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GENERAL RULES

This document sets out the race rules for the **Club (Master Mix)** and **Open (Open Mix)** categories of the DenizBank Tersane Istanbul Rowing Cup 2026. The Corporate (Corporate Mix) category is announced in a separate bulletin.

The races are held in accordance with the Turkish Rowing Federation (TKF) Coastal Rowing Race Regulations and World Rowing coastal racing rules. Any matter not covered by this document is governed by those rules.

1. Right of participation

Registration in both categories is limited to teams composed of **five persons**: four rowers and one coxswain.

- **Two rowers must be women and two must be men.** The coxswain is not included in the gender composition.
- **Club (Master Mix):** All crew members, including the coxswain, must belong to the same club. The category is open to clubs from abroad.
- **Open (Open Mix):** Individual athletes, single-club crews or crews composed of athletes from different clubs may enter. No club or country affiliation is required.

An athlete may **not compete in both the Club and the Open category** in the same edition. Competing in two categories as Corporate + Club or Corporate + Open is permitted.

A Corporate team may **not enter the Open category as a team (with the same crew)**. Corporate athletes may take part in the Open category only individually, in crews that comply with the rules of that category.

Each crew must designate a **Captain** from among its members at the time of registration. Crews for which a Captain has not been designated will not be allowed to board. The Captain's obligations are set out in Annex 2.

2. Terms of registration

Registrations are accepted through **tersaneistanbulrowingcup.com.tr** and **tersaneistanbul.com.tr**. There is no entry fee.

Registration deadline: 4 September 2026.

Registrations are processed in order of application. The Organising Committee reserves the right to manage the quota, to close registrations before the announced date and to assess applications.

Documents

- **Turkish athletes:** A TKF licence valid for the year 2026 is mandatory for all crew members, including the coxswain.
- **Foreign athletes:** Registration in the World Rowing Athlete Bios and a signed **Health Declaration and Liability Form** (Annex 6) are sufficient. A TKF licence is not required.

- **Standard of Open athletes:** The Organising Committee may require athletes entering the Open category to provide evidence that they compete at international level.

The organisation does not require personal accident insurance from participants. By signing the declaration in Annex 6, participants accept that they take part in the race at their own responsibility.

Crew changes

After the closing of registration and up to the first Delegates and Captains Meeting, up to **50% of a crew's composition** may be changed. No changes are accepted after that meeting.

3. Age categories

Category	Age requirement
Club (Master Mix)	Every athlete in the crew must be 27 years of age or older.
Open (Open Mix)	18 years of age or older.

Age is calculated according to the World Rowing masters principle: the age the athlete **reaches during the calendar year of the race** applies (1 January reference).

4. Coxswain

- Coxswains must be **at least 16 years old**.
- A TKF licence is mandatory for Turkish coxswains.
- No minimum weight is required.
- The coxswain must wear a lifejacket at all times while on board.
- In the Club category the coxswain must also be registered with the crew's club.

5. Boat class and categories

Category	Boat class	Boat supply
Club (Master Mix)	C4X+ (Coastal Coxed Quad)	Crews use their own boats.
Open (Open Mix)	C4X+ (Coastal Coxed Quad)	Boats may be chartered from clubs through the organisation.

No restriction is applied to boat or oar materials.

> **Chartered boats:** The **chartering crew** is responsible for ensuring that the chartered boat meets the safety and equipment standards set out in Annex 1. The charter is subject to a separate charter agreement signed between the crew and the owning club. Any damage to the boat is covered by the chartering crew under the charter agreement.

6. Authorised equipment and identification

For authorised equipment, standards in force and boat identification, refer to Annex 1. The Jury may refuse the boarding of a crew if it considers that the boat does not fulfil the minimum safety or identification requirements. Equipment control is carried out by TKF referees.

No crew may use substances or products capable of modifying or improving the performance of their boat, under penalty of disqualification.

7. Racing distance and course

Both categories race on the same buoyed course, in separate programme blocks.

Leg	Distance
Start → Buoy 1	1,350 m
1 → 2	560 m
2 → 3	670 m
3 → 4	410 m
4 → Finish	510 m
Total	**3,500 m**

The TKF Fair Race Commission has the right to modify the racing distance and the course according to weather and sea conditions. The course map and buoy coordinates are set out in Annex 4.

8. Competition format

- **Six to eight boats** start in each race.
- The start is given as a **mass start from a 100 m start line**. Coastal Rowing Endurance rules apply.
- The first **three** boats in each heat qualify for the next round.
- The competition concludes with an **A Final** and a **B Final**.

