



BRITISHROWING

Entry, Club Ranking & GB Selection Policy

2022 European Rowing Coastal Championships
San Sebastian, ESP

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Introduction

The European Rowing Coastal Championships are an international coastal event split into club and national federation events. The European Rowing Club Coastal Championships are open only to European club crews nominated by the member federation in which they are located whilst the European Rowing Coastal Championships are open to European national team crews nominated by their member federation. British Rowing as the National Federation is responsible for the ranking of club crews representing Great Britain in the European Rowing Club Coastal Championships and the selection of rowers representing Great Britain in the European Rowing Coastal Championships.

The 2022 event will be held in San Sebastian, Spain from the 27th of October to the 30th of October.

More information about the event can be found [here](#).

General

1. Rowers may only compete, either as part of their club in the European Rowing Club Coastal Championships **OR** as part of the Great Britain squad in the European Rowing Coastal Championships.
2. All entries for inclusion in either the European Rowing Club Coastal Championships or the European Rowing Coastal Championships must be submitted to British Rowing no later than **09:00 7th August 2022** via the online entry form.
 - a. [British Rowing Boat Entry Form](#)
 - b. Athlete Commitment & Information Form (Rower, Coxswains & Officials). A link will be sent to the club contact once a boat entry has been made.
 - c. Clear copies of passport information pages for rowers, coxswains & officials to be uploaded as part of the Commitment and Information Form.
3. There will be an entry fee which is **TBC** per rowing seat. More information on the payment amount and procedure will be released as soon as we have it.

European Rowing Club Coastal Championships Entries and Ranking:

1. Events Offered:

Men (Only):	CM1x, CM2x, CM4x+
Women (Only):	CW1x, CW2x, CW4x+
Mixed (50/50 gender split):	CMix2x



2. A maximum number of 5 club crews may be entered per member federation, per event for the European Rowing Club Coastal Championships. This number may be adjusted by European Rowing and the Organising Committee after the preliminary entry deadline, if required.
3. As we are limited to the number of places available for crews from Great Britain, doubling up will only be permitted if after ranking there are remaining positions available for that category.
4. All participants must have valid British Rowing (ROW), Scottish Rowing or Welsh Rowing membership.
5. Boats wishing to be entered and not taking part Great Britain in the European Rowing Coastal Championships will be ranked by finish results from the British Rowing Offshore Championships taking place at Saundersfoot on the 24th & 25th of June 2022.

Where more than one boat is entered in each event British Rowing will rank boats. With the best ranked crew ranked 01, the next crew 02, etc. crews ranked 06 and below will be informed that their entry will not be accepted unless British Rowing is informed otherwise by European Rowing and the Organising Committee. If any additional crews can enter British Rowing will contact eligible crews in rank order.

Using results from the most recent event first, boats will be placed into Tiers.

- Tier 1 for boats who raced as the same crew in a Senior Category. (*4x+ will be considered the same crew with 3 or more rowers, 2x and 1x must have the same crew members.*)
- Tier 2a for boats who raced as the same crew in a Junior Category. (*This applies to JWC1x, JOC1x and JMixC2x only. Crews must have the same crew members.*)
- Tier 2b for boats who raced as the same crew in a Master's Category. (*This applies to 4x+ boats only and must have 3 or more rowers of the same crew.*)
- Tier 3 for boats where there is no data.

Using this system, boats will be ranked as follows:

- Tier 1 rowers will be ranked in order of race result.
- Tier 2 rowers will be ranked in order of race result and the highest boat in tier two will be placed after the lowest ranked boat in Tier 1.
- Tier 3 for crews where there is no data, will be ranked at random and placed behind Tiers 1 and 2.



