

ROWING SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE

1. Competition Dates

Rowing competitions for Open Masters Games Como 2027 (CoOMG27) offers individual and team events for men and women.

The provisional Rowing competitions schedule for CoOMG27 is as follows and could be subject to change according to the requirements of the Organizing Committee and may be modified according to the total number of entries.:

24 Sept 2027	25 Sept 2027	26 Sept 2027
Friday	Saturday	Sunday
09h00 – 17h00	09h00 – 12h00	09h00 – 13h00
Lago di Varese		

All information contained in this Sport Information Guide is current at time of publication and may be subject to change.

The Welcome Ceremony is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 18 September 2027 with the Farewell Ceremony on the evening of Sunday 26 September 2027.

1.1 Organising Committee

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	SPORT FEDERATION	SPORT ASSOCIATION
Sport Management Bernardino Chiavola	Federazione Italiana Canottaggio CR FIC Lombardia Presidente Leonardo Binda	Società Canottieri Varese A.S.D. Presidente Paolo Consonni Sport Director Pierpaolo Frattini

1.2 Competition venue

Venue	Address	City
Lago di Varese	Via dei Canottieri 21	Varese

The Rowing competitions will take place in Schiranna locality situated on the shores of Varese Lake, in Lombardy, Italy. Schiranna is a world-class center, offering ideal conditions for the practice of this sport and hosting major international events. Lake Varese offers ideal conditions for Dragon Boat competition, with calm waters and a mild climate.

Schiranna competition venue



Schiranna Venue Map



2. Sport Regulation

2.1 Age Categories

- Men: 27+, 36+, 43+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+, 83+, 86+, 89+
- Women: 27+, 36+, 43+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+, 83+, 86+, 89+

2.2 Age is determined at 31 December 2027

- To define the age category of the crew will be calculated the average (excluding any coxswain), by dividing the total number of years of age of the crew by the number of members of the crew.
- The minimum age for all competitors (excluding coxswains) is 27.
- The Organizing Committee in case of insufficient entries, reserves the right to group one age category with the one immediately above or below, provided that the prize-awarding is not affected and medals are awarded in the original age category entered.

3. Competition Sport & Disciplines

The Rowing event will be conducted in line with the competition rules of the World Rowing (WR), or as agreed to by the World Rowing Technical Delegate and as otherwise specified in this document.

Disciplines	Age Categories	Distances	Competition Format
M1x, W1x M2x, W2x, Mix2x M2-, W2- M4x, W4x, Mix4x M4-, W4-	All	1.000 mt	• 1-9 entries – 1 final • 10-18 entries – 2 heats, first 4 to final • 19-27 entries – 3 heats, first 3 to final • 28-36 entries – 4 heats, first 2 to final • 37- 54 entries – 6 heats, first 4 to semi-final, 3 semi-finals, first 3 to final • 55-72 entries - 8 heats, first 3 to semifinal, 3 semifinals, first 3 to final • 73-81 entries - 9 heats, first 3 to semifinal, 3 semifinals, first 3 to final • 82-108 entries - 12 heats, first 3 to semifinal, 4 semifinals, first 2 to final • Mixed events will be rowed in divisions and medals awarded to each division

3.1 Type of Competition

3.2 Scheduled Distances

- Single Scull (1x) > 1.000 mt
- Double Scull (2x) > 1.000 mt
- Coxless Pairs (2-) >1.000 mt
- Quad Scull (4x) > 1.000 mt
- Coxed Four (4+) > 1.000 mt
- Coxless Four (4-) > 1.000 mt

3.3 Competition Format

No competition levels in this sport.

4. Competition standards and rules

All races (excluding some adaptive events) will be conducted over 1,000 metres utilising all nine lanes of the course where required. Heats, and where necessary semi-finals, will be conducted where entries are more than the course capacity for all male and female age categories, allowing for a minimum of two athletes/crews to progress to the final from any elimination round.

Mixed events will be rowed in divisions i.e. crews will be drawn in age categories as straight finals with medals being awarded to each division or final. The Board of Regatta may be convened by the jury whenever necessary. The arbitration will be conducted by umpires enrolled in the Italian Rowing Federation.

4.1 Edit racing program /cancel regattas in case of bad weather conditions.

The Organizing Committee, in agreement with the Chairman of the Jury reserves the right to modify the program races and / or cancel individual races and / or the entire event, when the objective conditions are such as to endanger the safety of the athletes or the regularity of the event. In this case, the fees will not be refunded.

4.2 Cancellation of the scheduled races or schedule changes.

Races with less than 4 (four) members will be merged with races of the same specialty and with a maximum of two categories of difference, except for different organizational or enrolment needs.

