

Changes to take effect as of: 20 August 2020

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
Appendix 13	All	The minimum rescue levy has been increased from \$500 to \$1650 (inc GST)	Updated	23 July 2020

Changes to take effect as of: 27 August 2019

Following rule corrections following review by Claire Dennis and staff.

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
All	All	General clean-up of styles, rule numbers, cross references and de-genderising of the rules document following thorough review by Claire Dennis.	Updated	6 August 2019
By-Laws to Rule 58	44	All withdrawals must be made on-line via Rowing Manager rather than via email.	Updated	6 August 2019
By-Law to Rule 32	22-23	Updated Masters age groups to match RA and FISA (included M)	Updated	6 August 2019
Appendix 7	89-95	Updated Masters age handicaps to match RA's	Updated	6 August 2019
Appendix 9	99	Junior Premiership removed, and Under 17 and Under 15 added to Senior Premiership.	Updated	6 August 2019
Appendix 13	104	Entry fees where the host is not registered for GST further delineated	Updated	6 August 2019

Changes to take effect as of: 28 August 2018

Following rule changes recommended by Mick Eastaughffe generally arising from FISA rule changes.

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
Rule 21	17	This new Rule was placed incorrectly into the Rules. The new Rule 21 was placed before the By-Laws of Rule 20, so it is now placed in correct order.	Updated	28 August 2018
Rule 32 By-Laws	24	By-Laws to Masters (Male, Female and Mixed). There has been three (3) alterations to the age categories, these are K, L, and M. This change is also being made to the RA Rules.	Updated	28 August 2018
Rule 46	37	Duties of Organising Committee (Medical Officer) This alteration just clarifies when medical and rescue should be in attendance at a regatta. This change is also being applied to the RA Rules but in a more rigorous way. At this stage not required by RV.	Updated	28 August 2018
Rule 72	53	Changes in two parts (a) The first alteration relates to an issue raised in the Kellam Report of a couple of years ago. The intention of this alteration is to relate to an issue raised in that Report and is now seeking to address it and apply it as it was originally intended by clarifying the position of an appointed jury member in applying the RV Rules during a regatta. This proposed alteration provides consistency in the many other applications of the RV Rules as currently written. Mike Eastaughffe would be pleased to discuss further if helpful. (b) The other alteration in this Rule relates to abbreviations used on Official Result Sheets at a Regatta.	Updated	28 August 2018
Rule 74	56	This is just a word correction as identified by FISA, this change is also being made to the RA Rules.	Updated	28 August 2018
Appendix 3	81	Change type for D and School events from First & Final (F&F) to Preliminary & Final (P&F) when entries are less than the lanes available so the rules are consistent with current practice.	Updated	28 August 2018

Changes to take effect as of: 30 May 2018

Members at the General Meeting held on the 30th May 2018 approved changes to fees and levies. The minutes of this General meeting are available on RV's website.

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
Appendix 13	111	Updated for approved changes to fees and levies	Updated	5 June 2018

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RV would like to acknowledge the significant input by Michael Eastaughffe in the revision and update to the RV Rules.

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
Rule 2.1	4	To include indoor and coastal rowing	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 2.2	4	To include Event Regulation	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 15	14	Specify only women can compete in womens' event and men compete in mens'	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 15	14	To include clarification in gender identity	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 17	16	Deleted unnecessary wording out of rule 17 that is displayed in table	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 19.4	17	Brings all coxswain weight to 55kg and takes out 50kg for women	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 30.1	20	Adding eligibility to the rule and references Appendix 6 for classification	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 33	23	Adding reference to Rule 1 and Rule 34	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 34 – 1.1	23	Specifies colour and code	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 34 – 1.3	23	Clarifies racing boat modification	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 34 – 1.4	23	Includes electronic communication policy for athletes and coaches during racing	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 34 – 1.5	23	Provides further compliance clarification on quick release foot stretchers	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 34 1.10	24	Changing date of production plaque compliance	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 34 1.10	24	Puts responsibility on boat owner to ensure compliance	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 34 1.11	24	Specifies the compliance for 8's to be sectioned	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 34 3.5	24	Innovation must deliver a positive outcome for the sport and be approved by the RV Board	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 34 2	25	Specifies minimum weight of hull and fitting that qualify within minimum weight	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 34 5	26	Updates wording for boat weighing procedure and deletes removal of equipment from boat prior to weighing.	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 50	35	Adding appointed delegate to CEO	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 52	36	Adding eligibility to change of entry	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 56	37	Traffic rules for training during racing	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 59	38	Board of the jury will adjudicate on damage to equipment	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 60	38	Adding off the water fairness	Updated	20 September 2017

