

2015 PARA-ROWING DEVELOPMENT CAMP Details

Support Provided to Successful Teams

- Travel costs to attend the Training Camp and Regatta in Gavirate, Italy.
- Accommodation, meals and equipment during the training camp and regatta.
- International classification of athletes.
- Support from mentor country during in-country training (before and after the camp)
- Seminars during the camp for athletes, including the Proud Paralympian Programme from IPC.
- Workshops for accompanying coaches on subjects such as rigging boats for para-rowers.

The Application Process

Step 1: FISA sends out information and an invitation to participate on 8 December 2014
This email is FISA's invitation

Step 2: Interested National Paralympic Committees/National Federations submit preliminary application (refer attached form)

This step requires applicants to:

- identify potential athletes and coaches
- complete a medical diagnostics form for each athlete, which would be signed by a physician
The forms are available from <http://www.worldrowing.com/para-rowing/> The forms can be downloaded from the bottom of the above FISA para-rowing web page. The FISA Medical Diagnostics Form is for athletes with a physical disability and the VI medical form is for athletes with a vision impairment
- commit to follow a training programme (commencing as soon as possible in the end of 2014) in the lead up to the camp
- demonstrate an ability to support the program in your home country (e.g. coaching and equipment)
- submit completed application to FISA by **12 January 2015** (sastokes@ozemail.com.au development@fisa.org).

Step 3: FISA invites eligible Federations to submit a final application (2 February 2015)

Based on an assessment of the information provided in the preliminary application FISA will invite federations to submit an application for formal inclusion in the programme.

Step 4: Federations submit final application

This step requires applicants to:

- report on the training progress of athletes since the preliminary application
- report on-going support and commitment of the National Federation/National Paralympic Committee
- submit completed application to FISA by **28 February 2015**.

Step 5: FISA advises successful federations of their inclusion in the program.

This should take place at the beginning of March 2015.

Step 6: Participants undertake in-country training with support of mentor Federation.

At this time athletes will be continuing their training program with the support of local coach/es and assistance from a mentor federation.

Countries will at this time also be obtaining visas and making travel arrangements.

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Step 7: Training Camp, Gavirate Italy

The camp will be conducted from May 7-15, with an international regatta on 15-17 May.

The camp will include:

- training opportunities for athletes
- classification of athletes
- an education program for coaches

2014 PARA-ROWING DEVELOPMENT CAMP Criteria

Criteria for Selection

*Preliminary selection (based on preliminary application due **12 January 2015**)*

- Medical diagnostic forms and attachments indicate that athletes likely to meet classification requirements for the selected boat class.
- Potential for country to boat a crew for an eligible Paralympic boat class (ASW1X; ASM1X; TAMix2X; LTAMix4+) A description of these sport classes can be found at Appendix one of the FISA Classification Regulations available for download from the FISA para-rowing webpage.
- Evidence of available coaches and equipment for the athletes, such as ergometers and boats/oars.
- Commitment to a training program from beginning of December 2014 and complete on and off water tests required of the program. This may take to form of providing ergometer scores, completed training diaries and possibly videos of training.

*Final selection criteria (based on application submitted **28 February 2015**)*

- NF provides evidence of athletes and coaches participating in regular training
- Demonstration of progress made since (or before) initial application (by way of ergometer scores; training diaries; videos of athletes)

Global criteria

- NF has not participated in Paralympic Games.
- Consideration will be given to ensuring an overall athletes mix that supports global participation, gender equity and variety in impairments (from mild to severe).