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## IRF Observers

The current term of almost all IRF Observers will expire on 31 March 2012: the exceptions are those elected in 2012 (Gediminas Trimakas, Rebecca Shaw). The IRF Membership sub-committee is in consultation with Observers and various countries regarding retirements, replacements and rotation of country representatives.

## Decision-making in the IRF

Throughout 2011, IRF Council has been asked to make some important decisions (such as 12WRC 2014, WRC entry criteria).

As a reminder of our general voting principles, Councillors are asked to:

- continue to make these decisions with the interest of the whole sport in mind (as you have done in the past). For example, “What is the best decision here for rogaining?”
- be guided by the Strategic Plan for Rogaining with regard to our policies, our values and priorities, and
- vote on each occasion.

## Voting procedures in IRF

Voting by IRF councilors is not secret within Council, and at the conclusion of any voting period, a voting Councilor who wishes to, can arrange access to the voting via the returning officer.

## Entry Criteria for 2012 World Rogaining Championships

The number of entries will be limited to 1,000 people and the team size is restricted to 2 or 3 people.

Applications for entry will be taken via an online entry form that will be available when registration opens at 00:00 hours Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on 1 December 2011 for Pre-Qualifying Entrants and registration of interest by non-Pre-Qualifying Entrants (Phase 1). Phase 1 applications shall close at 24:00 hours GMT on 14 December 2011. Applications for entry will continue to be taken after Phase 1 but will be dealt with differently from the Phase 1 applications (Phases 2 & 3).

The entry criteria below, as defined by the International Rogaining Federation (IRF), will give priority entry to some teams. In addition, if there the number of applications for entry in Phase 1 exceeds the number of places available there will be a ballot of places for non-Pre-Qualifying Entrants who register within the Phase 1 period. This ballot shall be overseen by the IRF and shall be a random draw. Beyond Phase 1 applications will be dealt with in order of application so it will be important for all teams to register as soon as possible.

There are places reserved for non-Pre-Qualifying Entrants so, even if you do not qualify as a priority entry, it will be important to get your application in during the Phase 1 period or as early as possible beyond that period.

Registrations will be accepted and confirmed in the three Phases defined below.

### Entry Criteria

#### Pre Qualifying Entrants

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

1.1) 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.

1.2) Teams that include at least one person from a team filling the first 3 places (except as modified below) in any of the 12 age/gender categories in the following qualifying events:

- a) World Rogaining Championships, 2008 or 2010
- b) European Rogaining Championships, 2010 or 2011
- c) North American Rogaining Championships, 2010 or 2011
- d) Australian Rogaining Championships, 2010 or 2011

For pre-qualification a) World Rogaining Championships, 2008 or 2010 the number of places in any age/gender category that provide pre-qualification shall be extended up to 10 subject to the number of teams that achieve pre-qualification through this means not exceeding 30% of the total number of entries in that age/gender category at that event.

For pre-qualification b) European Rogaining Championships, 2010 or 2011 the number of places in any age/gender category that provide pre-qualification shall be extended up to 5 subject to the number of teams that achieve pre-qualification through this means not exceeding 30% of the total number of entries in that age/gender category at that event.

1.3) Teams that include at least one person from a team that filled one of the top two positions in an open category (MO, WO and XO) in the following events:

- Russian Rogaining Championships 2011
- Czech Rogaining Championships 2011
- New Zealand Rogaining Championships 2011
- Finnish Rogaining Championships 2011
- Ukrainian Rogaining Championships 2011
- United States Rogaining Championships 2011
- Catalonian Rogaining Championships 2011
- Latvian Rogaining Championships 2011

1.4) Teams that include at least one person who is an IRF Councilor or Observer as at the date of opening of entries.

## 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 10 competitors per country (inclusive of current registrations).

## Non Pre Qualifying Entrants Category

1. A minimum of 200 competitor (ie 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 or is represented on the IRF Council by an individual voting member as at the date of opening of entries shall retain a maximum of 6 team wildcards for allocation to individuals at the discretion of the national association or representative. 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 organisation of rogaines in that country.
3. The Organisers will retain a maximum of 20 team wildcards for allocation to teams originating from countries not included in 2 above considered to be deserving of a an opportunity to compete in the event through either competitive performance or service to rogaining. Allocation of these wildcards to specific teams requires IRF Executive approval.

## Entry Process and Phases

Prior to Registration opening a list of [PRE-QUALIFYING ENTRANTS](#) will be published on the WRC2012 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 (invited but not yet confirmed) or confirmed (by payment) and, if accepted as Pre-Qualifying Entrant, under-represented or wildcard, the criteria for acceptance.

