Competition Format and Rules

Format et règlement des compétitions

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Youth Olympic Competition Format

The Rowing Coastal Beach Sprints at Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games consists of men's and women's solo events and a mixed double sculls event. For all events, the competition starts with time trial 1 and time trial 2, followed by last 16, quarterfinals, semifinals, finals.

Differences between the World Rowing Under 19 Championships and the Summer Youth Olympic Games

At the World Rowing Under 19 Championships, the number of participants in each event is higher.

Changes since Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games

Rowing Coastal Beach Sprints is on the programme for the first time in Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games.

Sport Rules and Procedures

Beach Sprint is a head-to-head elimination style of racing, with a short sprint along the beach, a 250m row, and a 180-degree turn before rowing back to the beach and sprinting to the finish line. Competitions are structured such that athletes who progress further are required to race multiple times within a short time frame. This discipline of rowing tests power and endurance, as well as coastal navigation skills and performance under fatigue.

Scoring

In head-to-head races, the winning crew is the first crew to press the finish button on the beach.

Tie Break Rules

Despite the fact that finish times are measured to 1/100th of a second, ties may occur.

During the Time Trial and Last 16:

- If there is a dead heat, a re-row will be held over the same course between the crews involved, except if both of the tied crews progress into the same level of the next round, in which case their positions in the next round will be determined by a random draw

During Quarterfinals and Semifinals:

- If a dead heat occurs, the crew with the fastest time in the previous round in which both of the tied crews raced will be given the higher ranking for progression to the next round. If those times are equal, then the times of both crews in the next previous round will be used to break the tie. If this does not break the tie, then the progression to the next round between the tied crews will be determined by a random draw supervised by the Jury.

During the Finals:

- If a dead heat occurs in Final A or Final B, the crews concerned will be given equal ranking and the next rank will be left empty

Penalties / Disqualification Rules

The penalties and disqualification procedures are governed by the World Rowing rules and IOC practice. In case of breach of the rules, World Rowing may impose appropriate sanctions. The sanctions available are: Reprimand, time penalty, yellow card, relegation (REL), red card (EXC) or disqualification (DSQ).

Protests / Appeals

Disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the World Rowing regulations and current rules. No crew or member federation shall have the right to lodge any objection, protest or appeal on any issue at Rowing Coastal Beach Sprint regattas except by way of a Challenge. A decision of the Challenge Panel shall be final, with no further right of appeal.

Note:
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