Rule 62	38	Clears of wording for Progression system	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 67	41	Includes penalties for breaches of the rules during racing	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 69	42	Provides clarity for starting procedure for racing	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 70	43	Specifies what constitutes a false start and the penalties	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 71	44	Clarifies yellow card as objectionable	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 72	44	Includes penalty without warning	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 73	44	Clarity on consequence of interference	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 74	45	Reference By-Law of Rule 34	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 75	45	Clarifies the responsibility of Umpires at the finish of a race	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 76	45	Clarifies the progression and result of a dead-heat	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 77	46	Clarity on where competition objections must be raised and takes responsibility for Umpire to explain out	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 78	46	Includes: excluded, DNS and DNF to protest and the cost of protest	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 79	46	Articulates exclusion from reprimand	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 80	47	President of the Jury responsibility to suspend racing	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 81	47	Time line for appealing the decision of the Board of the Jury	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 83 1.6	48	Specifies senior member	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 87.3	48	Fairness committee comes out	Updated	20 September 2017
Section 12	49	Adding : Duties of the Umpire as title	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 90 1.3	49	Started duties: Adding unsafe	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 90 1.5	49	Specifies starter responsibility with excluded or DNS crews	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 90 1.9	49	Starters responsibility to a crew with a yellow card awarded	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 91	50	Gives umpire ability to make immediate judgment with conviction without recourse	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 91	50 / 51	Adding provision for Zonal Umpiring	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 91 7	51	Including safety responsibility for umpire in the case of capsized	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 91 10	51	Adding umpire responsibility to check coach electronic devices	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule 94	54	Amendment to wording in Anti-Doping and by-laws that references RA website	Updated	20 September 2017
Appendix 5	69	Introduce U15 double to championship events	Updated	20 September 2017
Appendix 8 1	80	Terms of reference ensures Commission deals through the CEO to the Board	Updated	20 September 2017
Appendix 8 2	80	Ensure commission risk identification, transparency of decisions, consultation and public documentation.	Updated	20 September 2017
Appendix 8 3	80	Ensure commission provides technical advice to Rowing Victoria. Ensure commission risk identification, transparency of decisions, consultation and public documentation.	Updated	20 September 2017
Appendix 8 5	81	New scope of Development Commission to include Pathway and club transition. Ensure commission risk identification, transparency of decisions, consultation and public documentation.	Updated	20 September 2017
Rule Book General	All	Due to significant changes to the rules, many changes have occurred in formatting and numbering. It is important that you review the rules to familiarize with the changes	Declaration	20 September 2017

Changes to take effect as of: 3 January 2017

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
Rule 40	31	To provide a transparent means to resolve Regatta Day Incidents	Updated	3 January 2017

Changes to take effect as of: 9 November 2016

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
By-law to Rule 92	47	Removal of reference to the 100 breakage	Updated	21 September 2016
By-law to Rule 94		Addition of: 8) a) Compliance with all safety requirements provided for in the rules of racing (by law to rule 33) b) Correct bow numbers on each boat c) Possible use of unauthorized equipment e) <i>Conformity of the boat with the rules regarding advertising/identification</i> (d and f were existing, no change made) 9) <i>Uniform clothing of competitors and it's conformity with the rules regarding advertising / identification</i>	Updated	21 September 2016

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Changes to take effect as of: 10 August 2016

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
Appendix 16	91	Addition of the RV Selection Policy to the RV Rules	Updated	10 August 2016

Changes to take effect as of: 23 June 2016

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
Appendix 3	58	3 lane progression to remove options for 10-18 entries. Brings rule in line with current practice of creating divisions rather than running semi-finals 4 lane progression to remove options for 17-32 entries. Brings rule in line with current practice of creating divisions rather than running semi-finals. Adjust progression so that max number of crews in A final, whilst consist numbers from winners to finals.	Updated	23 June 2016
Rule 63	36	Add: 63.52 If a preliminary race is run, preference for lanes will be given to those crews/scullers who compete. Crews/scullers that do not compete in this preliminary race for this event will be allocated remaining lanes	Updated	23 June 2016
Appendix 5	65	Add Female and Male Under 17 Coxed Eight to bring in line with RA Add Female and Male Under 15 Coxed Quad Scull and Single Scull	Updated	23 June 2016
Appendix 8	76	The Charters for the RV Commissions have been updated	Updated	23 June 2016
Throughout	...	Adjust reference to "ROMS" to "Rowing Manager"	Updated	23 June 2016

RULE 16: ROWING VICTORIA SCORE CHANGES: Status: Updated

To enable clearer understanding of the changes to the Rowing Score, the changes have been listed against the previous rule.

Rule No.	Page	Previous Rule	New Rule	Published version where amendment first appears
16.7	14	Starting Score Club rowers start at 3.7 School rowers start at 3.35	Starting Score School rowers also start at 3.7	23 June 2016
16.4.1	14	Number of Starters A rowers score will only be adjusted when the relevant event has 3 or more starters from 4 or more clubs/schools	Number of Starters A rower's score will only be adjusted when the relevant event has 3 or more starters.	
16.6	14	Grade Formula All events except for mixed and masters events adjust a rowers score.	Grade Formula The formula of: win: = Current Rowing Score -0.15 loss: = Current Rowing Score +0.03 Will only apply to grade events.	23 June 2016
16.6	14	Winning/ Losing Underage Events Adjustment of underage events was based on the grade formula	Winning an Underage Race Under 23 2.00 A Grade Under 21 2.51 B Grade Under 19 2.75 B Grade Under 17 3.25 C Grade Where a competitor's RS is lower than the adjusted score they will retain their original score.	Updated 10 August 2016
16.6	14	Winning/Losing School Events Adjustment of school events was based on the grade formula	Competing in School Events School Year 8/9 events: 3.7 School Year 9/10 events: 3.50 Schoolboy 1st and 2nd Y10 Eight or Schoolgirl 1st and 2nd Y10 Quad or Four: 3.30 Schoolboy 1st and 2nd Eight and 1st Four or Schoolgirl 1st Eight and 1 st or 2 nd Four or Quad: 2.75 All other Senior or Open School events: 3.30 Where a competitor's RS is lower (better) than the adjusted score they will retain their original score.	Updated 10 August 2106
16.6	14	Limits to RS changes Previous no limit to RS Changes	Limits to RS changes To ensure junior and masters competitors are not forced to compete at too high a level in the Grade System competitors who are Under 16 or over the age of 43 will have a minimum RS of 3.01 capping them at C grade. These competitors may still compete at a higher level if they wish to.	23 June 2016