### Phase One: December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 to December 14<sup>th</sup> 2011

All Entrants are able to register during this period. Pre-Qualifying Entrants who register within this phase are invited via email to confirm their entry. They have 3 weeks to pay following the invitation. If payment is not received within the 3 weeks the team loses its Pre-Qualifying Entrant status and will be reconsidered in Phase 3. All Pre-Qualifying Entrants wishing to take advantage of their Pre-Qualifying Entrant status **MUST** register during this period.

### Phase Two: December 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2012

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.
2. If the number of total registrant teams from Phase 1 exceeds the number of places available, including places reserved for wildcards, then the Non Pre-Qualifying Entrant registrant teams will be listed in order by ballot.
3. If a ballot 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.
4. If a ballot 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. They have 3 weeks to pay following the invitation. If payment is not received within the 3 weeks the team loses its under-representation status and will be reconsidered in Phase 3. The next team in balloted order that qualifies via under-representation will be offered the position.
5. If a ballot 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 <sup>1</sup>Region. Where there are insufficient Non Pre-Qualifying Entrant registrants from outside the WRC Region then this requirement shall be waived. All invitees have 3 weeks to pay following the invitation. If payment is not received within the 3 weeks the team then loses their status and moves the end of the waitlist. The next highest team on the waitlist is then invited to confirm their entry except that the requirements to ensure a minimum of 50% of these competitors are from outside the WRC Region, subject to availability, shall remain.
6. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> See later in document for definition of the WRC Region

## Phase Three: February 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 to August 15<sup>th</sup> 2012

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 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012 and all available places released into the general pool.
3. Under-representation priority not in process will cease on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and all available places released into the general pool.
4. For any available places not taken up by Pre-Qualifying Entrants or the Phase 2 process 50% of these will be offered to registrants from outside the WRC Region to the extent that such registrants are available.
5. Invitations to compete are sent out via email in wait list order subject to meeting the requirements of 4 above.
6. Teams have a 3 week period to confirm their entry by paying. If not confirmed within the 3 weeks the team moves to the bottom of the waitlist and the position is offered to the next team on the list.
7. All wildcard places not allocated by May 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 will be released into the general pool

After the cap of 1,000 people 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.

## Appeals

Any disputes over a team's status under the Pre-Qualifying Entrant criteria will be resolved by appeal to the 2012 WRC appeals committee.

## Payment

The currency of all fees will be quoted in €.

On acceptance of your application the entry fee is to be paid into our Paypal account by either secure credit card transaction or by transfer from a personal Paypal account. A form for making payment will be available after registrations open.

## Withdrawals and Team Changes

A team withdrawing before May 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 will be reimbursed 75% of the entry fee, from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2012, 50%, from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 to July 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 25% and after that there will be no refund. The organisers will then offer the place to the next team on the wait list.

Team membership may be changed (including additions if the number cap is not exceeded) without charge. However, should a change in team membership cause a previously Pre-Qualified team to lose that Pre-Qualification status then their continued eligibility will be subject to their position on the waitlist established by the ballot. If there has been no need for a ballot then a change in team membership shall not lead to any review of team eligibility status.

## Team Categories

Teams will compete in the standard divisions as specified by the IRF. In summary these are:

There will be three gender classes of competition: Men's teams, Women's teams, and Mixed teams, the latter being teams that contain at least one female and one male. In addition, some teams will be eligible for restricted age categories as follows:

- Junior: all team members must be under 20 years of age on the first day of competition.
- Veteran: all team members must be 40 years of age or over on the first day of competition.
- Super Veteran: all team members must be 55 years of age or over on the first day of competition.

There are thus 12 classes overall: MO, WO, XO, MJ, WJ, XJ, MV, WV, XV, MSV, WSV, and XSV. Teams are deemed to compete in every class for which they are eligible, that is:

- All teams are in the Open category of their gender class.
- Junior and Veteran teams are automatically entered in the Open category of their gender class.
- Super Veteran teams are automatically entered in the Open and Veteran categories of their gender class.

Further, a team member represents the country of which they are a citizen or a permanent resident.

The team with the highest score in each class will be the 2012 World Rogaining Champion. Medals will be awarded to the members of the top three teams in each class/category.

## Please Note

By applying to enter participants give their consent to the organisers to set up a database of WRC participants and publish the names of competitors on the WRC website. The information provided at registration will not be used by the organisers for any purpose other than for organising the WRC and seeking feedback after the event.

## WRC Region

The WRC Region is deemed to be Europe as defined at by Wikipedia but including all of Russia and excluding Turkey. See: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Europe#Political\\_geography](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Europe#Political_geography)

## Enquiries

If you have any queries about any of the above information first check out the **Forum** in case someone else has had the same query. If you cannot find the answer there then post your enquiry on the Forum or email [jan.tojnar@rogaining.cz](mailto:jan.tojnar@rogaining.cz)