



Rowing Victoria Incorporated- Rules and Related By-Laws

Rule Book

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PART I SCOPE

RULE 1 ROWING, BOATS, REGATTAS, ROWERS

Rowing is the propulsion of a boat, with or without coxswain, by the muscular force of one or more rowers, using oars as simple levers of the second order and sitting with their backs to the direction of movement of the boat. Rowing on a machine or in a tank which simulates the action of rowing in a boat is also considered as rowing added with and/or para-rowing classification

RULE 2 APPLICATION

RV is empowered under the Constitution to govern the conduct and control of regattas and competitions at selected and approved RV venues. These rules are created to ensure the orderly conduct of such events.

- 2.1 These Rules and the relevant By-Laws shall apply to the conduct of all RV regattas, competitions and events including where appropriate Ergometer (Indoor) rowing competitions and Coastal Rowing and provide direction for the administration of competition within the sport.
- 2.2 Any club or individual who participates in any capacity in a rowing competition governed by these Rules is deemed to accept without exception or reservation the application of these Rules, the related By-Laws and Event Regulations, particularly those relating to the authority and jurisdiction of RV and of the Australian Court of Arbitration for Sport.
- 2.3 Each Club or appointed Organising Committee is responsible for ensuring that the organisation of any RV Regattas and competitions complies with the requirements of these Rules.

RULE 3 EXCEPTIONS

- 3.1 RV CEO may, in exceptional cases, grant exemptions for departure from the rules and By-laws, and such exemptions shall be posted on the RV website.
- 3.2 In any such case, the Board shall be notified immediately after the decision and the reasons for such exception shall be given.

RULE 4 CODES AND POLICIES

Each competitor, coach, official and employee of RV agrees, in entering into any RV Event, or being involved in the conduct of any RV Event, and while a member of, or having nominated for, any team representing Victoria, to abide by, and conform to, the terms of any Code or Policy that the Board may adopt and maintain to govern the conduct of such persons from the date of commencement of the RV Event, appointment as a coach or employee or the date of nomination for or selection to any team until the later of:

- 8 hours after their release from an RV Event,
- 7 days after their release from a trial,
- 4 weeks after their cessation of employment, or
- 1 week after their release from a representative team.

RV has adopted the RA Member Protection Policy as referenced in Appendix 10.

RULE 5 RV REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- 5.1 The RV CEO in each year shall appoint, and the Board shall ratify:
- 5.1.1 a Team Manager to manage all representative teams.
- 5.1.2 a Chairperson of Selectors and two (2) Selectors to select the rowers, coxswains and coaches of the following Interstate regatta crews:
- 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 8+ crew
 - Bicentennial Trophy - Women's Youth 8+ crew
 - Women's PR3 Single Scull
 - Men's PR3 Single Scull

The Chairperson of Selectors will be the third selector and exercise a casting vote should this be required. These selectors would be known as the Selectors.

- 5.1.3 The Chairperson of Selectors and two (2) selectors to select the rowers, coxswains and coaches of the Australian Masters Rowing Championships:
- Women's Interstate D Quad Scull
 - Men's Interstate D Quad Scull
 - Women's Interstate D Eight
 - Men's Interstate D Eight

Women's Interstate PR3 Single Scull
Men's Interstate PR3 Single Scull

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.

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. The Chairperson of Selectors will be the third selector and may exercise a casting vote should this be required.

5.1.5 a Head Coach to provide technical direction and support to all team coaches.

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.

5.3 Following appointment, the selectors must formulate a Selection Policy and Event Requirements in consultation with the RV Head Coach and deliver to the CEO for Board approval. Following Board approval, selectors shall undertake the selection process in line with these documents.

5.4 A selector shall not be entitled to be appointed coach of any crew for which that selector is appointed to select.

5.5 All members of Victorian crews shall be registered members.

5.6 Nominations
Registered members wishing to nominate for selection in Victorian representative crews must do so in writing in the form published from time to time on the RV website.

5.8 RV Colours
The RV colours worn at the Interstate Championships shall be navy blue with a white "V". The Board may, from time to time, elect to nominate other colours to be worn by Victorian representative crews at competitions other than the Interstate Championships.