Programme

Day	Time	Programme
Friday, 11 September 2026	All day	Free training and course familiarisation
Friday, 11 September 2026	18:00	1st Delegates and Captains Meeting (online — Google Meet)
Saturday, 12 September 2026	14:00 – 18:00	Club and Open heats
Saturday, 12 September 2026	Evening	2nd Delegates and Captains Meeting (online — Google Meet)
Sunday, 13 September 2026	14:00 – 18:00	Club and Open finals
Sunday, 13 September 2026	19:00	Prize-giving ceremony — Tersane Istanbul Rowing Cup Main Stage

The categories are held regardless of the number of entries received.

9. Ranking

No points system is applied. The ranking is determined by the order of arrival in the final of the relevant category.

The ranking is established by the **Finish Judge**; no tie is declared.

10. Rewards and prize money

Medals are awarded to the top three crews in each category. The prize-giving ceremony takes place on **13 September 2026 at 19:00** at the Tersane Istanbul Rowing Cup Main Stage.

In both categories, prize money is awarded **per boat** as follows:

Category	1st prize	2nd prize	3rd prize
Open (Open Mix)	USD 100,000	USD 50,000	USD 25,000
Club (Master Mix)	USD 40,000	USD 25,000	USD 10,000

Payment terms

- Prizes are awarded **per boat**.
- In the **Open category**, the prize is paid to the **USD IBAN account** of each boat's team captain within **30 days** after the race. The account must be a USD IBAN.
- In the **Club category**, prizes won are paid to the club's **official account**.

11. Delegates and Captains Meeting

On the eve of each racing day, a meeting is organised by the Organising Committee under the direction of the Jury President. Race information and weather reports are communicated to the participating delegates and captains.

- Meetings are held online via **Google Meet**.
- **The participation of one representative per boat is mandatory.**
- 1st meeting: Friday, 11 September 2026 at 18:00.
- 2nd meeting: Saturday, 12 September 2026, evening.

Crews must confirm their final composition at the first meeting.

12. General principles of safety

For general safety principles, the obligations of participants and Captains, and traffic direction, refer to Annex 2. Race-specific safety information is communicated during the Delegates and Captains Meetings.

13. Starting procedure and running of the races

All provisions concerning boarding, the starting procedure, false starts, navigation rules, the finish and the post-race attendance check are set out in Annex 3.

14. Race Director

The Race Director of the organisation is **Adem Korkutur**. The Race Director:

- Is in contact with the maritime authorities and is the only person authorised to communicate and receive information with them;
- Authorises the departure or the cancellation of the races;
- Ensures that all safety measures are operational;
- Is in permanent contact with the Jury President;
- Intervenes if the race conditions are unfavourable as regards safety.

15. Jury and referees

The races are conducted by the **referee board of the Turkish Rowing Federation**, which carries out the functions of control commission, starter, start judges, course referees, turn stewards and finish judge.

Equipment and identity checks are carried out by TKF referees. In the application of the navigation rules, **the final decision always rests with the TKF referees**.

16. Complaints

Complaints are governed by the rules of the Turkish Rowing Federation. Situations defined as a "race incident" in Annex 3 cannot be the subject of a complaint.

17. Timing and results

Timing and the publication of results are provided by the Turkish Rowing Federation.

18. Medical and safety services

Medical services throughout the competition are provided by **Tersane Istanbul**; a first-aid team is present in the event area.

Safety on the water is provided by the **Turkish Coast Guard Command, the Directorate General of Coastal Safety, the Marine Police** and the **safety boats of the organisation**.

19. Image and broadcasting rights

Participants accept to be filmed, photographed and recorded during the DenizBank Tersane Istanbul Rowing Cup for the purposes of communicating, broadcasting and promoting the event, and authorise the use of these recordings by the organisation and its sponsors.

20. Governing language

This document is published in Turkish and in English. **In the event of any discrepancy between the two texts, the Turkish text prevails.**

ANNEX 1 — AUTHORISED EQUIPMENT AND STANDARDS IN FORCE

Standards and safety of boats

Coastal rowing boats entered in the races must meet World Rowing coastal standards.

Boat class	Maximum length	Minimum weight	Minimum width
C4X+	10.70 m	140 kg	1.30 m

- All rowers must be lined up in the axis of the boat. In coxed boats the coxswain is placed at the stern, facing the rowers.
- Boats must be built with **three watertight compartments**, accessible by watertight hatches.
- Boats must be **self-draining**.
- Boats must meet international standards of buoyancy and be equipped with:
  - A **lifejacket** meeting international standards for each crew member. The coxswain must wear a lifejacket at all times.
  - A **towing ring** located on the bow of the boat, approximately **100 mm** above the waterline, together with a **15 m rope**. The ring and the rope must be strong enough to allow the boat and its crew to be towed safely in wind and rough sea; the end of the rope must be within reach of a rower.
- All ballast must be securely attached to the structure of the boat.
- The Jury may refuse the boarding of a crew if it considers that the boat does not fulfil the minimum safety conditions.

