

Americas

Olympic and Paralympic Continental Qualification Regatta - Frequently Asked Questions -

General:

- 1. Must participants to the regatta use the accommodation provided by the OC?**
 - a. Yes, as stated in the Event Bulletin. All teams must be accommodated at the OC's official hotels and use the OC's official shuttle service to and from the Airport and the Regatta Venue. The purpose of this is to keep all participants within the same protocol and routine, aimed at reducing the risk of external contamination. The OC will reserve additional rooms at the hotel in case isolation is needed for someone with symptoms or a positive test.

- 2. Under what circumstances would the event be rescheduled or cancelled?**
 - a. The event would be rescheduled or cancelled only in case the epidemic situation changes to a point where the Organising Committee and World Rowing deem it impossible to stage the event or apply the COVID Protection Plan to a satisfactory standard for the health of the participants or access/travel restrictions by participants is significantly changed.

- 3. In case the event is rescheduled or cancelled, what the qualification path will be?**
 - a. For Paralympic Games qualification: If the event is rescheduled, the qualification path will remain intact. If the event is cancelled, the qualification path would follow the path outlined in the [Qualification System for the Paralympic Games](#).
 - b. For Olympic Games qualification: if the event is rescheduled, the qualification path will remain intact. If the event is cancelled, there are a number of alternative scenarios that would depend on when the event is cancelled and whether the decision has been made on whether other World Rowing events will go ahead. The Executive Committee is following this on a daily basis.

- 4. What are the consequences of not respecting the COVID Protection Plan and the measure put in place by the Organising Committee?**
 - a. To protect the health of all participants, anyone not adhering to the participation conditions will be immediately disqualified and excluded from the event, at the discretion of the World Rowing Executive Committee.

- 5. What happens to qualification opportunities if an athlete is not able to compete due to experiencing COVID symptoms, due to being in contact with someone who does, or if they test positive to COVID?**
 - a. An athlete unable to compete due to COVID related reasons would be treated as any other medical substitution/withdrawal. In the case of

continental qualification events, the same boat classes are open for entry at the Final Olympic and Final Paralympic Qualification Regattas.

- 6. What happens if multiple competitors become ill and cannot compete? Is there a plan for allocating spots if several competitors/crews cannot compete?**
- a. In any situation where there are quota places not allocated, the Olympic and Paralympic Games qualification systems will be followed.

Specific to AmOPQR Rio de Janeiro - Brazil:

- 7. If an athlete starts experiencing COVID-related symptoms or has been in contact with someone who does, what do they need to do?**
- a. If athletes, support staff, team members or regatta staff experience COVID-19 related symptoms between their arrival in Rio de Janeiro and the closing of the event, the team manager is obliged to contact without delay the World Rowing / OC office and World Rowing / OC doctor by phone (Dr. Roger Azevedo de Otero, +55 48 99942 9409, medico@remobrasil.com), wait for medical instructions and move to isolation to prevent possible further transmission to others.
- 8. What happens if an athlete becomes ill with COVID during the regatta?**
- a. Athletes, support staff, team delegates and regatta staff may not participate in the regatta in case of any COVID-19 related symptoms. They are not allowed to enter the event premises, must immediately move to isolation, consult the doctor and follow his instructions. This also applies in case of any personal interaction with a third party having COVID-19 related symptoms. The Organizing Committee's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Roger Azevedo de Otero, can be contacted at +55 48 99942 9409, medico@remobrasil.com in case of any open questions or required onsite support.
- 9. Is it possible for teams to book single room accommodation for their members?**
- a. Yes, upon availability. The deadline to confirm accommodation requests is the 29th of January. Please contact regata@remobrasil.com for information.
- 10. Is it possible to receive a packed meal that teams-members can eat in their own rooms, so to avoid group gatherings in the hotel restaurant?**
- a. Yes. This service needs to be requested in advance for staff planning.
- 11. What are the options for athletes to warm up, if they don't want to use shared ergometers? For example, is it allowed to run around the Lagoa venue?**
- a. Running at the venue will be assessed closer to the event date.
- 12. When will the accommodation and insurance information be published?**
- a. Information about the accommodation is included in the first bulletin, [which you can consult here](#). Information about the insurance will be published in the second bulletin in the coming days.

- 13. Are entries from the event that was postponed in 2020 still valid, or do teams need to register new entries?**
- Teams need to make their entries anew. The procedure and deadline for the entries is indicated in the Bulletin n.2.
- 14. When will the course be opened for training?**
- The regatta course will be open as of 28 February 2021.
- 15. Is it possible for teams to arrive in Rio and train, before the official opening of the venue on 28 February 2021?**
- No, this is not possible. The venue and course will not be accessible before 28 February 2021.
- 16. Are crews competing in the South American Championships allowed to access the venue to train during the Americas Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta?**
- No, during the Americas Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta, only crews competing in the regatta will be allowed access to the venue.
- 17. Will a training camp be organised?**
- No, there will not be a training camp before the regatta.
- 18. Are teams able to organise their own accommodation, not using the hotel provided by the OC?**
- No. All teams must be accommodated at the OC's official hotels. Please see the answer to No. 1 above
- 19. What's the size of transfer shuttles for the event, and what will be the maximum capacity per shuttle? How long is the shuttle ride to and from OC hotel and the competition venue?**
- The shuttles have a capacity of 40 seats, and only 20 will be used (50%). The ride takes between 10 and 15 minutes. Masking and social distancing is required during the travel.
- 20. Are there windows in the shuttles and can these be kept open at all times during transport for the event?**
- The OC is currently investigating the answer to this question.
- 21. Should participants start making arrangements (like flights) or wait?**
- Teams can start making their travel arrangements and start the visa process, if needed.
If your team is part of the World Rowing Development Program, please wait instructions from the Development Manager of the event (Daniela Gomes, daniela.gomes@worldrowing.com).
- 22. Is there an hospital dedicated to the participants of the regatta?**

- a. Yes, the Organising Committee has organised preferential access to the Hospital São Lucas (Travessa Frederico Pamplona, 32, Copacabana - Rio de Janeiro) for the participants to the regatta.

23. Is it mandatory for teams to use the travel/health insurance provided by the Organising Committee, or can they choose an insurer in their own country?

- a. The OC will address this in bulletin no. 2

24. Is there development support offered by World Rowing?

- a. Yes, please contact Daniela.gomes@worldrowing.com for information.

25. May a team create a bubble with athletes from different federations (who use the same coach or team support)?

- a. This kind of request must be made in advance and it will be considered by World Rowing and the OC before approval.

26. Will the boats be provided by the Organising Committee or will there be a supplier?

- a. The fleet of boats available for rental for the Olympic qualifier is provided partly by Hudson and partly by the Organising Committee. The fleet of boats available for rental for the Paralympic qualifier is provided partly by Swift and partly by the Organising Committee.