**INTRODUCTION**

As part of the 2024 Americas Rowing calendar of activities, World Rowing (WR) and the Brazilian Rowing Federation (CBR) are hosting the **Americas Olympic and Paralympic Qualification regatta (AOPQR)** in Rio, from 14 - 17 March 2024.

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**Americas Olympic and Paralympic Qualification regatta**

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**AMERICAS OLYMPIC and Paralympic QUALIFICATION REGATTA (AOPQR) EVENT FORMAT AND ELIGIBILITY**

**The Americas Olympic Qualification Regatta**

The regatta is open only to those MFs that have not participated, not qualified in any events, or qualified in only one (1) event at the 2023 World Rowing Championships. There will be four (4) events at the Americas Olympic Qualification Regatta (AOQR) as listed below.

* Men’s Single Sculls (M1x) - Number of boat quota places available: 5
* Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls (LM2x) - Number of boat quota places available: 2
* Women’s Single Sculls (W1x) - Number of boat quota places available: 5
* Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls (LW2x) - Number of boat quota places available: 2
1. An eligible MF may only enter one (1) boat per event at the Continental Regatta and only in the events in which they have not already qualified at the 2023 World Rowing Championships.
2. Entries for the Continental Qualification regattas should be accompanied by a letter from the National Olympic Committee (NOC) confirming that the athletes entered are eligible according to provision of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions)

The detailed Olympic Qualification System for the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad Paris 2024 can be accessed via the link below or through the attached document. (Qualification System - Rowing Paris 2024)

<https://worldrowing.com/2022/04/19/world-rowing-olympic-qualification-system-paris-2024-now-online/>

Member Federations must have no outstanding debts with World Rowing, including but not limited to annual subscription fees and outstanding invoices.

**The Americas Paralympic Qualification Regatta**

Only those countries that have not qualified any boats at the 2023 World Rowing Championships shall be eligible to participate in the WR Americas Paralympic Qualification Regatta (APQR). An eligible NPC/MF may only enter one (1) boat per event at the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta and qualify a maximum of one (1) boat through the Continental Qualification Regatta (APQR). A race would not be held for Continental Qualification to the Paralympic Games with only one (1) boat.

To be eligible for selection by an NPC/MF, athletes must be internationally classified either with a ‘Confirmed’ sport class status or a ‘Review’ sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2024.

The highest ranked boat in each of the following medal events shall qualify:

PR1 Men’s Single Sculls (PR1M1x)

PR1 Women’s Single Sculls (PR1W1x)

PR3 Mixed Double Sculls (PR3Mix2x)

The detailed Qualification Regulations for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games can be accesses via this [link](https://worldrowing-admin.soticcloud.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Paris-2024-Paralympic-Games-Qualification-Regulations-at-8-August-2023.pdf)

For any questions about the qualification process please contact Nathalie Phillips nathalie.phillips@worldrowing.com

**AOPQR PROGRAMME AND TRAINING INFORMATION**

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| Opening of the rowing venue for training  | 10 March 2024 |
| Americas Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta (AOPQR)  | 14-17 March 2024 |
| Departures after the AOPQR | 17-18 March 2024 |

Venue course and opening times

The venue will open from 07:00 – 18:00hrs

The course will open from 07:30 – 17:30hrs (note: the course will be closed from 12:00-14:00hrs each day).

Only those crews competing in the qualification regattas are permitted to train in the mornings from 07:30 – 09:30hrs.

Crews taking part in the American Championships will be permitted to train on the course from 15 March in the afternoon from 14:00-17:30hrs.

ACCREDITATION / CREW REGISTRATION

Accreditation deadline: **1 March 2024** by midnight CET.

Teams to provide all the names of participants and team officials/support to World Rowing.

Crew members and team officials will receive their accreditation at the registration desk and will be required to bring photo identification (passport or international identification card) of all members to collect the accreditation for their crews. All competitors are required to carry their accreditation with them throughout the event.

**ENTRIES**

Entries must be made online through: <https://www.worldrowing.swisstiming.com/> and the final deadline is midnight CET on **1 March 2024.** Late entries will not be accepted.

For any questions regarding the entry process for the 2024 Americas Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta (AOPQR) please contact registration@worldrowing.com.

**SEEDING**

Depending on the number of entries, some events may be seeded. Seeding will follow WR seeding policy and will be conducted by the WR Seeding Panel.

