

# Rowing Victoria

## Guiding principles for Schools for Regatta scheduling 2023-24

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### 1. Overview

To assist Schools in planning regatta entries Rowing Victoria has applied the following guidelines when developing the race schedule for each regatta days racing.

### 2. General Scheduling principles (Specifics by Regatta at Rowing Manager)

- (a) RV has determined that, in principle,
- in the interests of competitors, volunteers, and spectators, competition on regatta days should not extend beyond 10 hours in duration (including a lunch break of not less than 30 minutes duration), and
  - racing should not commence earlier than 8:00 am, unless an earlier start time is dictated by weather conditions, and
  - event offerings and pre-set orders of finals are based upon historical entries, and we expect that competition will be able to be conducted within the timeframe above. However, it may be necessary to apply remedial measures to reduce the size of a particular day's racing before finalising the schedule (methodology at section 6. below)
  - Competitors should confirm the practicality of their entries by checking the Pre-set order of Finals before making their entries.

- (b) Competitors are advised that race intervals will generally be determined as follows

- 2,000 metre races, not less than 5 minutes
- 1,500 metre races, not less than 4 minutes
- 1,000 or less metre races not less than 3 minutes

Please note that RV reserves the right to reschedule race intervals as required in certain circumstances

- (c) Where there are a large number of entries for an event RV will use "Number of lanes squared" as the cut-off for creating new Divisions (e.g. 16 entries on a 4 lane course, 36 on a 6-lane course)
- (d) It is possible in certain circumstances that clashes may occur. In developing the schedule, clashes are defined as situations where for a particular entry
- a. there may be inadequate time between Finals (in accordance with the Pre-Set order of Finals)
- For 2,000m events allow a minimum of 50 minutes between events.
  - For 1,500m events allow a minimum of 40 minutes between events.
  - For 1,000m or less events allow a minimum of 30 minutes between events.

RV will not adjust the pre-set order of finals but may include time gaps or "non-events" to create time where clashes are present to maintain the Pre-set order of Finals. Where these clashes cannot be resolved competitors will be advised by RV and may be allowed to withdraw or amend their entry without penalty.

- b. There may be inadequate time between Heats based upon the following
- For 2,000m events allow a minimum of 50 minutes between races.
  - For 1,500m events allow a minimum of 40 minutes between races.
  - For 1,000m or less events allow a minimum of 30 minutes between races.

RV reserves the right to adjust the order of Heats to avoid clashes but only where entries are made within the guidelines above for the Pre-set order of Finals. Where these clashes cannot be resolved competitors will be advised by RV and will be allowed to withdraw or amend their entry without penalty.



In general, the following arrangements will apply for the 2024 Wendouree Ballarat, Nagambie and the State Championships:

#### Wendouree Ballarat

- Year 8 school entries will not be accepted
- Exhaustive format will be the default for School Events, elimination format will only be applied if time constraints dictate
- Only **one entry per school** into any school or non-school (8, 4X+, 4+, 2-) event will be accepted without prior approval of RV CEO
- Only a maximum of two entries per school into any school or non-school (2X, 1X) event will be accepted without prior approval of RV CEO
- To effect the above,
  - Under 19 crew boats (8, 4 and 4x, 2x, 1x) will no longer be offered
  - Double ups will only be accepted from School 1<sup>st</sup> Boats into Under 21 8, 4x, and 4+ at the rate of **one entry per school per boat class**
- RV may combine School events with 7 or less entries if time constraints dictate.

#### Nagambie & State Championships

- Year 8, 9 & 10 school entries will not be accepted
- Exhaustive format will be the default for School Events, elimination format will only be applied if time constraints dictate.
- Only **one entry per school** into any school or non-school (8, 4X+, 4+, 2-) event will be accepted without prior approval of RV CEO
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