Changes to take effect as of: 27 August 2015

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
16.9	15	Rule Removed: RS Qualification for State Championships To compete in Rowing Score events at the State Championships regatta, participants must have previously competed in two Rowing Score events in Victoria during the current season.	Updated	27 August 2015
89	45	In any case of breach of the rules, a member of the Jury shall impose appropriate penalties. The penalties available to a member of the Jury are: 1. Reprimand, 2. Warning indicated by a Yellow Card (it will apply to the next round in which the crew competes). 3. Relegation (where specifically provided in these Rules), 4. Exclusion indicated by a Red Card (from all the rounds of the event in question). The Umpire may also order a race to be re-rowed with all the crews or with a limited number of the crews should this be necessary, in his opinion, to ensure the fairness of the competition.	Updated	27 August 2015

Changes to take effect as of: 19 August 2015

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
By-law Rule 33	33	Replace reference to "refer to the RA Rules" with the actual rule	Updated	01 July 2015
15.10	14	Inclusion of Novice races which "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."	Updated	01 July 2015
30.1 30.2 Appendix 5	19	Remove D2+ and replace with D2- Remove reference to all 2+ events	Updated	01 July 2015
30.2	20	Deregulation of FSCH4+O6, FSCH4X+Y95, FSCH4X+Y96, FSCH4X+Y97, FSCH4X+Y105, FSCH4X+Y106, FSCH4X+Y107	updated	01 July 2015
Appendix 5	65	Addition of U212X as recognised events to match current practice	Updated	01 July 2015
Appendix 6	70	Deletion of the Novice Masters events (male and female quad and four)	Updated	01 July 2015

Changes take effect as of: 23 December 2014

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
16.7	15	RS Qualification for State Championships To compete in Rowing Score events at the State Championships regatta, participants must have previously competed in 2 Rowing Score events in Victoria during the current season.	updated	2 December 2014

Appendix	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
7	68	Handicaps updated in line with RA 2014 handicaps	updated	28 October 2014

Changes take effect as of: 23 October 2014

Appendix	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
10	79	Victorian Member Protection Policy Deleted	updated	23 October 2014
10	79	Adopted Rowing Australia Member Protection Policy	updated	23 October 2014

Changes take effect as of: 18 August 2014

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
30	19	Amend D Grade and novice Masters events to "Any" boat type.	updated	18 August 2014
30	20	Deregulation of FSCH4+O5, FSCH4X+Y94, FSCH4X+Y104	updated	18 August 2014

Changes take effect as of: 7 August 2013

Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
3.1, 5.7.1, 5.7.2, 8.7, By-Law 1.1 of Rule 8, 9.2, 38.2, 38.4, Rule 16 of By-Law 39	4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 27	Change RV to RV CEO to satisfy Board changes.	Updated	15 July 2013
5.1, 5.5.2 (viii) & (ix), 5.5.6, 8.3.1 to 8.3.3, By-Law 1.6 and 1.12 to Rule 8, 42.2, 42.3, 44.1, 44.2, By-Law 5.1.5 to Rule 47, 62.1	4,6,8,9, 10,30,31, 33, 37	Change Board to RV CEO to satisfy Board changes	Updated	15 July 2013
5.1.1	4	Adjust wording for Team Manager	Updated	15 July 2013
5.2	5	Change RV Development Coordinator to RV Team Manager	Updated	15 July 2013
7.4.7.22	7,8	Generic definition of Commission adopted.	Updated	15 July 2013
7.5	7	Insert definition of 'Fairness Committee' which has not been explicitly defined earlier.	Updated	15 July 2013
7.15	8	Insert definition of RV CEO	Updated	15 July 2013
7.16	8	Remove RV Development Coordinator. Role replaced by the Team Manager.	Updated	15 July 2013
8.2	8	Change so that Board ratifies dates of sanctioned RV Events.	Updated	15 July 2013
8.4.1	9	Minor changes to notice of regatta.	Updated	15 July 2013
10	11	RV FUNDS Relabeled as RV SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS	Updated	15 July 2013
12.5	13	Expand to include other information that RV may request from time to time.	Updated	15 July 2013
16.3	14	RV CEO to be responsible for reviewing grade cut-off points.	Updated	15 July 2013
26, By-Laws to Rule 27, 30, 39, By-Law to Rule 56, 57	16, 17, 19, 27, 36	Insert paragraph numbering for clarity and consistency.	Updated	15 July 2013
Rule 33 and related By-Laws, Rule 34 and related By-Laws	22, 23, 24, 25	Adopt RA rule 31 and 32 which is the same.	Updated	15 July 2013
38.1, 38.3, 38.4, By-law to Rule 39	27	Include School and Association for clarity	Updated	15 July 2013
By-Law 6 to Rule 39	28	Deleted. Covered by Rule 8.2. Subsequent rules renumbered.	Updated	15 July 2013
By-Law 17 to Rule 39	28 and 29	Deleted. Covered by Rule 47 and associated By-Law. Renumbered.	Updated	15 July 2013
By-Law 18, 19, 20 to Rule 39	29 and 30	Decrement by 2 due to above deletions. Minor clarifications.	Updated	15 July 2013
42.2	30	Delete alternate rule.	Updated	15 July 2013
44.6	31	Delete. Decrement 44.7 through 44.9 by 1	Updated	15 July 2013
By-Law 3 to Rule 47	32	Deleted. Not possible using ROMS. Decrement subsequent numbering.	Updated	15 July 2013
58	37	Devolve responsibility for approval of local rules of racing from Board to Field of Play Manager.	Updated	15 July 2013
66	39	Minor clarification. The Fairness Committee is to be defined in the rules.	Updated	15 July 2013

