



The Head of the River Regatta

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1. Application of Rules

- 1.1 The SATIS Head of the River Regatta is to be held in accordance with the provisions of the *Rowing Australia Rules of Racing, the Rowing Tasmania Racing Code 2018 and the Interim School Rules for Racing 2023* except as specifically provided in these Rules.
- 1.2 These supplementary rules to the *Rowing Tasmania Racing Code 2018* are as approved by Rowing Tasmania (Racing Code Clause 22.2).

2. Regatta Management

- 2.1 The regatta will be managed by a Regatta Secretary and a Referee nominated by the Regatta Officers Commission (ROC) under the auspice of Rowing Tasmania.
- 2.2 The Regatta Secretary shall
 - 2.2.1 Manage the receipt of entries, the draw and the publication of the draw.
 - 2.2.2 In consultation with SATIS determine the order of events
 - 2.2.3 Determine the time interval between events and the location of the lunch breaks in the program in consultation with ROC and SATIS.
 - 2.2.4 Manage receipt and application of crew changes and scratchings.
 - 2.2.5 Publish official results in the format determined by the Regatta Secretary.
- 2.3 Scratchings and crew changes:
 - 2.3.1 These must be made to the Regatta Secretary at least 30 minutes before the published time of the event in the format prescribed by the Regatta Secretary, and must be approved by the school Director of Rowing.

- 2.3.2 To ensure that only the SATIS Delegate or school Rowing Coordinator submit a scratching or crew change, only the Rowing Coordinator will have access to the online entry system.
- 2.3.3 Any scratching not submitted on Rowing Manager by the school Director of Rowing will incur a fine. Any scratching incurring a \$50 fine is to be passed to the Director of Rowing or Principal of the school concerned.
- 2.4 If at any time prior to and/or during the regatta, the Referee, in consultation with the Chair of SATIS considers the conditions unfit for rowing, the regatta may be postponed, truncated and/or abandoned.
- 2.5 Uniform of crews must be worn at all times when on the field of play (the rowing course)
 - 2.5.1 All members of a crew shall be dressed in accordance with the regulation school rowing uniform as registered with Rowing Tasmania. Crews not adhering to dress codes may be disqualified from competing.
 - 2.5.2 Hats - must be of uniform design and colour (either school colour or white).
 - 2.5.3 Undergarments - such as long-sleeve thermals or sun-blocks should be a school rowing colour or white, and be uniform throughout the crew.

3. Regatta format and Program of events

- 4.1 The regatta program includes Firsts (Championship) and Seconds (Non-Championship) events.
- 4.2 Firsts events are limited to one entry per school, attract points for aggregate trophies and trophies for Open and Year 10 Eights events.
- 4.3 Seconds events provide a participation opportunity for crew boats only and precede Firsts events.
- 4.4 The Year 10 Eights are to be scheduled before the lunch break, and alternate yearly between Schoolgirls and Schoolboys.
- 4.5 The Open Eights are the last events on the program, and alternate yearly between Schoolgirls and Schoolboys
- 4.6 The regatta shall include the following events over the distances prescribed.

Year	1X	2X	4X+	4+	8+
Year 7	500m	500m	500m	NA	NA
Year 8	1000m	1000m	1000m	NA	NA
Year 9	1000m	1000m	1000m	NA	NA
Year 10	1500m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1500m
Open	1500m	1500m	2000m	2000m	2000m

5. Entries

- 5.1 Entries are to be made on Rowing Manager, the Rowing Tasmania regatta entries system.
- 5.2 Entries must be made by the closing date and time stipulated on Rowing Manager.
- 5.3 Composite crews (members from different schools) are not permitted. This is specific to SATIS Regattas.
- 5.4 There is no age, gender or event restriction on coxswains.
- 5.5 All oars persons need to be competent. Any sculler or crew unable to reasonably complete a race should not be entered.

5.5.1 Crews deemed not competent by the Boat Race Officials on the water may be excluded from racing and directed to return to the bank.

