

Rowing Victoria Inc

Summary of Rule Changes



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Rule #	Old Rule	Detail of Alterations; October 2021	Detail
5. RV REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS	<p>5.1 The RV CEO in each year shall:</p> <p>5.1.1 Appoint the Team Manager to manage all representative teams.</p> <p>5.1.2 Appoint a Chairperson of Selectors and two (2) Selectors to select the rowers, coxswains and coaches of the following crews:</p> <p>Interstate Regatta:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - King's Cup men's eight oared crew - Penrith Cup men's lightweight four oared crew - President's Cup men's single sculler - Queens Cup and ULVA Trophy women's eight oared crew - Victoria Cup women's lightweight quadruple scull - Nell Slatter Trophy women's single sculler <p>The Chairperson of Selectors will exercise a casting vote should this be required. These selectors would be known as the Senior selectors.</p> <p>5.1.3 Appoint two (2) selectors to select the rowers, coxswains and coaches of the following crews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Interstate Regatta - Wilkinson Trophy - Men's Youth 8+ crew - Bicentennial Trophy - Women's Youth 8+ crew and, • The Australian Youth Cup Regatta and, 	<p>5.1. The CEO in each year shall appoint, and the Board shall ratify:</p> <p>5.1.1 a Team Manager to manage each nominated representative team.</p> <p>5.1.2. The Chairperson of Selectors and two (2) Selectors to select the rowers, coxswains and coaches of the following crews for the Interstate Regatta:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - King's Cup men's eight oared crew - Penrith Cup men's lightweight four oared crew - President's Cup men's single sculler - Queens Cup and ULVA Trophy women's eight oared crew - Victoria Cup women's lightweight quadruple scull - Nell Slatter Trophy women's single sculler - Wilkinson Trophy – Men's Youth eight oared crew - Bicentennial Trophy – Women's Youth eight oared crew <p>The Chairperson of Selectors will be the third selector and may exercise a casting vote should this be required. These selectors would be known as the Selectors.</p> <p>5.1.3. The Chairperson of Selectors and two (2) selectors to select the rowers, coxswains and</p>	<p>Change to Rule 5.1 rationale:</p> <p>Confirms the Masters Team as a Victorian representative team.</p> <p>Consolidates the selection requirements for 2 x regattas/ teams:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interstate & Pathway = 2 selectors plus Chair 2. Masters = 2 different selectors plus Chair <p>Re-numbers the Rules</p> <p>The reduction of selectors from 4 to 2:</p> <p>a) With the Chair of Selectors being integrated with the Victorian Head Coach in a fulltime role, much of the selecting overview is prepared by the Chair as day to day business and supported by the State Pathway Coordinator.</p> <p>b) Less selectors simplifies and lessens the need for duplication with the volunteer selectors.</p> <p>c) The selectors are then fully imbedded in the performance of the whole Interstate Team rather than parts of it.</p> <p>d) The balance of voting rights is correct with a majority vote being required by 2 or 3 selectors.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Australian Youth Olympic Regatta <p>Any other competition designated by the Board from time to time.</p> <p>The Chairperson of Selectors will be the third selector and may exercise a casting vote should this be required. These selectors would be known as the Youth selectors.</p> <p>5.1.4 Appoint a Head Coach to provide technical direction and support to all team coaches.</p>	<p>coaches of the Australian Masters Rowing Championships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women’s Interstate D Quad Scull - Men’s Interstate D Quad Scull - Women’s Interstate D Eight - Men’s Interstate D Eight <p>The Chairperson of Selectors will be the third selector and may exercise a casting vote should this be required. These selectors would be known as the Masters selectors.</p> <p>5.1.4 two (2) selectors to select the rowers, coxswains and coaches for crews to represent Victoria in other competitions approved by the Board from time to time.</p> <p>The Chairperson of Selectors will be the third selector and may exercise a casting vote should this be required.</p> <p>5.1.5 a Head Coach to provide technical direction and support to all representative team coaches.</p>	
	<p>5.2 Nominations for candidates for appointment as selectors shall be made in writing in the form published from time to time on the RV website and signed by the candidate and be delivered to the CEO of the Association not less than 21 days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting at which the appointment is to take place.</p>	<p>5.2 Nominations for candidates for appointment as selectors shall be made in writing in the form published from time to time on the RV website and signed by the candidate and be delivered to the CEO not less than 21 days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting at which the appointment is to take place.</p>	<p>Change to Rule 5.2 rationale: simply removes “of the Association”.</p>
	<p>5.3. Following appointment, the selectors must formulate a Selection Policy and Event Requirements in consultation with the RV Head Coach and RV Team Manager and deliver to the CEO for Board approval. Following Board approval, selectors shall undertake the selection process in line with these documents.</p>	<p>5.3 Following appointment, the selectors must formulate a Selection Policy and Event Requirements in consultation with the Head Coach and deliver to the CEO for Board approval. Following Board approval, selectors shall undertake the selection process in line with these documents.</p>	<p>Change to Rule 5.3 rationale: Simply removing RV from Head Coach description.</p>

