

If a composite crew is being formed but its composition does not comply with rule 53 of the Rowing Victoria Rules approval needs to be sought from the CEO.

Application for composite crew must be submitted to the CEO 7 days prior to the close of entries for the regatta in which the crew wishes to race. Entries for composite crews for which approval has not been granted will not be accepted.

The Rowing Victoria Board has issued the following guidelines to the CEO for approval, of composite crew applications:

1. Composite crew rowing is not encouraged because Rowing Victoria wants Clubs to recruit and train sufficient rowers to boat their crews and also to encourage strong club identities and allegiances. Composite rowing is seen as potentially undermining the strength of Clubs. It is acknowledged however that without composite rowing it may be difficult for members of smaller clubs to compete in the bigger boat classes.
3. Composite crews in under 17, under 19 and under 21 events will be approved in exceptional situations, generally where a strong development argument is presented.
5. Composite crews in under 23 events will be more readily approved where Australian team selection issues are involved, or a strong development argument is presented.

The CEO may refer any such matters to the Board for decision.