



## EVENT BULLETIN

# Asian Continental Qualifier

## Virtual Indoor Rowing

SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021, Hong Kong Time.  
**Entries will close at midnight on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

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| • U23 Lwt Men 2000m   | • U23 Lwt Men 500m   |
| • U23 Lwt Women 2000m | • 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**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • 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 70-74 Men 2000m | • Masters 70-74 Women 2000m |
| • Masters 75-79 Men 2000m | • Masters 75-79 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 Lightweight Events**

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| • 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 |

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- Masters Lwt 85-89 Men 2000m
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

(3) If you have difficulties in making an entry, e-mail to [2021acq@rowing.org.hk](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021:

[https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/resources/files/2021list\\_en.pdf](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](mailto: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)