

2026 / 2027 Affiliation and Membership

Welcome to the 2026 / 2027 Rowing Season.

This guide outlines the key requirements for Clubs and Schools to affiliate with Rowing South Australia (Rowing SA) and participate in sanctioned rowing activities during the 2026 / 2027 season.

Affiliation and membership support Rowing SA to:

- deliver regattas and events;
- provide insurance coverage;
- support governance and integrity obligations;
- develop coaches, officials and volunteers;
- advocate for rowing across South Australia; and
- continue to grow participation opportunities across all levels of the sport.

Important Dates

Requirement	Due Date
Club Affiliation Due	31 July 2026
School Affiliation Due	31 July 2026

Key Actions Required

All affiliated organisations must:

- ☐ Complete the 2026 / 2027 Affiliation Form
- ☐ Ensure all members are registered in Rowing Manager
- ☐ Upload/Update current committee and key contact details in Rowing Manager
- ☐ Nominate and maintain a Club Safety Officer
- ☐ Maintain current operational risk assessments
- ☐ Ensure coaches, volunteers and officials are registered
- ☐ Review and comply with Rowing SA policies

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2026 / 2027 Club and School Affiliation

Affiliation Requirements

As a condition of affiliation with Rowing SA, Clubs and Schools are expected to:

- comply with Rowing SA Rules, By-Laws and Policies;
- maintain safe rowing environments;
- ensure all participants are appropriately registered within Rowing Manager;
- maintain appropriate governance and risk management practices;
- comply with applicable integrity, safeguarding and WHS obligations;
- maintain current Working with Children requirements where applicable;
- report serious incidents and hazards in accordance with Rowing SA procedures; and
- nominate a Club Safety Officer each season.

This list is a summary only. Clubs and Schools must also complete the additional requirements and declarations included in the annual Affiliation Form.

How To Affiliate

The 2026 / 2027 affiliation process is now open.

To affiliate, Clubs and Schools must:

- Complete the online [Affiliation Form](#)
- Upload all committee and key personnel details into Rowing Manager
- Nominate a Club Safety Officer
- Upload any required insurance or governance documentation
- Review all applicable Rowing SA policies

Each Club and School must nominate a Club Safety Officer in Rowing Manager, each season.

Information recorded in Rowing Manager will be used by Rowing SA for official safety, compliance and operational communications.

National Sport Organisation Affiliation Fee (NSOAF)

Rowing Australia (RA) applies a National Sport Organisation Affiliation Fee (NSOAF) to all State Sporting Organisations, including Rowing SA.

The NSOAF contributes to the delivery of national programs, services and governance provided by RA, including:

- National Championships and events;
- High Performance and pathway programs;
- Coach and official education and accreditation;
- National integrity and governance frameworks;
- National advocacy and representation;
- Participation and development initiatives across all rowing disciplines.

The NSOAF is calculated nationally using a rolling average of Senior Competitive Member numbers across each State Sporting Organisation.

RA acts on behalf of its members which includes Rowing SA, to develop, promote and strengthen the sport across all levels of participation and competition. The benefits of the National Sporting Organisation Affiliation Fee are attached as a separate document.

Rowing SA applies the NSOAF only to members participating in championship and national pathway events.

For the 2026 / 2027 season:

Senior Competitive Members:	\$48
Junior Competitive Members competing at the Australian Rowing Championships and/or South Australian Rowing Championships:	\$24

Rowing SA believes this remains the most practical and equitable approach because it:

- targets members participating in championship and national pathway events;
- avoids increasing costs across the broader recreational membership base;
- supports national affiliation obligations; and
- allows fees to be recovered retrospectively rather than upfront.

Rowing SA – Affiliation Fees

Clubs and Schools Affiliation Fees

Membership Size	Affiliation Fee
0–49 Members	\$440
50–99 Members	\$750
100+ Members	\$930

Schools Opting Out of Liability Insurance*

Membership Size	Affiliation Fee
0–49 Members	\$374
50–99 Members	\$637.50
100+ Members	\$790.50

Important Notes*

- The school “No Liability Insurance” option is only available where the school elects to opt out of the Rowing SA liability insurance component during the affiliation process.
- Schools selecting this option acknowledge that their own insurance arrangements will apply to participating members and activities.
- Affiliation fees are invoiced annually.
- Membership numbers are based on registered participants within Rowing Manager from the previous season.

