



WORLD ROWING MASTERS CLUB TROPHY

The World Rowing Federation, FISA, is pleased to announce the creation of two Club Trophies (one for men's events and one for women's events) to be awarded at the 2017 World Rowing Masters Regatta in Bled, and thereafter, to the most successful club at the regatta based on a points system. These trophies will be determined solely by the performance of club crews, as defined below. Composite crews will not earn points towards the Club Trophies, but will otherwise continue to be fully eligible to compete for the regular medals as usual. The Club Trophies will be awarded each year, with the winner in the current year claiming the title.

The eligibility rules for the Club Trophies are:

1. A "club crew" is one in which all the rowers are members of the same club (not including the coxswain).
2. A "club" is any organization recognized, and eligible to make entries in regattas conducted, by a national federation that is a member of FISA.
3. An individual rower's club affiliation that is verified by the rower and entered in the World Rowing Masters Database shall be binding until affirmatively changed by the rower. At the World Rowing Masters Regatta, a rower's club affiliation shall be irrevocably determined as of the first race in which the rower competes and may not be changed until after the Regatta is concluded.

The Club Trophy will be awarded to the club that has earned the most points in the respective events (men's events and women's events) during the regatta. All age and gender categories will be allocated points in the same manner. All club crews who finish the race will be awarded points, regardless of the number of crews racing in that heat. Points will be awarded according to the *actual finishing position* for each club's crew depending upon the type of event and placement of the crew, according to the following table:

Point Allocation Table

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
8+	36	27	20	15	11	8	6	4

4x/4+/4-	27	20	15	11	8	6	4	3
2x/2-	20	15	11	8	6	4	3	2
1x	15	11	8	6	4	3	2	1

Frequently Asked Questions:

If my crew comes in third place in a race, but is the highest placed club crew (i.e. the first two places are composite crews), how many points do we receive?

You receive the points allocated for *third* place, i.e. it is your *actual* position that determines the points awarded, not your position only among those club crews competing. If your club is rowing in a combined category event (e.g. I-K 2-) then each age category will be considered a separate race and points awarded accordingly.

If my crew has a sudden illness, who may we substitute for the sick rower?

To earn points as a club crew, *all* the rowers must be members of the *same* club, and therefore you must substitute someone who is a member of the same club. If there is no substitute available from the same club, then under FISA rules you may substitute someone from another club (up to 50% of the rowers) but that crew will not earn any points towards the Club Trophy. It will of course still be eligible for medals if it wins the race.

If I am a rower who is a member of two clubs, may I compete for both in different events and still earn points for both crews?

No. You may only compete for one club at each WRMR. If you compete with members of more than one club at the same regatta, then the second crew necessarily becomes a composite crew, which is eligible to receive medals, but does not earn points towards the Club Trophy.

How does FISA determine if a “club” is a “legitimate” club?

FISA will defer to the national federation on whether a “club” is a legitimate entity. So long as the national federation recognizes the entity as one that can make entries at a national regatta, then that determination is conclusive, and there are no additional requirements imposed by FISA.

How does FISA determine what club a rower is a member of?

Many rowers have already registered in the World Rowing Masters Database, in which their club affiliation is recorded. **Starting with the 2017 WRMR in Bled, all competitors must be registered in the World Rowing Masters Database in order to compete.** If a rower has changed their club affiliation since registering on the Database, then it is important that the rower come to the FISA desk (with identification) and change their affiliation before their first race. *Only the rower personally can change their affiliation on the World Rowing Masters Database, not a team manager.*

What happens if a rower's club affiliation is not recorded in the World Rowing Master's Database?

If for some reason a rower's affiliation is not recorded in the Database, then the club for whom the rower competes in his/her first race shall determine the club affiliation for the rest of the regatta, and it cannot be changed. The rower can thereafter change their club affiliation at the FISA desk, but it will not be effective until next year's regatta.