EUROPEAN ROWING
COASTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY

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1. Introduction

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

- European Rowing Coastal Championships

This discipline is ideal for agile and skilled scullers with a performance background.

2. Eligibility

European Rowing Coastal Championships
Rowers must fulfill the following criteria

- hold a valid Irish passport and be able to travel to relevant events and training camps;
- be eligible under the World Rowing Nationality & Gender Regulations;
- be a registered member of a Rowing Ireland affiliated club;
- not be subject to any current disciplinary proceedings or ban
- not be subject to any period of ineligibility or provisional suspension due to an anti-doping rule violation
- undergo the health screening outlined in Appendix 1 if required;

3. Qualification Opportunities

The categories listed below are the international events at the European Rowing Coastal Championships

Event	CM 1x	CW 1x	CMix2x
Europeans	•	•	•

4. Qualification Regatta

The selection event for the European Rowing Coastal Championships will be the Swift Irish Coastal Senior Championships in whichever venue is awarded it in the current year.

If the Swift Irish Coastal Senior Championships are cancelled twice in one year, then results from Castletownbere Regatta will be used as the selection event.

If the above two events do not take place, a decision by the Coastal Committee will be taken to decide what the closest next event is, and this will be used as selection event.

5. Qualification Process

a) Entries must be made in the appropriate category on Tracker.

b) In nominating a crew, the club accepts that it is responsible for any levy which their club members are liable for if selected.

c) The two highest placed crews in each category at the qualifying regatta shall be offered a place on the Irish team. Should either crew withdraw from selection, the place shall be offered to the 3rd placed crew and so on until all team places are filled.

d) The crew must confirm in writing their acceptance of any offered place at the qualifying regatta by having their club secretary email info@rowingireland.ie and attaching a screenshot of the levy payment.

Such confirmations must be received by no later than 7pm on the Monday following the qualifying regatta. A crew is not considered confirmed until this email has been sent and the levy paid.
No late submissions will be allowed. Should a crew miss the confirmation time window, their place on the Irish team may be offered to the next placed crew that meets the above selection criteria.

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

6. Team manager

A Team Manager will be appointed to each international competition by the executive. They must be Garda Vetted/Access NI approved and must have completed Safeguarding 1.

7. Athlete Levies

Athletes' levies will be set annually by the executive. The levies include the provision of team gear and oar rental. Athletes are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, meals, and any additional costs. The athlete levy for the year will be determined closer to the time, with the cost of goods at the time taken into account.

Levies must be paid by 7pm on the Monday following a qualifier event as set out in **section 5**. All levies will be paid to Rowing Ireland electronically. It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that the levies have been paid on time.

8. Other International Opportunities

Should other international opportunities for national teams arise during the year, the executive 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 regattas.

9. Antidoping

All athletes attending the selection event or those selected for international competition are reminded that they are subject to the **Anti-Doping Policy** and should make themselves aware of the same.

10. Appeal Process

Any individual is entitled to make an appeal in relation to the selection process in accordance with the **Selection Appeals Policy**.
For additional information or any queries please contact **info@rowingireland.ie**

11. Code of conduct and health screening

In order to ensure that all participants are able to compete at the highest level while protecting our athletes and programme, we require that all athletes concerned submit a letter with your application stating that you have no restrictions on competing and that you are in good health standing in order to represent Ireland at this highest level.

This letter should be signed by a medical professional who can assess your physical fitness. (**See appendix 1**)
Furthermore, we may also request that you provide us with any additional documentation that may be relevant to your ability to compete at this level. Please note that failure to provide this documentation may result in your application being denied or your participation in the event being restricted.
All athletes must fill out a code of conduct form found on the RI website and email the signed form to **info@rowingireland.ie**

In addition, all club secretaries shall confirm at least one week before each international competition to info@rowingireland.ie that,

1. Their athletes have complied with the requirements listed out in the Appendix 1 attached.
2. that all athletes have filled out a code of conduct form and
3. that all code of conduct forms have been emailed to **valerie.hely@rowingireland.ie**

12. Appendix 1

World Rowing Pre-Competition Health Screening

- All rowers competing in the 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.

- All rowers competing in the 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.