Rowing SA – Membership and Seat Fees

Senior Memberships

(20 years of age or over as of 30 June 2027)

Membership Category	RSA Fee	RA Affiliation Fee*	Total
Coxswain	\$132	\$48.00	\$180
Full Season	\$352	\$48.00	\$400
January – June	\$247	\$48.00	\$295
July – December	\$190	\$48.00	\$238
Entry Level – Full Season	\$179	\$48.00	\$227
Single Regatta	\$49	\$48.00	\$97
Interstate Regatta Registration	\$49	N/A	\$49

Junior Memberships

(19 years of age or under as of 30 June 2027)

Membership Category	RSA Fee	RA Affiliation Fee*	Total
Coxswain	\$95	*Calculated at \$24.00 per person competing at the 2027 Open State Championships or 2027 Australian Rowing Championships	\$95*
Full Season	\$240		\$240*
January – June	\$168		\$168*
July – December	\$142		\$142*
Entry Level – Full Season	\$121		\$121*
Single Regatta	\$49		\$49*
Interstate Regatta Registration	\$49	N/A	\$49

Non-Competitive Memberships

Membership Category	Total Cost
Come & Try / Learn to Row (up to 10 weeks)	\$11
Social / Recreational	\$21
Coach	\$21
Official / Volunteer	Free

2026-2027 Seat Fees – Premium Regattas

Regatta	Fee
Open State Championships	\$20 per seat
Riverland Regatta	\$35 per person
Grade State Championships	\$13 per seat
Masters and Sprint State Championships	\$13 per seat

Important Notes

- All members of Regional Clubs receive a 15% discount on applicable Rowing SA individual membership fees.
- The Senior RA Affiliation Fee applies to Senior Competitive Members.
- The Junior RA Affiliation Fee applies only to Junior Members competing at the South Australian State Championships and/or Australian Rowing Championships.
- A Single Regatta Membership does not allow for entry into any State Championship event. For a Single Regatta Membership into a non-State Championship event within a State Championship regatta, please contact the request directly to the Regatta Manager,
- Interstate Regatta Registration memberships do not include eligibility for Rowing SA regattas unless otherwise approved.

Operational Requirements

Event Sanctioning

Certain rowing activities and events conducted by affiliated Clubs and Schools may require formal sanctioning or approval by Rowing SA.

This may include:

- regattas;
- inter-school competitions;
- camps;
- community participation events;
- indoor rowing competitions;
- time trials;
- and other organised rowing activities conducted outside standard club training.

Event sanctioning assists Rowing SA to:

- support safe event delivery;
- confirm insurance applicability;
- ensure appropriate risk management processes are in place; and
- support compliance with Rowing SA operational and safety requirements.

Where required, event organisers may be asked to provide:

- an Event Application Form;
- Event Risk Assessment;
- Emergency Action Plan;
- Traffic or Site Management Plans;
- and other supporting operational documentation.

Further information regarding Event Sanctioning requirements will be available from the Rowing SA office.

Zootie and Logo Approval

Club and School zootie designs must be approved by Rowing SA in accordance with the Rowing SA Rules of Racing and operational requirements.

Clubs and Schools must notify Rowing SA of:

- any proposed zootie design changes; and/or
- changes to official club or school logos.

Updated designs must be submitted using the applicable [Zootie Approval Form](#) prior to manufacture or use in competition.

West Lakes Operational Requirements

Clubs and Members operating at West Lakes are required to comply with applicable permit conditions, operational procedures and safety requirements.

Activities undertaken within the precinct may be subject to obligations that differ from those applying to private members of the public.

All operational requirements are outlined in the [West Lakes Permit Conditions](#).

Media Accreditation

All photographers seeking access to Rowing SA regattas or events must complete the applicable Media Accreditation requirements prior to the event.

Photographers will be required to provide:

- current Working with Children documentation;
- relevant identification or accreditation details; and
- any additional information requested by Rowing SA.

Club App and Online Forms

The Rowing SA App provides quick access to:

- Affiliation Forms;
- Incident Report Forms;
- Booking Forms;
- Media Accreditation Forms;
- Insurance Information; and
- Operational Resources.

The App is available via the Rowing SA website or by scanning the QR code below.



What Membership Supports

Membership and affiliation fees assist Rowing SA to:

- deliver regattas and events;
- provide insurance coverage;
- support governance and integrity obligations;
- develop coaches, officials and volunteers;
- advocate for rowing across South Australia;
- support participation and pathway opportunities; and
- maintain the administration and operational delivery of the sport.