No material or design restriction is applied to oars.

Identification of boats

Boat numbering for the competition is provided by the **Turkish Rowing Federation**. Crews are responsible for ensuring that the allocated numbers remain legible on the boat throughout the competition.

Uniform

Each crew must wear a **matching upper garment** (racing top or T-shirt) during the races. There is no obligation to display a country or club identifier on the boat or the uniform.

ANNEX 2 — GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF SAFETY

Obligations of the participants

Generally speaking, participants (rowers and coxswains) must:

- Be able to navigate and control their boat in all types of conditions, as soon as the Race Director validates the start of the race;
- Assess their own ability and feel able to cope with the conditions;
- Renounce the start if they judge that they are not able to cope with the race conditions;
- Know and respect local maritime rules;
- Have a lifejacket for each crew member and keep it within reach; the coxswain must wear a lifejacket at all times;
- Know what to do in case of boat submersion or towing.

Obligations of the Captain

Each boat designates a **Captain** from among its crew. The Captain is notified to the Organising Committee in writing at the time of registration. No crew for which a Captain has not been designated will be allowed to board.

Before each trip

- Taking responsibility for assessing the risks and the ability of the crew to cope with prevailing and forecast conditions;
- Becoming familiar with the weather and local conditions;
- Signing the attendance sheet of the Control Commission before each boarding, except during training time;
- Checking the boat and the safety equipment on board.

On the water

- Ensuring that the crew complies with all navigation and safety rules;
- Ensuring, if necessary, that all crew members wear their lifejackets;
- Taking the necessary decisions for the safety of the crew if the weather deteriorates;
- Monitoring any change in weather or sea conditions that could affect the safety of the crew.

After the race, at the landing dock

- Signing the attendance sheet of the Control Commission attesting the return of the crew on shore.

Traffic direction

During training and warm-up, boats must respect the course and traffic rules provided by the Organising Committee.

If two boats are on a potential collision course, both boats must move to **starboard** to allow themselves to pass.

Any breach may lead to disqualification. Each crew that does not sign the attendance sheet will be disqualified.

ANNEX 3 — RACE PROCEEDING

At the boarding

Prior to boarding and between **1 hour and 20 minutes** before the start time of its race, the Captain of the crew must go to the Control Commission in order to:

- Confirm the composition of the crew (names and seating positions);
- Declare the identification number of the boat;
- Sign the attendance sheet authorising the crew to go on the water.

At the start

The start line is materialised between two buoys. The distance between these buoys is approximately **100 m** and may vary depending on weather and sea conditions.

The start judges are positioned ashore. The Starter may initiate the starting procedure even if all boats entered in the race are not present.

The starting procedure

Positioning on the start line

Each boat is free to find its own position on the start line, but it is the responsibility of each crew to ensure that it does not interfere with other boats. Where such interference occurs or is likely to occur, the crews concerned shall take appropriate measures to prevent it. In any case, crews must respect the instructions of the referees.

Start signals

The start is given using the signal sequence of the **Coastal Rowing Endurance** rules. It is the responsibility of each crew to ensure that the bow of their boat is behind the start line when the start signal is given.

Time	Visual signal	Audio signal
3 minutes to start	3 balls hoisted	3 short blasts
2 minutes to start	1 ball lowered (2 remain)	2 short blasts
1 minute to start	1 ball lowered (1 remains)	1 short blast
START	Last ball dropped	Long blast
Mass false start	Red flag waved	Repeated short blasts

During the starting procedure, **audio signals prevail over visual signals**. The Starter may delay the departure if considered necessary; any delay is communicated to all participants.

False start

A crew commits a false start as soon as any part of the crew, the boat or the equipment crosses the start line between the announcement of the last minute and the start of the race.

- In the event of an **individual false start**, a penalty of **2 minutes** is added to the crew's race time. The penalty is notified to the crew at the latest at the first buoy of the course.
- In the event of a **mass false start**, the race is stopped, crews are called back to the line and a new starting procedure is given. Coastal Rowing Endurance rules apply.
- A boat committing a further false start during the second starting procedure is **disqualified** from the race.

Any disqualified boat is excluded from the competition.

