



**TO:** All Coaches and Athletes

**FROM:** RCA High Performance Program

**DATE:** June 2018

**RE:** **Pan American Qualification Regatta**

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Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) was recently notified that for the 2019 Pan American Games, a qualification event is now required for *all* Pan American nations to earn entry positions into the Games. The Pre-Pan American Qualification Regatta will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 29 to December 3, 2018.

RCA has identified the following process to offer an exciting opportunity to gain international race experience as selected members of Team Canada for the Pre-Pan American Qualification Regatta.

**Selection Terms:**

- Senior Carded Athletes within the National Training Centre (NTC) will *not be eligible* to compete at the Pre-Pan American Qualification Regatta.
- RCA expects that Canadian entries for the Qualification Regatta will be comprised of development and NextGen athletes.
- Athlete selection will be offered in order of finish ranking at the 2018 Speed Order – National Team Selection Trials based on the event breakdown provided below (less NTC athletes).
- Invitations will be offered in rank order until all positions within the identified events have been accepted. RCA's High Performance program staff will be in contact with prospective participants in late July 2018.
- 2019 Pan American Games qualifications gained through the Pre-Pan American Qualification Regatta are attributed to the nation (i.e. Canada), as opposed to the individual athlete(s) that represent RCA during the Pre Pan American Qualifier.
- Athletes interested in seeking selection to the **2019 Pan American Games** will be required to undertake a formal selection process identified by RCA and the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) in the Spring of 2019.

**Event Details:**

- The estimated departure for the regatta is November 24/25 and returning December 3.
- The regatta and program are a **self-funded** initiative.
- Regatta organizers have confirmed their support in providing accommodation and equipment and are working to confirm meals for all competitors.
- Athletes accepting an invitation to participate, will receive operational support from RCA.
- Note: At this stage, the Assessment Fee is unknown. As RCA receives more information, we will circulate this to all potential participants.

<b>Team Size/Breakdown for the Pre-Pan American Qualification Regatta will be based on the highest finishers within the following events at the 2018 Speed Order - National Team Selection Trials</b>			
<b>Speed Order Events</b>	<b>Total Athletes</b>	<b>Pre-Pan American Qualification Regatta Events</b>	
M2-	4	M4- / M2-	
M1x	2	M2x / M1x	M4x
LM1x	2	LM2x	
W1x	2	W2x / W1x	W4x
W2-	2	W2-	
LW1x	2	LW2x / LW1x	
<b>Total Team Size:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Athletes (6 HM, 2 LM, 4 HW &amp; 2 LW)</b>	

***For more information on the Pre-Pan American Qualification Regatta please see attached communication...***