5.9 Representative Team Expenses

5.9.1 RV shall with the funds made available from the Interstate Fund, and if an international event the International Fund, assist in defraying the expenses of Victorian representative teams consisting of selected manager(s), coaches, coxswains, scullers and crews.

5.9.2 The appointed manager shall in preparing the team expenses be authorised to include the equipment and team costs as set out hereunder:

- (i) Travelling expenses to and from the venue.
- (ii) Approved racing attire and uniform for each team member.
- (iii) Transport of all team rowing equipment to and from the venue.

- (iv) Insurance of all rowing equipment used by crews selected to represent RV pursuant to these rules.
- (v) Where equipment is to be hired by the Association for the exclusive use of a crew such equipment shall be provided by the club with a majority representation in that respective crew. The Board shall fix, in its opinion, a fair and reasonable weekly hire rate for such equipment and RV shall pay such rate for a period of no more than four weeks. In the event of any member club requiring a higher rate than that fixed by the Board, the additional hire fee will be the responsibility of the members of that particular crew. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this sub-clause, if any of the said crews also compete in the same class of boat for their member clubs at a National Regatta, in the same period and use the same equipment, no hire fee will be paid by RV in terms of this Policy. In the event of any crew being wholly comprised of members of one club and such club and such crew is also competing in the same class of event in the National Regatta as hereinbefore mentioned, no hire fee shall be paid.
- (vi) If there is no member club with a majority of competitors in a crew covered by the preceding sub clause, or equipment is unavailable or unsuitable, the applicable team manager shall arrange for a boat from another of the represented member clubs.
- (vii) Single scullers shall provide their own boats and sculls.
- (viii) Accommodation at the venue for the number of days approved by the RV CEO.
- (ix) Any other expenses as approved by the RV CEO.

5.9.3 The total team expenses shall be ascertained by the team manager and after deducting the funds provided by the Interstate Fund or the International Fund, the balance shall be apportioned among the team members and paid by them to the team manager(s) no later than 7 days prior to the departure of the team from Melbourne.

5.9.4 The team manager is permitted to arrange fund raising to assist in meeting Victorian representative team expenses not provided by RV, but any such arrangements or appeals must be authorised and conducted in accordance with Rule 5.10.

5.9.5 No members of any Victorian representative team are permitted to engage in any advertising or soliciting of sponsorships without the authority of the Board and must sign an undertaking to that effect upon selection.

5.9.6 The team manager shall present a report to the RV CEO within six weeks after the event at which the Victorian team competed (referred to in this sub-clause as "the Regatta").

The team manager shall report on the following matters:-

- (i) Members of the team;
- (ii) Detailed financial statement including fund raising;
- (iii) Training prior to the Regatta;
- (iv) Competition prior to the Regatta;
- (v) Transport of the team to, at and from the Regatta venue;
- (vi) Transport of boats to, at and from the Regatta venue;
- (vii) Accommodation at the venue;

- (viii) Team manager's accommodation costs (receipts to be supplied);
- (ix) Officials and social functions at the Regatta;
- (x) Results; and
- (xi) Any other matters.

5.9.7 RV will not be responsible for costs of testing of competitors involved in the selection of crews to represent Victoria. Such costs shall be borne by the competitors who, before undergoing such tests, shall give a written undertaking to meet their individual costs.

5.10 No appeals for funds shall be made on behalf of or in the name of RV without the prior authority of RV and then only upon such terms and conditions as the Board may decide.

5.11 Management and financial control of RV teams

Each team manager shall:

5.11.1 Prior to the selection of their team, submit to the RV CEO a budget of the estimated costs of the team's representation.

5.11.2 Not make any material alteration to any approved Team budget without the prior written consent of the RV CEO acting on the advice of the Board.

The RV CEO shall:

5.11.3 Consider, and if necessary in consultation with the team manager, amend and approve the budget of each Team.

The manager of each team shall be delegated in writing by the RV CEO such authority as is necessary to undertake the role and shall only act in accordance with such delegated authority. Such authority will include the power to enter into agreements on behalf of the team so long as such actions comply with the team budget.

