

2023 ROWING SA REGULATIONS FOR BOAT RACING REVIEW

EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF CHANGES

STRUCTURAL CHANGES

SECTION 6. STATUS

Change: What appeared in previous versions of the Regulations for Boat Racing as 18. Status has been re-ordered so it now follows Section 5. Objections, Protests, and Appeals.

Reason: The majority of the rules document runs chronologically through the rules encountered in regatta participation. This change is in line with this principle (status should be defined before events and before the entry process).

SECTION 7. EVENT CATEGORIES

Change: Three independent sections which in the previous version of the Regulations for Boat Racing appeared as 14. Race Distances, 20. School Events, and 21. Championship Events, have been combined into a single section (Section 7. Event Categories) that houses all information about Status, Distances, & Boat Classes.

Reason: All information and rules pertaining to events are now housed in one location, rather than spread throughout the document. This information has also been moved earlier in the document in line with the chronological organisation of the document.

SECTION 20. CLUB PREMIERSHIPS AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

APPENDIX 4. ROWING SA PREMIERSHIPS AND AWARDS

Change: Three independent sections which in the previous version of the Regulations for Boat Racing appeared as 22. Club Premierships, 23. Rowing SA Awards, and 24. Rowing SA Trophy Presentation Criteria have been combined into a single section (Section 20. Club Premierships and Individual Awards) to cover fundamental premiership points rules. An additional Appendix (Appendix 4) has been created to house the list of premiership competitions and individual awards, the premiership points table, and any other award criteria. Other rules relating to Premiership Points throughout the document have been amended and relocated to this section.

Reason: Much of the original content was just a list of premierships and awards rather than actual rules. Update required for new Premiership Points model being introduced in 2023-24 season.

RULE ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS

SECTION 2. CONDUCT OF RACING

Change Type: Additional Rule

Rule 2.3

From time to time, Rowing SA will publish additional guidance and requirement documents in the management of specific regattas and events. These will be published on the relevant regatta page in Rowing Manager in advance of the opening of entries for that regatta.

Reason: This addition covers the use of additional documents to support the running of a regatta. Examples of these include on-water traffic management maps, the publication of entry guidance or use of entry caps, amended or temporary procedures for non-standard regattas or events (i.e the Waikerie Omnium, or Time Trials, or the Small Boat Combine).

SECTION 6. STATUS

Change Type: Additional Rule

Rule 6.1.2 v)

School events are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one school or one club only.

Reason: This codifies RSA's current understanding and approach to school events at Rowing SA Regattas.

SECTION 9. REGATTA DRAW

Change Type: Rule Amendment

Rule 9.4

In regattas other than Championship regattas, where possible single-entry events may be combined with similar events and given the opportunity to cover the course. This will be included in the Draft Programme and scratchings/crew alterations must be made as per usual regatta rules.

Reason: This amendment removes the obligation to schedule row-overs for State Championship Events. All State Championship events are now required to meet minimum race requirements as at Rule 2.4 and 7.8.

SECTION 19. ROWING SCORE

Change Type: Rule Amendment

Rule 19.2.2

All Age and Grade events held over standard maximum event distances (as at Rule 7.1) and meeting race requirements (as at Rule 2.4) shall impact RS.

Reason: Amendment required to accommodate premiership points now being awarded to 3rd place (Rowing Score will only be adjusted for 1st place). Other impacts of this change:

- 2nd Grade Events at Port Adelaide will no longer impact RS.
- Races shortened due to Weather or Condition Management Policy will no longer impact RS.

SECTION 19. ROWING SCORE

Change Type: Rule Amendment

Rule 19.3

Factors that will not impact RS:

19.3.1 Masters and School Races

19.3.2 Sprint Races, Distance Races, and Time Trials,

19.2.3 Events designated Novelty or Trial Events,

19.2.4 Small Boat Combine Events

19.2.5 Events that do not meet race requirements (as at 2.4)

19.2.6 Events impacted by the Rowing SA Weather and Condition Management recommendations and Policy where specified within that document.

Reason: Updated terminology and management of new elements within the season (more formal sprint season, distance racing, etc).

SECTION 19. ROWING SCORE

Change Type: Rule Amendment

Rule 19.5

Other factors impacting RS:

19.5.1 State Representatives will have their RS adjusted (if initially higher) as per the following:

i) Masters State Representatives = 3.3

ii) Pathway State Representatives = 2.7

iii) Youth State Representatives = 2.0

iv) Senior State Representatives = 1.5

Reason: Slight increase to the Pathway Score to better reflect grading of this group.

SECTION 19. ROWING SCORE

Change Type: Rule Amendment

Rule 19.6

Individuals returning to the sport after an absence of 12 months from their last competition record may apply to the Regatta Operations Manager to have their existing RS increased by +0.400 for every 12 months away from competition to a maximum of 3.600.

Reason: Simplifies the score reduction process.