



LA28 ROWING, PARA-ROWING & COASTAL ROWING VOLUNTEER & TECHNICAL OFFICIAL INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERING

LA28 will depend on up to approximately 75,000 volunteers to make sure the Olympic and Paralympic Games run smoothly and successfully. Volunteers will carry out a range of essential tasks across the Games.

LA28 will recruit volunteers from across the USA and around the world. The recruitment process will be transparent, open and fair. The LA28 goal is to select applicants who meet the required criteria and who will bring passion, enthusiasm and energy to the Games.

In order to assist LA28 with recruitment, USRowing would like to gauge the interest and skills of those volunteers within the rowing community who may be interested in volunteering in a sport specific role at the LA28 Olympic & Paralympic Games.

If you are interested, please [complete this Indication of Interest Form](#) by July 13, 2026.

This is an invitation to express interest in USRowing's selection program only and is not intended to, and does not, create a contract, offer, promise of engagement, or guarantee of participation in such program, the LA28 Olympic Games, or the LA28 Paralympic Games. USRowing, World Rowing and LA28 reserve the sole discretion to select, screen, assign, reassign, postpone, or decline volunteers for this program and for the 2028 Games, respectively.

You will need to apply for a volunteer role with LA28 on LA28.org beginning July 14, 2026 regardless of whether you complete this form.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

All volunteers will have to go through a LA28 recruitment process which will involve completing an application form, attending selection event(s) and accepting an offer.

All volunteers will be expected to attend training events that will give them the knowledge they need to carry out their role, even if they are experienced in their own sport.

The LA28 online application process for volunteers is expected to commence in the Summer 2026 – **those selected by the Rowing Event Management team as a Sport Skilled Volunteer for rowing will receive a specific code later in 2026.** Further information on the LA28 volunteer criteria will be available when the application process launches in Summer 2026.



Information on the LA28 Volunteer Program presented by Delta Airlines is available [HERE](#).

NEXT STEPS

1.	USRowing and LA28 will review the responses on an ongoing basis. LA28 will start initial assignment of specialist roles and NTOs.	July – August 2026
2.	LA28 Volunteer application portal launches	July 14, 2026
3.	Specialist Volunteer codes for use with the LA28 application sent from the LA28 Rowing Event team	Summer/Fall 2026
4.	Confirmation of Test Event roles (volunteers and NTOs)	December 2026 – January 2027
5.	Test Events (exact events to be confirmed by LA28, World Rowing and USRowing in 2026)	TBC, Summer 2027
6.	Confirmation of Games roles	August – December 2027
7.	LA28 Olympic Games LA28 Paralympic Games	14-30 July 2028 15-27 August 2028

TYPES OF VOLUNTEERS

There will be two kinds of Games volunteer – generalist and specialist:

- **Generalist volunteers** will not need any special skills or qualifications and will receive full training. They might be given roles in areas such as event services, uniform distribution and Village operations.
Due to the nature of the role and opportunities, the only requirement is to be of 18 years of age at the time of your volunteer application.
- **Specialist/skilled volunteers** will have specific existing skills or qualifications that are needed for them to complete the role – for example, sport or medical training. The specialist volunteers working within the Sport Competition team will be known as Sport Skilled Volunteers (SSVs).

An important distinction is that between **National Technical Officials (NTOs)** and Sport Skilled Volunteers (SSVs), National Technical Officials may be loosely defined as those who apply the rules or have a role in judging a competition. They will support and work closely with the International Technical Officials (ITOs). They are appointed by LA28 in consultation with USRowing and according to World Rowing rules.

See the following pages for more information on the criteria of the **Sport Skilled Volunteer (SSV)** and **National Technical Officials (NTOs)** and roles.



SPORT SKILLED VOLUNTEERS (SSV)

INFORMATION

Sport Skilled Volunteers are specialist volunteers that will work within the Sport Competition team.

The Sport Skilled Volunteer positions for **Rowing and Para-Rowing** may include roles such as:

- Driving and maintaining motorboats
- Assisting with Control Commission duties
- Assisting with on-water operations, marshalling crews
- Managing the boat park area, access, facilities and equipment
- Providing information to teams through the Sport Information Desk
- Assisting the International Federation (World Rowing)

The Sport Skilled Volunteer positions for **Rowing Coastal Beach Sprints** may include roles such as:

- Assisting with on-water and beach preparation and operations
- Managing the boat storage and preparation areas, access, facilities and equipment
- Providing information to teams through the Sport Information Desk
- Assisting the International Federation (World Rowing)

CRITERIA

In addition to meeting LA28 criteria, World Rowing and USRowing would expect Sport Skilled Volunteers to meet the following criteria in order to be considered:

Essential

- Over the age of 18 at the time of your volunteer application
- Experience at previous Olympic/Paralympic Games, World Championships or equivalent
- Experience / knowledge of the sport of rowing – through volunteering, competing, coaching or other equivalent experience
- Team player
- An understanding of and commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic values

Desirable

- Experience of working with para-rowers
- Boat driver qualifications
- Language skills
- Customer service experience
- Need to be available for the test event (dates to be confirmed, Q3 2027)



NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (NTO)

INFORMATION

In addition to the Sport Skilled Volunteers there will be a number of Technical Officials appointed to each Sport.

The National Technical Officials for Rowing, Para-Rowing and Rowing Coastal Beach Sprints will support the International Technical Officials appointed by World Rowing.

The National Technical Official positions for **Rowing and Para-Rowing** may include roles such as:

- Technical Aligner
- Responsibility for the Start area during competition
- Boat Weighing
- Athlete Weighing
- Umpire and Marshal Catamaran drivers

The National Technical Official positions for **Rowing Coastal Beach Sprints** may include roles such as:

- Lane Umpires, Marshals
- Supporting the Timing and Results functions
- Overseeing Lane Selection, Athlete Call Room

NTO positions are LA28 appointments, which will be defined and approved by World Rowing.

CRITERIA

In addition to meeting LA28 criteria, World Rowing and USRowing would expect National Technical Officials to meet the following criteria in order to be considered:

Essential

- Over the age of 18 at the time of your volunteer application
- Qualified and experienced USRowing Referee and/or qualified World Rowing umpire (in one or both disciplines)
- Experience at previous Olympic/Paralympic Games, World Championships or equivalent
- Team player

Desirable

- Experience of working with para-rowers
- Boat driver qualifications
- Language skills
- Customer service experience
- Need to be available for the test event (dates to be confirmed, Q3 2027)