



2023 report of the Federal Sport Technical Commission

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1 Regulations & Rules of Internal Order

1. The technical directors of both leagues are co-chairs of the committee by operation of law, supplemented by six members, three members of the Vlaamse Roeiliga and three members of the Ligue Francophone d'Aviron.
2. Advises on the preparation of the national selection criteria about sending to international selection regattas, international country meetings, World Championships or Olympic Games.
3. Advises on the development of international selection criteria.
4. Gives binding advice on the composition and final selection of the national teams, which can only be deviated from for motivated financial reasons.
5. Advises on the equipment (clothing and rowing equipment) of the national teams.
6. Advises the Federal Referee and Regatta Commission on any adjustments to the national regatta calendar.
7. Advises on the establishment of the national tests.
8. If the governing body of the K.B.R. does not follow the advice of the federal sports technical commission, a meeting must be convened where all members of the governing body and of the commission must be present.

2 Members of the federal sports technical commission:

The head coach chaired the committee and was supplemented with six members, three members of the Flemish Rowing League and three members of the Ligue Francophone with the two technical directors. The initial composition of the committee was:

- Chair: Axel Müller (Head Coach).
- Co-Chairs: Technical Directors of VRL (Pim Raaben) and LFA (Paul Moser).
- Members: Annelies Bredael (VRL), Frans Claes (VRL), Christel Hiel (VRL), Vincent Perot (LFA), Louis Timmers (LFA), Olivier Olbrechts (LFA).

During 2024 the following changes were made:

- Vincent Perot was replaced by Christophe Finfe
- Frans Claes and Christel Hiel were replaced by Jan Boone and Hannes Obreno

3 Meetings

During 2023 the commission had the following online-commission meetings:

- 24 Apr – selection for seat racing & next steps
- 30 Apr – results seat racing & next steps
- 6 May – decisions for day 2 of May regatta
- 10 July – U19 selection for WK and Coupe
- 25 Oct – selection process for 2024
- 8 Nov – new organisation with Jan Boone as Performance Manager and without Axel Müller



4 Following tasks were done:

- Updated selection process and documentation
- Updated selection times table (see attached)
- The BK short boats with new setup and progression system was executed
- Seeding for the BK short boats was done
- Confirmation of the selection criteria for 2023 and Olympic Games 2024
- Selection EK Bled, WC2 – Varese and WC3 - Luzern
- Selection WK
- Selection U23 for WK
- Selection U19 for WK and Coupe
- Beach Sprint selection for EK and WK

5 Updated selection process and documentation

- High Performance Framework: https://vlaamse-roeiliga.be/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/High-Performance-framework_final.pdf
- High Performance Selection Process 2023: https://vlaamse-roeiliga.be/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/High-Performance-selectie-proces-NED-2023-24_rev6.pdf
- Engagements verklaring: https://vlaamse-roeiliga.be/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/High-Performance-commitment-form_rev7.pdf
- Selectie tijden 2022-23: <https://vlaamse-roeiliga.be/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Selection-times-2023-24.pdf>

6 Selections for WC's, WK and EK

6.1 Selected as Belgian Sharks:

- EK Elite
 - M1x
 - Tim Brys
 - LM2x
 - Niels Van Zandweghe
 - Marlon Colpaert
 - M2x
 - Aaron Andries
 - Tristan Vandenbussche
- WC2 Varese Elite
 - M1x
 - Tim Brys
 - LM2x - 1
 - Niels Van Zandweghe
 - Marlon Colpaert