Rowing SA works collaboratively with Clubs, Schools, Volunteers and RA to support the ongoing development of rowing across all disciplines and levels of participation.

Rowing SA Contacts

Enquiry Type	Contact	Position	Email	Phone
Membership and Registration Enquiries	Bec Lannan	Regatta Manager	blannan@rowingsa.asn.au	(08) 8242 3288
Insurance Enquiries	Christine Newberry	Operations Manager	cnewberry@rowingsa.asn.au	(08) 8242 3288
Insurance Claims	Andrew Swift	CEO	aswift@rowingsa.asn.au	(08) 8242 3288
Invoice and Accounts Enquiries	Toni Ryan	Accounts Manager	accounts@rowingsa.asn.au	(08) 8242 3288

Appendix 1 - Rowing SA Group Insurance

A Guide to Insurance for Clubs, Schools and Members

Rowing SA holds a Personal Injury insurance policy on behalf of its members. This policy provides insurance for the below registered members, for participating in sanctioned activities arranged by Rowing SA registered members and includes:

- non-participating officials
- coaches
- officials
- committee members
- Rowing SA employees
- apprentices
- volunteer workers
- work experience students.

A sanctioned activity means: a regatta or other rowing competition, event, or activity (including training), whether on a one-off basis or as part of a series, league, or competition, sanctioned or organised by Rowing SA.

A portion of your affiliation and membership fees ensure that you and your rowing activities are covered by appropriate and high-quality insurance policies.

Insurance coverage is only valid where:

- affiliation and membership are current;
- individuals are appropriately registered within Rowing Manager; and
- activities are sanctioned by Rowing SA.

There is a grace period until 31 July 2027, however it is highly recommended to affiliate club and ensure that all members within your club have a Rowing SA membership and registered in Rowing Manager.

It is important that you understand the insurance coverage of the Rowing SA Insurance Program, so we have compiled a guide to the insurance coverage including several FAQs to assist.

For all insurance documents and policy wording, please go to [Rowing Australia – V Insurance](#).

Appendix 2 - Frequently asked Insurance Questions

Q I am getting in a boat to do very limited on water or limited physical training (only ergs) but my role at the club is more of a volunteer member – how do I register?

A If you are training in any capacity, in a rowing activity, you must have an active rowing membership – you cannot register as a volunteer only.

Q: I am a club volunteer; do I need to be listed in Rowing Manager as a member?

A: Yes, all club volunteers need to have a current membership in Rowing Manager for insurance purposes. The insurance and registration for volunteers are free.

This registration is for OFF WATER/NO TRAINING ACTIVITIES only.

Q: I am a coach; do I need to need to be listed in Rowing Manager as a member?

A: Yes, all club Coaches need to have a current membership in Rowing Manager for insurance purposes. The insurance and registration for coaches are \$21.

School Insurance

Q I am a school student and have insurance at school for school-based activities. Is this a double up on insurance?

A No this is not a double up and the insurance policies complement one another. School based activities are likely to be covered by your school policy, however any rowing activity as outlined and sanctioned by Rowing SA will be covered under the Rowing SA policy.

Club Insurance

Q: I injured myself whilst training at my club - am I covered for insurance?

A: The Personal Accident policy through Rowing SA covers members at official events, during training, official social events, and fundraising activities as well as travel to and from such activities.

Q I'm running the club BBQ every weekend, so I'm not an active rowing member. Am I covered for insurance if I burned myself one weekend?

A Only members are insured under Rowing SA's Personal Accident policy. If you are volunteering to run the BBQ, you should be registered on Rowing Manager with the club as a volunteer to ensure your injuries from the burn are covered for insurance purposes.