RULE 6 BLANK

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RULE 7 RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

7.1 Registration with Clubs and Schools

Clubs and Schools must be affiliated with RV, or with a state or national rowing federation/association recognised by RV, in order to be eligible to enter RV Events.

7.2 Transfer Between Clubs

7.2.1 All competitors who wish to compete for a Club other than the Club they last competed for or were registered with, must apply for and be granted, a transfer prior to being eligible to enter an RV Event and be permitted to race.

7.2.2 A competitor requiring a transfer shall apply to the Club with which they were last affiliated with requesting a transfer. The transfer must be processed via Rowing Manager and must be approved by both the source and destination club.

7.2.3 Such competitor shall not be entitled to race for another Club affiliated with RV unless:

- (i) they receive a clearance and approval to transfer from the prior Club; or
- (ii) a period of 7 days has elapsed from the date of their service of a request for transfer has been delivered to the Club from whom they seek clearance, and that Club has not indicated their objection pursuant to the provisions of this rule.

7.2.4 A Club shall be entitled to refuse a clearance and transfer approval to any applicant if:

- (i) any monies are outstanding to it or a Club affiliated with it;
- (ii) disciplinary action has been taken and the terms of such action have not been fulfilled.

7.3 Exceptions

7.3.1 An undergraduate of a University may compete in rowing races for which they are eligible as a member of their University notwithstanding that they are a member of another Club.

7.3.2 A student genuinely attending any recognised primary, secondary or technical school as a full time student may compete in rowing races for which they are eligible as a member of their school crew entered in the name of the School, notwithstanding that they are a member of a Member Club.

RULE 8 DEFINITIONS

8.1 “The Board” shall mean the Board of RV.

8.2 “Clubs” shall mean the Clubs and Schools affiliated with RV and where the context permits, shall mean solely club and not clubs and schools.

8.3 “Code” means any code of conduct or policy adopted by RV to govern the conduct of competitors, coaches, officials and employees of RV.

8.4 “Commission” shall mean the commission appointed by the Board in accordance with these Rules.

8.5 “Fairness Committee” shall consist of the Board of the Jury, Field of Play Manager and the Chair of the Organising Committee.

8.6 “FISA” means the International Federation of Rowing Associations.

8.7 “Interstate Events” are events conducted at the Interstate Rowing Championships, open only to crews and scullers representing Members Associations under the Rules of RA.

8.8 “Interstate Fund” means the fund established at rule 11.1.

8.9 “International Fund” means the fund established at rule 11.2.

- 8.10 “Organising Committee” means the Club, School or approved association awarded the right to conduct an RV Event.
- 8.11 “RA” shall mean Rowing Australia Ltd.
- 8.12 “Rowing Manager” shall mean the on-line membership management and regatta entry system used by RV from time to time.
- 8.13 “RV” shall mean Rowing Victoria Inc.
- 8.14 “RV CEO” shall mean the Chief Executive Officer of RV as appointed by the Board, or their delegate.
- 8.15 RV coxswain accreditation policy means the policy from time to time promulgated by RV regarding the accreditation of coxswains.
- 8.16 “RV Event” a rowing event conducted under the auspices of RV. The regattas at which these events are held shall be conducted under these Rules and related By-Laws.
- 8.17 “RV Field of Play Manager” shall mean the person appointed to that position by the Board or their delegate who shall be pre approved by the Board.
- 8.18 “RV Head Coach” shall mean the person appointed by the RV CEO.
- 8.19 “Safety Management Plan” shall mean the safety management plan adopted by RV, it’s affiliated Clubs and Schools, and rowing associations.
- 8.20 “State Championships” are events open to all competitors and to all crews comprised of competitors who are members of Clubs and Schools affiliated to RV or Members of Clubs and Schools affiliated to other Rowing Associations recognised by RV under Rule 7.1.
- 8.21 “VIS” means the Victorian Institute of Sport
- 8.22 “RV Website” or “Rowing Victoria Website’ shall mean content hosted on the web domain rowingvictoria.asn.au or Rowing Manager.
- 8.23 Team Official - shall include a club/school coach of a crew and or an individual appointed by the club/school to manage a crew or act on behalf of the club/school.