Navigation rules

On the long legs

Each boat is free to choose its course, making sure it does not interfere with other boats. As soon as two boats are engaged (at least, the stern of one is at the level of the bow of the other), the advantage is given to the boat ahead. Rowers and coxswains may call to each other to avoid any collision or interference.

Rounding buoys

World Rowing coastal rules apply when rounding buoys. As soon as two boats are in contact (at least, the stern of one is at the level of the bow of the other), the advantage is given to the boat ahead. Where two or more boats follow each other without being in contact, each crew is free to follow its own course but is responsible for ensuring that it does not interfere with other boats.

The side on which the buoys are to be left (starboard / port) will be announced separately.

Overtaking

It is the responsibility of the overtaking crew not to interfere with the overtaken crew. The overtaken crew must not intentionally obstruct the overtaking during the manoeuvre.

Collisions

In case of collision and/or interference (between boats or oars), the crews must cooperate in order to extricate themselves.

> Any collision between two or more boats is considered a **"race incident"** and is not sanctioned by a penalty. In addition, no complaint concerning a "race incident" is admissible by the Jury President.

In the application of the navigation rules, the final decision always rests with the TKF referees.

End of the race

A crew has finished the race when the bow of its boat crosses the finish line, materialised between two specifically identified buoys. Each arrival is signalled by a blast of the hooter by the Finish Judge.

In order to be included in the ranking, all crews must respect the course defined by the Organising Committee, round all buoys correctly and cross the finish line.

At the landing dock

Immediately after landing and no later than **1 hour** after the end of their race, Captains must sign the attendance sheet of the Control Commission attesting the return of the crew on shore. This is a life-safety headcount; crews that do not sign are disqualified.

Penalties

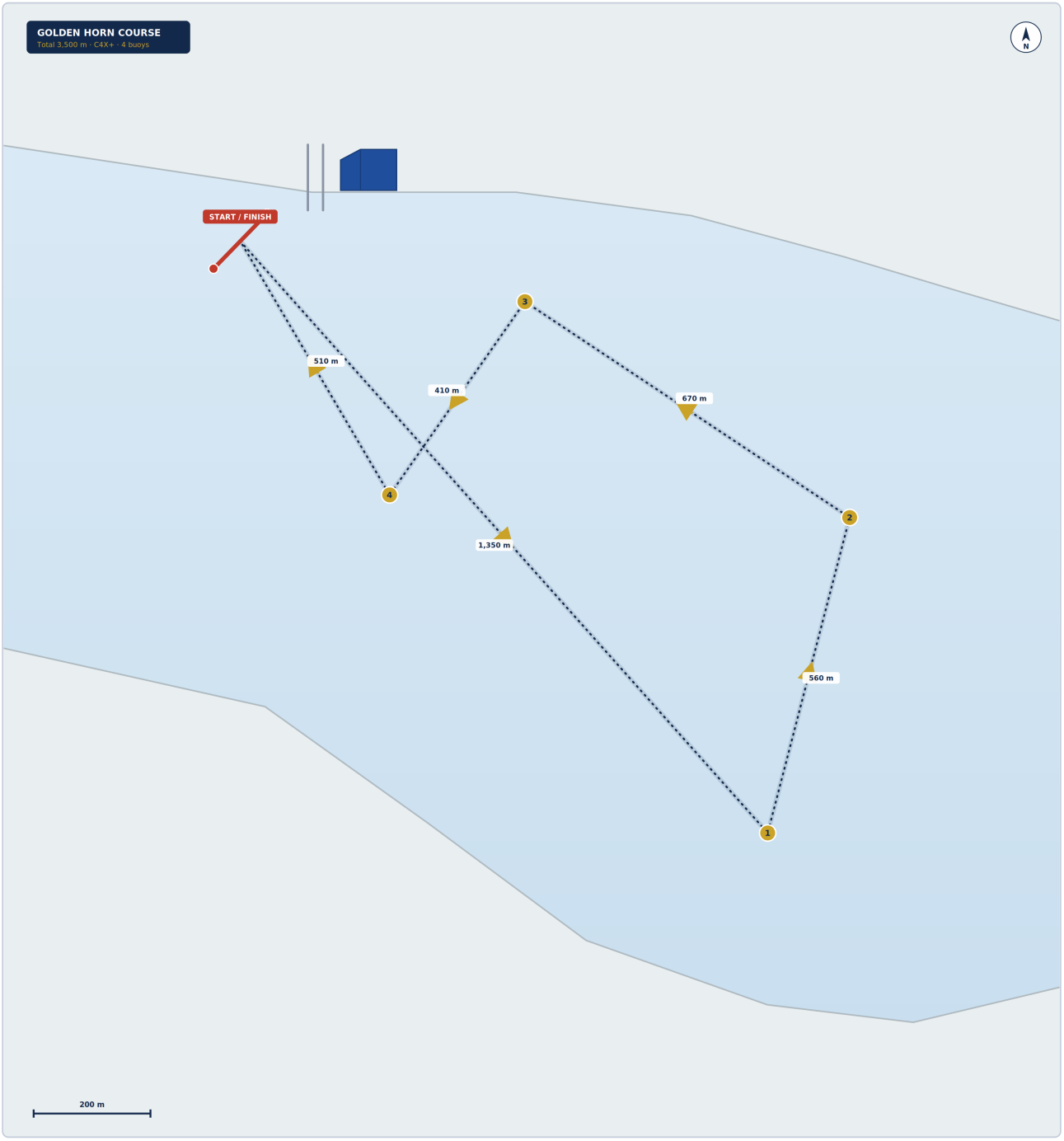
Only penalties related to false starts are sanctioned and reported to the boats concerned. Any other altercation between two or more boats is considered a "race incident" and is not sanctioned by the referees. No complaint concerning a "race incident" is admissible by the Jury President.

