

## World Rowing Commitment Form

Full Name (as it appears on your passport):.....

Member Federation:.....

Sex (F or M): ..... Birth Date (dd/mm/yyyy): ...../...../.....

This is to confirm that I have read, understood and accept the content of this document. As an individual who wishes to participate in events or activities staged under the authority of World Rowing, I agree to abide by the World Rowing Statutes, Rules of Racing and Event Regulations or any other rules regulating World Rowing regattas, activities, meetings and international rowing. I recognise and accept:

1. **Authority** – World Rowing’s authority on all matters concerning international rowing.

2. **Governance** – The mandatory character of the Statutes, Rules of Racing, Event Regulations, Bye-Laws and other rules regulating World Rowing, in their current version and as amended from time to time, and I agree to uphold and abide by them without reservation, in particular but not limited to my individual commitment set out in Articles 56 and 57 and my obligations under Part V “Integrity of Sport” regarding:

a. **Ethical Principles & Integrity** – The obligation to respect fundamental ethical principles and to behave, in all circumstances, in an appropriate manner, and I agree to respect the World Rowing Code of Ethics (Bye-Law to Article 58 of the World Rowing Statutes), including the World Rowing Policy and Procedures on Safeguarding Participants in Rowing from Harassment and Abuse.

b. **Integrity in Competition** – The obligation to be bound by, and be required to respect the Bye-Law to Article 59 of the World Rowing Statutes relating to Manipulation of Competition and Betting.

3. **Safety** – As a water sport practised outdoors and subject to meteorological conditions, rowing involves an element of risk.

In taking part in any World Rowing events as a rower, I acknowledge, agree and confirm that:

a. I am aware of the element of risk involved in outdoor water sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of myself, crew (if applicable) and boat to such inherent risk;

b. I am responsible for my own safety and that of my boat and my other property both on the water and on the land;

c. It is my responsibility to ensure that my boat is in good order, that it is equipped to take part in the event and I have an appropriate state of health and fitness to participate;

In taking part in any World Rowing event in any role, I acknowledge, agree and confirm that:

d. I am responsible for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by my own actions or omissions;

e. I am, or my club / Member Federation is, responsible to have adequate and appropriate insurance cover in place for the duration of my participation at any World Rowing event. Such insurances shall include, but are not limited to, general (third party) liability, travel, medical expenses (including repatriation), property and equipment.

4. **Anti-doping** – Notwithstanding the WADA Athlete Data Consent Form (World Rowing Bye-Law to Article 57, Appendix S10b), the authority of World Rowing regarding anti-doping set out in World Rowing’s Statutes, Rules and Bye-Laws and the World Anti-Doping Code and Regulations including to implement in- and out-of-competition anti-doping testing and the biological passport; and,

a. confirm that I do not use and that I will not, as a rower, use substances or methods or, as a support person, participate in or facilitate any acts that are prohibited by the World Rowing anti-doping rules and the World Anti-Doping Code;

b. agree to submit to any tests (blood, urine, breath, DNA, etc.) carried out by World Rowing, WADA or any other approved agency; and,

c. accept if I infringe the anti-doping provisions, that I might be penalised extending to, in a relevant case, a life ban from all competition.

In the event of any conflict between the World Rowing Commitment Form and the WADA Athlete Data Consent Form, the WADA form takes authority.

**5. Photographs** – the prohibition of the use of any photographs, videos or films or other images that I might take during World Rowing events, international regattas and other World Rowing activities other than for personal or non-commercial purposes, without specific written authorisation from World Rowing.

**6. Filming** – the possibility of being filmed, (either for television or other medium), photographed, identified or recorded in any other way during World Rowing events, international regattas or other World Rowing activities in which I take part under the conditions and for purposes currently or in the future authorised by World Rowing. Such films or other recordings may be used by World Rowing, or parties authorised by World Rowing, in any way, including sale and advertising, for the promotion and development of rowing, without any right to payment of compensation, but excluding the use which implies endorsement by me of any other commercial entity, product or service.

**7. Personal Data** – that World Rowing, or third parties contracted by World Rowing, may collect, store, process, use and disclose to third parties, my personal data related to participation in any competition organised under the umbrella of World Rowing (the “Personal Data”) to the extent necessary to facilitate participation in, and/or the organising and promoting of, rowing competitions, and may create and keep up to date my Personal Data on sports databases, and may use such Personal Data in any other way in which I have or will provide my express consent or as may be required by law.

**8. Social Media** – that if I publish any comments, opinions and any other material in any way, including on social and digital media at or in relation to a World Rowing event or activity, I am solely responsible for the consequences of this action. I will ensure that these comments or opinions comply

with applicable laws and that all necessary permissions have been obtained from any third

parties whose image or property is used. When using social and digital media, I will not:

- a. Violate the privacy of third parties;
- b. Infringe upon any intellectual property rights, or other rights of any third party;
- c. Disclose any information which is confidential or private in relation to another person or organisation;
- d. Interfere with the competitions or ceremonies of World Rowing events, or
- e. Violate security measures instituted to ensure the safe conduct of World Rowing events.

In addition, I acknowledge that I can be held personally liable for any commentary and/or material deemed to be obscene, offensive, defamatory or otherwise illegal, or infringing on any third party’s rights.

**9. Jurisdiction** – World Rowing’s jurisdiction to make any decision or impose any sanction within its field of competence and I will accept all such World Rowing decisions or sanctions with only the reservation of paragraph 10 below.

**10. Right to Appeal** – the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in Lausanne Switzerland, as the only competent judicial authority external to World Rowing to settle in a definitive manner any litigation remaining after all internal World Rowing remedies have been exhausted and any appeal against a final decision taken by World Rowing which affects me, and that this excludes any other ordinary court of law, any civil judicial authority of any country and any arbitration body.

**11. Swiss Law** – the application of Swiss law and the Swiss federal procedural law as supplemental to World Rowing and CAS rules and regulations with Lausanne as the only place and seat of the arbitration.

**12. Validity** – this commitment remains in force unless and until I have formally revoked it in writing and such written revocation has reached the World Rowing headquarters.

Signature:..... Place:..... Date (dd/mm/yyyy)...../...../.....

Please send this form by email to [registration@worldrowing.com](mailto:registration@worldrowing.com) or submit it to the World Rowing Office at a regatta.