4.3 Withdrawals and Replacements

Withdrawals or replacements may be made at the time of accreditation. The changes must take place between athletes already enrolled in CoOMG27. The President of the Jury - following the doctor's advice - can exclude from the event any athlete whose physical conditions do not allow the development of the competition, even in relation to climatic conditions and / or the presence of allergenic factors.

A substitute shall not be permitted if the age of the substituting rower would result in the lowering of the average age of the crew by more than one year or would change the age category of the crew concerned.

4.4 Progression System

There will be a final for events where the number of entries is the same or fewer than the number of available racing lanes. Where the number of entries in an event exceeds the number of available racing lanes, the entry will be divided into two or more finals.

4.5 Coxswain

- If you have a coxswain as part of your crew, they must be registered as an athlete and must pay full athlete registration fees to be eligible to receive a medal if their crew has a podium finish.
The coxswain can be of either sex. The minimum weight for the helmsman (wearing the uniform of the race) is:
 - a) female crews - at least 50 kg;
 - b) male crews - at least 55 kg;
- To make up this weight, a coxswain may carry a maximum of 15 kgs deadweight which shall be placed in the boat as close as possible to his person. No article of racing equipment shall be considered as part of this deadweight. At any time, before the race or until immediately after disembarkation, the Control Commission may require the weight of the deadweight to be checked.
- Coxswains are not required to be weighed before their race but are subject to random checks, or selection, by the President of the Jury or his delegate, for weighing immediately after disembarking after their race. If a coxswain, together with any deadweight he has carried in the boat during the race, is found to weigh less than the minimum weight required by these Rules when checked immediately after his race, the crew shall be excluded from that event.

- The Coxswains must be credited as an athlete and as such should submit a medical certificate in compliance with the provisions of the Regulation.

5. Equipment

- Competitors should bring their own boating and security equipment (vests, etc.)

The Organising Committee will offer the possibility to rent the boats and oars, and organizer boats are mandatory to use. Equipment must be reserved and paid for prior to the regatta during the registration process. Without payment, rental will not be guaranteed. Priority will be given to overseas athletes. National based athletes should, wherever possible, arrange to bring their own boats and equipment.

- The boats will have standard rigging which cannot be changed. Only placement and height of the boat foot stretcher can be set for each rower. The boats will be set at 5 degrees of pitch, 0.5- 1 degree of lateral and 158cm span, and set at the maximum height.

Teams can use their own oars to allow personal preferences in gearing and angles.

Personal seat pads and footwear may be used.

6. Uniforms

Crews comprising members of the same club should compete wearing uniform clothing (vests, shorts and any additional garments). Rowing in uniform clothing will not be strictly controlled for composite or “unique name” crews but is preferred.

Crews do not need shirt numbers as they are identified by a number carried on the bow of the boat which corresponds with the lane drawn in the race.

7. Technical meeting

A Technical Meeting will take place before the start of the competitions to remind the regulations to be followed and the behaviour that is expected.

8. Medals

In CoOMG27, the athletes do not represent their country of origin, therefore the prize-awarding ceremonies will be carried out without hoisting flags. No National Anthem of the winning team will be played. The medals will be provided by the Organizing Committee.

9. Additional information

- a. Practice and warm-up facilities

All information about practice and warm up will be available at a later stage.

- b. Disabled

No competition for disabled athletes will be held in this discipline.

10. Personal accident insurance and medical certificate

All participants must organize their personal accident insurance. The competitor registration fee does not cover personal accident insurance.

Personal accident insurance is available to purchase through the Organizing Committee for registered Competitors at the Accreditation Centre.

All participants must have a currently valid medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports.

The medical examinations required (ex D.M. 18 February 1982) to obtain a medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports are:

- medical check-up;
- regular urine test;

- electrocardiogram both at rest and under effort;
- spirometry (breathing test).

For any further information please visit our website (Registration & Terms and Condition).

11. Doping Control

During the Open Masters Games Como Lake 2027 anti-doping controls will be carried out according to the World Masters Sport Anti-doping policy and rules established by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency).

12. Accommodation

Participants are free to select own accommodation according to own preference. To assist participants, an accommodation booking section offering special room rates for the Games is made available on the official website: www.mastersgamesconmolake2027.it

13. Further information

The planning of the CoOMG27 Rowing competition will continue throughout 2026 and early 2027. Additional sport specific operational information will be communicated to registered participants and updated in future additions of this Sports Information Guide. All participants are encouraged to monitor the CoOMG27 website: www.mastersgamesconmolake2027.it and other Games communication channels to find out all the latest information.

If you have any further sport specific questions, please send an email to info@omgcomo27.it