **equipment request as part of the Development Programme application process** no later than **30 April 2026** to request support for a maximum of two boats and respective sculls² per nation. An additional support of two para boats can be requested for MFs applying with para rowers. This support is not guaranteed, and a final response will be provided by WR to each MF up to end of June 2026, following consultation with equipment manufacturers & OC.

² The sculls that may be provided are from the World Rowing Development Programme pool of sculls.



Information on Visa Requirements

Should you need assistance to obtain an entry visa for The Netherlands or require a specific letter of invitation please contact info@knrb.nl and copy inas.hussein@worldrowing.com.

General Programme & Official Arrival & Training Dates

WR Development Training Camp (Tentative Dates, TBC)	16-20 August 2026
WR Development Programme Official Arrival	21- 31 August 2026
Official opening of the venue	20 August 2026
Team Managers' Meeting & Draw	23 August 2026, 15:00 hrs
First race	24 August 2026, morning

Transport

By Airplane Schiphol International Airport, approximately 10 km or 15-20 minutes to the Bosbaan by car or taxi.

By Train Amsterdam Zuid Station, located near the city centre. Approximately 5 km or 10 minutes by car or taxi to the Bosbaan.

By Car From the A10 Ring Road (Amsterdam) Take exit S108 (Amstelveenseweg), follow signs for “Bosbaan.

The OC will provide transfers for the team arriving by airplane.

To secure a pickup from the airport - teams must confirm their arrival and departure times to Inas Hussein, inas.hussein@worldrowing.com by **10 July 2026** at the latest completing this [Arrival/Departure Form](#).

Rules of racing

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

Safety

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, Bye-law to article 57 of the rules (**World Rowing Commitment Form**) [World Rowing Rulebook](#)

Rowers may only compete at the World Rowing Championships if they have submitted a signed 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 50m and keep their head above water unassisted for three minutes.

Accordingly, prior to attending the Event, 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 capsized drill, must have completed the capsized drill with safe recovery.



Swim tests and capsized 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 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 federation on swimming competitions found in section 3.6 of RowSafe, available at the link below: [2026-RowSafe.pdf](#)

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.

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 in the Netherlands.

Each Member Federation 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 16 – insurance on the WR rule book for “adequate and appropriate insurance cover”.

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

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 interpersonal violence (harassment and abuse). The welfare of all individuals involved with World Rowing is paramount.

All forms of interpersonal violence (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 interpersonal violence (harassment and abuse) will not be tolerated.

All MFs participating at the 2026 WRCH 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, harassment, 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](#)

METEOROLOGY

Find weather updates [here](#).

Find general information on meteorological conditions on the [2026-WRCH-Amsterdam-Bulletin-1.pdf](#) (page 8).

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