71	42	Deleted. Alignment with FISA rules introduced this year.	Updated	15 July 2013
81	45	Consistency. Umpire's relabeled as Boat Race Officials	Updated	15 July 2013
			Updated	15 July 2013
Appendix 13	122	Change date of levy summary to refer to 2013/14 Season.	Updated	15 July 2013
Appendix 9	79	Remove award for "A, B, C, & D grade rower" of the year and replace with "Grade Rower of the Year"	Updated	15 July 2013
Appendix 5	67	Addition of U211X and U212- as recognised events to match current practice	Updated	15 July 2013
Rule 30	19	Addition of FSCH4X+Y107 & update of boat types for new season	Updated	15 July 2013
Rule 27	17	Addition of "K Category" for masters events	Updated	15 July 2013
Rule 16.4.2	14	Update of existing rule to match current practice.	Updated	15 July 2013
Rule 16.5	14	Include rule regarding score adjustment for state and national team nominees.	Updated	15 July 2013
Rule 16.4	14	Adjust score calculation to delete age and distance multipliers. Win = -0.15 & Loss = +0.03	Updated	15 July 2013

Changes as of 6 August 2012

Appendix 13	122	Change date of levy summary to refer to 2012/13 Season.	Updated	6 August 2012
Appendix 13	122	Deleted fee for schools events where trophies are not provided.	Updated	6 August 2012
Appendix 13	122	Delete fee for regatta insurance	Updated	6 August 2012
Rule 20	19	Alter distance reference for grade racing – A & B Grade to 2000m as per actual rules	Updated	6 August 2012
Rule 20	20	Details regarding deregulation of boats for the 2014/15 regatta season for RS & Age Boat Types and details on progressive deregulation for schoolgirls events	Updated	6 August 2012
Appendix 12		Staging Agreement for Regattas Updated	Updated	6 August 2012
Rule 57		Addition of details for crews training during regattas	Added	24 Feb 2011
Appendix 15		Addition of Head Racing Rules and Guidelines	Added	16 August 2010
Appendix 6		Addition of Female and Male Coxed Quad Sculls in Any boat to the masters event list		30 June 2010
Appendix 13		Adjustment of fees as per April General Meeting		30 June 2010
Rule 30		Boat Class for the FSCH4X+Y92 and FSCH4X+Y102 changed to "Any" boat.		23 June 2010
Appendix 6		Removal of the MMN1X and FMN1X as the boat was defined by a regulation boat which is no longer included in the rules		23 June 2010
Appendix 3		Exhaustive Progression (Seeded Finals) changed to be only inclusive of D Grade and School Events, delete Open and C Grade. Elimination Progression changed to include Open and C Grade Events		23 September 2009
Throughout Rule		Replaced with "Association" and "Rowing Victoria" with "RV"		
Rule 5.1.1.		Deleted "Australian Rowing Championships"		
Rule 7		Updated to reflect changes made throughout rules		
Rule 13		Added: "Each Club and School shall comply with the Safety Management Plan. In exceptional circumstances, RV may allow non-compliance with the Code but in such cases, RV will require that the Club or School complies with relevant marine safety legislation."		
Rule 16		RS Matrix updated: Cat 3 Course maximum distances changes from 1,000m to 2,000m for Open, U23, U21, U19, U17, Senior School, A Grade and B Grade.		
Rule 18.3		Added: "State"		
Rule 26		Lightweight Male and Female weights changed to 72.5kg and 59kg respectively		

Rule 38		Replaced: "Approved Association" with "Organising Committee"		
By-Law to Rule 39		Replaced: "Regatta" with "Organising"		
Rule 42.6		Added: "All competitors shall be affiliated with RV at least 2 days prior to racing. Failure to affiliate rowers within that time frame shall incur a fine set out in Appendix 13."		
By-Law to Rule 47 - 8		Added: "Payment of Entry Fees and Affiliation Fees - Clubs shall pay for entry fees and competitor affiliation fees by a direct debit process approved by RV and in accordance with the payment policy approved by RV and published on the RV website. Failure to comply with this By Law shall incur a penalty set out in Appendix 13."		
Rule 51.2		Deleted: "or fails to appear for the event" Added: "Where the reason for failing to scratch in time is due to medical reasons arising after the time frame above, then upon production of a medical certificate the penalties may be withdrawn by RV. Where the reason for failing to scratch is due to reasons beyond the control of the Club or School, such as an accident, the penalty may be withdrawn by RV at its discretion upon receipt of a submission by the Club or School. This discretion does not apply to failure to appear for a race."		
Rule 81.3		Added: "the umpire"		
Rule 81.4		Added: "and can be renewed in accordance with the National Officials Accreditation Scheme"		
By-Law to Rule 81 - 2.2.3		Added: "Has met the requirements of the National Officials Accreditation Scheme for a Level 2 Umpire."		
Rule 96		Deleted: "immediately" Added: "21 days after being published by RV"		
Appendix 9 – RV Awards		Added: "which has also benefited rowing in Victoria." and "RV Hall of Fame. The Board may establish an RV Hall of Fame which shall recognize rowers, coaches and administrators of the sport in Victoria."		
Appendix 12		Deleted description of entry fees and replaced with "As per Appendix 13"		
Appendix 12		Deleted: "Providing medals for school races is not a requirement of RV" Added: "One medallion or other trophy for each member of a winning school crew including division winners if applicable."		
Appendix 13		Added: "Failure to pay by direct debit – by law 47 (8) Lesser of 10% invoice or \$50". Added: \$5.90 entry fee for School Events where trophy is provided		

