

ROWING

1.0 Name of Sport

Rowing

2.0 Venues

2.1* Name of Venue

Playa de las Arenas

2.2 Location

Coastal line of València, next to the València Marina

2.3 Which other sports or other Gay Games events will be organized in the same area? How will you take advantage of this proximity?

Sailing, Open-Water Swimming, Triathlon, Beach Volleyball, Powerlifting

2.4 Accessibility/Transportation

Subway: L4, L6, L8 and L11

Bus: 19, 92, 95

Valenbisi Stations: 158, 162, 163, 164, 276

Taxi

2 km walking distance from the Village.

2.5 Description of the facilities (spectator seating, locker rooms, warm-up areas, etc.)

It is an open sea venue next to the port of València. It will have rest areas, locker rooms, porta-potties, athletes' registration desk, warm-up areas and a marquee set up. Spectators can see the start and finish from the Marina's north breakwater promenade.

2.6 Describe the venue with respect to the Red Book requirements. If the venue does not meet the Red Book requirements, what are your plans for dealing with this?

Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities required to organize this event in calm waters. We have no other option than to hold this event in the sea. Therefore, we will need to adapt the Red Book to the new coastal rowing sport.

As the discipline will be Coastal Rowing, it will meet FISA's and Spanish requirements for this type of competition. There will be several alternative regatta courses and facilities to launch and recover the boats. The start and finish from the beach will also be considered.

2.7 What events are usually held in this venue?

Multiple cultural and sporting events take place at the València Marina every year, including international Triathlon events. In 2020, the València Triathlon World Cup was hosted there and in 2021, it will be home to the European Championship. Other national and international sporting events have also taken place here, including 5 editions of Formula 1 and 2 and the America's Cup, regional and national rowing competitions, coastal rowing regattas, traditional rowing regattas, and all types of nautical discipline competitions.

2.8 Why did you choose this venue?

A legendary port in the city of València with its great location and a large surface area, allowing for closed courses, thus making it very safe event. This venue has previously organized rowing races and it is the reference venue for the València Region Rowing Federation in our city.

2.9 If more than one venue will be used, what are the issues and solutions for this (transportation, communication, etc.)?

Not applicable

3.0 Nature of the Event

3.1 Anticipated number of participants

250

3.2 Expected breakdown (by gender, by region of origin). On what basis were these numbers derived?

70% men, 30% women. Numbers estimated from previous events.

4.0 Organizational Resources

4.1* Is there a national and/or international LGBT sports organization for the sport?

The Gay and Lesbian Rowing Federation (GLRF). Despite not being a member of the FGG, they provide technical assistance and facilitate the adoption of regatta rules and policies that work within the framework of the host country's national rowing governing body's rules of rowing, while also serving the interests of the gay and lesbian rowing community. <https://www.glr.info/glrcentral/>

4.2* Will a regional (national, international) sanctioning or governing body be involved?

The València Region Rowing Federation - <https://fremocv.org/>

4.3 Will this event be sanctioned?

Yes, it will be sanctioned by the València Region Rowing Federation - <https://fremocv.org/> with advice from the GLRF.

4.4* Who will organize/manage the event?

The València Region Rowing Federation - <https://fremocv.org/>

4.5* Will a local club be involved in the organization of the event?

Several local clubs and the Samarucs LGBTQ+ Sports Club.

4.6 What local experience is available to the host in organizing competitions for this sport?

The València Region Rowing Federation organizes several rowing competitions during the year: local, regional and national events. 2020 Regional Rowing regatta, 650 rowers. 2021 three Rowing regattas, including one national sanctioned coastal rowing event.

5.0 Organization of the Event

5.1 Description of tournament (seeding, rounds, etc.), relative to Red Book requirements.

The regatta will meet the FISA requirements for Coastal Rowing, set over a course of 4 km, using the progressions system of the World Rowing Coastal Championships.

5.2 Categories/Divisions

The boat classes will be C1X, C2X and C4X+ (general, women-only, mixed) open, masters, adaptive.

5.3 Scheduling (number of days, etc.)

3 days

5.4 Number of competitive instances per athlete

Participants may enter both single-gender (general/women-only) and mixed-gender events.

5.5 Total number of competitive instances

Depending on the number of registered athletes.

5.6 If the event is ticketed, how will tickets be sold, distributed, and collected?

Not slated to be ticketed.

5.7 Is sport-specific sponsorship possible for this event?

It is possible. In fact, we will be exploring various options as we move towards hosting the event.

6.0 Specific FGG Policies

6.1 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Age and Ability?

Two age divisions: Open (18-26) and Masters (27+). Multiple ability levels

6.2 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Disability?

The port is fully accessible and adapted for those with reduced mobility. There are special categories for people with disabilities. If there is interest and enough registered participants, Para Rowing (PR) divisions may be used. Hearing and visual disabilities will be accommodated.

6.3 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Gender in Sport?

A women-only category and a general category will be proposed.

6.4 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Health and Well-being, and in particular, Performance-Enhancing Drugs?

Medical assistance will be on hand should it be needed. All policies for health and well-being, including the use of performance-enhancing drugs, will be adhered to.

6.5 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Officials?

The regatta should use officials certified by the València Region Rowing Federation. All FGG guidelines regarding the training, accreditation and recruitment of officials will be adhered to.

6.6 Will you be able to meet sport- specific Red Book requirements? What are the difficulties you foresee for meeting these requirements, and how will you deal with them? What gives you confidence that you will be able to respect Red Book requirements?

We will not meet the Red Book requirements, as they are only for fine rowing. We will offer an official competition of Coastal Rowing following all FISA standards, with a quality level that is on par with the National Coastal Rowing Championship.

7.0 Additional Comments

We have a specific rowing sport called coastal rowing. We have consulted with the FGG about offering this version of rowing instead of the standard one usually offered at the Games. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities required to organize this event in calm waters. We have no other option than to hold this event in the sea. Therefore, we will need to adapt the Red Book to the new coastal rowing sport.

