

World Championships 2027: Training camps in Swiss clubs

Information for clubs

The Rowing World Championships will return to Lucerne in 2027. We are looking for clubs willing to share their infrastructure with teams from all over the world. The primary aim is to support Development Teams, but it may also be possible to host larger squads.

Would your club like to host a training camp? This sheet helps you decide.

Who would come to us?

Depending on what is possible, they would be 'Development Teams' or larger rowing nations. Needs and expectations vary from case to case. The 'Development Teams' ('DT') are small squads. Typically, one to four people (m/f) per nation take part in a World Championships. They are usually accompanied by their own coaching staff. DT come from all over the world, but mainly from South America, Africa and Asia.

When would the teams be at the clubs?

The World Championships take place from 23-29 August 2027. The planned training-camp week is the one directly beforehand - i.e., approximately 14-19 August. Depending on what is possible and on the teams' travel dates, slightly earlier dates are also possible.

What are the aims of a training camp?

The focus is on targeted preparation for the World Championships. Training camps also serve the general development of rowing-relevant skills in the respective countries. In addition, SWISS ROWING and the World Championships Organising Committee want to showcase Switzerland as a strong host and offer club members new experiences and unusual development opportunities.

What equipment and infrastructure would our club need to provide?

Most DT travel without boats. During the training camp, your club should, for example, be able to lend a good racing single scull or double scull with accessories. Ergometers and other training equipment should also be available. If you host more than one country, the obligation of equal treatment applies.

What about para-athletes?

Para rowing plays an important role in World Rowing's Development Programme. Several 'smaller' rowing nations are significantly further ahead in this area than Switzerland. If your club would like to host a training camp that can include para-athletes, the information on this sheet applies equally.

How important is a club's proximity to the Rotsee?

Certain aspects of logistics and acclimatisation are easier for clubs within about a 50 km radius of Lucerne. In principle, however, any club can host a training camp. More important than the distance to the Rotsee is, for example, the water: preferred training venues are calm lakes with good training conditions in August.

How much work will we have with visa applications or other administration?

None. Visa documentation and further organisational aspects are handled directly between the World Championships office and the respective team.

Who covers the costs if a guest needs medical treatment?

The guests bear full responsibility for medical treatment.

Who helps us if problems arise during the training camp?

The first points of contact for clubs are the national training-camp coordinators, Simon Niepmann and Paul Castle. Participating clubs will receive their phone contact details.

Which club members are suitable to help with the training camp?

Your members can take on various roles: driving a motorboat, training as sparring partners, preparing meals, accompanying a tourist excursion, privately hosting an athlete, etc. The skills and development goals of your members depend on the role. For everyone, however: training-camp helpers should be open to new experiences and speak at least one relevant language (e.g., English, French or Portuguese). The early announcement of the training camp allows your members to plan their availability in August!

Who is responsible for team transport?

The Organising Committee will ensure transport from the airport to the club for the training camp and afterwards to the Rotsee for the World Championships. Short transfers during the training camp are organised by the teams themselves, although clubs can of course support them.

Who is responsible for catering and accommodation?

This must be clarified individually with the participating nations. Larger squads will cover accommodation and catering themselves. For DT, the aim is to keep costs for participants as low as possible. Private accommodation with catering would be ideal. If costs arise, participants must cover them themselves. The Organising Committee can cover part of the costs upon request.

How do we know what the guests want/are allowed to eat?

Specific aspects of the stay are clarified by the club in advance with the respective federation.

Who pays the training-camp costs?

Participating teams are generally responsible for covering their costs. Upon request, the Organising Committee can cover part of the costs.

How are our club and everyone involved, including DT, insured during the training camp?

Insurance-related questions are clarified case by case. In principle, responsibility lies with World Rowing and/or the participating teams.

How much influence does our club have on the allocation of a guest country?

When registering (see below), clubs may express preferences, for example for language reasons. The coordinators will try to take these preferences into account. However, registering as a host means being willing to accept all DT countries participating in the 2027 World Championships.

What does our club gain from hosting?

A training camp with international guests is an excellent opportunity for clubs to offer their members new experiences and contacts. Your junior coaches can learn by accompanying the visiting coaches. Young people can finally try out their school English and expand it with sporting terms. Long-term partnerships with the home clubs of DT athletes are also conceivable. Clubs can shine in the media as hosts.

In addition: the Organising Committee will raffle grandstand tickets for the final days of the Rowing World Championships among all host clubs!

Our club has further questions. Who can we talk to?

For national coordination of the training camps, Simon Niepmann (simon.niepmann@lucerneregatta.com) and Paul Castle (paul.castle@lucerneregatta.com) are responsible.

How does our club register to become a host?

In writing, in German, French or English, via Simon and Paul (see above). Please get back to us as soon as possible, but no later than the end of 2026.