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Rule No.	Page	Details	Status	Published version where amendment first appears
Rule 4		Replaced "Code of Conduct" with "Member Protection Policy" <i>Explanation: The member protection policy is a more comprehensive document which includes codes of conducts</i>		30 July 2009
Rule 5.1		Substitute "Board" for "CEO" and "CEO" for "Board" <i>Explanation: Change role of Board and CEO Reflects operation</i>		30 July 2009
Rule 5.5		Words Added: "and if an international event the International Fund" <i>Explanation: Allow the International Fund to also be used for international events</i>		30 July 2009
Rule 5.5.3		Words added: "or the International Fund"		30 July 2009
Rule 5.7		Deleted "3 months" <i>Explanation: Removes time limit</i>		30 July 2009
Rule 7.3		Words added: "RV coxswain accreditation policy means the policy from time to time promulgated by RV regarding the accreditation of coxswains." <i>Explanation: Recognises new coxswain accreditation policy</i>		30 July 2009
Rule 10.1.4		Deleted: "In any year the contribution to representative teams shall not exceed 120% of the net annual income and 100% of the net annual income over 5 years." <i>Explanation: Net income only available each year</i>		30 July 2009
Rule 10.2.3		Deleted: "In any year` the contribution to representative teams shall not exceed 120% of the net annual income and 100% of the net annual income over 5 years".		30 July 2009

		<i>Explanation: Net income only available each year</i>	
Rule 11		Replaced "it to them" with "The prize" <i>Explanation: fixing a grammar</i>	30 July 2009
Rule 12.1 and 13		Moved from 12.1 to Rule 13: "Each Club and School shall ensure that their competitors shall have a state of health and fitness which allows them to compete at a level commensurate with the competition level of the particular event and ensure each competitor, team official and the Club carries appropriate accident and property insurance covering their persons, equipment and property." <i>Explanation: formatting</i>	30 July 2009
Rule 14.3		Race distances for A & B races	30 July 2009
Rules 15 & 16 "RV categories" merged & refined		Rules 15 & 16 merged Deleted: "in addition to the categories in rule 15" Deleted: "regatta entries are to be made on the following basis" Title of Rule 16 "RV Categories" changed to "RV Grade Formula" <i>Explanation: Rowing Score grades are categories of rowing</i>	30 July 2009
Rule 16.3		Delete: "Opening"	30 July 2009
Rule 18.3		Added: "The weighing scales shall indicate the weight of the coxswain to 0.1 kg."	30 July 2009
Rule 18.7	15	New Rule: "Coxswains must be accredited with RV to be able to steer a crew at an RV Regatta." <i>Explanation: result of the coxswain accreditation policy</i>	30 July 2009
Rules 21, 22, 23 & 24		Replaced: "Shall be classified as" with "may compete in"	30 July 2009
Rule 25		Heading: Replaced "Open" with "Senior" Replaced "A rower or coxswain who is too old to be classified an Under 23 shall be classified as Open." with "Senior rowing events are open to rowers of all ages"	30 July 2009
Rule 26 Lightweights		<i>Explanation: entire rule reworded and changed to reflect Rowing Australia rule change.</i>	30 July 2009
Rule 27		Deleted: "The age of a Masters rower shall be that which he or she attains during the current calendar year." Replaced with: "A rower may compete in Masters rowing events from the beginning of the year during which he attains the age of 27"	30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 27		Added: "The age of a rower in a Masters rowing event shall be that which he attains during the year of the event." "Handicaps will not apply when a crew or sculler purposefully enters a masters event in a category below their determined age category." "Handicaps will apply when RV combine two age categories for the purpose of creating a race." "Where a "rowover" is run in conjunction with another event, handicaps will apply." "Masters Novice 4+ and 4X+ categories must be rowed in a regulation boat, no handicap applies." "Masters Novice 1x category is determined by any boat, but the rower must be in their first year of rowing. No handicap applies."	30 July 2009
Rule 30		Under C Grade 4+ boat classes replaced "regulation" with "any" Under Masters Boat classes delete: "All Beginner" Under FSCH4x+O4 boat class replaced "regulation" with "any"	30 July 2009

