



EVENT BULLETIN

Asian Continental Qualifier

Virtual Indoor Rowing

SUNDAY 24th JANUARY 2021 – Hong Kong time

Qualification for the

2021 World Rowing Virtual Indoor Championships

1. 2021 World Rowing Indoor Championships

WORLD ROWING is the international governing body for the sport of rowing and stages annually the World Rowing Indoor Championships (“**WRICH**”).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 2021 WRICH will be hosted for the first time ever as a virtual event open to all, worldwide. Competitors can race from anywhere in the world, but must have access to a Concept2 Indoor Rowing machine (equipped with Performance Monitors 3, 4 or 5).

Because of the technical and management constraints on the planned virtual race software, the finals races will be capped to a limited number of athletes, racing virtually in real time. These athletes will have had to qualify for each respective final.

For certain race categories there will be a mix of qualification via two pathways. One pathway will be an Open Qualification pathway, being an individual virtual qualification for the finals based on fastest verifiable times by event. The other pathway will be a Continental Qualification pathway, through which top finishers from a live, virtual Continental Qualifier can qualify for the WRICH finals.

The **2021 World Rowing Indoor Championships Finals** will be held on **23-27 February 2021**.

2. Asian Continental Qualifier

This Bulletin sets out the requirements, eligibility and arrangements for the Asian Continental Qualifier and is sanctioned by World Rowing for this purpose. The Asian Qualifier is hosted by the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association in conjunction with World Rowing.

2.1 Dates:

The Asian Continental Qualifier will be held on SUNDAY 24th JANUARY 2021, Hong Kong Time.
Entries will close at midnight on Thursday 14th January 2021, Hong Kong Time.

2.2 Race Times:

Race Times will be confirmed after close of entries. It should be noted that all races will be raced in real time based on Hong Kong time. This race time will apply to all competitors across all time zones in Asia.

3. Event Categories:

The following event categories will be available for qualification to the WRICH. The events are divided into 2 Groups.

In Group 1, the **top 2 ranking competitors** in the Asian Qualifier in each category will qualify for the WRICH Final in that category.

In Group 2, the **top 1 ranking competitor** in the Asian Qualifier in each category will qualify for the WRICH Final in that category.

The event categories are as follows:

Group 1: Top 2 Qualifiers from EACH race category qualify for the WRICH Final in that category.

- Open Men 2000m
- Open Women 2000m
- Open Lwt Men 2000m
- Open Lwt Women 2000m
- U23 Men 2000m
- U23 Women 2000m
- Junior/U19 Men 2000m
- Junior/U19 Women 2000m
- Open Men 500m
- Open Women 500m
- Open Lwt Men 500m
- Open Lwt Women 500m
- U23 Men 500m
- U23 Women 500m
- Junior/U19 Men 500
- Junior/U19 Women 500m

Group 2: Top 1 Qualifier from EACH race category will qualify for the WRICH Final in that category.

- U23 Lwt Men 2000m
- U23 Lwt Women 2000m
- U23 Lwt Men 500m
- U23 Lwt Women 500m

Para Events

- PR1 Men 2000m
- PR1 Women 2000m
- PR2 Men 2000m
- PR2 Women 2000m
- PR3 Men 2000m
- PR3 Women 2000m

Masters Events

- Masters 30-39 Men 2000m
- Masters 40-49 Men 2000m
- Masters 50-54 Men 2000m
- Masters 55-59 Men 2000m
- Masters 60-64 Men 2000m
- Masters 65-69 Men 2000m
- Masters 70-74 Men 2000m
- Masters 75-79 Men 2000m
- Masters 80-84 Men 2000m
- Masters 85-89 Men 2000m
- Masters 90-94 Men 2000m
- Masters 95-99 Men 2000m
- Masters 100+ Men 2000m
- Masters 30-39 Women 2000m
- Masters 40-49 Women 2000m
- Masters 50-54 Women 2000m
- Masters 55-59 Women 2000m
- Masters 60-64 Women 2000m
- Masters 65-69 Women 2000m
- Masters 70-74 Women 2000m
- Masters 75-79 Women 2000m
- Masters 80-84 Women 2000m
- Masters 85-89 Women 2000m
- Masters 90-94 Women 2000m
- Masters 95-99 Women 2000m
- Masters 100+ Women 2000m