RULE 9 RV EVENTS

9.1 Control By RV

RV Events shall take place under the authority of RV, which may give directions to the Organising Committee through the President of the Jury to supervise and verify the application of the RV Rules of Racing and By-Laws or any variation of them approved by RV. Details of any departures from the RV Rules of Racing or By-Laws must be provided to competing Clubs at the time of their invitation to take part in the Regatta.

9.2 Date for the Event

The Board shall ratify the dates for the conduct of all sanctioned RV Events.

9.3 Venue Selection for the Event

9.3.1 The RV CEO shall invite Organising Committees to express an interest to conducting an RV Event under the provisions of these Rules and to the specifications determined by RV.

9.3.2 Organising Committees which express an interest in conducting an RV Event will need to display to the satisfaction of RV that they are capable of conducting the event within the provisions of these Rules and staging terms, and where the event has been staged before, have successfully conducted the event to the satisfaction of RV.

9.3.3 Should any Organising Committee be unable to display to RV that they are able to meet the required standard for the conduct of the RV Event at the time applications are reviewed, then RV shall be entitled to award the conduct of that event to an alternate Organising Committee and on such venue and on such commercial arrangements, as it sees fit.

9.3.4 The process for allocation of RV Events to Organising Committees is contained Appendix 11.

9.4 Notice of Regatta

9.4.1 RV shall publish a notice of the regatta calling for entries in accordance with these Rules.

9.4.2 The preliminary notice of a regatta will be posted on the RV website must contain the following items:

- (i) the place, time(s) and days(s) of the RV Event;
- (ii) the program of races. Where applicable the order of races shall be as laid down by the Board;
- (iii) the amount of entry fees;
- (iv) a plan of the course;
- (v) the date and closing time for entries; and
- (vi) the contact details for the Regatta Secretary.

9.5 Entries

RV will communicate details of entries received in accordance with the requirement of Rule 55.

9.6 Staging Agreement

The Organising Committee that is awarded the conduct of a RV Event shall enter into a Staging Agreement, which shall prescribe the conduct and management of the event in line with, but not limited to, the RV Staging Agreement referenced in Appendix 12 – RV Staging agreement

9.6.1 The monetary agreements between the Organising Committee and RV;

9.6.2 Dates for the conduct of the RV Event;

- 9.6.3 Appropriate recognition and involvement of sponsors of RV;
- 9.6.4 Monitoring of the preparations for the conduct of the RV Event;
- 9.6.5 Inspection of facilities
- 9.6.6 Insurance
- 9.6.7 Naming of the RV Event
- 9.6.8 Division of responsibilities for the conduct of the RV Event
- 9.6.9 Promotion of the ideals of RV, and their recognition
- 9.6.10 Creation of an Organising Committee for the conduct of the RV Event
- 9.6.11 Recognition by the Organising Committee that the RV Event is the intellectual property of RV
- 9.6.12 Agreed reporting processes
- 9.6.13 Arrangements for the sale of merchandise
- 9.6.14 Any other terms and conditions on which the parties may agree.

The pro forma staging agreement is available on the RV website and via Appendix 12.

9.7 Reports on Arrangements for the Conduct of Regatta

Three months prior to the start of an RV Event the Organising Committee of the Club conducting the RV Event shall inform the RV CEO of the arrangements for the regatta and the schedule for the completion of those arrangements.

9.8 Regatta Review

9.8.1 RV shall conduct a review of all RV Events within one month of the regatta. In doing so, RV shall receive within two weeks of the conclusion of an RV Event the following reports, which will be used to evaluate the RV Event and make recommendations for future events and/or changes to the venue:

- (i) Regatta secretary report - template provided by RV
- (ii) The referee report - template provided by RV
- (iii) The Field of Play – template provided by RV
- (iv) Competitor feedback – in any form received

By Law to Rule 9

Role of the Field of Play Manager

- 1.1 *The Board shall appoint the Field of Play Manager. The RV CEO may appoint other people to act in this role where the Field of Play Manager is unavailable to undertake the duties.*
- 1.2 *The Field of Play Manager shall*
 - *be a licensed RV Umpire,*
 - *have had hands on experience in conducting major rowing events, and*
 - *have a sound knowledge of the Rules of RV as well as its policies and procedures*

