



# **RACING CODE**

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## Racing Code

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## 1. INTERPRETATION

In this Code, unless inconsistent with the context:

- 1.1. “**Association**” means anybody of persons conducting a boat race at the direction, or with the consent of The Council, to which the Code applies.
- 1.2. “**Executive**” means the President, Administration Manager, Finance Manager, Regatta Manager, and one councillor.
- 1.3. “**B.O.A.T.**” means the Boat-race Officials Association of Tasmania.
- 1.4. “**Class of Boat**” means a class or type of racing boat approved and promoted by The Council for competition under this Code and includes:
  - 1.4.1. eight oared boats – with coxswain;
  - 1.4.2. four oared boats – with and without coxswain;
  - 1.4.3. pair oared boats – without coxswain;
  - 1.4.4. single sculls;
  - 1.4.5. double sculls;
  - 1.4.6. quad sculls – with and without coxswain.
- 1.5. “**Committee**” means the committee of the B.O.A.T or a committee appointed to conduct a regatta to which this Code applies.
- 1.6. “**Council**” means the General Management Committee for the time being of the Rowing Tasmania Inc.
- 1.7. “**Jury**” means the members of the B.O.A.T. actually present and conducting a regatta to which this Code applies.
- 1.8. “**M.A.S.T.**” means Marine and Safety Tasmania;
- 1.9. “**Para Rower**” means a rower who meets the criteria set out in the RA Classification Policy
- 1.10. “**RA**” means Rowing Australia Inc., the national coordinating body of rowing in Australia.
- 1.11. “**Rower**” means all oarspersons competing in any class of boats as defined in 1.4.
- 1.12. “**School**” means a primary, secondary high school or matriculation college, but shall not include technical, further education, secretarial, agricultural, nursing, maritime, community advanced education colleges, institutes or universities.
- 1.13. “**RT**” means Rowing Tasmania Inc.
- 1.14. Words referring to the male gender shall include the female gender except for the definition of lightweight as contained in Rule 18.1.

## 2. NAVIGATION REGULATIONS

- 2.1. Crews, scullers and coaches launches shall at all times abide by and comply with all regulations, State or Local, and in particular the navigation rules as imposed by M.A.S.T. , applying to the waterway or lake they are using, and in particular the use of navigation lights shall be strictly adhered to in accordance with the relevant regulations.
- 2.2. Crews, scullers and coaches launches shall at all times abide by and comply with the traffic rules devised by The Council and M.A.S.T in respect of the use of the albano course and adjacent water area to Lake Barrington International Rowing Centre.
- 2.3. Should The Council, or the Executive or an affiliated association find that a rower of, or a person known to represent an affiliated Club or School, has infringed any regulation or rule whatsoever applying to a waterway or lake, The Council or an association may impose a fine not exceeding \$200.00 on the rower, member or representative and may take such further action against the Club/School as it deems necessary to ensure compliance with the relevant regulations.
- 2.4. During the conduct of any regatta, and during the preparation period and/or immediate post regatta period, crews, scullers and coaches launches shall comply with instructions from the Jury and they shall observe any traffic regulations in force.
- 2.5. The on water boat traffic rules adopted by, and imposed by, The Council to regulate the on water movement of all rowing boats and coaches launches at the Lake Barrington International Rowing Venue shall apply at all times, albeit during the course of the conduct of a regatta or at any other time.

## 3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Subject to meeting any advertising requirements of RT on behalf of its sponsors, all forms of fixed advertising at the Championships and Pennant Regattas shall be under the control of the Organising Committee.
- 3.2. Clubs and School crews, boats and oar makers shall have the right at all regattas conducted in Tasmania under the auspices of RT to carry advertising matter on their clothing, hats and oars and on the hard surfaces of vehicles, with the following restrictions applying from the time of the official opening of the regatta venue for training until the end of the regatta:
  - 3.2.1. During their training, their race and the subsequent presentation of trophies, crew members shall not carry any advertising matter on their clothing (vests, shorts, tracksuits, neckbands and accessories) apart from the names, colours, badges and emblems of their Club, School or Association and they may display the name and/or logo of a sponsor, provided this name and/or logo is a single identification of the sponsor per competitor and is on only one piece of clothing

(vests, shorts, etc.) and is not more than 50 cm<sup>2</sup> in area. A clothing manufacturer may, however, on each main piece of clothing (not a hat, head band nor socks for example) have identification not exceeding 16 cm<sup>2</sup> in area.

- 3.2.2. A boat may carry the name or symbol of the manufacturer as a plaque (or the equivalent) of a maximum area 50 cm<sup>2</sup> inside the boat, as well as, outside the boat, one identification, once on each side of the shell (including saxboard) with a maximum area of 30 cm<sup>2</sup> per identification.
- 3.2.3. In addition, upon direction by RT or nominee, a boat shall at a RT endorsed rowing event, carry identification of a RT or event sponsor once on both sides of the shell (including the saxboard) and once on either the bow or the stern canvas, in area up to 500 cm<sup>2</sup> per identification.
- 3.2.4. Sculls and oars carry only the colours of the Club or School which owns them on the blades. On each oar or scull, the inboard section of the loom or shaft may carry identification of the manufacturer to a maximum of 10 cm<sup>2</sup> and/or identification of a sponsor including a RT or event sponsor as required to a maximum area of 50 cm<sup>2</sup> with a maximum height of 5 cm.
- 3.2.5. The display of advertising material showing tobacco or tobacco products is prohibited.
- 3.3. The clothing of all members representing the same Club or School in a crew must be identical and uniform, and any identification must be worn on the same part of clothing by each crew member from the same Club or School.
- 3.4. RT may, upon the request of B.O.A.T., instruct that any advertising matter not complying with 3.2 be removed. The penalty for non-compliance with such instruction shall be disqualification from the regatta of the offending Club, School, sculler or crew.