- LM2x – 2
 - Tibo Vyvey
 - Mil Blommaert
- M2x
 - Aaron Andries
 - Tristan Vandenbussche
- WC3 Luzern Elite
 - M1x
 - Tim Brys
 - LM2x
 - Niels Van Zandweghe
 - Tibo Vyvey
 - M2x
 - Aaron Andries
 - Tristan Vandenbussche
 - LM1x
 - Marlon Colpaert
 - M2-
 - Ruben Claeys
 - Gaston Mercier
- WK Elite
 - M1x
 - Tim Brys
 - LM2x
 - Niels Van Zandweghe
 - Tibo Vyvey
 - M2x
 - Aaron Andries
 - Tristan Vandenbussche
 - LM1x
 - Marlon Colpaert
- U23, WK en EK
 - M2x
 - Savin Rodenburg
 - Boris Taeldeman
 - W1x
 - Mazarine Guilbert
 - LM1x
 - Mil Blommaert
- U19, EK & WK
 - MU19 2x
 - Lukas Depla
 - Juul Persyn
 - MU19 4x
 - Neal Laureyns
 - Jules Vanoverschelde
 - Brecht Verkest
 - Karel Debruyne



- WU19 1x
 - Marit Janssens
- WU19 2x
 - Lore Helsen
 - Louise Gyssels
- MU19 1x – spare
 - Karel Mesdom

6.2 Selected as national team:

- Coupe de la Jeunesse U19
 - MU19 1x
 - Louis Maghiels
 - MU19 2x
 - Karel Mesdom
 - Siebe de Vil
 - WU19 1x
 - Chloë Maes
 - WU19 2x
 - Cato Vanheste
 - Sofie DeKoninck-Denys

7 Results on WK and EK for Elite, U23 and U19

Jaartal	Categorie	Locatie	Boottype	Atleten	Resultaat	Medaille
2023	U19	EK Brive	JW1x	Marit Janssens	5e	
		EK Brive	JW2x	Louise Gyssels & Lore Helsen	7e	
		EK Brive	JM2x	Lukas Depla & Juul Persyn	4e	
		EK Brive	JM4x	Neal Laureyns – Jules Vanoverschelde – Brecht Verkest – Karel Debruyne	5e	
		WK Parijs	JW1x	Marit Janssens	6e	
		WK Parijs	JW2x	Louise Gyssels & Lore Helsen	9e	
		WK Parijs	JM2x	Lukas Depla & Juul Persyn	11e	
		WK Parijs	JM4x	Neal Laureyns – Jules Vanoverschelde – Brecht Verkest – Karel Debruyne	7e	
		BRS EK Seyne sur Mer	CMix2x	Julie De Clerq – Louis Maghiels	2 nd round	
	U23	WK Plovdiv	BM2x	Savin Rodenburg – Boris Taeldeman	7e	



	BW1x	Mazarine Guilbert	4 ^e	
	LM1x	Mil Blommaert	8 ^e	
EK Krefeld	BM2x	Savin Rodenburg – Boris Taeldeman	3 ^e	Brons
	BW1x	Mazarine Guilbert	3 ^e	Brons
	LM1x	Mil Blommaert	3 ^e	Brons
Senioren	EK Bled	M2x	Aaron Andries – Tristan Vandenbussche	6 ^e
		M1x	Tim Brys	8 ^e
		LM2x	Niels Van Zandweghe – Marlon Colpaert	13 ^e
	WK Belgrado	M2x	Aaron Andries – Tristan Vandenbussche	22 ^e
		M1x	Tim Brys	13 ^e
		LM2x	Tibo Vyvey - Niels Van Zandweghe	8 ^e
		LM1x	Marlon Colpaert	14 ^e
	EK BRS Seyne Sur Mer	CMix2x	Benjamin Louis – Elisa Oulevey	2 nd round
		CM1x	Gaston Mercier	2 nd round
	EK Coastal Seyne sur Mer	CM1x Federal	Gaston Mercier	14e
		CM1x Club	Benjamin Louis	4e
	WK Coastal Barletta	CM2x	Gaston Mericer – Benjamin Louis	19e

8 Upcoming 2024 Competition Season

No boats qualified for the OS in Paris during the World Championships in Belgrade. An updated selection system was made to work towards the fastest boats in M1x, M2x and LM2x. This was based on making a fair system for the athletes and in the interest of Belgium. This was discussed with the athletes and coaches and published by end 2023