Responsibility of rowers

In order to ensure that the races run smoothly, each participant is required to read and abide by the navigation rules described above.

ANNEX 4 — COURSE

Course map



Leg distances

Leg	Distance	Cumulative
Start → 1	1,350 m	1,350 m
1 → 2	560 m	1,910 m
2 → 3	670 m	2,580 m
3 → 4	410 m	2,990 m
4 → Finish	510 m	**3,500 m**

Leg distances are the straight-line distances between marks, rounded to the nearest 10 metres. The actual rowed distance is slightly longer due to the turning arcs at the buoys. The official race distance is declared as 3,500 m.

Buoy coordinates

Point	Latitude	Longitude
Start / Finish line — end A	41.03437	28.95292
Start / Finish line — end B	41.03352	28.95183
Buoy 1	41.02479	28.96313
Buoy 2	41.02967	28.96480
Buoy 3	41.03301	28.95818
Buoy 4	41.03002	28.95542

The course is a closed circuit: the start and finish lines are set at the same position. Coordinates are in the WGS 84 datum.

ANNEX 5 — CLUB / OPEN COMPARISON TABLE

	Club — Master Mix	Open — Open Mix
Distance	3,500 m buoyed course	3,500 m buoyed course
Boat class	C4X+	C4X+
Crew	4 rowers (2W + 2M) + 1 coxswain	4 rowers (2W + 2M) + 1 coxswain
Age	Every athlete 27+	18+
Club requirement	Whole crew, incl. coxswain, from the same club	Individual / club / mixed-club permitted
International entries	Open	Open
Licence (Turkish athletes)	TKF licence mandatory	TKF licence mandatory
Licence (foreign athletes)	World Rowing Athlete Bios + Health Declaration Form	World Rowing Athlete Bios + Health Declaration Form
Boat supply	Crew's own boat	Chartered through the organisation
Material restriction	None	None
Entry fee	Free	Free
Format	Heats → B and A Final	Heats → B and A Final
Cross-entry	Cannot be combined with Open	Cannot be combined with Club

ANNEX 6 — HEALTH DECLARATION AND LIABILITY FORM

This form must be completed and signed individually by **every rower and coxswain** entered in the Club and Open categories of the DenizBank Tersane Istanbul Rowing Cup 2026. Participants who do not submit this form will not be allowed to board.

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Nationality: _____

Category: _____ Crew / club name: _____

World Rowing Athlete Bios ID (foreign athletes): _____

TKF licence no. (Turkish athletes): _____

Emergency contact name and telephone: _____

Health declaration. I declare that I have no health condition preventing me from practising rowing, that I am fit for the physical effort required by the race, and that I am a competent swimmer with adequate water-safety awareness.

Liability declaration. I acknowledge that coastal rowing races take place in open-water conditions and involve inherent risk; that I take part in the race of my own free will and at my own responsibility; and that I am aware and accept that the organisation does not provide personal accident insurance.

I confirm that I have read and understood the race rules, the safety principles and the navigation rules and that I will comply with them, as well as with the instructions of the referees and the organisation, including the rules on the use of lifejackets.

I authorise the use of my image and voice recordings for the promotion and broadcasting of the event.

_____ _____

Participant's name and signature Date

Parental or guardian consent is mandatory for coxswains under 18 years of age:

_____ _____

Parent / guardian name and signature Relationship

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