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- Q Does the insurance cover equipment theft or damage to club equipment at our rowing shed?**
- A No, Rowing SA's policy does not extend to building or contents for clubs. Clubs will require their own insurance for this purpose.*
- Q I'm an athlete and I have been injured and have been seeking professional medical assistance. I must do an erg for a trial and am fairly sure I'll be ok to participate, even though the Doctor has advised me not to row. I do the erg and my injury gets worse, am I covered for insurance?**
- A Pre-existing Medical Conditions are not covered under the Personal Accident policy. Your claim may be affected if you train against medical advice. It is advisable to speak to your Health Professional before doing your trial and if not cleared, complete an exemption form that Rowing SA will provide so you are exempt from the erg.*
- Q Are club social events, such as fundraising, club BBQs, or club room hire covered by the insurance if there is an accident?**
- A Coverage for social events held as part of regular club activities are covered under Rowing SA's insurance policy. The Public Liability insurance extends to cover hiring out of club rooms. This policy covers property damage or personal injury to third parties arising from your negligence.*
- Q When travelling to and from events (i.e. travelling to training, travelling to a competition, and travelling for a state team trip) and an accident occurs, am I covered under Rowing SA's policy?**
- A If the travel is for a Rowing SA sanctioned event or purpose, the personal accident insurance covers members traveling directly to and from this event.*
- Q What is the extent of travel coverage? (i.e. is my lost luggage covered?)**
- A Rowing SA does not have a Travel Insurance policy for its members. General travel insurance would be required by the individual for personal effects and loss.*
- Q What are our club's responsibilities regarding the insurance policy?**
- A The club is responsible for maintaining accurate records of members, advising Rowing SA of the full membership, ensuring all activities are conducted safely and in accordance with guidelines, and promptly reporting any incidents or claims to Rowing SA using the Incident Form.*
- Q We have booked an external contractor to attend the club for a maintenance issue (or other). If they get injured on the job, are they covered by the clubs' insurance?**
- A No, external contractors should carry their own Public Liability insurance.*
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Certificate of Currency

Q I have been asked to provide my Certificate of Currency, where do I get it?

A To access your Club or School Certificate of Currency follow the link from the buttons [here](#). select 'South Australia', then select your Club from the drop-down menu, then print or save the document.

How to make a Claim

Q A member has suffered an injury, and we would like to make a claim for the incident. How do we do that?

A It is important that all incidents are reported even if they do not eventuate into a claim. Once an incident occurs, please complete the [Rowing SA Incident Form](#). This will be used in conjunction with a claim form. Rowing SA will be notified of the incident and if you need to make a claim, please email aswift@rowingsa.asn.au.

Frequently asked Membership questions

Q: What does my affiliation fee provide

A *Every rowing club in SA affiliates with Rowing South Australia, which is separate to the membership fee. This affiliation fee is based on the number of members in the club and the type of membership category that is taken up by each member. The affiliation fee includes:*

- *Club insurance*
- *Compliance and Government*
- *Advocacy*
- *Investment in resources*
- *Operations*
- *Education*
- *Sport Integrity*
- *Development*
- *Training & Development*

Q: I am a club volunteer; do I need to be listed in Rowing Manager as a member?

A: *Yes, all club volunteers need to be listed in Rowing Manager for insurance purposes. The insurance and registration for volunteers, is free. Membership is accessed via your club.*

Q: I am a coach; do I need to need to be listed in Rowing manager as a member

A: *Yes, all club Coaches need to be listed in Rowing manager for insurance purposes. The insurance and registration for coaches, is \$21.*

Q: I am a rower and only want to row in one or two regattas. What membership category is best for me?

A: *The single regatta membership will allow you to race in as many events in that single regatta. It won't allow you to race State Championship events as you will need a minimum of a half year membership.*

If you purchased a single regatta membership for the Riverland Regatta, the extra seat fee specific to that regatta is also payable.

Q: I have never rowed, but want to come and try a few sessions – do I need to join a club and be listed in Rowing Manager?

A: *Yes, all members need to be listed in Rowing Manager, even Come and Try. The Come and Try membership is organised via each club. A \$10 membership fee goes to Rowing SA.*

Q: I am learning to row and don't think I'll compete – do I need to be registered in Rowing Manager?

A *Yes. You can join as a Come and Try Member and upgrade your membership to a competitive membership, if you decide to compete at a later time. The difference in cost between the two memberships is then payable.*

Useful Resources

The following resources may assist clubs and schools in meeting their compliance obligations:

- Rowing SA Safety and Training Policy
- Rowing SA Event Sanctioning and Management Framework
- Rowing SA Emergency Management Plan
- Rowing SA Incident Reporting Procedure
- Rowing SA Media and Photography Policy
- West Lakes Permit Conditions document
- Sport Integrity Australia resources
- Australian Taxation Office (ATO) Not-for-Profit resources
- Consumer and Business Services (CBS) Incorporated Associations resources
- DHS Screening Unit resources