By-Law to Rule 33 - 1.1	Deleted: "in rubber or similar material fitted in a safe manner unless the bow of the boat is so constructed as to" Added: "Sold", "Shape" and "this is an external part it shall be firmly affixed to the bow of the boat such that it does not significantly deflect if a side force is applied. If it is an integral part of the hull construction it shall"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 33 - 1.2	Replaced "32" with "43"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 33 - 1.3	Added: except that RA or RV may install on each boat a device for the purpose of transmitting real-time race information which shall be owned by RA and may be used, including for presentation and promotion of the event and the sport.		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 33 - 1.5	Replaced "competitor" with "rower" Deleted: "if heel restraints are used" Replace with "Where shoes are used, heel restraints must be used and they should not allow the heel to lift more than 7cm."		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 33 - 1.8	Added: "In addition, with effect from 1 January 2015, all boats used in events at World Championships, Olympic, Youth Olympic, Paralympic and relevant international qualification regattas shall not be longer than 11.9m without a section. No section shall be longer than 11.9m."		30 July 2009

By-Law to Rule 34 - 2	Added: "Additional weight carried in the boat to achieve the required weight shall be firmly fastened to the boat or to the essential fittings described above."		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 34 - 4	Replaced "48" with "24"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 34 - 6	Added: "to select the boats which are to be weighed" Deleted: "to this list" Replaced with: "at any time before the finish of the race of the boat concerned." Deleted: "inform:", "nominated", "cool-down", "the crew" and "nominated" Added: "A selected crew is required to take its boat directly to the weighing scales when it is notified that the boat has been selected for weighing. Failure to do so may lead to the crew being penalised as if the boat had been underweight." Added: "notified that the boat has been selected for weighing" Added: "Adaptive Rowing Boats will be weighed with the following equipment included: A1x boats will be weighed with: Pontoons attached Custom seat and padding which is incorporated within the construction of the seat TA1x boats will be weighed: Without pontoons even in the circumstance where an athlete chooses to race with pontoons Custom seat and padding which is incorporated within the construction of the seat. " Deleted: "and the member of the Control Commission shall record on the printed result the name of the crew, the event and the number and type of equipment items included in the weighing. Both the crew representative and the member of the Control Commission shall sign the printed result."		30 July 2009
Rule 35	Added: "and 1000 metres for Adaptive rowing and Masters races"		30 July 2009
Rule 36	Changed to reflect that the maximum distance to be provided to A & B grades.		30 July 2009

By-Law to Rule 39 - 2		Deleted: "\$150" and "\$100" Added: "these fees are outlined in appendix 13"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 39 - 10		Replaced: "races and heats" with "regatta" Added: "advise the Organising Committee where required and to"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 39 – 18.2		Added: "events may be combined where deemed appropriate"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 39 - 22		Significant amendments to reflect new rules relating to fines.		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 39 - 23		Replace: "of \$52.50" with: "as per Appendix 13 of these Rules"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 39 - 24		Replace: "fine \$21.00" with: "Set out Appendix 13"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 39 - 25		Replace: "even after the time of closing time of entries or results in a redraw of the event." with: "or redraw the event"		30 July 2009
Rule 43		Added: Prohibited Advertising (i) Any form of advertising (including body advertising) or Identifications, not specifically permitted by these Rules, is prohibited. (ii) All advertising must comply with the laws of the country or region in which the regatta is being staged. (iii) Even if otherwise permitted by laws of the country or region, no advertising is permitted which is inappropriate or which is harmful to the image of rowing including tobacco and strong liquor (more than 15% alcohol content) or in contradiction with FISA Statutes or Rules, in particular with Article 3 of the Statutes. In case of doubt, the Board shall decide. In events, regattas and championships solely for juniors advertising relating to alcohol is strictly prohibited. (iv) Where an advertiser or sponsor deals mainly in products which are prohibited by this clause, but also produces some other (not prohibited) product or service, it may have identifications, provided that the identification is clearly associated with the product or service that is not prohibited and cannot be seen as advertising the prohibited product.		30 July 2009
Rule 44.1		Deleted: "State"		30 July 2009
Rule 44.9		Added: "In certain events, the RV Board may prescribe that" Added: "In the absence of such a ruling or accident during a regatta, oars should be uniformly painted."		30 July 2009
Rule 46		Added: "not" Replaced: "by exception" with "except"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 47 - 5.1.1	29	Deleted: Category 1 courses \$12.00 (inclusive of GST) Category 2 courses \$10.00 (inclusive of GST) Category 3 courses \$8.00 (inclusive of GST) Replaced with: "in Appendix 13 - RV Fees and Levies"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 47 - 5.1.2		Replaced "Above Scale and "2008-09" with "fee in appendix 13" and "that"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 47 - 5.1.3		Replaced "\$11" with "as prescribed in appendix 13"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 47 - 5.1.4		Replaced "2008" with "each year"		30 July 2009
Rule 49		Added: "eligibility"		30 July 2009
Rule 51 – 51.1		Replaced: "Organising Committee" with "RV office by email prior to the regatta or to the Organising Committee on the day of racing".		30 July 2009