#### **4. ANTI-DOPING PROVISIONS**

- 4.1. Doping is strictly prohibited.
- 4.2. The fight against doping in rowing is regulated by the World Anti-Doping Code, which the Rowing Australia Board has formally adopted as RA rules and that the RA Board has the power to clarify and/or supplement, by appropriate By-Laws. In rowing, for those who infringe doping provisions, a penalty may be imposed extending to, in a relevant case, a life ban from all competition.
- 4.3. For the purposes of this Code, RT has adopted the anti-doping provisions as formally adopted by RA which can be found in the By-Laws referred to in and Appended to the RA Rules of Racing, being the RA Anti-Doping Policy.

## 5. PENNANT POINTS

Points shall be allocated to affiliated Clubs at Pennant Regattas conducted by The Council in respect of events carrying pennant points on the following basis:

- 5.1. Where there are eight or more entries in an event and eight lanes available, pennant points shall be awarded in Division One of that event only and in accordance with 5.3.
- 5.2. Where there are more than eight entries in an event and less than eight lanes are available, or where there are less than eight entries in an event, and the event is rowed in more than one division, then points shall be allocated to the starters in the event until eight placings have been exhausted or when less than eight finishers have all been allocated pennant points with:
  - 5.2.1. The placings in Division One being allocated points in accordance with 5.3.
  - 5.2.2. Any unallocated points from Division One being allocated to the placings in Division Two.
- 5.3. For the purposes of 5.1 and 5.2, the pennant points to be allocated to the placings in each event shall be:

Eight Oared Event	First	12 points
	Second	10 points
	Third	8 points
	All other placings	4 points
Four Oared/Quads	First	8 points
	Second	6 points
	Third	4 points
	All other placings	2 points
Sculls/Pairs/Doubles:	First	6 points
	Second	4 points
	Third	2 points
	All other placings	1 point

- 5.4. All Divisions of an event, unless otherwise provided for in and subject to 5.1 and 5.2, Masters and Novice events, and any other supporting events on a regatta program, shall not attract pennant points.
- 5.5. Pennant points shall not be awarded in Championship events.
- 5.6. All races in events that have no divisions are deemed to be Division One.
- 5.7. Pennant points shall only be awarded to crews and scullers who have actually finished in their event.
- 5.8. In the case of a dead heat for any placings in an event, the pennant points attributable to the dead heating crews shall be shared equally.
- 5.9. No Pennant points shall be allocated to events that are handicap events, or to the heats or repechages of any event.
- 5.10. *Apportioned points shall be awarded to any crew composed of athletes from more than one Club or School (i.e. composite crew).*

- 5.11. No sculler or crew rowing on behalf of a School shall be entitled to receive, nor be awarded, Pennant Points, except as provided in Rule 5.13.
- 5.12. Pennant points shall only be awarded at Pennant Regattas as designated by RT, and shall not be awarded at Championship Regattas.
- 5.13. A separate School Pennant shall be awarded with points allocated at all State Pennant Regattas up to and including Under 21 events, in accordance with Rules 5.1 to 5.4 inclusive.

## **6. TROPHIES AND CASH PRIZES**

- 6.1. Except where otherwise stated in the program, the winner of events shall be entitled to receive a trophy in accordance with this rule.
- 6.2. The winners of all Championship trophies and other prizes including perpetual trophies and Pennant Flags shall be entitled to be presented with such trophy or prize at the presentation ceremony following the conduct of their event, but shall not be entitled to remove the same from the custody of the Administration Manager without his/her permission and then not before signing a document in such form as The Council may require, guaranteeing to keep and return the said trophy or prize in good order and condition when called upon so to do.
- 6.3. Cash prizes may be awarded for regattas and races conducted under the auspices of RT.
- 6.4. Competitors may receive cash prizes for competition.
- 6.5. Any such prize shall be paid to the Club or School of any competitors winning such prize, or to RT, and not directly to competitors.
- 6.6. Such Club, School or RT may distribute such prizes among the competitors who won it to them.
- 6.7. All Championship and perpetual trophies, challenge prizes, awards, and prizes generally shall be competed for at regattas under the control of The Council under such terms and conditions as The Council shall determine and direct.
- 6.8. In Rowing, cash prizes are authorised provided they are paid to the Club, School, State Association of the rower or The Council and not directly to the competitor.

## **7. RACING UNIFORMS AND CLUB AND SCHOOL COLOURS**

- 7.1. Each member of a Club or School shall wear the registered uniform of their respective Club or School.
  - 7.1.1. Except for composite crews, the members of each crew shall compete in identical clothing.
  - 7.1.2. Any undergarments worn beneath the registered racing colours, and which are visible, must be in the same colour of at least one of the registered colours of the crew member's Club or School, or white, and except for composite crews shall be of uniform colour throughout.

- 7.2. In adverse weather conditions, for health reasons, coxswains may race wearing additional clothing, but such clothing, where visible, must be in the same colour of at least one of the registered colours of their Club or School.
- 7.3. Wearing of hats is discretionary, but at times of high sun exposure is recommended by The Council. When worn, hats shall be either white or one of the registered colours of the Club or School, and shall be of uniform design and colour by all crew members who choose to wear hats.
- 7.4. The colours of the Clubs and Schools, and the design of their uniforms, shall first be approved by The Council before they are worn.
- 7.5. The colours of the Clubs when affiliated with The Council shall wear the registered uniform of the Club as provided for in the attachment to these Rules, and amended from time to time.
- 7.6. School crews and scullers when affiliated with The Council shall wear the registered uniform of the School as provided for in the attachment to these Rules, and amended from time to time.

