

**HONG KONG, CHINA ROWING ASSOCIATION (HKCRA)**  
**GENERAL SELECTION POLICY FOR HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE PARA TEAMS**

Selection Mechanism for Hong Kong Para-Rowing Squad

Introduction

1. Para Rowing has been included in the Asian Para Games and has received a generous grant from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department & Social Welfare Department to support Society in further developing rowing training at different levels so that more people with disabilities can enjoy the sport of rowing.

In preparation for the Asian Para Games, we aim to promote the sport and make it more popular actively, and at the same time, to identify more potential people to train up to the world-class level to bring glory to Hong Kong.

2. This document outlines the general selection policy for para- athletes representing Hong Kong. It shall be the personal responsibility of all athletes seeking selection to familiarize themselves with this policy, which shall be posted on the official HKCRA website at [www.rowing.org.hk](http://www.rowing.org.hk).

3. The scope of the policy shall include all events where crews compete for the HKSAR as part of full representative teams, including, but not limited to: -

- Paralympic Games
- Asian Para Games
- Asian Championships for Para-Rowing (PR)
- World Rowing Cup Regattas for Para-Rowing (PR)

Selection Criteria

- Athletes' training attendance.
- Athletes' training performance and physical conditions.
- Compatibility with the long-term development goals and the Paralympic movement.
- The development strategy and resources of the Association.
- The athlete quota and the participation requirements of the competition.

Selection Process

- The head coach may include additional selection criteria (e.g., minimum qualification standard) and selection methods during the process.
- The Para-Rowing Commission will consider all selection criteria above and submit the proposed list for the HKCRA's approval.

Eligibility

To be considered for the Hong Kong Para-Rowing Squad, athletes shall comply with the following general eligibility requirements:

- Shall hold a Hong Kong Identity Card or a HKSAR Passport and;
- Shall have resided in Hong Kong for a continuous period of not less than 3 years, at the time of joining the programme. (The HKCRA may, in exceptional circumstances, vary this requirement. Holders of visitor's or student visas however would not be considered as eligible under these rules) and;
- Shall agree to comply with all athlete training, testing and anti-doping requirements as set out by the Association from time to time.

In addition to the above general requirements, all athletes must comply with relevant World Rowing (FISA) and/or Asian Rowing (ARF) Statutes, Bye Laws and Rules of Racing, or other event-specific eligibility rules.

#### Appeals Procedure

Please refer to the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association Selection Appeals Procedure – published separately.

#### Data Collection and Privacy

Personal data and information may be collected during the selection process for the purpose of implementing this policy. The use of personal data shall be covered under the Hong Kong Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.