Masters Lightweight Events

- Masters Lwt 30-39 Men 2000m
- Masters Lwt 40-49 Men 2000m
- Masters Lwt 50-54 Men 2000m
- Masters Lwt 55-59 Men 2000m
- Masters Lwt 60-64 Men 2000m
- Masters Lwt 65-69 Men 2000m
- Masters Lwt 30-39 Women 2000m
- Masters Lwt 40-49 Women 2000m
- Masters Lwt 50-54 Women 2000m
- Masters Lwt 55-59 Women 2000m
- Masters Lwt 60-64 Women 2000m
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- Masters Lwt 90-94 Men 2000m
- Masters Lwt 95-99 Men 2000m
- Masters Lwt 100+ Men 2000m
- Masters Lwt 70-74 Women 2000m
- Masters Lwt 75-79 Women 2000m
- Masters Lwt 80-84 Women 2000m
- Masters Lwt 85-89 Women 2000m
- Masters Lwt 90-94 Women 2000m
- Masters Lwt 95-99 Women 2000m
- Masters Lwt 100+ Women 2000m

4. Eligibility

The Asian Qualifier event is open only to nationals of countries and regions which are recognised as being within the Asian continental grouping recognised by the International Olympic Committee. The list of eligible countries and regions in Asia can be found here: <https://ocasia.org/noc/countries/>

Competitors must produce a current valid copy of their passport (or national identity card confirming nationality) at the time of entry to verify their nationality.

NOTE: ATHLETES SHOULD NOTE THAT WORLD ROWING ALSO OFFERS AN OPEN QUALIFICATION PATHWAY, OPEN TO ALL PERSONS AROUND THE WORLD UNDER THEIR OWN NATIONALITY IN THESE AND ADDITIONAL EVENTS. FOR DETAILS OF THE OPEN QUALIFICATION PATHWAY, REFER TO <https://worldrowing.entries.regatta-systems.com/>

5. Limit on Number of Events Entered

Individual competitors in the Asian Continental Qualifier for the WRICH may enter a maximum of one 2,000m event and one 500m event. In order to facilitate this doubling up, the scheduling on the day of the Asian Qualifier shall be to race all 2,000m events in Group 1 and Group 2 first, followed by the 500m in Group 1 and Group 2 events.

6. Age Categories

Competitors age is based on their age at the date of the Final for the event/events for which they are entered. These dates for age-group events can be found at Appendix 2 of this Bulletin and for all events in the 2021 WRICH Competitor Information Guide, at [Competitor Overview, Terms & Conditions document](#).

7. Lightweight Events - Weigh-in Requirements

The maximum weights for lightweight competitors are 75kg for Men and 61.5kg for Women.

Rowers entered in lightweight events must weigh in between 2 hours and 1 hour before the start of their race.

Video evidence of such weigh-in must be provided. The video showing the following must be uploaded to the Time Team website: <https://worldrowing.entries.regatta-systems.com/wrich-asia/2021>

1. The competitor's full body and face stepping on to a digital scale in their racing clothes;
2. The digital scale reading visible in kilograms, showing the weight to 0.1 kgs.;

3. A proof of date and time (can be the home screen of a phone or computer screen showing date and time).

Competitors may use any video camera or camera phone to record this video as long as the details are clearly shown. [Example video](#)

NOTE: There are also specialised competition video verification apps (example is WODProof – click [here](#) for further instruction).

Any competitor not able to meet the above requirements or who fails to meet the weight within the stipulated time will not be eligible to qualify in the lightweight category. Those competitors may have their result considered for the corresponding open weight category.

Any competitor found to have falsified any weigh-in procedures faces disqualification and may be banned from future competitions.

8. Para Classifications

ONLY World Rowing Registered and current listed PARA Classified athletes will be eligible to compete in the Asian Qualifier para events. The current list of internationally classified athletes can be found here: <http://www.worldrowing.com/para-rowing/>. For further information on para rowing classifications, or other Para information, please contact classification@worldrowing.com.

9. Equipment Requirements and set-up

Competitors will need to provide all equipment needed to compete in this event. This must include:

- Concept 2 static rowing ergometer with PM3, PM4 or PM5 monitor with updated firmware. To update firmware refer to <https://www.concept2.com/service/software/concept2-utility>;
- USB A-to-B cable, Compatible Windows or MacOS Laptop/ Computer with “Google Chrome version 78 or higher”, or “Microsoft Edge version 79 or higher” installed.
- A stable internet connection.

Note 1: A maximum of 2 Rowing machines may be connected to one computer.