## **8. BOATS AND OARS**

- 8.1. In principle, the construction, design and dimensions of boats and oars shall, subject to the provisions of this rule, be unrestricted. Nevertheless The Council may impose appropriate requirements.
- 8.2. The use of sliding riggers in any class of boat shall not be allowed.
- 8.3. The bow of all boats shall be fitted with a white ball 4 cm in diameter in solid rubber or similar material which must be firmly affixed such that it does not significantly deflect if force is applied. No boat of any class shall be used in an event on the program of a regatta conducted under the auspices of RT unless a bow ball is properly fitted.
- 8.4. With the exception of Para Rowing events, and only then when appropriate, no wireless transmission equipment shall be used whether for sending or receiving.
- 8.5. No substance capable of modifying the natural properties of water shall be applied to the hull.
- 8.6. To avoid accidents arising from capsizing, all boats must be equipped with stretchers or shoes which allow the rower to get clear of the boat without delay. . Where shoes and other devices holding the feet will remain in the boat, each shoe or device shall be independently restrained such that the heel will not lift more than 7 cm. In addition, where laces, Velcro or similar materials must be opened before the rower can remove his feet from the shoes or other device, all such materials must be able to be released immediately with a single quick hand action of pulling one easily accessible strap.



- 8.7. The edges of blades must have a minimum thickness throughout as follows:

Oars	5 millimetres
Sculls	3 millimetres

The thickness shall be measured 3 millimetres from the outer edge of the blade for oars and 2 millimetres for sculls.

- 8.8. Each boat competing in a race shall be identified by attaching to its bow a board as supplied by RT showing its lane number for that event.

8.8.1. The lane number boards shall be numbered 1 to 8 and shall be of a different background colour for each lane.

8.8.2. Any boat attending the start without its lane number affixed to its bow may be awarded a false start, or in the case of subsequent offences, may not be allowed to start.

## **9. REGATTA EVENTS**

- 9.1. The Council by its relevant subcommittee is empowered to direct that events it considers relevant to its programs and policies be included on programs of regattas conducted by the associations and Clubs.

## **10. REGATTA COURSES**

- 10.1. All Championship events shall be over 2,000 metres straight, save that the Council may approve, in certain cases, a reduction to 1500 metres.
- 10.2. Events for Masters (men and women) and Novices shall be over 1,000 metres or a lesser distance if so approved.
- 10.3. All Para Rowing events (including Championship events for Para Rowing) shall be over the distance approved by the Council, but shall be no greater distance as approved by RA from time to time.
- 10.4. The course for all State Pennant events other than Championship events shall be fixed by the Council.
- 10.5. Lane one (1) shall be the lane closest to the position of the judges unless otherwise approved by The Council.
- 10.6. So far as practicable, all course markings and start/finish facilities for championship events shall be as required by the RA Racing Code but with particular emphasis on the following requirements:
- 10.6.1. The Championship course shall be of a surveyed length of 2000 metres.
- 10.6.2. With the exception of the start and finish lines, the outer limits of the championship course shall be marked by buoys made of flexible material placed not more than 250 metres apart. The distance zero (0) shall be the start. Every subsequent 250 metres shall be indicated (250, 500, 750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750).

- 10.6.3. Each crew shall be allocated a rowing lane of equal width, each of which shall not be less than 12.5 metres.
- 10.6.4. The start of championship events shall be by the use of boat holders where practicable.
- 10.6.5. A flag shall be placed on either side of the course at 100 metres from the start of all events. Alternatively the first 100 metres of the course shall be identified with buoys of a different colour than the rest of the course. The first 100 metres of the course shall be called the 'start zone'.
- 10.6.6. Where practicable, a photographic record of the finish of each race shall be made.
- 10.6.7. A sound signal shall be made as the first and following boats in each race cross the finish line.

## **11. CONTROL OF REGATTA COURSES AND PROGRAMS**

- 11.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 10.1 to 10.3 inclusive officials appointed by or from the B.O.A.T. to officiate at any rowing regattas may, of their own volition, in cases where they deem it necessary, or on consideration of a request from the association or body conducting the event:
  - 11.1.1. Alter the course for the events or any particular event on the program;
  - 11.1.2. Postpone any event on the program;
  - 11.1.3. Alter the published order of any events on the program.

## **12. ENTRIES**

- 12.1. All entries shall be made on the printed/electronic form provided by the Regatta Manager for the purpose and shall be accompanied by a payment of an amount equal to the amount of the entrance fee by either cheque, cash or direct electronic funds transfer, or such other method of payment as approved by the Executive from time to time.
- 12.2. Any sculler not a member of The Council who enters for a handicap sculling race in Tasmania shall include with his/her entry a statement of his/her performance at the last four starts.
- 12.3. The entrance fee for each competitor in any event, including State Championship events, rowed under this Code shall be such sum as The Council may approve. Nothing in this provision shall affect the ability of The Council to collect any levies as part of the entrance fee.

