

ENTRY CRITERIA FOR WORLD ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

The following guidelines shall apply for 17th WRC to be held in 2022.

Team size is restricted to 2 or 3 people. The number of entries for 17th WRC is limited to 1,000 competitors.

- A minimum of 20% of all available places will be for non-Pre-Qualifying Entrants
- An additional 10% of all available places will be reserved for wildcard entrants
- There will be two levels of Pre-Qualifying Entrants:
 1. Automatic Pre-Qualifying Entrants
 2. Preferred Status Pre-Qualifying Entrants

The criteria for each of these are described below. Applications for entry will be taken via an online entry form. Registrations will be accepted and confirmed in the three Phases defined later in this document.

Entry Criteria

Pre-Qualifying-Entrants

These criteria are used to determine priority entry during Phase 1.

Note that notwithstanding anything that follows, the total number of teams that achieve pre-qualification (automatic and preferred status combined) in any age/gender category from any prequalification event shall not exceed 50% (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of the total number of teams completing that age/gender category at that event. Any WRC 2022 pre-qualification event must be conducted after 1st January 2019.

Automatic Pre-Qualifying-Entrants

Teams meeting the criteria set out in clauses 1.1 through 1.3 below shall be deemed Automatic Pre-Qualifying Entrants

- 1.1.** Teams that include at least one person who is an IRF Councilor or Observer as at the date of opening of entries.
- 1.2.** Teams that include at least one past WRC open category champion (MO, WO, and XO) in their team provided that individual has competed in at least one 24-hour rogaine in the two years immediately preceding the opening of entries and has competed in at least one of the two most recent World Rogaining Championships.
- 1.3.** Teams that include at least one person from a team filling the nominated places in any of the 15 age/gender categories in the following qualifying events:
 - The first 6 places in the two World Rogaining Championships immediately preceding the opening of entries;
 - The first 3 places in the two European Rogaining Championships immediately preceding the opening of entries;
 - The first 2 places in the two North American Rogaining Championships immediately preceding the opening of entries;
 - The first 2 places in the two Australasian Rogaining Championships immediately preceding the opening of entries;
 - Teams that include at least one person from a team that filled one of the top 2 places in an open category (MO, WO and XO) in a Qualifying National Rogaining Championship;

Preferred Status Pre-Qualifying-Entrants

Teams meeting the criteria set out in clauses 2.1 through 2.3 below shall be deemed Preferred Status Pre-Qualifying Entrants:

- 2.1. Teams that include at least one person from a team filling the nominated places in any of the 15 age/gender categories in the following qualifying events:
 - Teams that include at least one person from a team filling places 7th through 10th in any age/gender category in the two World Rogaining Championships immediately preceding the opening of entries subject to the number of teams that achieve pre-qualification (automatic and preferred status combined) through this means not exceeding 30% of the total number of teams completing that age/gender category at that event.
 - Teams that include at least one person from a team filling places 4th or 5th in any age/gender category in the two European Rogaining Championships immediately preceding the opening of entries subject to the number of teams that achieve pre-qualification (automatic and preferred status combined) through this means not exceeding 30% of the total number of teams completing that age/gender category at that
 - Teams that include at least one person from a team filling 3rd place in any age/gender category in the following qualifying events:
 - The two North American Rogaining Championships immediately preceding the opening of entries
 - The two Australasian Rogaining Championships immediately preceding the opening of entries.
- 2.2. Teams that are eligible for any Ultra-Veterans
- 2.3. Teams that are eligible for any Youth

Under-representation Criteria

These criteria are used to determine entry during Phase 2.

Teams from non- (or under-represented) rogaining countries, up to a total of 6 competitors per country (inclusive of current registrations).

Non-Pre-Qualifying-Entrants Category

1. A minimum of 20% of competitor (i.e. not team) places will be reserved for people who do not meet the Pre-Qualifying Entrant criteria and these places will be allocated during Phase 2. At least one member of any team registering in this Non-Pre-Qualifying Entrant category must have competed in at least one 24-hour rogaine in the two years immediately preceding the opening of entries.
2. Each country that has full membership of the IRF as at the date of opening of entries shall be provided by the IRF with a number of wildcards from the 10% of competitor (i.e. not team) places reserved for wildcards for allocation to individuals at the discretion of the national association. The IRF recommends that at least half should be allocated to individuals who are playing a major role in the development of the sport and/or the organization of rogaines in that country.
3. The IRF Executive will also allocate a number of wildcards from the 10% of reserved competitor (i.e. not team) wildcard places to individuals originating from countries not included in clause 2 (i.e. not full members of the IRF). This allocation will be done in consultation with the WRC Organizers. The allocation will be partly to individuals who are playing a major role in the development of the sport and/or the organization of rogaines in that country, and partly to individuals whose competitive performance warrants entry.