Note 2: Full instructions on equipment set-up will be provided to competitors after close of entries. After close of entries, every competitor will receive their individual confidential race link for their event. Each link will be unique to the competitor and to the event they are competing in, e.g. separate links for 2000m and 500m events if entered in both. These links will give access to the race lobby for each event. Competitors must log-in and arrive in the race lobby 40 minutes prior to their race start time.

10. Health and Safety

Competitors in the Asian Qualifier will compete on-line in their own country/region and in their own venue. In this regard, all participants shall recognise that the Organisers have no responsibility for the venue or the equipment they use or their state of health and fitness. Accordingly, competitors are wholly responsible for their own equipment, health, fitness and safety. FISA and the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association and its officers, staff and volunteers and the Organising Committee shall not be liable in any way whatsoever for the health and safety of competitors. The following are strongly recommended but final decisions are the responsibility of participants and, where appropriate, their parents and guardians:

- PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT IS ENTIRELY AT THE COMPETITOR'S OWN RISK: Should you feel that you are no longer able to compete, you can withdraw your entry by emailing 2021acq@rowing.org.hk in line with the published terms and conditions.
- DO NOT COMPETE ALONE: It is strongly recommended that you do not compete alone. At the very minimum, alert someone of your race time and check-in with them when you finish.
- MEDICAL ISSUES DURING RACING: If you experience any pain, discomfort, nausea, dizziness, or shortness of breath while participating in this event, **STOP** rowing immediately and consult a medical expert.
- JUNIORS: If you are under 19 years of age, you must ensure you have a parent or legal guardian on site with you. If you are the parent or legal guardian of a competitor under the age of 19, you agree to be fully responsible for their safety.
- BE PREPARED: Competitors must warm up properly, have eaten and hydrated sufficiently, be wearing appropriate clothing and footwear and have the rowing machine in a cool and well ventilated location. Ensure you have practised your race distance before the event; the race should not be the first time you attempt it. If you stop rowing during your race for any reason and are unable to continue with the race, please email 2021acq@rowing.org.hk to confirm your situation.

11. Entry Fee

The individual entry fee for the Asian Qualifier is as follows:

2000m events US\$15 or equivalent
500m events US\$10 or equivalent

Entry fees must be paid at the time of entry and are not refundable, even in the case of withdrawal or failure to start at the designated start time. Payment should be made through the entry portal.

Note: Competitors having difficulties with the payment process should contact the organising Committee at 2021acq@rowing.org.hk

12. Entry Process

(1) Entries may be made by individual rowers from anywhere in the world. A copy of current valid passport (or national identity card with photo, confirming nationality) must be submitted with the entry to verify identity and nationality. Only nationals of Asian countries and regions will be accepted for the Asian Qualifier;

(2) Entry Deadline is midnight, Hong Kong time, **on Thursday 14th January 2021**;

Submission of Entries

Entries, together with submission of all required documents and entry fee, should be made via the following Time Team web platform:

<https://worldrowing.entries.regatta-systems.com/wrich-asia/2021>.

Please complete all entry requirements or the entry will not be accepted

(4) If you have difficulties in making an entry, e-mail to 2021acq@rowing.org.hk.

13. Competitor Commitment, Liability and Waiver Agreement

All competitors in the Asian Qualifier are required to sign and accept the *Competitor Commitment, Liability and Waiver* agreement which can be accessed via the link at Appendix 1 to this Bulletin. As part of the entry process competitors must confirm their acceptance of these terms and conditions.

14. Anti-Doping

Doping is strictly prohibited in the Asian Qualifier and the World Rowing Indoor Championships. For information about prohibited substances and methods, please consult WADA's Prohibited List which will come into effect on 1st January 2021:

https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/2021list_en.pdf

For additional information, please refer to World Rowing's anti-doping information page at

<https://worldrowing.com/technical/anti-doping/>

15. Notification to Qualified Competitors

Competitors who earn a continental qualification place for the WRICH Final will be emailed directly (4-5 days after the Asian Qualifier takes place) with instructions on how to accept their place in the WRICH Final and confirm their intention to compete in the live Final.

Competitors who do not earn a continental qualification place will be emailed directly (4-5 days after the Asian Qualifier takes place) with instructions on how to 'recycle' their score from the Asian Qualifier for Open Qualification without having to pay a further WRICH entry fee.

16. Enquiries to Organising Committee

All enquiries for the Asian Qualifier to the 2021 WRICH should be addressed to the Organising Committee, care of Hong Kong, China Rowing Association at 2021acq@rowing.org.hk

Welcome to the Asian Qualifier for the 2021 World Rowing Indoor Championships!