- 12.4. Excepting coxswains, events designated for male rowers/schoolboys shall be competed for by crews comprised of male persons only and events designated for female rowers/schoolgirls shall be competed for by crews comprising females, SAVE only that in men's sculling events, women are at liberty to enter and compete in accordance with their classification for the sole purpose of improving their performance, with the approval of the State Selectors, and boys and girls may compete in single sculling events being notified as mixed events on a regatta program.
- 12.5. Post Entries, when acceptable by the regatta organising committee, and where a lane is available, may be received up to thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled starting time of each session of the regatta. Such post entries may only be received by the Regatta Manager in accordance with Rule 12.1. The fee shall be no less than double the entry fee and shall also include any levy currently applicable to such entries.
- 12.6. In the event of a scheduled race (due to scratchings) becoming a row-over, the Regatta Manager in consultation with B.O.A.T. officials may extend an invitation to a crew(s) or sculler(s) to compete in another event provided that the crew/sculler is not rowing below its/his/her normal classification. Such invitations draw no entry fee or levy.
- 12.7. Where there is no Masters event scheduled on the program, a Masters crew may request that they compete in another event on the program by invitation, provided however that such invitation not include events for Division One Senior crews over a distance of 2000 metres. If permitted to compete, the normal entry fee is payable.
- 12.8. In a case where the Regatta Manager receives entries from only one Club/School for a race on the program, (in which case there is "no race"), the Regatta Manager shall make every endeavour to immediately advise the Club/Schools which entered the race, and those Clubs/Schools shall be given the opportunity to rearrange that entry to another race on the program for which the Club/School, crew or sculler is eligible to compete EXCEPT that for the Tasmanian Championships:
- 12.8.1. any crew/sculler who has consistently contested an event on the pennant regatta program shall be entitled to contest the Championships for that event irrespective of the number of Clubs/Schools or crews/scullers entered;
- 12.8.2. that Lightweight crews/scullers entered in lightweight events on the Championship program shall be entitled to contest such event irrespective of the number of crews/scullers or Clubs/Schools entered.
- 12.9. Entries for rowing regattas shall close no earlier than 21 days and no later than 5 days before the regatta unless special permission is granted by The Council for an earlier closing date. In the instance that The Council should grant an earlier closing date, limitations may be prescribed to the regatta association in regard to any penalty that may be applied for crew scratchings.

### **13. ROW OVERS**

- 13.1. A row-over shall be allowed in any championship event or in any other event where entries from two or more Clubs/Schools are received.
- 13.2. Pennant points shall be awarded for a row-over.
- 13.3. No event shall be awarded to any crew or sculler unless that crew or sculler rows over the course.

### **14. SUBSTITUTES AND REPLACEMENTS**

- 14.1. All crews shall have the right to replace up to fifty percent (50%) of their rowers and the coxswain as entered provided that a written declaration of the names and status of any such replacements be presented at least one hour before the race to the Regatta Manager or the nominated representative of B.O.A.T. who must mention the substitution in their official report.
- 14.2. In Championship events, no substitute is permitted for a sculler.
- 14.3. No change may be made in a crew which has already raced in a heat of its event except in the case of serious illness or accident in which case a medical certificate shall be tendered to the referee or the Regatta Manager.
- 14.4. Where a Club/School has entered more than one crew in any event, crews will be identified according to the stroke.

### **15. SCRATCHINGS**

- 15.1. Scratchings shall be notified on the form provided by the Regatta Manager for that purpose and shall be handed to the Regatta Manager or B.O.A.T. official who is on duty at the regatta.
- 15.2. The Regatta Manager or a Club, Association or any Regatta Organising Committee conducting a rowing regatta under the Racing Code of The Council shall be at liberty to apply the following scale of fines for the non-scratching of crews and scullers:
  - 15.2.1. A fine of \$15.00 for each boat where the crew or sculler is not scratched at the scheduled starting time of an event and does not start in that event;
  - 15.2.2. A fine of \$8.00 for each boat where the crew or sculler is scratched from an event less than thirty minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of that event.
- 15.3. The relevance of Rule 15.2 above is not affected in any way by starting times of events being re-scheduled by the Regatta Manager or the committee organising the regatta.

## 16. ELIGIBILITY FOR ROWERS AND COXSWAINS

- 16.1. No person resident in Tasmania shall be eligible to compete in any event conducted under this Code unless he is a member of The Council.
- 16.2. No person resident outside Tasmania shall be eligible to compete in any event under this Code unless he is a member of a Club affiliated with a National Federation affiliated with F.I.S.A. and The Council may require such evidence of membership and affiliation as is necessary.
- 16.3. Where a person is a member of more than one Club, he/she shall, before competing in any regatta conducted under this Code, declare to the Executive the Club for which he/she is to compete.
- 16.4. No person shall compete for more than one Club during any season unless he/she obtains permission from The Council or Executive.
- 16.5. All persons, coaches, crews or scullers representing Clubs or Schools affiliated with The Council and all persons competing as coxswains of each Club and School shall be members of The Council before the respective crews and scullers compete at any event conducted under the authority of The Council by its Racing Code.
- 16.6. Notwithstanding anything contained in this rule, and subject to Rule 20.8, a Club may grant permission to a coxswain who is a member of that Club/School to steer a crew representing another Club/School in any event conducted under this Code including a State Championship event. A coxswain steering another Club under this rule shall wear the racing uniform of the crew which he/she is steering.

## 17. CLASSIFICATION OF COMPETITORS

- 17.1. Rowers are divided into the following classes:

- A. Open
- B. Under 23
- C. Under 21
- D. Under 19
- E. Under 17
- F. Lightweight
- G. Para-rowers
- H. Masters
- I. Novice