Rule 51 – 51.2	Deleted: “If a Club or School withdraws from an event for which it is entered, it shall give as much notice as possible to the Organising Committee but at the latest it shall give notice of the withdrawal at least one hour before the first race of the day of racing.” Replaced with: “If a Club or School withdraws from an event or fails to appear for the event for which it is entered after 2.30pm on the last working day preceding the first race of the event, penalties established by the RV shall apply.”		30 July 2009
Rules 51.4 & 51.5	Added: “entry fee and”		30 July 2009
Rule 51	Deleted: “Withdrawals will only be received by the Organising Committee”		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 52	Deleted: “Changes and withdrawals will only be received by the Organising Committee” Replaced with: “In the case of illness of, or injury to, a member of a crew before the first heat, a substitution may be made if a medical certificate is provided and if the change is approved by a member of the RV Medical Commission or its delegate or a person permitted by the President of the Jury. A separate medical examination of the rower concerned may be required by this member or delegate. The replaced rower may compete at any point during the competition on production of a further medical certificate, and with the approval of the same member of the RV Medical Commission or delegate or the person permitted by the President of the Jury, and of the RV Board.”		30 July 2009
Rule 53 – 53.1.1	Deleted: “serious”		30 July 2009
Rule 53 – 53.1.2	Replaced “accident” with “injury”		30 July 2009
Rule 53 – 53.2	Replaced “not more than one” with “Up to”		30 July 2009
Rule 53 - 53.3	Replaced: “maybe made of” with “is permitted for” Deleted: “Once he/she has competed in his/her heat”		30 July 2009
Rule 55 - 55.5	Added: “at all times act and” Deleted: “in their races” Added: “use and conditions		30 July 2009
Rule 56 – 56.1	Added: “regatta program and in the” Deleted: “Boathouse or”		30 July 2009
Rule 57	Added: “work boats” Added: “The organising committee is responsible for ensuring that no unauthorised rowers or crews shall be permitted on the water at any time during the course opening times, from the first day the course opens until the end of the regatta, without the specific approval of the President of the Jury”		30 July 2009
Rule 59	Deleted: “stay in their assigned lane throughout the duration of the race” Deleted: “Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to a penalty being imposed on the crew.”		30 July 2009
Rule 60 – 60.1	Replaced: “before they are allow for use in RV events” with “before being approved for use in the sport of rower”		30 July 2009
Rule 60 – 60.1.1	Replaced: “they must be available to all competitor (no exclusive patents)” with “be commercially available to all competitors (patents may not exclude the use by a team or a competition)”		30 July 2009
Rule 60 – 60.1.2	Replaced: “The costs involved must be reasonable,” with “not significantly add to the cost of the sport		30 July 2009
Rule 60 – 60.1.3	Replaced: “There must be equal chances for all competitors” with “can provide an advantage to some competitors over others or change the nature of the sport”		30 July 2009
Rule 60 – 60.1.4	Deleted: “They Master”		30 July 2009

		Added: "and"		
Rule 60 – 60.1.5		Added: "be a positive development for the sport of rowing and maintain the Principles of the sport."		30 July 2009
Rule 63 – 63.4		Deleted: "If an event has a Final only, then the draw for lanes shall also take place at the main draw." Added: "The Board may require that a preliminary race be conducted to determine the lanes for the final. If an event has a Final only and no preliminary race is required, then the draw for lanes shall also take place at the main draw"		30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 63		Replaced "committee" with "panel" Replaced: "event" with "regatta" Added: "seeding panel shall determine which crews and which event should be seeded" Replaced "committee" with "panel" Added: "and there is no requirement for a preliminary race" Replaced "occupied by" with "assigned to" Added: "and for the lanes of the seeded crew in each heat"		30 July 2009
Rule 64 – 64.1		Added: "the start of the first quarter final" Added: "A crew withdrawing before its Heat or which is excluded or disqualified at any point in the event shall not be ranked in that event. A crew withdrawing after its Heat but before the start of its repechage or its quarter-final or its semi-final will be placed last in the overall ranking of that event, and if there is more than one, then equally in last place." Deleted: "and the crew will be placed last in the overall ranking of that event"		30 July 2009
Rule 64 – 64.2		Added: "a quarter final"		30 July 2009
Rule 64 – 64.3		Replaced "be placed last in the overall ranking of the event or" with "not be ranked in the event or"		30 July 2009
Rule 65		Added: "quarter finals"		30 July 2009
By-Laws to Rule 65 - 4		Added: "Where the Fairness Committee, in case of adverse weather conditions, or otherwise the President of the Jury, decides that conditions are equal in two lanes, then racing shall take place using those two lanes with crews starting alternatively in adjacent lanes"		30 July 2009
By-Laws to Rule 65 - 5		Added: "Time Trials shall be started from the normal fixed start positions. If conditions so require, they will start" Added: "in which crews" Deleted: "start"		30 July 2009
By-Laws to Rule 65 - 6		Added: "Where two lanes are being used for the Time Trial the crew moving out of their lane must ensure they cause no interference to crews racing in the other lane."		30 July 2009
By-Laws to Rule 66 – 1		Replaced: "that with "if" Replaced: "implement" with "decide on"		30 July 2009
By-Laws to Rule 66 – 1.4		Deleted: "the better placing (or the seeded crews for the heats or final where there are no heats or the fastest in the case of a Time-Trial) in the" Added: "similar placings from the previous round into adjoining lanes and giving the crews having achieved better placings"		30 July 2009
By-Laws to Rule 66 – 2.1		Added: "time or where the weather forecast indicates that racing will not be possible on any number of the remaining days"		30 July 2009
By-Laws to Rule 66 – 2		Replaced: "to move particular events" with "The alternative programmes listed above provided that results from previous rounds"		30 July 2009