Entry Process and Phases

Prior to Registration opening, if required, a list of Pre-qualifying entrants will be published on the WRC event website.

As applications for entry are dealt with as set out below they are loaded into the List of Entrants web page.

The web page will show the team status as: **wait-listed, in process** (payed but not yet confirmed) or **confirmed** (all ok). If accepted as a Pre-Qualifying Entrant, under-represented or wildcard, the criteria for acceptance also will be shown.

Phase One: 11th December 2021 – 21st December 2021

All Entrants are able to register during this period. Automatic Pre-Qualifying Entrants who register within this phase are invited via email to confirm their entry. All Pre-Qualifying Entrants wishing to take advantage of their Pre-Qualifying Entrant status **MUST** register during this period.

Phase Two: 22nd December 2021 – 31st December 2021

1. Registration for all Entrants remains open. Teams registering during this period will be placed on the waitlist behind teams from Phase 1 in order of receipt of their registration. From the commencement of Phase 2 the requirement for teams to include a member who has competed in at least one 24-hour rogaine in the two years immediately preceding the opening of entries will no longer apply.
2. If the number of total Pre-Qualifying-Entrant (including Preferred Status) registrant teams from Phase 1 exceeds the number of Pre-Qualifying-Entrant places available then the Preferred Status Pre-Qualifying Entrant registrant teams will be listed in order by ballot.
3. If a ballot of Preferred Status Pre-Qualifying-Entrants has been required, the teams sufficient to fill the remaining available places for Pre-Qualifying Entrants are invited via email, in the order established by the ballot, to confirm their entry. Preferred Status Pre-Qualifying-Entrants who are unsuccessful in the ballot shall be considered as Phase 1 Non Pre-Qualifying Entrant registrant teams.
4. If the number of total registrant teams from Phase 1 exceeds the number of places available, including maintaining the places reserved for wildcards, then the Non Pre-Qualifying Entrant registrant teams will be listed in order by ballot.
5. If a ballot of Non Pre-Qualifying Entrants has been required then the list of registrants is reviewed and teams that qualify under the under-representation criteria are identified. These are then invited, in accordance with the order established by the ballot, via email to confirm their entry.
6. If a ballot of Non Pre-Qualifying Entrants is required then Pre-Qualifying Entrant Teams shall also be included in the ballot and the order of Pre-Qualifying Entrant Teams established in the ballot referred to if due to subsequent team changes a team loses their Pre-Qualifying Entrant status.
7. If a ballot of Non Pre-Qualifying Entrants has been required, the teams sufficient to fill all the available places for Non Pre-Qualifying Entrants are invited via email, in the order established by the ballot, to confirm their entry, subject to a minimum of 50% of these competitors being from outside the WRC Region. Where there are insufficient Non Pre-Qualifying Entrant registrants from outside the WRC Region then this requirement shall be waived.
8. If substitute Non Pre-Qualifying Entrant teams are required due to invited teams failing to pay by the due date then the requirement to ensure a minimum of 50% of these competitors are from outside the WRC Region, subject to availability, shall remain.
9. Teams from the ballot that are not invited during Phase 2 are placed on the wait list in the order established by the ballot and ahead of any registrants from Phases 2 and 3.

Phase Three: 1st January 2022 – 31st July 2022 or before!!

1. Registration continues. Teams registering during this period continue to be placed on the waitlist behind teams from the ballot process and Phase 2 in order of receipt of their registration.
2. Pre-Qualifying Entrant priority not in process will cease 1 month after the end of Phase One and all available places released into the general pool.
3. Under-representation priority not in process will cease 2 months after the end of Phase One and all available places released into the general pool.
4. Invitations to compete are sent out via email in wait list order subject to meeting the requirement to ensure a minimum of 50% of these competitors are from outside the WRC Region, subject to availability.
5. All wildcard places not allocated by 5 months before the event will be released into the general pool.

After the entry cap is reached registrations will continue to be wait listed. Teams on the wait list will be offered a position if and when prior teams withdraw.