

Rowing Victoria Inc

Summary of Rule Changes



Changes to take effect as of: 3 January 2022, published 13 December 2022. (Explanatory note P.2)

Rule #	Old Rule	Detail of Alterations; December 2022	Detail
RULE 18 ELIGIBILITY 18.4	School events are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one school only unless approved by the Board.	removed	Duplicated at new rule 30.1, whilst removing Board approval requirement
Rule 30 SCHOOL & UNDERAGE COMPETITORS 30.1 School Competitors 30.1.1.	A school competitor is one who Qualifies as Under 21 (Youth) under the provisions of these Rules.	A school competitor is one who Qualifies as Under 21 (Youth) under the provisions of these Rules.	Unchanged
30.1.2	Is attending a secondary school as a full-time student.	Is attending a secondary school as a full-time student.	unchanged
	School events are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one school only	School events are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one school or one Club only.	Added one Club to allow school students from different schools to race together.
		Exceptions shall be the major School regatta's (Head of the Schoolgirls, APS Head of the River, BSA Head of the Lake) conducted under RV Rules where School events are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one School only	To ensure integrity of major interschool competition is maintained.

RULE CHANGE EXPLANATION

The purpose of this rule change is to allow entries in School events from any athlete who attends secondary school, that is the school entry is not limited to athletes who attend the same school.

As an example, an athlete(s) from XXXX High School can race with an athlete(s) from YYYY High School for AAAA Club.

Historically, entries in school events were only permitted from athletes at the one school. This rule change will allow any school aged athlete to compete in a school event (crew) regardless of which school they attend.

Athletes will be able to compete in School events as Club entries.

Exceptions shall be the major School regattas (Head of the Schoolgirls, APS Head of the River, BSA Head of the Lake) conducted under RV Rules and Event host rules where School events are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one School only. This is to ensure the integrity of major interschool competition is maintained.

Composite School crews will not be permitted to enter school events, they must enter as a club.

RA rules (for National Championships) highlight school events are for single school athletes so this will need to be acknowledged.