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25 CATEGORIES	<p>25.9 Rowers Score Categories – Calculated per the formula outlined in Rule 16.</p> <p>25.9.1 A grade races are open to all competitors.</p> <p>25.9.2 B grade races are open to rowers or crews with an RS equal to or greater than 2.50.</p> <p>25.9.3 C grade races are open to rowers or crews with an RS equal to or greater than 3.00.</p> <p>25.9.4 D grade races are open to rowers or crews with an RS equal to or greater than 3.50.</p>	<p>25.9 Rowers Score Grade Categories – Calculated per the formula outlined in Rule 26.</p> <p>25.9.1 A grade races are open to all competitors.</p> <p>25.9.2 B grade races are open to rowers or crews with an RS equal to or greater than 1.00.</p> <p>25.9.3 C grade races are open to rowers or crews with an RS equal to or greater than 2.00.</p>	<p>Change of Rule 25.9 rationale:</p> <p>Rule 16 was a typo, should be Rule 26.</p> <p>D grade category races are being removed as a Category, reducing category from 4 to 3 grades.</p>
	<p>25.10 Novice races are open to rowers in their first year of rowing and who have not won a race in any division. Eligibility for novice rowing is not affected if they enter any other grade or underage event.</p>	<p>25.10 Beginner races are open to rowers for 12 months from their first competitive record or when their RS becomes less than 2.0 whichever occurs first.</p>	<p>Introduction of Beginner category</p>
	<p>New Rule 25.11</p>	<p>25.11. Mixed Crew Events may be held for crews in which half of the crew excluding the coxswain, shall be women and half shall be men. The coxswain may be of either gender.</p>	<p>Addition of Rule 25.11 rationale: Highlights the 50:50 mixed crew composition which has not been outlined before opening and will negate mixed crew manipulation.</p>
	<p>New Rule 25.12</p>	<p>25.12. “Club” events are restricted to:</p> <p>25.12.1 Athletes who are all the member of the one club, including the coxswain,</p> <p>25.12.2 Athletes who have not been a member of a National Senior or Under 23 team in the previous year (athletes who have been a member of a National Junior or Under 21 team in the previous year are eligible to compete in Club events)</p> <p>25.12.3 Athletes who are not nominated at 31 January for national team selection in the current year (athletes nominating for national selection in a National Junior or</p>	<p>Introduction of Club Category</p> <p>Addition of Rule 25.12 rationale: Introduces Club category. Rule aligns with Rowing Australia definition of “Club” rower for the purposes of competition at the Australian Championships</p>