Queries about the ranking of crews should be addressed to (WRCC@britishrowing.org)

6. Once entries to British Rowing have closed substitutions will only be allowed up to Friday 9th September 2022 and with written consent from the Director of Performance. Applications for consent should be made to [WRCC@britishrowing.org].
7. Crews will have their provisional entry and ranking confirmed in writing by Tuesday 9th August 2022.
8. Crews will then have to provide and confirm athlete information by Sunday 14th August 2022.
9. Crews will be required to confirm their entries at registration at the regatta as advised by the European Rowing Coastal Championships Event Information.
10. Clubs and crews will be responsible for their own arrangements attending the event including boat rental, kit, transport, accommodation, and meals.
11. All competitors, coaches and support staff are bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules as adopted by British Rowing. All coaches and competitors will be required to complete an [iRowClean webinar](#) before competing at the European Rowing Coastal Championships. Information will be circulated after August 7th.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact WRCC@britishrowing.org.

European Rowing Coastal Championships, Great Britain Selection:

1. Events Offered:

Men (Only):	CM1x
Women (Only):	CW1x
Mixed (50/50 gender split):	CMix2x
2. A maximum of 2 national team crews may be entered per event for the European Rowing Coastal Championship events.
3. In order to be considered for selection for the European Rowing Coastal Championships, rowers, and coaches must fulfil minimum eligibility criteria. Each athlete/coach must:



- at all times hold a valid Passport; Please ensure that your passport is up to date with all relevant European Regulations.
 - have a current appropriate British Rowing, Scottish Rowing or Welsh Rowing membership;
 - not be subject to any current disciplinary proceedings, suspension (including precautionary suspension) or ban;
 - not be subject to any period of ineligibility or provisional suspension due to an anti-doping rule violation;
 - be a fit and proper person to represent British Rowing;
 - comply with any COVID regulations which form part of British Rowing policy at the time of competition.
4. In addition rowers must:
- be a British citizen;
 - be eligible under the World Rowing Nationality & Gender Regulations;
 - be aged eighteen or over on the date of team departure
5. In addition, Coaches travelling with Rowers must:
- Provide two-character referees;
 - Confirm in writing that they have read, understood and agree to abide by British Rowing's Code of Conduct and all other relevant British Rowing policies;
 - Comply with British Rowing safeguarding requirements.
6. The selection panel will be made up of three people appointed by the British Rowing *Director of Performance*.
7. Boats will be selected by finish results from the British Rowing Offshore Championships taking place at Saundersfoot on the 24th & 25th of June 2022. The top placed finisher will be selected to race as Great Britain from the OC1x, OW1x and MixC2x events.
8. The second-place finisher will also be offered the opportunity to compete as Great Britain if they score within 98% of the first-place finisher's time. E.g. If first finishes in a time of 20:00.00 (MM:SS.00) the next selected boat would have to finish in a time of 20:24.4 (MM:SS.00) or faster.
9. If the first or second place finisher does not wish to race at the European Rowing Coastal Championships for whatever reason, their place will be offered to the next fastest boat that scores within the 98% rule.
10. The endurance format is not currently a UK Sport funded programme, and therefore rowers will have to make their own arrangements to attend the Championships and self-fund.



Rowers will have to arrange all their own requirements such as equipment hire, travel, accommodation, food etc.

- Rowers selected will race in Great Britain kit. This will include the following at a cost of £77.98 (including VAT, excluding name printing & postage):
 - i. All-In-One
 - ii. T-Shirt

11. Coaches (Maximum one per boat) travelling with rowers will have the option of purchasing a GB Rowing T-shirt at a cost of £11.98 (including VAT, excluding postage).
12. The Great Britain Beach Sprint Team Manager (Mark Dunstan) will act as the Team Manager for rowers racing as Great Britain in the European Rowing Coastal Championships.
13. All competitors, coaches and support staff are bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules as adopted by British Rowing. British Rowing's Anti-Doping Policy is available on our [Policies and Guidance](#) webpage.

All coaches must have a current [Coach Clean Certificate](#) and competitors must have attended an iRowClean Workshop in the season of the World Rowing Beach Sprints Finals. Availability of sessions will be made and communicated to all individuals who are selected.