- 17.1.1. A rower ceases to be classified as Under 17 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 16. This definition also applies to the coxswain of an Under 17 crew.
- 17.1.2. A rower ceases to be classified as Under 19 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 18. This definition also applies to the coxswain of an Under 19 crew.
- 17.1.3. A rower ceases to be classified as Under 21 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 20. This definition also applies to the coxswain of an Under 21 crew.
- 17.1.4. A rower ceases to be classified as Under 23 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 22. After that date, he/she shall be classified as Open.
- 17.1.5. All rowers shall be eligible to compete in Open category in the appropriate weight division.
- 17.2. Every rower (including Masters) must be in a position to prove his/her age by production of an official document (birth certificate or passport)
- 17.3. Races conducted under the determination of 17.1 may be organised by the Regatta Manager or his/her representatives into divisions if:
  - 17.3.1. entries exceed the available lanes on the regatta course to be used; or
  - 17.3.2. entries exceed a number considered by the B.O.A.T. to be a totally safe field of crews/scullers on any given regatta course: or
  - 17.3.3. the Regatta Manager or his/her representative consider that the standard of entrants in any event is of such disparity that they should be divided into separate races.
- 17.4. For races in divisions the best available entrants will be allocated to Division One, the next best to Division Two, and so on until all entrants have been allotted to a division.
- 17.5. The allocation of entrants into divisions will be undertaken by the Regatta Manager or his/her representatives, and will be based upon the record of previous results, and any other information available about the competitors to determine the most equitable division for all entrants.

## **18. LIGHTWEIGHTS**

- 18.1. Lightweight races are restricted to male rowers weighing 72.5 kilograms or less and female rowers weighing 59 kilograms or less in the case of single sculling races and in all other classes of boat to male rowers weighing 72.5 kilograms or less and female rowers weighing 59 kilograms or less provided that the average weight of all members of the crew in which such rower races (excluding the coxswain) does not exceed 70 kilograms in the case of male rowers and 57 kilograms in the case of female rowers. The weighing scales should indicate the weight of the rower to 0.1 kg.

18.2. Lightweight rowers shall be weighed in racing uniform by a person duly appointed by B.O.A.T. not less than one hour and not more than two hours before the starting time appearing in the program for their first race on each day of racing, except:

18.2.1. If the competitor has races in other events on that day, the weight recorded for the first event may be applied to qualify for such subsequent events;

18.2.2. However, the competitor may re-weigh for such subsequent events within the time limits applicable to those events. This weight may also be carried forward.

## 19. MASTERS AND NOVICE ROWERS

19.1. A Master rower (formerly known as veterans) shall be placed in the age category corresponding to the age which he or she attains during the current year. The age categories are:

<b>A.</b>	<i>Minimum age 27 years</i>
<b>B.</b>	<i>Average age 36 years</i>
<b>C.</b>	<i>Average age 43 years</i>
<b>D.</b>	<i>Average age 50 years</i>
<b>E.</b>	<i>Average age 55 years</i>
<b>F.</b>	<i>Average age 60 years</i>
<b>G.</b>	<i>Average age 65 years</i>
<b>H.</b>	<i>Average age 70 years</i>
<b>I.</b>	<i>Average age 75 years</i>
<b>J.</b>	<i>Average age 80 years</i>
<b>K.</b>	<i>Average age 83 years</i>
<b>L.</b>	<i>Average age 86 years</i>
<b>M.</b>	<i>Average age 89 years or more</i>

The average ages are excluding the coxswain and calculated by rounding down to the nearest whole number.

19.2. Each competitor competing as Masters shall be responsible for his/her own health and fitness.

19.3. A Novice rower means an Under 17 Division 3 rower or below, or a first year rower.

19.4. At the discretion of the Regatta Manager, a rower having competed in a number of regattas less than the number available in his/her first year of rowing may be entered as a Novice rower in his/her second year of rowing where his/her times are judged to be insufficient to progress to the next highest number available division in his/her age classification.

19.5. At the discretion of the Regatta Manager, races for Masters and Novice Rowers may be rowed simultaneously.

19.6. Masters and Novice rower events shall not be awarded pennant points in State Pennant Regattas.



## 20. COXSWAINS

- 20.1. Coxswains shall be deemed to be members of the crew, however, a woman may steer a man's crew and vice versa.
- 20.2. There shall be no age limit for coxswains for races in Under 23 and Open crews.
- 20.3. *The minimum weight for a coxswain (in racing uniform) is 55 kilograms for all coxswains (except there is no minimum weight for U 17 Events) The weighing scales should indicate the weight of a coxswain to 0.1 kg.*
- 20.4. *To make up this weight the coxswain may carry a maximum of 15 kgs of dead weight. No article of racing equipment shall be considered as part of this dead weight. This dead weight shall be carried in a sealed bag or bags and shall be placed in the boat as close as possible to the coxswain.*
- 20.5. *There shall be no minimum weight for coxswains in races for Masters or Novice or Under 17 events.*
- 20.6. Coxswains shall be weighed wearing racing uniform, not less than one (1) hour and not more than twenty four (24) hours before their first race at a regatta, and having weighed on the first day of a weekend regatta they shall not normally be required to weigh again on the second day of competition. The B.O.A.T. may however require additional weigh-ins.
- 20.7. Immediately after the race the B.O.A.T. may direct that any dead weight carried by a coxswain of any crews placed first, second or third, may again be weighed. If directed to be weighed after an event, the coxswain has a duty to proceed to be weighed immediately and in default his/her crew may be disqualified and the coxswain or his/her Club may be fined not more than \$50.00.
- 20.8. Notwithstanding Rule 16.4, and subject to Rule 16.6, a coxswain may steer for any number of Clubs/Schools

## 21. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR RACING

### 21.1. MIXED EVENTS

In any event designated for mixed crews, half of the crew (excluding the coxswain) shall be women and half men.

### 21.2. COMPOSITE RULE

A crew comprised of athletes from more than one Club or School (i.e. a composite crew) shall not be permitted or entitled to participate in a Championship event.



