

Circular

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As we start the new season, we want to ensure all clubs and schools are across Rowing Australia's whole-of-sport insurance program and how its terms apply to coaches.

This circular sets out, using Rowing Australia's insurance program documentation, why coach accreditation matters for insurance purposes, and asks all clubs and schools to confirm the accreditation status of everyone acting in a coaching capacity.

This is a summary only. Refer to the full policy wording for terms, conditions and exclusions.

What our insurance documents say

Rowing Australia's Personal Accident insurance program, arranged through V-Insurance Group, is explicit that coverage for coaches depends on accreditation, not simply on someone acting in a coaching role.

“This program covers Rowing Australia accredited coaches.”

Coaches, Officials and Volunteers – Summary of Cover, Rowing Australia / V-Insurance Group (2026/2027)

Q: “I am a rowing coach with a club, however I am not accredited by Rowing Australia. Am I covered by the insurance program?”

A: “No”

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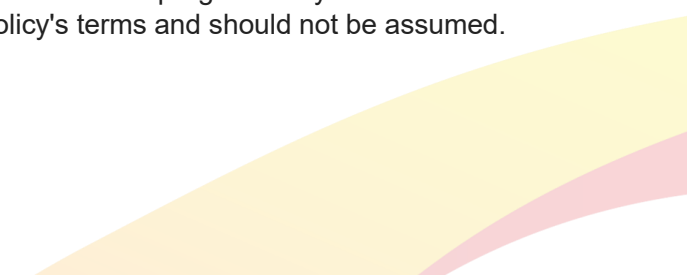
Professional Liability cover is also limited to “accredited Rowing Australia coaches”, rather than coaches generally.

What Rowing Australia means by “accredited”

For the purposes of this insurance program, a Rowing Australia accredited coach is someone who holds a current (not expired) Rowing Australia coaching accreditation – Level 1, 2, 3 or 4, the Riggers course, or accreditation granted via Recognition of Prior Learning. Accreditation lasts four years from the date it is granted or renewed, after which it must be reaccredited through the coach's profile on the Rowing Australia Coaching Portal. A coach whose accreditation has lapsed is not considered accredited until they reaccredit.

What this means for your club or school

A person coaching without current Rowing Australia accreditation is not covered under either the Personal Accident or Professional Liability cover of the Rowing Australia insurance program. Any cover under an employer's or club/school's own insurance will depend on that policy's terms and should not be assumed.



What we are asking clubs and schools to do

- Confirm that everyone currently coaching at your club or school holds current Rowing Australia accreditation.
- Where someone is coaching without accreditation, arrange for them to obtain it through Rowing Australia's coaching accreditation pathway before they continue in that role.
- You can check a coach's current accreditation status via Rowing Australia's [list of accredited coaches](#).
- Contact Rowing SA if you are unsure whether a coach's accreditation is current, or if you have questions about the accreditation process.

A list of current and expired coaches will be sent to each club and school to facilitate with this process.

Additional Educational Requirements

As part of Rowing SA's obligations under the Rowing Australia Education Plan, all coaches are required to complete a small number of integrity and anti-doping eLearning courses through Sport Integrity Australia.

These are free, done online at your own pace, and most take between 20–60 minutes.

Coaches (National Rowing Coaching Accreditation Scheme)

Requirements increase with NRCAS accreditation level. Anti-Doping Fundamentals must be completed before the Coaches Course.

Course	Riggers / Community	NRCAS Level 1	NRCAS Level 2	NRCAS Level 3/4
National Integrity Framework	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Required
Anti-Doping Fundamentals	Recommended	Required	Required	Required
Annual Update	Recommended	Recommended	Required	Required
Whereabouts Course	—	Required <i>RTP coaches*</i>	Required <i>RTP coaches*</i>	Required <i>RTP coaches*</i>
Competition Manipulation & Sports Betting	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Required
Coaches Course	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Required
Child Safeguarding in Sport Introduction	Required	Required	Required	Required

*Registered Testing Pool

How to log in and complete a course:

1. Go to the Sport Integrity Australia eLearning portal: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>
2. If you don't already have an account (including from the old ASADA site), select "Register" and create one using your email. If you've used the site before, just log in with your existing details.
3. Once logged in, go to "My Courses" and select the relevant course from the list above.
4. Complete the course in one sitting where possible — keep the course window open until it confirms your progress has saved.
5. Once finished, your completion will show on your eLearning certificate (downloadable from your account).

If you have any questions regarding the course or these updates, please contact the Rowing SA office.

Warm regards,

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