Any competitor could be tested at any time. It is the responsibility of all competitors to check the prohibited status of any medications they are taking. At the point that you are prescribed with any medication (or purchase any medication over the counter), you should check the anti-doping status of that medication on [Global DRO](#). If the medication or method of treatment is prohibited, then use the UKAD [TUE Wizard](#) to find out how to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). Please contact cleansport@britishrowing.org or UKAD at tue@ukad.org.uk should you have any questions relating to medications or TUEs. We are obliged to inform you that you would be at risk of incurring an anti-doping rule violation should you be subject to Doping Control without having first obtained a TUE (unless there is an exceptional circumstance for not doing so).

All competitors must be familiar with and comply with British Rowing's [Supplement Policy](#).

If you have any questions or queries, please contact cleansport@britishrowing.org or for further information please visit: [British Rowing Clean Sport](#) or [UK Anti-Doping](#)

14. Registered senior athletes are entitled to appeal against the decision of the selectors. The nature of the selection process means that selections to the team can often be made close to the regatta. As such the outcome of an appeal can have a significant impact not just on



athletes directly involved in an appeal but on the preparation of other members of the team. The Appeal process is therefore designed to operate quickly and minimise impact to athlete preparation. Athletes should carefully consider if an appeal is justified, before making one.

The appeal process can only be used to determine:

- Whether the correct procedures have been followed in the implementation of the Selection Policy.
- Whether the selectors have acted reasonably, fairly and without bias in making a decision.
- Whether a selection decision was reached based on an error of fact.

The right to appeal a selection decision is provided on these grounds only and must not be seen as an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the Selectors, who will be regarded by the Appeal Panel as experts.

Making an Appeal

The appeal must be raised within 36 hours of a “Selection Decision”. A Selection Decision is defined as either:

- the publication of the names of members of the Provisional Team; or
- formal written communication between the Team Manager and the athlete that it is the intention of the selectors to no longer consider the athlete for selection.

An appeal should be initiated by emailing the Governance Officer on governance@britishrowing.org (Subject: GB ERCC Appeal) setting out full details of the basis upon which the athlete is appealing including:

- The appellant’s name, address and contact details. If the Athlete is under eighteen years of age it shall also include their date of birth and the name(s) and contact details of their parent or carer.
- Details of the decision being appealed.
- Details of the ground(s) of appeal upon which the Athlete relies, including the precise manner in which the Athlete alleges that the selection criteria have not been applied or in which the procedure set out in the applicable selection Policy or Process has not been followed; and
- Any documents or written evidence upon which the Athlete relies in support of his or her appeal. These documents must be relevant specifically to the Athlete’s grounds of appeal.
- An email or postal address for correspondence.

If the athlete fails to submit an appeal within the time limit, they will automatically lose the right of appeal.

An appeal hearing will take place virtually by videocall on Wednesday 17th August 2022 (or additionally the 18th as required). The appeal will be conducted by written and/or verbal



submissions on behalf of the Appellant and British Rowing only. The Appeal Panel may request further information during this hearing. The Appeal Panel may make their deliberations in person or remotely as they in their absolute discretion decide.

The Appeal Panel will either:

- Reject the appeal and confirm the decision of the selectors
- Uphold the appeal and inform the Selectors that errors have been identified in the conduct of the selection process and request that a new selection decision be made as soon as is reasonably practicable.

The Appeal Panel will seek to reach its conclusion within 24 hours of the appeal hearing and will inform all interested parties as to their decision via email as soon as possible.

Appeal Panel

Three members of the British Rowing Disciplinary & Grievance Panel will be selected to form the Appeal Panel. Any individual directly involved with the athlete making the appeal or who was involved with the selection process may not sit on the Appeal Panel.

15. If you have any further questions or queries, please contact WRCC@britishrowing.org.