## **Rowing Victoria**

# Guiding principles <u>for Schools</u> 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 cutoff 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 <u>minimum of 30 minutes</u> 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.

- (e) Schools must enter crews in accord with the RV Schools Entry Policy (as per RV website)
- (f) School entries will only be accepted
  - through Rowing Manager
  - in compliance with the RV Schools Entry Policy
  - as <u>one</u> crew per school, per Division, for each designated School event (8, 4x, 4+) (with the exception of the lowest Division offered provided a School has entries in all other offered Divisions)
  - as <u>one</u> crew per school, per nominated double up events at 8. Below (necessary to ensure provision of exhaustive progressions)

#### 3. Late Entries

- (a) In order to assist the RV Office in adequately preparing regatta programs the following arrangements will apply for the 2023-24 season
  - Entries will generally close at 1.00pm on the Monday preceding the regatta
  - Initial draws and race day schedules will generally be published through Rowing Manager by 1.00pm on the Tuesday preceding the regatta
  - Once published draws may be subject to change but race day schedules will not be changed.
  - Late entries will only be accepted through Rowing Manager in accordance with the rules, where a lane is available and only up until 5 pm on the Monday preceding the regatta.
  - The late entry penalty is 100% of the seat fee and is the mandatory penalty that will be charged to the Club or School making the late entry.

#### 4. Medals and Combining of Events

Events with low entries may be combined into the one race; however, medals shall be awarded separately regardless of how many events are included in the one race.

#### 5. Event Progressions General (Specifics by Regatta at Rowing Manager)

In general progressions are as follows

Open/U23/U21, and U19 Events general Elimination Format

• School Events Open, Year 10/9/8 Exhaustive Format (incl Preliminaries and small finals)

School Events 1X, 2X
 Exhaustive Format

#### 6. Strategy to reduce regatta duration (if required) following the close of entries

(a) In order to develop regatta schedules that best fit the time constraints (or environmental constraints in accordance with the Regatta Cancellation Policy) the following strategies may be implemented (in cascading order):

Combine club events wherever possible

- Ensure race intervals are to minimum level
- Combine school events wherever possible to avoid preliminaries
- Progressively remove seeded finals and Preliminaries
- Remove events completely by Division (ie MSch/Fsch Div 5, then Div 4, etc).

#### 7. School Event Offerings

The tables at Appendix 1 set out the school events to be offered in Term 1 2024, all in exhaustive progression format (including preliminaries where event consolidation cannot occur). For clarity this means <u>two</u> races at each identified School Event opportunity.

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 <u>one entry per school</u> 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 <u>one</u> 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 <u>one entry per school</u> 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 1st 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.

## Appendix 1. School events by Regatta to be updated

Specific School	boy arrang	gements 20	)23-24										
	RV	RV	RV	Barwon	Wend	H o SB	No se velo:	RV Boys	Henley	State	RV Boys	S-Mercs	HoR
	Schools	Schools	Schools	Darwon	B'rat	позв	Nagambi e	KV BOYS	пепіеу	Champs	KV BOYS	3-ivieres	пок
	11-Nov	17-Nov	2-Dec	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	3-Mar	3-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar
MSCH8+O1	11-1107	17-1107	2-Dec	27-Jaii	3-160	10-160	17-160	17-160	24-160	3-Iviai	3-iviai	17-Iviai	24-IVId1
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MSCH4+O2													
MSCH4+O3													
MSCH4+O4													
MSCH4+O5													
MSCH4X+O1													
MSCH1XO1													
MSCH2XO1													
MSCH8+Y101													
MSCH8+Y102													
MSCH8+Y103													
MSCH8+Y104													
MSCH4+Y101													
MSCH4X+Y101													
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MSCH1X+Y91													

Specific Schoolgirl arrangements 2023-24											
	Barwon	Morongo	Wend B'rat	Firbank	Nagambi e	RV Jnr Champs	Henley	State Champs	BAS HoL	HoSchgirl	HoR
	29-Jan	4-Feb	4-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb	25-Feb	25-Feb	4-Mar	5-Mar	18-Mar	25-Mar
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FSCH8+O3											
FSCH8+O4											
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FSCH8+Y101											
FSCH4+Y101											
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