5.6 The following table sets out the events offered for each age group along with the number of entries permitted for each division of that age group.

Age Group/Division	8+	4+	4X+	2X	1X
Open Boys Div 1	1	1	1	1	1
Open Boys Div 2	1	1	1	1	0
Open Girls Div 1	1	1	1	1	1
Open Girls Div 2	1	1	1	1	0
Yr 10 Boys Div 1	1	1	1	1	1
Yr 10 Boys Div 2	1	1	1	1	0
Yr 10 Girls Div 1	1	1	1	1	1
Yr 10 Girls Div 2	1	1	1	1	0
Yr 9 Boys Div 1	0	0	1	1	1
Yr 9 Boys Div 2	0	0	3	1	0
Yr 9 Girls Div 1	0	0	1	1	1
Yr 9 Girls Div 2	0	0	3	1	0
Yr 8 Boys Div 1	0	0	1	1	1
Yr 8 Boys Div 2	0	0	3	1	0
Yr 8 Girls Div 1	0	0	1	1	1
Yr 8 Girls Div 2	0	0	3	1	0
Yr 7 Boys Div 1	0	0	1	1	1
Yr 7 Boys Div 2	0	0	3	1	0
Yr 7 Girls Div 1	0	0	1	1	1
Yr 7 Girls Div 2	0	0	3	1	0

5.7 There are no Seconds single scull (1X) events.

5.8 Subject to Rule 5.7, Schools are guaranteed entries in Seconds crew events as follows:

5.8.1 Senior (Open and Year 10), one Seconds crew per event;

5.8.2 Junior crews (Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9) one Seconds crew in Doubles (2X) and

5.8.3 Junior crews (Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9) three Seconds crews in Coxed Quadruple Sculls (4X+)

5.9 No school may enter a Seconds crew unless it has entered a Firsts crew in the same event. In the event a Firsts crew is scratched, the first nominated Seconds crew will be promoted.

5.10 Subject to Rule 5.9, where a Seconds crew is promoted to the Firsts, the school may enter another crew to fill the created vacancy in the Seconds.

5.11 Where there are vacant lanes in Seconds, the Regatta Secretary has the discretion to call for additional entries to fill the vacant lanes. In the circumstance where the number of entries

received exceed the available vacant lanes, the Regatta Secretary has discretion to decide which crews may be included.

- 5.12 Priority of crews and seating positions must be provided in the format/convention determined by the Regatta Secretary.
- 5.13 The crew nominated as the first, or 'A' crew is the Firsts crew. Seconds crews should be nominated in order i.e 2, 3, 4.
- 5.14 Late entries may be accepted by the Regatta Secretary up to 30 minutes prior to the first event of the program if there is an available lane and the school has not exceeded its entries in that event.
- 5.15 Where there are more schools than there are available lanes for Firsts events, the race shall be split into two races on the basis of 5/4 or 6/5, etc., and the result of the race will be declared according to times of crews. The Regatta Secretary shall allot entries into these races on a random basis. Any vacant lanes created by this process will not be filled.
- 5.16 If there are more schools than there are available lanes for Seconds events that have a limit of one entry per school, the race shall be split in the same ratio as per Rule-5.15.
- 5.17 If there are sufficient entries for Seconds in Yr 7, Yr 8 and Yr 9 Quads, the event shall be split into a maximum of three divisions. Each division race will be split in the same ratio as per Rule 5.15 if there are more schools than available lanes. Schools are to nominate crews as per Rule 5.13.
- 5.18 Where only one entry is received for a Firsts event, the Regatta Secretary may schedule the event to be rowed in conjunction with another race. The crew shall receive points for the event.
- 5.19 Where only one entry is received for a Seconds event, the event will be declared a non- event and will be excluded from the program.
- 5.20 In all events except for the Open 8+ where there are insufficient Seconds crews entered, (two crews from different schools) and where there are sufficient lanes in the Firsts race, the two races will be rowed concurrently. The Seconds crews will be allocated the outside lanes.
- 5.21 Where only one crew presents itself at the start they shall have the option of rowing down the course or to be directed by the umpires outside the course and proceed to the finish line before returning to shore. Where this is a Firsts crew, they shall receive points for the event.

