



2016 World Rogaining Championships

Alice Springs – 23 & 24 July 2016

Get Your Entry In Early!

1. Background

Hopefully there are many rogainers in Australia and New Zealand that want to be part of the 2016 WRC. Entries will be restricted to 800 people (not teams) and maximum team size will be three.

Entries will open on **23rd October 2015**, probably at 10:00am AEST (midnight GMT), and the **Phase One entry window** will be **two weeks**. People who apply for entry during **Phase One** have much **higher priority** than people who apply for entry after Phase One. **If you want to compete in the event make sure you apply for entry during Phase One!**

2. Entry Criteria

The Entry Criteria are available on the WRC website but the key elements for Australasians are set out below. Remember that 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 for the team to be able to claim the status.

If you:

- 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 Australasian Rogaining Championships or
- Finished in the top *two in MO, WO or XO in the 2014 NZRC (and 2015 NZRC if held before 23rd October 2015)

Then you are an Automatic PQE and **your entry will be accepted if lodged during Phase One.**

If you:

- Have previously won; MO, WO or XO in a WRC **and** competed in at least one 24-hour rogaine since 23rd October 2013 or
- 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 Australasian Rogaining Championships or
- Are a team eligible for an Under 23 (Youth) category

Then you are a preferred PQE and it is extremely likely **your entry will be accepted if lodged during Phase One.**

*See Section 4 for limitations

3. Non-PQE Entrants

A minimum of 20% of available entries, being 160, are reserved for non-PQE entrants. In addition, any PQE entry places unclaimed in Phase One are automatically available to non-PQE entrants. If the event is oversubscribed, as we expect 14WRC2016 may be, non-PQE entrants need both to have completed a 24-hour rogaine since 23rd October 2013 **and** submit their entry during Phase One.

History would indicate that the number of PQEs applying will be well less than the places available and so **Non-PQEs who apply for entry during Phase One and have completed a 24-Hour rogaine since 23rd October 2013 have a strong chance of getting their entry accepted.**

Note also that if 14WRC2016 is oversubscribed in Phase One then up to 50% of the available non-PQE places must go to entrants from outside of Australasia if such people have applied for entry.

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.**

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

4. PQE Caveat

Note that not more than 50% of the entrant teams in an ARC 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

Note that 10% of available places, being 80, 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 23rd 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:

- Try for PQE status through the 2015 Australasian Rogaining Championships to be held in NSW 10/11 October
- Try for PQE status through the 2015 World Rogaining Championships to be held in Finnish Lapland 22/23 August
- If you haven't done a 24-Hour rogaine since 23rd October 2013 make sure you do one before 23rd October 2015 – You just need to get your name in the posted results!
- **Make sure you apply for entry during Phase One!**