



International Rowing

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Eight days to stage one of the Rowing World Cup

Rowers from 46 nations will be competing in the first leg of the 2006 **Rowing World Cup** to be held in Munich, Germany from 25 to 27 May. A record number of 750 athletes will row in 340 boats at the Munich Olympic Rowing Course. The course was the venue of the 1972 Olympic regatta, and will be host to the 2007 World Rowing Championships in August next year.

The highest number of entries are from the host nation and winner of last year's Rowing World Cup Overall Trophy, Germany, with 85 athletes entered. Last year's runners up in the World Cup points race Italy and Great Britain have entered 54 and 49 athletes, respectively.

Worth a mention is the very high entry from China, with 23 crews entered in 13 events. Is this an indication of Chinese rowing getting geared up for racing at the 2008 Beijing Olympics?

Always faithful to her position in the women's single scull, World Champion Ekaterina Karsten from Belarus will be defending her status as Rowing World Cup leader once again this year.

In the absence of New Zealand's 2005 World Champion Mahe Drysdale at this first stage of the World Cup, the men's single's field will be a battle between Olympic gold medallist from Norway Olaf Tufte, 2005 World Cup winner in Ondrej Synek from the Czech Republic, last weekend's Duisburg winner Marcel Hacker of Germany and a hefty field of 36 new and old names in this event including a promising race-off between Slovenia's star rowers and 2005 World Rowing male crew of the year award winners Iztok Cop and Luka Spik.

This first stage of the 2006 Rowing World Cup is a chance for many nations to test out some new combinations in real-time conditions as they get geared up for the rest of the World Cup season and the World Rowing Championships in Eton, Great Britain from 20 to 27 August.

The event will be streamed live across Europe on www.eurosport.com and be available for all non-European viewers on the WCSN website www.wcsn.com. In addition, Eurosport will be broadcasting the A Finals of the event live on its channel on Saturday 27 May live from 10:00 to 11:45 and deferred from 18:30 to 19:00 CET. The event shall be broadcast on several European channels including BBC in the UK – see local TV times for details.

The Rowing World Cup series was launched back in 1997 and includes all 14 Olympic boat classes. The overall **Rowing World Cup** champions are determined after a series of three regattas. This year, these will be held in Munich, Germany (25 – 27 May), Poznan, Poland (15 – 17 June) and the final in Lucerne, Switzerland (7 – 9 July).

Visit the new look official website of the International Rowing Federation and the Rowing World Cup www.worldrowing.com, for a full list of entries, a racing timetable as well as an extensive boat class preview. During racing, this website will provide live scoring, interviews, press releases, start lists and full results.

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Munich, 2006

25th-27th May 2006

ENTRIES BY EVENT

As of TUE 16 MAY 2006

International Events									
LW1x	LM1x	LM2-							
[17]	[18]	[21]							

25	21	14							
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AUT	AUT	AUS
CHN1	CRO	AUT
CHN2	CZE1	BRA
CHN3	CZE2	DEN
CZE	ESP1	ESP1
DEN	ESP2	ESP2
ESP1	FRA1	GBR
ESP2	FRA2	GER1
FIN	GBR	GER2
FRA1	GER	GER3
FRA2	GRE1	GER4
GBR1	GRE2	GER5
GBR2	GRE3	ITA
GER	GUA	RUS
GRE	HKG	
HKG1	ITA1	
HKG2	ITA2	
HUN	NED	
ITA	PLE	
MDA	SLO	
NED	TUR	
NOR		
POL		
RUS		
SUI		

	NFs	Crews	Competitors
Men	39	132	345
Women	24	76	161
Lightweight Men	31	83	182
Lightweight Women	23	49	68
Total	46	340	752

Legend:

W1x	Women's Single Sculls	M1x	Men's Single Sculls	W2-	Women's Pairs	M2-	Men's Pairs
W2x	Women's Double Sculls	M2x	Men's Double Sculls	M4-	Men's Four	LW2x	Lwt. Women's Double Sculls
LM2x	Lightweight Men's Double Sculls	LM4-	Lightweight Men's Four	W4x	Women's Quadruple Sculls	M4x	Men's Quadruple Sculls
W8+	Women's Eight	M8+	Men's Eight	LW1x	Lightweight Women's Single Sculls	LM1x	Lightweight Men's Single Sculls
LM2-	Lightweight Men's Pairs						



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		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13]	[14]		
ALG	Algeria									1						ALG	1
AUS	Australia	1		4	4		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	AUS	18
AUT	Austria		3							1						AUT	7
BEL	Belgium		1				1			1						BEL	3
BLR	Belarus	1		2		1	1					1			1	BLR	7
BRA	Brazil				1							1				BRA	3
BUL	Bulgaria		2													BUL	2
CHI	Chile									1						CHI	1
CHN	Peoples Republic of China	2		3	1	3	1		3	1	1	2	1	1	1	CHN	23
CRO	Croatia		1		2		1	2								CRO	7
CYP	Cyprus		1													CYP	1
CZE	Czech Republic	1	1		1	2		1		1			1			CZE	11
DEN	Denmark			1				1	2	1	3		1			DEN	11
EGY	Egypt				1					1						EGY	2
ESP	Spain		1		3				3	2						ESP	15
EST	Estonia		1				3									EST	4
FIN	Finland		2						1							FIN	4
FRA	France	1	2			1	3		1	1						FRA	13
GBR	Great Britain		1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1		1	1	GBR	18
GER	Germany	1	1	4	1	2	3	3	2	3	1		1	2	1	GER	32
GRE	Greece				1		1	1	1	2	1					GRE	11
GUA	Guatemala															GUA	1
HKG	Hong Kong, China		1							1						HKG	5
HUN	Hungary		1				1		1		1					HUN	5
IRL	Ireland	1			1			2	1	2	1					IRL	8
ITA	Italy	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2		1		1	ITA	21
KOR	Republic of Korea	1	1	2		1	1	1								KOR	7
LAT	Latvia	1														LAT	1
LTU	Lithuania		2				1									LTU	3
MDA	Republic of Moldova															MDA	1
NED	Netherlands		2	1	1	1		1	1		1			1	1	NED	12
NOR	Norway	1	1			1	1									NOR	5
PLE	Palestine															PLE	1
POL	Poland	1	1		1	1	2	1	1		2		1		1	POL	13
ROM	Romania		1	1	1						1			1	1	ROM	6
RSA	Republic of South Africa	1			1						1					RSA	3
RUS	Russian Federation	2		1			1	1	1	1	1	1				RUS	12
SCG	Serbia and Montenegro	1			1											SCG	2
SLO	Slovenia	1	3		2			1		1						SLO	9
SUI	Switzerland	1	1		1		1			2	2				1	SUI	10
SVK	Slovakia	1	2							1						SVK	4
SWE	Sweden	1	1				1		1							SWE	4
TUR	Turkey		1				1			1						TUR	4
URU	Uruguay												1			URU	1
USA	United States of America	1		2		1			1							USA	5
UZB	Uzbekistan				1				1	1						UZB	3
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