		may be used differently to determine which crews advance to later rounds”	
Rule 68.3		Added: “deem there to be a false start or” Added: “if there was a false start” Added: “causing two false starts or” Added: “awarded a Red Card and be”	30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 69		Replaced: “. If traffic lights are used, the Judge at the Start may also initiate both visual and audible sounds to indicate a false start “ with “and in this case, the Judge at the Start may directly activate the signal to stop the race.” Added: “or in the case of a Red Card, a red marker” Replaced: “at fault” with “so penalized”	30 July 2009
Rule 70		Replaced: “to the” with “to the objecting crew, to the other”	30 July 2009
Rule 71		Added: “For the purpose of this rule, a crew is still in the start zone if the bow of its boat has not yet crossed the 100 metres line.”	30 July 2009
Rule 73		Replaced: “with another by its wash or by leaving its lane” with “cause interference to another crew”	30 July 2009
Rule 77		Replaced “cannot” with “is too close for any difference to”	30 July 2009
Rule 77 – 1		Added: “quarter-final”	30 July 2009
Rule 79 – 2		Replaced: “is concerned” with “competes”	30 July 2009
Rule 79 – 3		Replaced: “in minimum boat weight violations” with “where specifically provided in these Rules”	30 July 2009
Rule 79 – 4		Added: “Red Card or”	30 July 2009
Rule 82.3		Added: “The Jury shall be appointed by the RV Umpires Commission”	30 July 2009
Rule 88		Added: “In the case of unsafe conditions, the President of the Jury is empowered to take any necessary decisions and communicate any required changes to the Starter and the Umpires on the course. If time allows, the President of the Jury shall consult the Organising Committee before taking such decisions.”	30 July 2009
Rule 89 – 3		Replaced: “in minimum boat weight violations” with “where specifically provided in these Rules”	30 July 2009
Rule 89 – 4		Added: “Red Card or”	30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 91 – 1.2		Added: “Languages — In principle, the Starter and the Umpire shall use visual signals to convey information. Where verbal communication is necessary, they shall address the rowers in English. If, for any reason, the use of another language enables a member of the Jury to be better understood by a crew, a competitor or an accompanying official, he may repeat his information in that language.”	30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 91 – 1.3		Replaced: “As described in a) and b) below” with “, “if directed below or after consultation with the President of the Jury”	30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 91 – 1.6		Replace: “exclude from the race a crew having “ with “award a Red Card and exclude a crew if the crew has”	30 July 2009
Rule 92		Replaced: “has serious doubt whether“ with “considers that”	30 July 2009
By-Law to Rule 92 – 6		Added: “quarter-final”	30 July 2009
Appendix 1		Categories through changed from “A, B & C” to “1, 2 & 3”	30 July 2009
Appendix 1 – 7		Added: “Courses not meeting these requirements or failing to obtain an approved variation from the Board within three months of the date of the event shall not be permitted to be used.	30 July 2009
Appendix 5		Added: “ADAPT - Adaptive Single Scull – Mixed – Open - Single Scull”	30 July 2009

Appendix 6	Deletion of the following events: Masters Beginner Events (all) Male and Female Beginner Masters Four Male and Female Beginner Masters Single Scull Male and Female Novice Masters Single Scull		30 July 2009
Appendix 7	Masters Handicaps <i>Explanation: Currently being discussed by the Masters Commission</i>		30 July 2009
Appendix 8	Updates Commission structures and added Development Commission and Masters Commission		30 July 2009
Appendix 9	Added to heading "and awards" Added all of the Below Rower of the Year Awards Points for A, B, C & D Grade and Masters Rower of the Year and Coxswain of the Year are awarded as follows: 1st place receives 4 points 2nd place receives 2 points 3rd place receives 1 point RV Awards The Association may make the following awards in every year: The William Waterfield Outstanding Service award. This award is given to a person who has provided outstanding to the sport of rowing in Victoria. The Kath Bennett Community Service Award . This award is given to a person who has provided outstanding service to their club, regatta committee, regional association or other rowing community.		30 July 2009
Appendix 10	Replaced RVs Code of conduct with RA's Member Protection Policy <i>Explanation: Reflects RA Policy which is a requirement of the Australian Sports Commission</i>		30 July 2009
Appendix 11	Added: "(consisting of the same events)"		
Appendix 12	Regatta Staging Agreement. Formatting and minor changes for spelling, grammar & terminology. Replaced: "Entry fee for Cat 1, 2 & 3" with "as per appendix 13"	Amended	30 July 2009
Appendix 13	The following fees were changed: Cat 1 Regatta entry – From \$12.65 to \$13.40 Cat 2 Regatta entry – From \$10.65 to \$11.40 Cat 3 Regatta entry – From \$8.65 to \$9.40 School events entry – From \$4.50 to \$4.90 RV Levy entry is \$4.90 or below - From \$1.35 to \$1.50 RV Levy entry is between \$4.90 and \$13.40 - from \$3.00 to \$3.50 RV Levy where Entry is above \$13.40 – from \$4.00 to \$4.50 Non Appearances - From \$52.50 to \$200.00 Late Scratchings - From \$10.50 to \$100.00 Added Non Accredited Coxswains (per cox, per regatta) \$52.05 L1 Coach Course - Volunteer From \$115.50 to \$125.00 L1 Coach Course - Employed From \$173.05 to \$185.00 L2 Coach Course - Volunteer From \$289.00 to \$299.00 L2 Coach Course - Employed From \$347.00 to \$360.00 L3 Coach Course - All From \$693.00 to \$699.00		30 July 2009
Other changes	These reflect the rules of racing changes adopted by FISA and soon to be adopted by RA <i>Explanation: Reflects rules changes in the sport</i>		30 July 2009