

## **2019 World Urban Games Qualification Guide – Indoor Rowing**

### ***What is it ?***

The World Urban Games (WUG) is a three-day multi-sport event featuring competition and showcase sports alongside a cultural festival in Budapest, Hungary. One shared venue featuring new-generation sports and elite athletes will highlight the competition, creativity, and lifestyle of urban sport. The competition will take place from 13-15 September 2019.

### ***Indoor Rowing at the World Urban Games (WUG)***

For the World Urban Games, eight men and eight women will have the chance to test their strength and skill in varying distances and formats of indoor rowing competition on rowing ergometers with the goal of determining the best all-round indoor rower. Over the three days, six challenges on the Concept 2 rowing ergometer will test different indoor rowing skills and physical adaptations; together the challenges will determine which athletes have mastered the full range of skills and physicality necessary to be a well-rounded indoor rower. Points will be attributed according to rankings for each challenge, and the rower with the highest total points at the end of the last challenge will be the winner. Further details on the points system will be provided to athletes who have qualified for the 2019 WUG. The six challenges will be announced on a rolling basis in the weeks leading up to the WUG.

Indoor rowing has been selected as a showcase sport for the WUG in 2019. This means no medals or country rankings will be awarded to indoor rowing athletes. However, as a multi-sport event with a strong commitment towards creating a festival-like atmosphere, being a part of the event is an opportunity to present indoor rowing to the world in a unique way and grow the rowing community. The festival aspect of this event will demonstrate indoor rowing's accessibility and excitement.

The 16 athletes who qualify for the 2019 WUG will be fully funded with airfare, accommodation, and all meals from 11-16 September 2019.

### ***Qualification Process***

The eight competition places (per gender) at the 2019 World Urban Games will be allocated as following:

1	Automatic Qualification
2	Online Qualification
3	Online Qualification
4	Online Qualification
5	Online Qualification
6	Online Qualification
7	Wildcard
8	Wildcard

1. Automatic Qualification: One place per gender will be offered to the World Champions from the 2019 World Rowing Indoor Championships (WRIC) in the Open 2000m men's and women's events, respectively.
  - a. In the event that a 2019 World Rowing Indoor Champion does not accept a place to compete at the 2019 World Urban Games, this place will be offered to the silver medallist from the same event, and then subsequently to the bronze medallist.
  - b. In the event that none of the medallists from the 2019 WRIC in the Open 2000m events accepts a place to compete at the 2019 WUG, this place would then be reallocated to the online qualifier (conditions below) as a 6<sup>th</sup> online qualifier place.
2. Online Qualifier: Five places per gender will be offered to athletes based on an online qualification tournament. This online qualifier will consist of one workout that athletes must complete and submit scores within the time period defined below.
  - a. The top five scores received from each gender will earn a place at the World Urban Games, except when more than two athletes within each gender of the same nationality have qualified through automatic qualification or online qualification.
    - i. In the event that a third (or greater) athlete of a particular nationality places in the top five of the online qualifier (also considering the nationality of the athlete who has automatically qualified through the criteria in section 1), they would not be offered a place to compete at the 2019 WUG via the online qualification process. That place would then be offered to the next highest placing athlete in the online qualifier who represents a nationality that does not already have two qualified athletes.
  - b. The qualification workout must be completed on a Concept 2 rowing ergometer, model D, with a PM3 or later screen. Visit <https://www.concept2.com/indoor-rowers/finder> to locate a Concept 2 rowing ergometer close to you.
  - c. The qualification workout will be announced on 19 July 2019 at 17h00 Central European Summer Time on <http://www.worldrowing.com/indoor/>
  - d. The online qualifier will take place from 19-28 July 2019. Athletes must complete the qualification workout and submit their score (according to the conditions below) via the Concept2 Logbook within this time period.
  - e. Athletes may complete the workout as many times as they want within the aforementioned time period and may submit multiple scores (according to the conditions below) via the Concept2 Logbook within this time period.
  - f. Requirements for submitting online scores:
    - i. Athletes will be required to submit a photo of the memory page on the Concept 2 monitor, as well as manually enter their score into the logbook.

- ii. Specific instructions on how to set up the workout, and access the memory page after the workout has been completed, will be released with the qualification workout details on 19 July 2019. These instructions must be followed carefully in order to have your score validated.
  - iii. Athletes will be required to acknowledge that they hold a valid passport at the time of their score submission which will determine the athlete's nationality for the competition and check on visa requirements, if necessary, for travel to Budapest in September 2019. Athletes holding multiple valid passports must select one at the time of submission. Upon qualification, athletes will be required to submit a copy of the passport to World Rowing and the WUG Organising Committee.
  - iv. In order to minimize confusion and withdrawals throughout the qualification process, athletes will be required to confirm their intent and availability to compete in the 2019 WUG (13-15 September 2019) at the time of their score submission.
3. Wildcard: Two places per gender will be offered to athletes at the discretion of World Rowing. The intentions of the Wildcard places are to:
  - a. Complement the group of athletes that have qualified via automatic and online qualification,
  - b. Ensure a competitive group of athletes will be competing at the 2019 WUG,
  - c. Support participation in the WUG from a wide range of countries and continents, and
  - d. Ensure an exciting indoor rowing competition at the 2019 WUG.

Wildcard places will be attributed shortly after the close of the online qualification. World Rowing may choose to offer one, or both, of these places to athletes who have participated in the online qualification process. World Rowing may also choose to offer one, or both, of these places to athletes who are of the same nationality as two other qualified athletes of the same gender. There are no specific eligibility criteria for the wildcard places, and these spots will be attributed by the FISA Executive Committee.

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