**21.3. COMPETING IN A RACE 'BY INVITATION'**

- 21.3.1. No crew or sculler may participate in a race for which it/he/she is not properly eligible by classification, or if it is not properly entered for the race in accordance with the Code, unless specifically requested by the State Selectors, except as provided in 12.6 and 12.7.
- 21.3.2. A crew or sculler so permitted to row 'by invitation' shall row on either outside lanes of the course
- 21.3.3. Crews/scullers rowing 'by invitation' shall not attract pennant points.
- 21.3.4. Crews/scullers rowing 'by invitation' are not permitted in a Championship event.
- 21.3.5. A crew rowing 'by invitation' shall pay the normal entry fee.

**21.4. HANDICAP RACES**

- 21.4.1. The Regatta Manager will act as, or may appoint person/s to act as, Handicapper for any races conducted in this manner.
- 21.4.2. Any organising committee seeking to include handicap events on its program should apply to the Regatta Manager for permission to conduct such events.
- 21.4.3. No pennant points shall apply to a handicap race.
- 21.4.4. A crew/sculler entering a handicap race shall pay the normal entry fee.
- 21.4.5. Handicap races may be conducted in men's crews, women's crews or mixed crews or they may be open to all three groups in the one race (men's, women's and mixed). However in an event open to all three groups, the original entry must clearly specify if it be a men's crew, a women's crew or a mixed crew and that the format will not change.
- 21.4.6. Not more than 50% of the originally named crew may be changed prior to the race.
- 21.4.7. No later than 24 hours before the handicap race is conducted ALL crew changes must be advised to the handicapper in writing.
- 21.4.8. Any crew change notified later than the 24 hour closing time shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00.
- 21.4.9. Any crew attending the start of a handicap race shall include only the persons named in the original entry or those properly notified as crew changes.
- 21.4.10. A crew attending the start or participating in a handicap race with any rower not properly authorised as an entrant shall be disqualified and may be fined no more than \$500.00.

## **22. APPLICATION OF THE RACING CODE**

- 22.1. The provisions of this Racing Code shall apply to all regattas on the regatta calendar as sanctioned by RT.
- 22.2. Supplementary rules specific to Club/School or association regattas may apply subject to approval by The Council
- 22.3. Any competitor who infringes any of the provisions contained in these Rules in any event (including a handicap event) at any regatta may be liable to immediate disqualification from that event. A full report of the circumstances, which gave rise to the disqualification, shall be made to The Council by the B.O.A.T. within twenty-one days of the regatta and The Council may impose any additional penalties including, but not restricted to, fines and/or further disqualification of the competitor or his/her Club or School as The Council may decide in its absolute discretion.

## **23. THE START**

- 23.1. Every event shall be started by the alignment of the bows of the competing boats and every event shall be judged at the finish by the bows of the competing boats as they cross the finish line.
- 23.2. Every race shall be started as near as practicable to the advertised starting time.
- 23.3. The Starter shall inform the crews of the time remaining before the start and tell them in which lane each will race.
- 23.4. Crews must be at their starting positions (in their lane, held by their boat holder or otherwise ready to race and under the control of the Starter) at least two (2) minutes before the starting time for their race.
- 23.5. The Starter may warn any crew arriving at its start position less than two minutes before the starting time as provided in 23.4, and:
  - 23.5.1. A warning has the same effect as one given for a false start.
  - 23.5.2. The Starter may exclude a crew arriving after the starting time.
  - 23.5.3. The Starter must inform the Referee of any warning or exclusion.
- 23.6. The start is not delayed for broken oars, fittings or equipment.
- 23.7. When the Starter announces "Two Minutes" this shall signify to the crews that they are formally under the Starter's orders.
  - 23.7.1. The announcement of "Two Minutes" shall also be an instruction to the crews to prepare to race and to the Aligner to commence the aligning of boats. The crews must be ready to race within the two minutes period.

- 23.8. The Aligner indicates to the Starter that the boats are properly aligned by raising a white flag. Should correct alignment be lost during the subsequent starting procedure, the Aligner lowers the flags. As an alternative to the use of a white flag, the Aligner may use a system of lights, as approved by The Council, operated by the Aligner and viewed by the Starter to indicate when the boats are or are not in alignment.
- 23.9. When the boats are aligned and the crews ready to race, the Starter shall make a roll-call by:
- 23.9.1. Announcing – in lane order – the names of each of the crews in the race.
- 23.9.2. Once the roll-call begins, the crews must make sure that their boats are straight. Each crew is responsible for being both straight and ready at the end of the roll-call.
- 23.9.3. Once the roll-call begins, the Starter shall take no further notice of any crew, which then indicates that it is not ready or that it is not straight.
- 23.10. If the starting procedure is interrupted for any reason external to the crews or for a false start then the Starter must begin the procedure again, starting with the roll-call.
- 23.11. Should a crew start too soon:
- 23.11.1. The Aligner shall inform the Starter and the Umpire by waving a red flag or as an alternative he/she may activate a system of flashing lights and at the same time a sound signal audible to all crews. The Starter shall stop the race by ringing a bell and then waving the red flag.
- 23.11.2. After the race has been stopped the Aligner shall tell the Starter by name (not lane number) which crew or crews started too soon. The decision as to whether one or more crews started too soon is the sole responsibility of the Aligner.
- 23.11.3. When the crews return to their starting positions, the Starter shall warn the crew or crews at fault. This warning shall hold good until the race has been rowed and therefore shall apply in the case of a postponement or a re-row.
- 23.12. The Starter shall exclude from the race a crew causing two false starts or which has received two warnings in the same race.
- 23.13. Except for the duties specifically attributed to them, both the Starter and the Aligner are subordinate to the Umpire. Should the start for any reason be faulty the Umpire may order the Starter to stop the race or may stop it personally by ringing a bell and waving a red flag.
- 23.14. As soon as the race has started the Umpire's launch shall follow the competitors.
- 23.15. *Rule 23.15 has been deleted and space deliberately left blank.*

## 24. STARTING RACES FROM BEHIND THE START LINE

- 24.1. The Starter shall be provided with a loud speaker or a public address speaker system, a red flag and a bell and the Aligner with a loud speaker or means of speaking to boat holders and the Starter using a system of radio headphones ('silent start'), a white and red flag and a bell.
- 24.2. After the last crew has been named in the roll-call, the Starter shall check that the Aligner's white flag is still raised, or alternatively that the light system employed as referred to in 23.8 indicates that the crews are in alignment, and shall then say:

### **'ATTENTION'**

The Starter shall then raise the red flag.

