



## BEACH SPRINT SELECTION POLICY

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## 1. Introduction

Rowing Ireland will be sending a team to represent Ireland at the following 2023 events:

- Home International Beach Sprint Regatta – Saundersfoot, Wales, 16<sup>th</sup> September
- World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals - Barletta, Italy, 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October
- European Coastal Rowing Championships – La Seyne-sur-Mer, France, 31<sup>st</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- Coupe de la Jeunesse - Donaratico, Italy, 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September
- The Olympic Federation of Ireland will be sending a team to the ANOC beach games in Bali 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August
  - A solo female sculler place will be available on this team. All selections will be reviewed and ratified by a panel made up of the following:
    - A member of the coastal committee
    - A member of the HP committee
    - An independent board member with no conflict to selection
    - A member of the executive

This discipline is ideal for agile and skilled scullers with a performance background, from either coastal or flatwater.

## 2. Eligibility

*World Beach Sprints Finals, Coupe de la Jeunesse and European Coastal Championships* rowers and coxes must fulfill the following criteria:

- hold a valid Irish Passport or a passport showing a place of birth in Northern Ireland;
- be eligible under the World Rowing Nationality & Gender Regulations;
- be a registered member of a Rowing Ireland affiliated club;
- Have signed and accepted the most up to date [Code of Conduct](#) of Rowing Ireland;
- be a fully registered racing member of Rowing Ireland;
- undergo the health screening outlined in Appendix 2;
- A junior rower may compete in an Under 19 rowing event until 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which he or she reaches the age of 18.

*Home International Sprint Regatta*

Rowers and coxes must fulfill the following criteria:

- hold a Passport or other document permitting travel to Great Britain;
- Be eligible under the Home International Nationality & Gender Regulations;
- Be a registered member of a Rowing Ireland affiliated club;
- Be a registered racing member of Rowing Ireland;
- Undergo the health screening outlined in Appendix 2 if required;
- Junior Rowers **must be under eighteen years on 1<sup>st</sup> September the preceding year**

## ANOC Beach Games

- Fulfill all conditions applicable to a High-Performance Athlete as laid out in the Rowing Ireland selection criteria and policy documents.
- Comply with all requirements set out by the OFI for participation in this event.

### 3. Qualification Opportunities

The following are the events offered at the various events

Event	CM 1x	CW 1x	CJM 1x	CJW 1x	CJM 2x	CJW 2x	CMix 2x	CJMix 2x	CM4 x+
Worlds	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Europeans	•	•	•	•			•	•	
Homes	•	•	•	•			•	•	
Coupe			•	•	•	•		•	

### 4. Qualification Regatta

The selection event for each of the above will be the Beach Sprint Qualification regatta at Ballinskelligs beach on the weekend of 22-23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 along with the process outlined in section 13 regarding international U23 athletes. As the ANOC beach games are being held the week after this, a separate qualification event will be held before the end of May (Venue and time to be confirmed). Athletes will participate in pool boats provided by Swift Racing. To ensure fairness, private/club boats may not be used; however, athletes must provide their own oars. Athletes are advised that it is their responsibility to arrange boat handlers for the qualifying event. A maximum of three handlers will be permitted per boat at this event.

### 5. Qualification Process

- Entries must be made in the appropriate category on Tracker.
- In the doubles and quads, unlimited composite crews are allowed which must be approved by all club secretaries on Tracker.
- In nominating a crew, the club accepts that it is responsible for any levy which their club member(s) are liable for if selected.
- Athletes may enter several qualifying events but it is strongly recommended that they should represent Ireland in only one event at each international regatta.
- Should a crew withdraw from an event having qualified from an earlier round, they may take no further part in any event at the regatta.

f) The highest placed crew of each boat type will be offered the opportunity to participate in each of the four named international regattas subject to section (g) below. If the highest placed crew declines to participate in one or more of the regattas, the opportunity will pass to the next fastest crew and so on, providing that all these crew's last recorded time in the qualifying competition is over 97% of the winning crew's time.

g) Should any of the three remaining semi finalists achieve a time over 99% of the winning time, that crew shall be automatically entitled to attend one event in the following order.

