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Welcome to Lucerne!

Dear Rowing Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the global Rowing community to the 2027 World Rowing Championships in Lucerne.

These Championships will carry a special significance: they represent the first qualification opportunity for LA28, where ambition, preparation and performance will converge. For athletes and crews from around the world, Lucerne will be the stage on which Olympic and Paralympic dreams are confirmed, challenged and, for many, realised.

There could be no more fitting venue than the Rotsee to host such a moment. Universally regarded as one of the most beautiful and fairest Rowing course in the world, the Rotsee has long been synonymous with excellence, sporting integrity and unforgettable racing. Its history is inseparable from the history of our sport, and its setting provides a natural amphitheatre worthy of Rowing's greatest events.

On behalf of World Rowing, I would like to thank the organising committee, our partners, volunteers and the City of Lucerne for their commitment to delivering a World Championships of the highest standard. I look forward to welcoming athletes, coaches, officials and fans to Lucerne in 2027.



Jean-Christophe Rolland
President, World Rowing



Welcome to the „Lake of Gods“

Dear Competitors and Visitors,

Less than two years to go until the 2027 World Rowing Championships will be back in Lucerne for a fifth time. We are ready to welcome the athletes from all over the world, to write the next chapter of rowing history on the iconic “Lake of Gods”, the Rotsee. The entire team is working hard to ensure that athletes will get to compete under the best possible conditions and spectators will be able to celebrate the emotions of our sport in a worthy setting. Together with our dedicated partners and volunteers, we aim to deliver an exceptional championship that honours tradition, inspires excellence, and unites our global rowing family. See you in Lucerne!



Mario Gyr
President, Organising Committee

For more than a century, Lucerne has been writing rowing history. When the Lucerne Regatta Association was founded in 1903, no one could have imagined the role that Lucerne will play in the world of rowing. Since 1933, the idyllic Rotsee – long revered by athletes as the “Lake of Gods” – has served as the stage for the world’s greatest rowers, a natural lake whose calm surface guarantees unparalleled fair racing conditions. In 1962, the very first Rowing World Championships were held here. In 1974, the first World Championship medals for women and lightweight rowers were awarded on the Rotsee. Another two World Championships were held here in 1982 and 2001.

To carry this tradition into a strong future, the rowing infrastructure on the lake was modernised ahead of 2016 with a total budget of 20

million Swiss francs — always in harmony with the surrounding protected nature and recreational area. Thus, in 2027, Lucerne will offer ideal conditions for the next Rowing World Championships, which also serve as a crucial qualification for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles in 2028.

More than 60,000 spectators are expected in Lucerne. A U-shaped finish arena with grandstands on both sides of the lake, and a temporary bridge connecting the two sides will transform the Rotsee into a vibrant festival of rowing. And when the cowbells ring at the finish, the next chapter of rowing history will be written.



Host City Lucerne

Lucerne is a city shaped by water, mountains and history. Nestled between the gentle shores of Lake Lucerne and the dramatic peaks of the Swiss alps, it has always been a place where nature and culture meet. As one of Switzerland's most celebrated tourism destinations, Lucerne welcomes guests from all over the world to experience its medieval old town, its lakeside promenades and the vibrant cultural life.

For generations, rowing has been part of this identity. The LUCERNE REGATTA, held since 1903, has earned a permanent place in the hearts of both athletes and locals alike. With the 2027 World Rowing Championships, Lucerne is ready to take the next step – transforming this legendary regatta into an unforgettable sports festival.

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World Rowing Championships Village

The World Championships will bring rowing into the very heart of Lucerne. In the middle of the city center, directly by the lake and only a few steps away from the historic city center, a spectacular World Championship Village will arise. Surrounded by the breathtaking panorama of Lake Lucerne and the Alps, it will become the central gathering place for athletes, fans, partners and the entire region. Spectators will be able to follow the races live on a giant screen, while in the evening it is planned to host the official medal ceremonies, framed by concerts, culinary experiences and cultural performances.

Lucerne is where culture and sport come together – and in 2027, the world will feel that connection like never before.



Host City Lucerne

Lucerne City and Rotsee



- 01 Lucerne Oldtown
- 02 Chapel Bridge
- 03 Busstation Nr. 1 direction Rotsee
- 04 Lucerne Trainstation
- 05 KKL
- 06 World Championships Village (Kurplatz)
- 07 Lion Monument
- 08 Busstation Nr. 1 Maihofmatte-Rotsee
- 09 Rowing Center Rotsee
- 10 Rotsee Start Arena (swimming area)
- 11 Finish Area
- Busline Nr. 1

Accommodation

All teams participating at the 2027 World Rowing Championships have the option to reserve accommodation through the official booking platform. Thanks to our partnership with the Lucerne Hotels association we can guarantee best rates.

Booking through this platform provides access to discounted accommodation rates, lunch and dinner at the venue, as well as centralised coordination support and airport transfer. Accommodation management is carried out in cooperation with Bucher Travel.

To make a booking on the official platform, click or scan the QR-Code.