		Under 21 team are eligible to compete in Club events)			
26 RV SCORE FORMULA	26.1	RV utilises a “score” (Rowing Score or RS) to determine grading in races. The RS is a number that represents the performance level of the individual	26.1	RV utilises a “score” (Rowing Score or RS) to determine grading in races. The RS is a number that represents the performance level of the individual	No change
	26.2	A crew RS is calculated by Rowing Manager on the average RS of the crew members. Entries can be made for either the correct grade or higher	26.2	A crew RS is calculated by Rowing Manager on the average RS of the crew members. Entries can be made for either the correct grade or higher	No change
	26.3	The cut off points for each grade shall be reviewed annually by the CEO to maintain balance in the competitive populations at each grade level	26.3	The cut off points for each grade shall be reviewed annually by the CEO to maintain balance in the competitive populations at each grade level	No change
	26.4	A formula is to be applied in adjusting a rower’s Rowing Score in “Grade Events” is as follows: Win: = Current Rowing Score -0.15 Loss: = Current Rowing Score +0.03 A rower’s RS will be calculated to four decimal places.	26.4.1	A formula is to be applied in adjusting a rower’s Rowing Score in “Grade Events” is as follows: Win: = Current Rowing Score -0.2 Loss: = Current Rowing Score +0.07 A rower’s RS will be calculated to four decimal places.	Change to Rule 26.4 rationale: Increasing the RS loss adjustment increment from 5 losses per win to 3 losses per win.
			26.4.2	The CEO may, on an annual basis, determine the regatta or regatta days to be affected by Rule 26.4	
26.5	A rower’s score will only be adjusted when the relevant event has three or more starters.	26.5	A rower’s score will be adjusted as follows: a) when the relevant event has between three and seven starters, Rule 26.4 shall apply, and b) When the relevant event has eight or more starters, the Rowing Score shall be adjusted as follows; winner -0.2, 2 nd and 3 rd placegetters no adjustment, all other places +0.07.	Change to Rule 26.5 rationale: This will make it more difficult for the higher performing crews to move down grades and improve the integrity of the racing.	

		<p>26.5.1 A rower's score will only be adjusted to reflect results in Grade races. Results in Masters, School, Club, Open and Under 23, 21, 19, 17 events will not affect a rowers RS.</p>	<p>Addition of Rule 26.5.1 ensures greater integrity in the RS score movement between Grades.</p> <p>School, Club, Open and Under Age rowers will have their RS adjusted according to the Table below. See Table 2 at the base of this document</p>
		<p>26.5.2 A rower's score will further be adjusted as follows</p> <p>Period elapsed since last recorded competition, 24 months, +0.5, and +0.5 each subsequent 12 months to a maximum adjustment of 1.5.</p>	<p>Addition of Rule 26.5.2 provides a framework for the RS applicable to rowers returning to competition following a period of absence</p>
		<p>26.5.3 A rowers score will further be adjusted as follows</p> <p>When a rower's sweep RS moves to <1.0 the rowers scull RS will be adjusted to the lesser of 1.5 and their current scull RS.</p> <p>When a rower's scull RS moves to <1.0 the rowers sweep RS will be adjusted to the lesser of 1.5 and their current sweep RS</p>	<p>Addition of Rule 26.5.3 recognises that having reached an A Grade RS in either category, a rower should no longer have a C Grade RS in either category.</p>
26.6	<p>Each Championship win (other than a Junior School or any Master Championship but including Australian Championship or Interstate Championship) will attract an additional deduction of -0.15 points to a rower's score. Each representation in a state team at the Interstate Championships or an Australian Team at a World Championships will also attract a deduction of -0.15 points to a rower's score. These additional deductions are in addition to the standard score change outlined at 26.4, 26.9 or 26.10.</p>	<p>26.6. Each State Championship win in a Grade score event will attract an additional deduction of -0.20 to a rower's score. These additional deductions are in addition to the standard score change outlined at Rules 26.4, 26.9 or 26.10.</p>	<p>Change to Rule 26.6 rationale: With the exception of State Championships, the others are manual adjustments and at best historically applied intermittently.</p> <p>With the revision to Rule 26.9 we can achieve the same outcome via the RS reset.</p>