- 1) Seniors - Should a crew attain a time in the semifinals that is over 99% of the winning time, that crew shall be automatically entitled to represent Ireland in the Home Internationals.
- 2) Seniors - Should two or more senior crews attain a time in the semifinals that is over 99% of the winning time, the fastest of these crews shall automatically be entitled to represent Ireland in the European Championships and the next fastest shall be automatically entitled to represent Ireland in the Home Internationals.
- 3) Juniors - Should a crew attain a time in the semifinals that is over 99% of the winning time, that crew shall be automatically entitled to represent Ireland in the Home Internationals.
- 4) Juniors - Should two junior crews attain a time in the semifinals that is over 99% of the winning time, the fastest of these crews shall automatically be entitled to represent Ireland in the European Championships and the next fastest shall be automatically entitled to represent Ireland in the Home Internationals.
- 5) Juniors - Should three junior crews attain a time in the semifinals that is over 99% of the winning time, the fastest of these crews shall automatically be entitled to represent Ireland in the Coupe de la Jeunesse, the next fastest in the Europeans Championships and the third fastest in the Home Internationals.

g) The crew must confirm in writing their interest in accepting any offered place at the qualifying regatta by having their club secretary email [info@rowingireland.ie](mailto:info@rowingireland.ie)

Such confirmations must be received by no later than 7pm on the Monday following the qualifying regatta.

No late submissions will be allowed.

h) Once a crew accepts a place on the team, they may withdraw by notifying [info@rowingireland.ie](mailto:info@rowingireland.ie) at the earliest opportunity. The club remains liable for the levy even if another crew is selected to replace them.

## 6. Junior Athletes

At any event they have been selected for, junior rowers must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a club coach. Club secretaries and junior athletes, please note the age limits for the above competitions as they are different to our age limits allowed for on tracker. i.e. you will be able to enter the qualification event, but mightn't qualify for the international events. It is the club's responsibility to ensure that junior athletes are eligible to compete in these competitions.

## 7. Coxes

Coxes must be able to sprint between 10m and 50m and have the ability to steer an offshore boat through breaking waves. They must also be a minimum of 55 kg inclusive of a maximum of 15 kg ballast.

## 8. Coaches & Boat Handlers

Each crew which qualifies will be entitled to bring their coach and boat handlers to the relevant event with the exception of the ANOC beach games. All such coaches and boat handlers must be Garda Vetted/Access NI approved. In addition they must have completed Safeguarding 1. These are unpaid volunteer positions and the coaches and boat handlers travel at their own expense.

## 9. Team Manager

A Team Manager will be appointed to each competition by the selection panel. He/she must be Garda Vetted/Access NI approved. In addition, he/she must have completed Safeguarding 1. This is an unpaid volunteer position and the Team Manager travels at their own expense. The Team manager for the World Beach games (ANOC, Olympic event) will be funded by the Olympic Federation of Ireland.

## 10. Athlete Levies

The following are the levies for the various regattas. The levies include the provision of team gear and oar rental. Athletes are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, meals, and any additional costs.

Levies must be paid 30 days prior to the event as set out below.

All levies will be paid to Rowing Ireland electronically. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure the levies have been paid in a timely manner. Any transactions for the athlete's equipment (covered in the levy) will be pre agreed in order for the Team Manager to carry out their duties for the Beach Sprints Team.

The athlete's, team support individuals and team managers are responsible to arrange and pay for all their travel and accommodation requirements.

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## 11. Proposed 2023 Athlete Levies

- a. Home International Beach Sprints - €150 per person
- b. World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals - €150 per person
- c. European Beach Sprint - €150 per person
- d. Coupe de la Jeunesse - €150 per person
- e. World Beach games - €150 per person

All levies include provision of an Irish one-piece, one polo, and oar rental costs.

## 12. Other International Opportunities

Should other international opportunities for Rowing Ireland teams arise during the year, the WR Coastal Committee shall decide whether to send a team. Should they do so, places will initially be offered to crews based on the results of the qualifying regatta.

## 13. Athletes representing Ireland at the World U23 Rowing Championships

Should any athlete wish to compete in this qualification event who is on the Irish U23 team in Bulgaria on this weekend may do so by using the following process.