2021 World Rowing Indoor Championships

Asian Qualifier Organising Committee

Hong Kong, China Rowing Association

Appendices

APPENDIX 1. Competitor Commitment, Liability and Waiver Agreement

This document can be found at

<http://www.rowing.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Appendix-1-Competitor-Commitment-Liability-Waiver.pdf>

All competitors are required to read, understand and confirm that they accept these terms as a condition of entry.

APPENDIX 2. Dates of WRICH Finals (for age group eligibility calculation)

Appendix 1: Competitor Commitment, Liability & Waiver

Competitor Commitment, Liability & Waiver

Competitors in the 2021 World Rowing Indoor Championships and the Asian Continental Qualifier Event and all qualification pathways agree to abide by the WORLD ROWING Rules of Racing and other rules regulating indoor rowing and the World Rowing Indoor Championships. By entering and participating in the Championships, competitors recognise and accept:

1. Authority – WORLD ROWING’s authority on all matters concerning international rowing.
2. Governance – the mandatory character of the Statutes, the Bye-Laws and other rules regulating WORLD ROWING, in their current version and as amended from time to time, and agree to uphold and abide by them without reservation, in particular but not limited to their individual commitment set out in Articles 56 and 57 and their 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 they agree to respect the WORLD ROWING Code of Ethics (Bye-Law to Article 58 of the WORLD ROWING Statutes)
 - 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. In this regard competitors accept that only one entry shall be accepted per competitor and that this entry is final. Competitors shall not engage any other person to compete on their behalf and acknowledge that the engagement of another person to compete on their behalf shall constitute a breach of these terms of entry as well as a breach of the WORLD ROWING Statutes such that their entry may be voided and they might be penalised extending to monetary sanctions or a ban from all competition.
3. Anti-doping – 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 they do not use and that they will not use substances or methods that are prohibited by the WORLD ROWING and WADA anti-doping rules;

- 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 they infringe the anti-doping provisions, that they might be penalised extending to, in a relevant case, a life ban from all competition.
4. Filming – the possibility of being filmed (either for television or any other medium), photographed, identified or recorded in any other way during the 2021 World Rowing Indoor Championships, all corresponding qualification events and pathways, and other WORLD ROWING activities in which they 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 the competitor of any other commercial entity, product or service.
5. Personal Data – that WORLD ROWING, or third parties contracted by WORLD ROWING, may collect, store, process, use and disclose to third parties, competitor 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 the Personal Data on sports databases, and may use such Personal Data in any other way in which the competitor has or will provide their express consent or as may be required or permitted by law.
6. Social Media – that if a competitor publishes 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, they are solely responsible for the consequences of this action. They 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, competitors 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, competitors acknowledge that they 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.

- 7. Jurisdiction – WORLD ROWING's jurisdiction to make any decision or impose any sanction within its field of competence. Competitors accept all such WORLD ROWING decisions or sanctions with only the reservation of paragraph 8 below.
- 8. 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 a competitor, and that this excludes any other ordinary court of law, any civil judicial authority of any country and any arbitration body.
- 9. 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.

Waiver

World Rowing and the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association as organisers of the Asian Continental Qualifier Event make no representations to competitors as to the suitability, condition or safety of the event. By entering the World Rowing Indoor Championships or participating in the Asian Continental Qualifier Event (and competing at any qualifier event or making any qualification attempt), competitors accept and acknowledge that participation in the event involves physical activity and may involve risks and dangers of accidents, personal and bodily injury and property loss or damage. Each competitor competes entirely at their own risk and confirms that they are in good health and have no medical or health condition that could endanger or limit their ability whilst participating in the event. Each competitor understands and has considered and evaluated the nature, scope and extent of the risks involved, and voluntarily and freely chooses to assume these risks.

Competitors accept and understand that World Rowing and the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association as organisers of the Asian Continental Qualifier Event do not provide any insurance, whether life or medical or liability, for any illness, accident, injury, loss or damage that may arise in connection with participation in the event.

In consideration of their acceptance of the entry form, competitors agree that neither World Rowing nor the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association nor its partners, their respective directors, officers, employees, representatives, agent successors and assigns are liable for any injury, loss, claim, or damage to the health, wellbeing or property of any participant or anyone else caused by or arising out of participation in the World Rowing Indoor Championships or the Asian Continental Qualifier Event.