26.7	Score Adjustment for High Performance Rowers. In the instance where a rower is selected for an Open or Underage State or National Team their score will be adjusted to 2.00 (where their existing score was greater than 2.00).	Rule 26.7 should be removed.	Removal of Rule 26.7 rationale: This is a manual adjustment and at best applied intermittently. With 3 Grades (effectively 2 as C Grade will be beginner status) we can achieve the same outcome via the RS reset.
26.8	RS matrix The Rowing Score is affected by the Win / Loss Formula for Grade Events outlined in Rule 26.4 in accordance with the following table.	26.8 RS matrix The Rowing Score is affected by the Win / Loss Formula for Grade Events outlined in Rule 26.4 in accordance with the following table. See Table below	Change to Rule 26.8 rationale: It reflects the reset to 3 Grades instead of 4 and reduces Grade racing to 1,000 metres only.
26.9	Rowers in School events will have a grade score applied as follows:	26.9 Rowers in Open, Club, Under 23, Under 21, Under 19, Under 17, Under 15 and School events will have a grade score applied as follows :	Change to Rule 26.9 rationale: should be updated to reflect table below.
26.10	Competitors who win an underage event will have a grade score applied as follows: (table)	26.10 should be removed	Amendment to Rule 26.10 rationale: should be removed as it has merged with 26.9 (see table below)
26.11	Where a competitor's RS is lower (better) than the adjusted score they will retain their original score.	26.11 Where a competitor's RS is lower (better) than the adjusted score they will retain their original score.	No change
26.12	The following opening score is applicable for all rowers: 3.70	26.12 The following opening score is applicable for beginner rowers in their first season of competition: 2.25	Change to Rule 26.8 rationale: It reflects the reset to 3 Grades instead of 4
26.13	Appeals can be lodged to RV on the RS.	26.13 Appeals can be lodged to RV on the RS	No change
26.14	Competitors who are under 16 or over the age of 43 will have a minimum score of 3.01.	26.14 should be removed.	Change to Rule 26.8 rationale: It reflects the reset to 3 Grades instead of 4 and reduces Grade racing to 1,000 metres only.

Rule 26.8; The Rowing Score is affected by the Win / Loss Formula for Grade Events outlined in Rule 26.4 in accordance with the following table.

ROWING SCORE CALCULATION / OPEN/Club & UNDER AGE MATRIX				
Competition Level	Eligibility	Default Distance	Formula Used	Effective From
A/B/C Grade	Score	<=1,000m	Yes	NPOE
OPEN/Club	All	<=2,000m	No	NPOE
U23/U21/U19	Age	<=2,000m	No	NPOE
U17	Age	<=1,000m	No	NPOE
Masters	Age	<=1,000m	No	NPOE
School Senior	Distance	<=2,000m	No	NPOE
School Junior	Distance	<=1,000m	No	NPOE
NPOE = Next Point of Entry				

Rule 26.9: The RS of the School, Club, Open and Under Age rowers will be reset after the following events are entered and raced (As per 26.11 where the current score is lower/better, the RS will not change)

Event Type (Sweep or Scull)	RS effective from NPOE	Notional Grade Level
All Open/U23 Events	0.25	A
All Under 21 Events All Club Events	0.75	A
Under 19 Events	1.25	B
Under 17 Events School Open Events	1.55	B
School Year 10 Events	2.05	C
Opening Grade RS Beginner (first year of competition) Under 15 Events School Year 8/9 Events	2.25	C

RV APPEALS POLICY; APPENDIX 14

Rule #	Old Rule	Detail of Alterations; October 2021	Detail
	New Rule to be added	2.9. Under 21 and Junior Athletes have no right of appeal.	Addition of Rule 2.9 rationale: Consistent with RA Rules New state team prebrief activities will improve communications and highlight selection requirements with improved feedback after each stage ensuring non-selected athletes are provided rationale.