



ROWING HANDBOOK

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1. THE HISTORY OF ROWING IN FISU

After two successful editions of the International University Rowing Championships staged by CUSI and the city of Milan in 1980 and 1982, FISU undertook this sport on a world scale. It was Italy that put up its candidature for staging of the first World University Rowing Championship in 1984 in Milan. This first edition had a great success, welcoming 177 male and female rowers from 14 countries. The contest was led by Italy, Poland and the Netherlands. Traditionally strong in this discipline, the Polish distinguished themselves on several occasions, and finally staged the edition on their home ground in Poznan in 1992, which proved another magnificent success in terms of spectator support. This sport is often included in the Summer Universiade programme. Indeed, in 1987, 1989, 1993, 2009 and 2013, it figured as an optional sport in the Summer Games in Zagreb, Duisburg, Buffalo, Belgrade and Kazan respectively.

Rowing is a university sport par excellence. Everyone is familiar with the legendary Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race held on the River Thames. But we must not forget that nearly 50 percent of rowers taking part in civil events are university students or are associated with university.

In 1989, the city of Zagreb staged the Championship at Jarun, a very nice site where the 1987 Summer Universiade had been held. In this Championship 217 male and 74 female rowers from 23 countries took part. This strong participation level demonstrated how booming this sport was within FISU. In 2000, a rowing regatta was organised in the Polish city of Poznan, where 294 participants were present. New millennium almost doubled the number of participating athletes and in 2006 in Trakai, Lithuania, 259 male and 99 female rowers achieved their best results.

The 2014 edition in Gravelines, France, was a record of participating countries with 33 countries represented. The 14th Championship Rowing in 2016 took place for the third time in Poznan, Poland. In 2018, the 15th Championship Rowing has been held in the city of Shanghai (CHN).

The 2024 Championship will take place in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

2. STATISTICS

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	MEN	WOMEN	ATHLETES	OFFICIALS	TOTAL
1	1984	ITA	Milan	14	145	32	177	39	216
2	1986	NED	Amsterdam	13	136	42	178	67	245
3	1992	POL	Poznan	11	132	23	155	49	204
4	1994	NED	Groningen	17	147	33	180	70	250
5	1998	CRO	Zagreb	23	217	74	291	86	377
6	2000	POL	Poznan	16	162	67	229	65	294
7	2002	GBR	Nottingham	22	213	80	293	87	380
8	2004	FRA	Brive La Gaillarde	30	262	92	354	109	463
9	2006	LTU	Trakai	26	259	99	358	115	473
10	2008	SRB	Belgrade	27	220	108	328	124	452
11	2010	HUN	Szeged	28	251	99	350	98	448
12	2012	RUS	Kazan	26	189	84	273	88	361
13	2014	FRA	Gravelines	33	239	97	336	106	442
14	2016	POL	Poznan	26	229	109	338	93	431
15	2018	CHN	Shanghai	23	186	133	319	72	391

3. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS	OPENING DAY 0	COMPETITION DAY 1	COMPETITION DAY 2	COMPETITION DAY 3 & CLOSING CEREMONY	DEPARTURES
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4. SPORT REGULATIONS (TECHNICAL REGULATIONS)

4.1. GENERAL TERMS

The rowing competitions shall be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the World Rowing including coxswains, who may be of either gender for the FISU World University Championships. In any dispute the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by the FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the ITC. The competitions shall last three days and include the following events, following the Avis de régates:

MEN	WOMEN
Single sculls (M1x)	Single sculls (W1x)
Double sculls (M2x)	Double sculls (W2x)
Pair (M2-)	Pair (W2-)
Four (M4-)	Four (W4-)
Eight (M8+)	Eight (W8+)
Lightweight	Lightweight
Single Sculls (LM1x)	Single sculls (LW1x)
Double sculls (LM2x)	Double sculls (LW2x)
Mixed Four (4x)	

Each country is authorised to present a maximum of one crew per event.

The delegation may include officials in proportion to the number of participants entered as follows:

- up to nine participants two officials
- up to twenty participants four officials
- over twenty participants five officials

3 hours before the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC.

The Organising Committee guarantees that it will provide the necessary boats to participants coming from a continent other than the one of the host country. It is also recommended that the OC has a boat renting service on regatta centre on earlier demands for the country of the same continent.

4.2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Three months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 50% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries.

Should the number of crews taking part in an event exceed the number of available starting positions, a progression system or time trials shall be applied.

In each event, there shall be a two-hour interval between two rounds. The progression systems to be used during the regattas of the World University Rowing Championship shall be prescribed in the FISA Rules of Racing (the Bye-Laws to Rule 62 and Appendix 3).

The draw for the first round of heats shall take place during the General Technical Meeting to be held, in principle, on the day before the first heat. The draw shall be random.

If an event has less than seven entries at the time of the draw, there shall be a preliminary race to determine the lanes for the final.