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, competitors hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agree to hold harmless, indemnify and reimburse World Rowing and the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association, its directors, employees, volunteers and other staff from and against any claim, sum, costs, damages or expenses (including reasonable legal fees) arising in connection with any accident, loss or damage arising out of their participation in the event.

Without prejudice to the waiver and limitation of liability above, World Rowing and the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association strongly recommends that competitors do not row alone. It is recommended to have someone available and with the competitor during a qualification attempt or final race. At a minimum, it is recommended that competitors should alert someone of the planned date and time of their qualification attempt or final race.

Junior competitors should have a parent or legal guardian present during a qualification attempt or final race. Parents or legal guardians of a competitor participating in a Junior category are expected

to be responsible for the safety of the competitor during a qualification attempt or final race. The decision to participate or to enter a Junior competitor in the event is made in full recognition of the associated risks outlined above and is entirely at the risk of the Junior competitor and their parent or legal guardian.

Jurisdiction

Save for those matters that relate to World Rowing and the Court of Arbitration for Sport, all other terms and conditions of entry, including this Competitor Commitment, Liability & Waiver agreement are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong and any disputes arising under them or out of or in connection with them shall be exclusively subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Hong Kong.

APPENDIX 2. Dates of WRICH Finals (for age group eligibility calculation)

Note: All Asian Qualifier events will be held on Sunday 24th January 2021, Hong Kong Time. The dates shown below are for the WRICH FINALS of age group events only. Age-group competitors should refer to these dates when calculating the age-group for which they are eligible. Competitors' age for the Asian Qualifier is their age at the date of the FINALS of their event as shown below.

Dates of WRICH Finals – for purpose of age eligibility	
23 February 2021	24 February 2021
U23 Men 2000m	Junior/U19 Men 500
U23 Women 2000m	Junior/U19 Women 500m
U23 Lwt Men 2000m	U23 Lwt Men 500m
U23 Lwt Women 2000m	U23 Lwt Women 500m
	Masters 30-39 Men 2000m
	Masters 30-39 Women 2000m
	Masters 40-49 Men 2000m
	Masters 40-49 Women 2000m
	Masters 50-54 Men 2000m
	Masters 50-54 Women 2000m
	Masters 55-59 Men 2000m
	Masters 55-59 Women 2000m
	Masters 60-64 Men 2000m
	Masters 60-64 Women 2000m
	Masters 65-69 Men 2000m
	Masters 65-69 Women 2000m
	Masters Lwt 30-39 Men 2000m
	Masters Lwt 30-39 Women 2000m
	Masters Lwt 40-49 Men 2000m
	Masters Lwt 40-49 Women 2000m
	Masters Lwt 50-54 Men 2000m
	Masters Lwt 50-54 Women 2000m
	Masters Lwt 55-59 Men 2000m
	Masters Lwt 55-59 Women 2000m
	Masters Lwt 60-64 Men 2000m
	Masters Lwt 60-64 Women 2000m
	Masters Lwt 65-69 Men 2000m
	Masters Lwt 65-69 Women 2000m

25 February 2021	27 February 2021
Masters 70-74 Men 2000m	U23 Men 500m
Masters 70-74 Women 2000m	U23 Women 500m
Masters 75-79 Men 2000m	Junior/U19 Men 2000m
Masters 75-79 Women 2000m	Junior/U19 Women 2000m
Masters 80-84 Men 2000m	
Masters 80-84 Women 2000m	
Masters 85-89 Men 2000m	
Masters 85-89 Women 2000m	
Masters 90-94 Men 2000m	
Masters 90-94 Women 2000m	
Masters 95-99 Men 2000m	
Masters 95-99 Women 2000m	
Masters 100+ Men 2000m	
Masters 100+ Women 2000m	
Masters Lwt 70-74 Men 2000m	
Masters Lwt 70-74 Women 2000m	
Masters Lwt 75-79 Men 2000m	
Masters Lwt 75-79 Women 2000m	
Masters Lwt 80-84 Men 2000m	
Masters Lwt 80-84 Women 2000m	
Masters Lwt 85-89 Men 2000m	
Masters Lwt 85-89 Women 2000m	
Masters Lwt 90-94 Men 2000m	
Masters Lwt 90-94 Women 2000m	
Masters Lwt 95-99 Men 2000m	
Masters Lwt 95-99 Women 2000m	
Masters Lwt 100+ Men 2000m	
Masters Lwt 100+ Women 2000m	