6. Eligibility of Rowers

- 6.1 Rowers must be currently enrolled and attending students of the school for which they are entered.
- 6.2 A student may row in a particular boat type only once, provided he/she is of the correct year group for such event.
- 6.3 A student may only compete in one Year Group. Students cannot compete in a Year Group lower than what they are enrolled in.
- 6.4 Where a year group loses one of its numbers to illness or injury (in the seven days prior to the day of the Head of the River) and there is no substitute available from that year group, a substitute from a younger year group may be used, even if that substitute is already rowing in that boat size in their own year group.
- 6.5 Where a substitution is made from a younger age group the Regatta Secretary will flag this change in Rowing Manager as requiring a reason for the substitution.

7. Protests

- 7.1 The resolution of disputes arising from any race shall be in the hands of the Rowing Tasmania Referee of the day as per Rowing Tasmania's Rules of Racing.

8. Points Score and Trophies

- 8.1 Points are only awarded for Division One events. Points are calculated according to the number of schools competing for the respective aggregate trophy category. i.e if 8 schools are competing for the trophy 1st 8 pts, 2nd 7 pts, 3rd 6 pts, 4th 5 pts, 5th 4 pts, 6th 3 pts, 7th 2 pts, 8th 1 pt.
- 8.2 The following ten trophies will be awarded:
- 8.2.1 Aggregate trophies for:
Junior (Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 9 and Yr 10) Boys, Girls; and
Co-ed Open Boys, Girls, Co-ed.
 - 8.2.2 Event trophies for:
Head of the River Year 10 Boys' and Girls' 8+; and
Head of the River School Boys and School Girls 8+.

9. Sports Moratorium

- 9.1 The moratorium Provisions apply to two periods:
- 9.1.1 Christmas/New Year, the dates for which will be determined by SATIS in consultation with Rowing Tasmania and published in the RT Calendar; and
 - 9.1.2 Easter – Good Friday to Easter Monday Inclusive
- 9.2 The intention of the SATIS Sports Moratorium is to enable students and their families to have a three-week break from school activities. To this end the following rowing specific rules will apply:
- 9.2.1 During the moratorium students cannot use school rowing equipment.
 - 9.2.2 During the Moratorium students from the same school cannot train or row together in any combination greater than three, including coxswains, and/or as more than half of a Double or Pair, at the same time.
 - 9.2.3 During the Moratorium students cannot be coached by school coaches within the parameters in 1 and 2 above.
- 9.3 Interpretation:
- In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears-
- 9.3.1 **School Rowing Equipment** – means any equipment owned or normally used by a school and/or its rowing program.
 - 9.3.2 **Combination greater than three** – means in a boat larger than a Double/Pair.
 - 9.3.3 **At the same time** – means on the water in multiple Doubles/Pairs/Singles at the same time or in such a manner that there can be implied a coordinated approach to the training of the students within a crew throughout the day and the period of the Moratorium. This also applies to land-based training.
 - 9.3.4 **School coaches** – means those coaches who principally coach crews/rowers that will represent a school.

- 9.4 Additionally, the spirit of the Moratorium is as important as its regulations. The spirit of the Moratorium is based on the acknowledgement of the value of family, the need for balance in one's life and sound pedagogical practice. Actions, intentional or not, which contravene the regulations of the Moratorium or compromise the spirit of the Moratorium, may be subject to review by AHISA.


10. Administration


If a school has any doubts about how to interpret the wording or the intent of the Moratorium, they should contact the Chair of SATIS prior to the commencement date of the Moratorium.

Dated this 12th day of March 2024

The common seal of Rowing Tasmania Inc was
hereunto affixed in the presence of:




Michael Casey
Chairperson


Tina Maher
Director