

2016 World Rogaining Championships

Central Australia – 23 & 24 July 2016

Get Your Entry In Early!

1. Background

2016 sees the return of the World Rogaining Championships (WRC) to Australia, the ancestral home of rogaining. This will be an opportunity for international rogainers to test themselves on complex semi-arid terrain that has not been used for a WRC since 1996. Entries will be restricted to 800 people (not teams) and maximum team size will be three.

Entries for Phase One will open on **23 October 2015**, at 00:00 hours GMT, and will close two weeks later at 24:00 hours GMT on 5 November. Phase One entrants will have higher priority than those who enter later. **If you want to compete in the event make sure you apply for entry during Phase One!**

2. Entry Criteria

The Entry Criteria will be available on the WRC website (www.worldrogainingchamps.com.au), but the key elements for entrants from outside Australasia are below. The Pre-Qualified Entrant (PQE) status applies to individuals, not teams, and only one member of the nominated team is required to hold that PQE status.

To qualify as a **priority PQE with automatic entry, if you nominate during Phase One**, you must have:

- Previously won MO, WO or XO in a WRC **and** competed in 12WRC2014 &/or 13WRC2015, or
- Finished in the top *six in an age/gender category in 12WRC2014 &/or 13WRC2015, or
- Finished in the top *two in an age/gender category in the 2014 &/or 2015 North American Rogaining Championships, or
- Finished in the top *three in an age/gender category in the 2014 &/or 2015 European Rogaining Championships, or
- Finished in the top *two in MO, WO or XO in the 2014 or 2015 official 24-Hour National Rogaining Championships of any IRF Member (Czech, Estonia, Latvia, Russia, Spain, Ukraine or United States) subject to that event meeting the requirements set out in the Entry Criteria.

To qualify as a **preferred PQE with very high priority entry, if you nominate during Phase One**, you must have:

- Previously won MO, WO or XO in a WRC **and** competed in at least one 24-hour rogaine since 23 October 2013, or

*See Section 4 - PQE Caveat for details on limitations

- Placed *7th to 10th in an age/gender category in 12WRC2014 &/or 13WRC2015, or
- Placed *3rd in an age/gender category in the 2014 &/or 2015 North American Rogaining Championships or
- Placed *4th or *5th in an age/gender category in the 2014 &/or 2015 European Rogaining Championships or
- Are a team eligible for an Under 23 (Youth) category

Entrants with PQE status can still apply for entry after Phase One but the PQE status will be of no value and, if there is a waitlist, you will be ranked behind everyone who applied in Phase One.

3. **Non-PQE Entrants**

A minimum of 160 individual entries (20% of total) are reserved for non-PQE entrants who have completed a 24-hour rogaine since 23 October 2013 **and** submit their entry during Phase One. Eighty of these positions are reserved for entrants from outside of Australasia.

In addition, any PQE entry places unclaimed in Phase One are automatically available to non-PQE entrants.

History would indicate that the number of PQEs applying will be well less than the places available and so **non-PQEs from outside Australasia who apply for entry during Phase One, and have completed a 24-hour rogaine since 23 October 2013, have an extremely high likelihood of getting their entry accepted.**

A ballot process is used to allocate entry places in the case of an oversubscription in Phase One. This ballot process will also establish the order of the waitlist so **make sure you apply for entry in Phase One.**

4. **PQE Caveat**

Note that not more than 50% of the entrant teams in a European and North American Rogaining Championship and 30% of the entrant teams in a WRC in any age/gender category (rounded up to a whole number) can achieve PQE status from that event.

5. **Wildcards**

Eighty places (10% of total) are reserved for wildcard entrants proposed by IRF members and the IRF. These generally go to people heavily involved in rogaine administration and/or event organisation or teams that did not prequalify but who would be expected to be competitive due to performances in similar sports. Wildcard places not allocated as at 23 April 2016 will be released to general entries. Any waitlisted teams will have first priority on these places in waitlist order.

6. **Tips for Entrants**

Below are a number of tips for people wanting to maximise their opportunity for gaining an entry in 14WRC2016:

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- Try for PQE status through the 2015 European or North American Rogaining Championships.
- Try for PQE status through the 2015 World Rogaining Championships to be held in Finnish Lapland 22/23 August.
- Make sure you compete in a 24-hour rogaine before 23 October 2015.
- **Make sure you apply for entry during Phase One - 23 October to 5 November 2015!**

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