After a clear pause, the Starter shall drop the red flag quickly to one side, simultaneously saying:

### **'GO'**

The pause between the raising of the flag and the start command (dropping the red flag and saying 'Go') shall be variable.

- 24.3. In exceptional circumstances the Starter may decide to dispense with the roll-call. If so, the Starter must inform the crews that the "Quick Start" shall be used. Once the normal start has been used the Starter shall not change to the Quick Start for the same race.

For the Quick Start, instead of the roll-call, the Starter shall say:

### **'QUICK-START – ATTENTION'**

The Starter shall then raise the red flag.

After a clear pause the Starter shall give the start by dropping the red flag quickly to one side and simultaneously saying:

### **'GO'**

The pause between the raising of the flag and the start command (dropping the red flag and saying 'Go') shall be variable.

- 24.4. As an alternative to the use of flags as provided in 24.3, the Starter shall be permitted to start races using a system of electronic lights and sounds ('Start Lights') as may be approved by The Council. When using the Start Lights, and after the last crew has been named in the roll-call, the Starter shall check that the Aligner continues to indicate that the boats are in alignment and shall then say:

### **'ATTENTION'**

The Starter shall then turn on the red lights of the Start Lights.

After a clear pause, the Starter shall engage the start command (the red lights turn off, the yellow lights turn on and there is an audible sound simultaneously). The Starter is not required to say:

**‘GO’.**

The pause between the turning on of the red lights and the start command shall be variable.

- 24.5. The Start Lights may also be used for a Quick Start by dispensing with the roll-call and announcing:

**‘QUICK START – ATTENTION’**

before following the procedure set out in 24.4.

- 24.6. The Starter may impose a false start and/or fine against a crew or sculler disrupting or delaying the start or where a competitor uses audible language (including swearing) which may cause concern to other competitors or which is addressed directly or indirectly to any official or boat holder. Any official may impose a fine against any competitor upon the use of bad language.

## **25. SIDE OR TOGGLE START**

- 25.1. The Starter shall be equipped with a loudspeaker or power megaphone.
- 25.2. The Starter shall, before he/she begins the start procedure for each race, advise all competing crews/scullers whether the start command will be by audible sound signal or by the spoken command “GO”.
- 25.3. The Starter or such other official as may be appointed to assist the Starter shall align the crews for the start. The Starter, when satisfied the crews are aligned, shall give the warning command “ATTENTION” and shall make a final check of the crews and if everything is in order the Starter shall give, after a variable pause, the starting command “GO” or alternatively an audible sound signal.
- 25.4. When toggles are used for coxless crews and scullers the Starter shall say “DROP YOUR TOGGLES” followed by “ATTENTION” and, after a variable pause, the command “GO”.

## **26. THE UMPIRE**

- 26.1. The Umpire shall have at his/her disposal a suitable motor launch and a licensed launch driver and shall be equipped with a loud speaker or power megaphone, a white flag, a red flag, a bell, a two-way radio, a stop watch and a flotation jacket for each of the umpire and launch boat driver.
- 26.2. The Umpire ensures the proper conduct of the event and the safety of the competitors. The safety of the competitors is more important than any other consideration.
- 26.3. *Rule 26.3 has been deleted and space deliberately left blank.*

- 26.4. It is incumbent on the Umpire to ensure the same conditions and the same chances of success for all crews/scullers during an event. The Umpire, in consultation with the Referee or Starter shall decide if unequal conditions in different lanes justify the postponement of any race.
- 26.5. The Umpire must ensure that no crew gains an advantage or suffers any disadvantage from its opponents or from outside circumstances.
- 26.6. The Umpire may not steer a crew unless there is an obstacle in its lane but may endeavour nevertheless to prevent crews from being impeded by their opponents and to ensure that accidents are avoided.
- 26.7. If a crew is about to impede another by its wash or by leaving its lane, the Umpire raises a white flag and calls to the crew at fault, indicating the required change of direction by lowering the white flag to one side.
- 26.8. If a crew is about to cause a collision, the Umpire may call its attention by raising the white flag and stop the crew by giving the command "STOP"
- 26.9. Crews causing interference to their opponents may be excluded from the event by the Umpire but normally only after a warning has been given.
- 26.10. If a crew is impeded the Umpire must ensure that its chance of winning is fully restored to it by taking (if necessary) the most appropriate of the following courses of action:
  - 26.10.1. Stopping the event, imposing the appropriate penalty and ordering the event to be re-rowed from the Start immediately;
  - 26.10.2. Stopping the event, imposing the appropriate penalty and ordering the event to be re-rowed from the Start at the time to be determined in consultation with the Referee and the Regatta Manager;
  - 26.10.3. Excluding crews from the event after the event has finished;
  - 26.10.4. Allowing the event to finish and confining the re-row to such crews as the Umpire shall designate;
  - 26.10.5. The Umpire may not simply penalize a crew at fault while a crew that has suffered interference does not have its chance of winning restored to it.
- 26.11. While an event is in progress, it is strictly forbidden for any non-participating crew or sculler to row over the whole or part of the course even though outside the marked or known course area.
- 26.12. Crews and scullers shall:
  - 26.12.1. Not cross the Finish line (in any direction) while boats from another race are in the process of finishing;
  - 26.12.2. Stop rowing when competing crews approach their position.