**DRAW**

The Team Managers Meeting and Draw will take place on 13 March 2024

Time: 15:00 hr

Location: Lagoa Olympic Venue Team Managers Meeting Room

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

The competition will consist of the following events:

2024 Americas Olympic & Paralympic Qualification Regatta (7 events)

 Men Single Sculls (M1x)

 Women Single Sculls (W1x)

Women LW Double Sculls (LW2x)

Men LW Double Sculls (LM2x)

PR1 Men Single Sculls (PR1 M1x)

PR1 Women Single Sculls (PR1 W1x)

 PR3 Mixed Double Sculls (PR3 Mix2x)

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided on a first come first serve basis. MFs are requested to contact Raphael Barreto as soon as possible to book your accommodation.

Please contact raphael.barreto@absolut-sport.com.br for more information.

TRANSPORT AND INFORMATION ON VISAS

The Organising Committee will provide airport transfers from the airport to the venue/hotels. Please contact Tatiana Leal, tatianaleal@remobrasil.com with your travel details by **1 March 2024**.

Please note: teams booking their own accommodation will not be provided airport transfers or local transport.

Please contact the Embassy of Brazil for information on the documentation you may need to enter the country. If you need a visa to enter Brazil, please send a request for a letter of invitation to the LOC email cbr@remobrasil.com

**Please note that the Visa processes vary and can take several weeks, so you should apply as early as possible.**

Local transport will be provided from the hotels to/from the venue for those who book through the OC.

OARS & BOAT STICKERS

**Each team is reminded to bring their own country stickers as they will be required for identification on oars /sculls.**

All boats and other equipment must comply with the World Rowing Rules of Racing available via this link: Reference <https://worldrowing.com/technical/rules/2021-rule-book/>

Each team is required to place their member federation 3-letter identification code on their boat. The stickers will be provided by the Organising Committee.

SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE ROWERS

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.

In line with the World Rowing rule book, Rules of Racing and related bye-laws, in particular Rule 14 – Safety and Health of Rowers, rowers entering international events shall ensure that they have a state of health and fitness that allows them to compete at a level commensurate with the competition level of the particular event and have the basic swimming ability as defined in the bye-law to this rule.

Accordingly, prior to attending the WR Americas Olympic Qualification Regatta (APQR) all national rowing federation officials need to verify athlete compliance with Rule 14 and bye laws to rule 14 – safety and health of rowers and ensure a minimum swimming ability and pre-competition health screening.

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.

Reference is made to the <https://worldrowing.com/technical/rules/2021-rule-book/>

**SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING**

World Rowing believes that it is a fundamental right of all individuals involved 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 harassment and abuse. The welfare of all individuals involved with World Rowing is paramount.

All forms of 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 harassment and abuse will not be tolerated.

All MFs participating at the WR Americas Olympic Qualification Regatta (WR APQR) must ensure that their delegations (athletes, coaches, and officials,) 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, 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](https://worldrowing.com/responsibility/safeguarding/)

INSURANCE & CIVIL LIABILITY

The participants are solely responsible for all insurance costs, for equipment and for persons. The LOC declines all liabilities for all kinds of damage in and around the Americas Olympic Qualification Regatta. Participants are solely responsible for themselves and their material. The LOC is not responsible for damages that may occur in Brazil.

Each MF 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 15 - insurance on the WR rule book for “adequate and appropriate insurance cover”.

Reference is made to the <https://worldrowing.com/technical/rules/2021-rule-book/>

COMMITMENT FORM

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, Byelaw to article 57 of the rules (World Rowing Commitment Form). Safety matters and safeguarding policy are referred to explicitly to help ensure awareness amongst participants, in terms of their responsibilities and their well-being.

Rowers may only compete in the WR Americas Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta (AOPQR) if they have submitted a signed commitment form. Each Team official must have submitted a commitment form before accreditation is issued. The form may be found via the following link:

[2021-World-Rowing-Commitment-Form.pdf (d2cx26qpfwuhvu.cloudfront.net)](https://d2cx26qpfwuhvu.cloudfront.net/worldrowing/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/19154321/2021-World-Rowing-Commitment-Form.pdf)

**RULES OF RACING**

For all events, racing will be run in accordance with the World Rowing Rules of Racing

[2021 World Rowing Rule Book - EN - World Rowing](https://worldrowing.com/technical/rules/2021-rule-book/)