The draw shall be carried out using the software used by the official timing provider of the event.

If a crew withdraws after the draw up until one hour before the start of the first heat and if the number of crews remaining in the event involves another variant of the heats and repechages, or if such withdrawal results in an avoidable imbalance between the number of crews in each heat, FISU Technical Delegates shall hold a new draw.

In all other aspects not regulated above, the FISA Rules of Racing should be referred to.

4.3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Nomination

The international jury shall be appointed by the FISA Umpiring Commission in agreement with FISU. The jury members shall hold an international umpire's licence.

Costs

The costs of board, lodging and the 50 euros per diem (per day) for the Jury members (ITOs) must be for jury members (ITOs) should be borne by the Organising Committee from two days prior to the first race until one day after the last race.

The Organising Committee shall provide a travel subsidy to all jury members (ITOs) as determined by World Rowing. The total amount of the travel costs will be covered by the participating countries at the pro rata of athletes registered.

Number of technical officials needed and qualification

The jury shall consist of one President of the jury and eighteen members. The President of the jury shall be an umpire nominated by the host country and hold an international umpire's licence.

5. SERVICES

The Organising Committee shall inform the participating countries through the bulletins and its website about the possible and potential services and their costs.

Wifi shall be available for all delegations for free. Costs for a laundry services will be provided as soon as possible to assist with budgeting.

Technical Officials

Technical Officials (TO) Services is complex and must not be underestimated. The Sport functional area must set up an efficient team early in advance.

In coordination with other relevant functional areas, the Technical Officials Services team is responsible for:

- NTOs recruitment in coordination with the Competition Manager and NF;
- support services such as visa, invitation letters, flight tickets and accreditation;
- managing and delivering TO clothing / uniforms when requested;

- procuring suitable accommodation for the period required;
- providing daily catering and transportation;
- ensuring that all TOs are properly qualified (in close cooperation with FISU);
- hosting Technical Officials' meetings;
- per diem and allowance payment.

6. COMPETITION VENUE

The Organising Committee shall present during the inspection visit the layout of the competition venue(s). The complete layout must be sent to FISU Championships Department and FISU TCC for approval. This layout should include all competition and training areas as well as the different areas, accesses and services allocated for each client group taking part in the competition or involved in its delivery.

7. EQUIPMENT

World Rowing regulations must be followed. The specific equipment needed is listed in the FISU Rowing Venue Minimum Requirements.

8. TRAINING SESSIONS

The training sessions schedule should be drawn up by the FISU Technical Committee Chair together with the Organising Committee Competition Manager and provided to the participating teams as early as possible to make the planning as smooth as possible.

9. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition programme shall be approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair during the inspection visit and published on the website as soon as approved. It has to be in accordance with the tentative schedule.

10. SPECIFIC MEDICAL AND ANTI DOPING CONTROL REQUIEREMENTS

The venue medical plan shall be presented by the OC and approved by the FISU TCC during the inspection visit.

Doping Control

TESTING DAY(S)	NUMBER OF TESTS	ESA	GHRF
1	10	3	1

11. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sport presentation is the audio-visual presentation of a sport in each competition venue of a FISU World University Championship.

Sport presentation has become a vital instrument of major sport events and is key to delivering the Championships sports successfully. It aims to attract, educate, and entertain live audiences at the competition sites and elevates the sport experience for all client groups.

Sport presentation comprises elements such as video clips, sounds, announcements, Championship mascots, creation of fan teams, the involvement of cheerleaders and other innovative elements that increase the understanding of the sport and the attractiveness of the competitions.

It is complex and must be carefully planned to the second, as it can have a substantial impact on the operation of broadcasters and venue teams. Therefore, close collaboration and early communication with broadcasting, awarding ceremonies and the ICT is essential.

Sport presentation planning should ground on one common creative theme that fits with the specific the Championship concept. Nonetheless, as every sport has its own unique characteristics, it is important that each sport presentation is tailored to the particular sport while still embracing the main theme. Due to its complexity, FISU suggests the OC to consult expert advice for assisting the OC in developing their sport presentation strategy in an early stage of the event lifecycle.

Considering the importance of sport for the sport presentation planning, the OC is recommended to place sport presentation under the responsibility of the sport manager of the Organising Committee.

12. SPORT PRESENTATION

DEADLINES	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection Visit – Venue visit & equipment approval (FISU TCC) - Competition programme and venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General entries (NUSFs)
Event -3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative entries (NUSFs) - 50% payment from the participating countries (NUSFs – OC) - ITO list (FISU - FISA)
Event -1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual entries (NUSFs) - Event Handbook (OC - FISU TCC)
Event -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation & teams' confirmation (NUSFs) - Referee meeting (ITOs - NTOs - FISU TCC - OC) - General Technical Meeting (NUSFs - OC - FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report to FISU

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