Local Transportation

Most team hotels will be within the city center of Lucerne. Note that public transport within the city center, including the venue, is free of charge for anyone staying in the city center. Teams are encouraged to use the frequent and reliable public transport to get to and from the venue. Using public transport is an important contribution to sustainability and to reducing the event's carbon footprint.

Click or scan the QR-Code to go to the SBB website and search for your right connection.



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Para Drop-Off and Pick-Up Point

Para-crews not using the shuttle service will have alternative options to access the venue, depending on vehicle height. An additional permit will be required for these options and can be collected at the regatta office. Further details will be communicated ahead of the event.



Team Catering Options

For the World Rowing Championships, the OC has established official accommodation and catering arrangements in order to ensure standards, operational efficiency, and appropriate service levels for all participating teams.

Option 1

Teams who have booked through the official booking platform

Please note that there are two different catering options depending on the hotel selected.

Option 1 A - Hotel with all meals provided at the hotel

This is applicable to the following hotels: Seminarhotel Campus Sursee, Hotel Winkelried and Ameron Hotel Flora

- Breakfast served at the hotel.
- Lunch and dinner served at the hotel.

Please note that until 48 hours before the start of competition, teams may book lunch at the venue instead of at the hotel.

Option 1 B - Hotel that offers breakfast only and lunch & dinner at the rowing venue

- Breakfast served at the hotel.
- Lunch and dinner served at the venue.

Teams that do not wish to make use of the catering at the venue may make their own arrangements. In such cases, teams are responsible for organising their own lunch and dinner, and an allowance of CHF 45.00 per person per day will be deducted from the hotel price listed on the platform.

Option 2

Teams who have made their own hotel arrangements (not through the official booking platform)

Teams are asked to organize their own lunch and dinner. Should teams choose to have lunch and dinner at the venue, this can be booked through the OC. Detailed information will be posted on the website ahead of the event. This procedure follows the same approach as applied at the annual LUCERNE REGATTA. The booking deadline will be approximately two weeks ahead of the event with limited availability for last-minute changes.

Parking

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Team Parking will be in the Schachenstrasse (Ebikon), in close proximity to the venue. Team Managers will receive a limited number of parking passes. Teams are encouraged to drop athletes off on the main road (using the former bus stop "Rotseestrasse"). There is no parking possibility within the venue itself.

Trailer Parking

The organizing committee is currently working on a new solution for trailer parking. We aim at having the new system in place during the 2026 World Rowing Cup / LUCERNE REGATTA.



Teamspace and Services on site

Space at the venue is limited, and the OC is currently planning measures to expand the available areas to accommodate teams as effectively as possible. To ensure fair distribution, each team will be allocated a defined amount of space according to team size.

Teams are welcome to share their space requirements or specific needs with us, and we will take these into consideration during the planning process. Further details regarding allocated areas and services on site will be communicated in due course.



Link to survey: Click or scan QR-Code.

Ice Bath

The OC is currently working on a solution to provide a designated area for ice baths at the venue. Our aim is to ensure that all athletes have access to optimal recovery and preparation conditions during the competition. Due to environmental protection regulations, ice bath facilities cannot be placed on the Rotsee meadow. Further information regarding the availability and location of the ice bath facilities will be shared as soon as the arrangements are finalised.



If you require a visa to enter Switzerland, an official invitation letter from the OC can be issued for you and your team. For each person, the following details are needed:

- Surname and first name
- Date of birth
- Passport number with date of issue and expiry
- Function in the team (e.g. athlete, coach)

In addition, please provide your hotel name and address, exact check-in and check-out dates (the invitation letter will only cover this period), the address of your federation, and the Swiss embassy where you will apply for the visa.

This information should be sent well in advance by email to: info@lucerne2027.com

If you are unsure whether you need a visa to enter Switzerland, please check the official requirements. Click or scan the QR-Code below.



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Additional Information

Pre World Championships Training Camp

Note that because of the tight construction schedule, if at all, a maximum of three days of non-official training will be possible ahead of the venue opening (19.08.2027). Should you need support with organizing a pre-event training camp within Switzerland, we kindly ask you to get in touch with us. We will liaise with interested rowing clubs that can offer the required infrastructure needed.

Should you be interested, kindly contact us through info@lucerne2027.com.

Practical Information (wind and weather)

The Rotsee offers outstanding conditions for competitive rowing. Its dimensions and natural layout allow for Olympic-style six-lane racing over a 2,000-metre course. Thanks to its sheltered location and geographical characteristics, the Rotsee is widely regarded as one of the fairest rowing venues worldwide. Beyond its sporting importance, the Rotsee is a protected nature reserve with a diverse range of flora and fauna. Its surrounding areas are used year-round by local residents for recreation, making the careful balance between sport, nature, and public use essential.

For further details, please click or scan the QR-Code to get to the "Meteorological Monitoring – Lucerne 2027" document.



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Victory Ceremonies

The OC is working on an updated format for Victory Ceremonies at the 2027 World Rowing Championships. It is foreseen to have the medal ceremonies in the evening of each racing day in the World Championships Village (city center). More details will be shared in due course.

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