- a) Enter the beach sprint qualification event on tracker as per usual.
- b) Email [info@rowingireland.ie](mailto:info@rowingireland.ie) to confirm that you cannot attend the qualifier event due to international commitments, but wish to be considered for the Irish beach sprint squad.
- c) All competitors in the event you wish to compete in will be notified that the winner of the relevant event will face a challenge later to decide who will represent Ireland at the International events.
- d) All clauses outlined in Section 5 shall apply.

## 14. Antidoping

All athletes attending the selection event or those selected for international competition are reminded that they are subject to the [Rowing Ireland Anti-Doping Policy](#) and should make themselves aware of the same.

## 15. Appeal Process

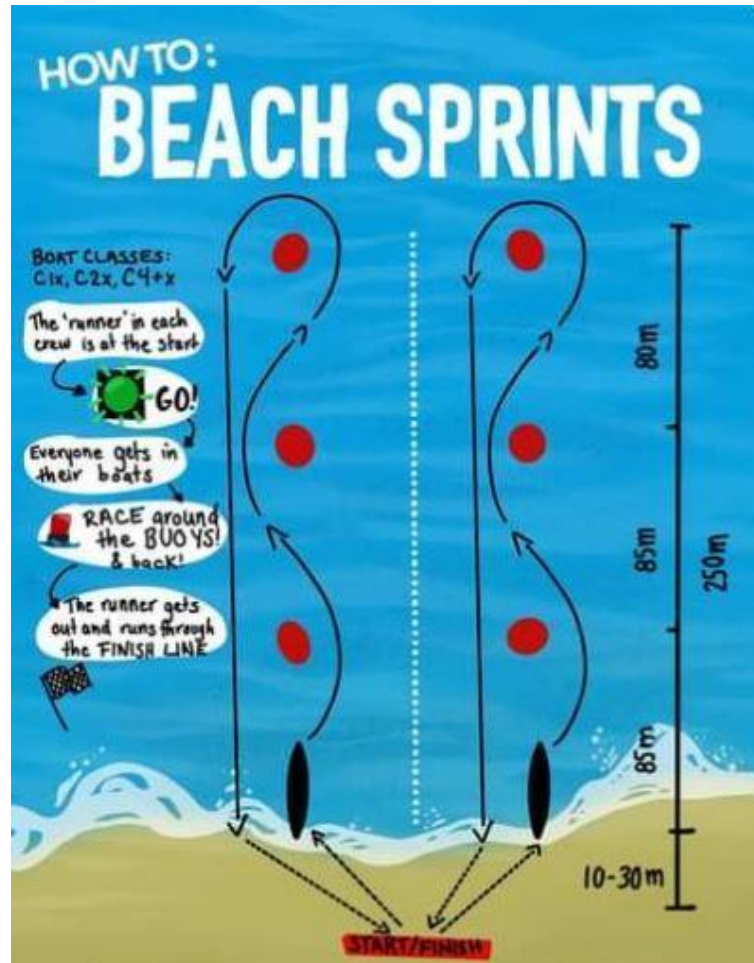
Any individual is entitled to make an appeal in relation to the selection process in accordance with the stated [Appeal Process](#).

For additional information or any queries please contact [info@rowingireland.ie](mailto:info@rowingireland.ie)

## 16. Health screening

Any athlete who wishes to be considered for selection agrees to submit if requested to a medical examination by RI's nominated medical attendant or attendants for the purposes of establishing their fitness for competition. RI will not select any athlete who is certified as not fit for competition [ceo@rowingireland.ie](mailto:ceo@rowingireland.ie).

## Appendix 1 – Beach Sprint Outline





## Appendix 2 – World Rowing Pre-Competition Health Screening

### Pre-Competition Health Screening

- a) All rowers competing in the ANOC beach games, World Rowing Senior, Under 23, Under 19 and Beach Sprint Championship regattas must have completed a pre-competition health screening which included a questionnaire, a physical examination and an ECG following the IOC's recommended procedure. It is the responsibility of the member federation to ensure and certify that these Pre-competition Health Screening procedures have been performed and be able to provide evidence thereof if requested by world Rowing.
- b) All rowers competing in the ANOC beach games, World Rowing Senior, Under 23, Under 19 and Beach Sprint Championship regattas must complete the medical questionnaire and undergo a medical examination each year, and, in addition must undergo a resting ECG every three years up to the age of 23, and every five years after the age of 23.