- 26.13. No person from outside the boat may instruct, advise or control a rower or crew directly or indirectly by electric, electronic or other technical devices during racing (except as provided for in Rule 8.4).
- 26.14. An event is over only when the last crew or sculler has crossed the line. Even if satisfied that the event was properly rowed, the Umpire must be sure that no crew makes a protest before raising a white flag to indicate to the Judges at the finish that the race was in order.
- 26.15. If the Umpire or one of the crews considers the event not to have been properly rowed the Umpire must raise a red flag and make the necessary explanations to the Judges at the finish.
- 26.16. The true course of a boat competing in an event shall be by a direct course from the Start Line to the Finish line, leaving room for all opposing crews at any point during the race to come up on level terms from the position, which they started. The Umpire shall be the sole judge of the course of any boat during any part of an event.
- 26.17. During the course of a race the Umpire's launch may pass any boat which, in the opinion of the Umpire, is unlikely to win the event provided that before attempting to pass the Umpire shall notify the relevant boat of its intention to pass.

## **27. THE FINISH – JUDGES**

- 27.1. The Judges at the finish shall record the results of the race and times of the events. The Judges are responsible for the records and if the need arises they shall examine the films, video recordings and photographs of the finish.
- 27.2. A crew or sculler has completed the course when the bow of its boat crosses the Finish Line. If one or more competitors fall into the water the event is still valid. A coxed boat crossing the Finishing Line without its coxswain shall not be placed.
- 27.3. The Finish Line shall not be restricted to an area defined as the external perimeters of the rowing course.
- 27.4. Any crew starting in a race must row the entire course and cross the Finish Line except in circumstances beyond its control or by authorisation of the Umpire. Any crew not crossing the Finish Line shall be removed from the race. The Umpire and Judges at the finish must report any competitor who has not crossed the Finish Line.
- 27.5. In all events at least two and if possible three Judges shall be stationed at the Finish to place the boats in the order in which they finished and the judge's decision on placings shall be final.



## **28. TIME – KEEPING**

- 28.1. A Time Keeper, who may also be a Judge at the finish or an Umpire, shall be appointed for all events and he/she shall take and record the time taken to row each event.
- 28.2. In all events, the Judges shall record the intervals of time between placed crews as they cross the Finish Line. The judges may delegate this duty to an assistant Time Keeper.
- 28.3. Alternative methods of recording times may be adopted by The Council.

## **29. PROTEST**

- 29.1. Except in unavoidable circumstances, a crew claiming that its race has been improperly run must make its protest to a member of the Jury or the Regatta Manager immediately after the finish of the race and before getting out of the boat.
- 29.2. A representative of such crew shall confirm any such protest in writing to the Jury within one hour of the completion of the race concerned setting out the reasons for the protest and lodging the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) with the Jury.
- 29.3. The Jury shall decide if the protest was justified and shall announce its decision not later than two hours after the last race of the day.
- 29.4. The Jury, at its sole discretion, may refund the protest sum of twenty dollars.
- 29.5. An appeal against a decision of the Jury may be made in writing to RT not later than three days after the decision has been announced and such further appeal shall be accompanied by a further sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). All sums lodged on account of the appeal shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

## **30. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

- 30.1. Subject to these Rules, in the exercise of their duties, the Umpire, Aligner, Starter, Judge, Referee or Jury can (normally after initially issuing a warning) impose disciplinary sanctions on any competitors who commit offences against the Racing Code, use improper language, breach any provision of the Code of Conduct of RT, refuse to obey instructions or show deference to the members of the B.O.A.T.. Sanctions against such competitors (unless otherwise provided for) may consist of:
  - 30.1.1. exclusion from the event in which the infringement occurred;
  - 30.1.2. disqualification;
  - 30.1.3. a fine not exceeding \$250.00;
  - 30.1.4. referral of the matter to The Council; or



- 30.1.5. a combination of any of the sanctions above.
- 30.2. A crew or sculler who is disqualified may be excluded from all events at one or more regattas.
- 30.3. Any disqualification going beyond the duration of the regatta must be decided by The Council after examination of the report from the B.O.A.T. Such decision must be forwarded in writing to the Club or School concerned.
- 30.4. Where in any case a crew or sculler is disqualified or not permitted to start by the Umpire or Starter continued to row over the course during the continuation of an event, the Jury shall impose a fine of a sum of not more than \$100.00 on the competitor, sculler, crew or his/her/their Club/School which may be in addition to any other disciplinary measure imposed.
- 30.5. An appeal against a decision of the Jury or a B.O.A.T. official shall be in writing and addressed to the Administration Manager of The Council to be received by him/her not later than eight days after such decision has been announced and such appeal shall be accompanied by the sum of \$100.00. All sums lodged on account of the appeal shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

## **31. DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT**

- 31.1. Any expenses incurred due to a collision or any other cause shall be borne by the crew responsible for it. In the event of a dispute arising as to the crew responsible for the damage, the Jury is empowered to apportion the blame, Any decision made by the Jury under this Rule may be reviewed by The Council.
- 31.2. Only the Umpire may decide to postpone or make a "No Race" declaration because of damage to equipment and only if such damage takes place in the Start Zone or as a result of a collision elsewhere on the course.

## **32. SAVING**

All matters not provided for in this Racing Code shall be dealt with by The Council in the manner it deems appropriate.