

# Entry criteria for World Rogaining Championships

The criteria outlined below are intended to be applicable for WRC2012 and beyond. These will be reviewed after WRC2012.

## The overall entry limit

*The overall entry limit at the WRC is 550 participants. The entry limit can be raised to 700 by the WRC organizing committee upon approval from the IRF WRC Manager taking into consideration the terrain type, landowners' conditions and organizational aspects.*

## Limit on the team size

*At the WRC, teams of 2 or 3 members are permitted.*

## Qualifying conditions

Priority entries to the WRC are allocated under three broad categories of criteria, in the order of precedence:

- competitiveness
- diversity
- volunteerism

### *Competitiveness*

In this category, entry is granted on the basis of three grounds:

- 1) nominations by national rogaining associations;
- 2) previous achievements at championship rogaines;
- 3) wild cards, decided by the WRC organizing committee.

*Each national rogaining association has the right to nominate up to 6 teams.*

The national association shall decide the criteria for selection of teams. It may further decide which events serve as qualifying events for that purpose (e.g. national championships), and which age-gender categories these teams represent.

The following teams have a right to enter the WRC:

- 1) *teams that include at least one past world champion in open category (MO, WO, and XO);*
- 2) *teams that include at least one member of top three teams in any of the age-gender categories, and teams that include at least one member of overall top six teams from the World Rogaining Championships 2008 and 2010;*
- 3) *teams that include at least one member of the winning team in any of the WRC age-gender categories, and teams that include at least one member of top three teams in open categories at the following qualifying events:*

- *European Rogaining Championships, 2010 and 2011*
- *North American Rogaining Championships, 2010 and 2011*
- *Australian Rogaining Championships, 2010 and 2011*

*The WRC organizing committee may grant a wild card to up to 10 teams on the basis of previous outstanding performance in rogaining or related endurance and navigation sports.*

### ***Diversity***

In this category, entry may be granted to:

- 1) up to 6 teams (taking into account any teams qualifying under competitiveness criteria) from each rogaining country represented in the IRF at the Member or Observer level;*
- 2) up to 3 teams (taking into account any teams qualifying under competitiveness criteria) from countries not represented in the IRF.*

### ***Volunteerism***

In this category, the following persons have a right to enter:

- 1) rogainers who have participated as a competitor or an organizer at least in five previous WRCs;*
- 2) rogainers who have filled senior roles within rogaining associations and/or senior roles in organising rogaining events for a period of ten years or more.*
- 3) IRF Councillors, representing IRF Members and Observers.*

### **Open entries**

Any remaining vacant entries after the registration of teams under priority criteria are filled under the 'first-come-first-served' principle. However, a team is eligible to register to the WRC only if having a previous experience in participating at a 24-hour rogaine. The event which the team has attended shall be indicated at the time of registration.

### **Registration procedure**

Two dates will be set for registration. Until the date of 'restricted registration' (about 9-12 months ahead of the WRC) any of the eligible teams under the guidelines above can register. Their registration must include the basis on which they are eligible. After the 'open registration' date, if places are still available, other teams can register. When the entry limit is reached, remaining teams can be wait-listed.