- 1.3 *In general, the duties of the Field of Play Manager are to ensure that the provisions of the staging agreement with RV are complied with and that the regatta is satisfactorily run both from the safety and competitive points of view.*
- 1.4 *The Field of Play Manager will maintain a continual liaison with the Competition Commission.*
- 1.5 *The Field of Play Manager will maintain a continual liaison with the Organising Committee for any RV Event and shall have the authority to agree the facilities to be provided.*
- 1.6 *The Field of Play Manager shall monitor and report to the RV CEO on the on-water preparations for each RV Event, in particular, addressing issues relating to the responsibilities of the Organising Committee.*
- 1.7 *On arrival at an RV Event, the Field of Play Manager should inspect the regatta course with a representative of the Organising Committee and the President of the Jury taking particular note of safety aspects, including warm-up and cool down areas, traffic rules in racing and training, and areas where crews will be marshalled. They will also inspect the boating area, to ensure that the arrangements for boating and disembarking are satisfactory and that the traffic rules are adequately displayed. They will also ensure that the minimum requirements for the regatta required by the Rules of Racing and By-Laws are in place (e.g. distance markers, photo finish, weighing arrangements, medical facilities, rescue services, etc.).*
- 1.8 *Once the Field of Play Manager is satisfied that the course and event environs meet the requirements of the RV Rules the Field of Play Manager shall declare it fit for use and hand over the course to the President of the Jury for competition. The Jury shall then conduct the regatta in accordance with these Rules.*
- 1.9 *The Field of Play Manager shall attend the first meeting of the Jury and should notify the Jury of any problems that they foresee, either from a safety or competitive point of view. However, the Field of Play Manager should leave the Jury to carry out its role as set out in the Rules of Racing.*
- 1.10 *During the regatta, the Organising Committee and/or the President of the Jury shall consult the Field of Play Manager on any matter where there is any uncertainty concerning the application of RV Rules. The Field of Play Manager shall advise the Organising Committee, President of the Jury of any failure to comply with RV Rules. In the event of a disagreement between Organising Committee and President of the Jury and the Field of Play Manager the position of the Field of Play Manager shall prevail.*
- 1.11 *The legal responsibility for matters of safety rests with the Organising Committee and nothing in the Rules of Racing or By-Laws shall be taken as imposing legal liability on the Jury or the Field of Play Manager.*
- 1.12 *Within two months of the end of the event, the Field of Play Manager shall send a report to the RV CEO, who shall then forward it to the Organising Committee. The report should set out comments, proposals, and criticisms in a prescribed format.*

RULE 10 PREMIERSHIPS, TROPHIES AND MEDALLIONS

- 10.1 RV will conduct a point score competition for the award of Premierships in Victoria based in the format established in Appendix 9.
- 10.2 The perpetual trophies of RV shall be under the control of the RV CEO. The trophies may be released by the CEO to:-

10.2.1 the Organising Committee for exhibition and subsequent presentation to winning representative crews; or

10.2.2 the Club of the winning representative crews for special occasion

Provided that the Organising Committee or Club requesting possession of the trophies:

10.2.2.1 indemnifies RV for all approved transport costs;

10.2.2.2 provides adequate and acceptable undertakings as to security of the trophies to the satisfaction of the CEO; and

10.2.2.3 returns the trophies to the control of the CEO within such time frame as agreed.

10.3 The perpetual trophies shall be insured by RV for such sum as the Board may from time to time determine.

10.4 The perpetual trophies, while in the control of the CEO, shall be kept in safe custody.

RULE 11 RV SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

The Board may establish special purpose funds from time to time, as approved by the General meeting. These funds shall be listed and recorded in the annual report. The investments of these funds can be invested jointly with other funds and the annual income allocated to each fund by reference to the percentage of assets invested.

11.1 Interstate Fund

11.1.1 There shall be established in the books of RV a fund to be known as the Interstate Fund.

11.1.2 RV may transfer to the Interstate Fund such of the property and investments of RV as RV in General Meeting may from time to time determine and shall credit to the fund any property or monies received by it by donation, bequest, appeal or otherwise for the specific purposes of the Interstate Fund.

11.1.3 The Interstate Fund shall be invested in the name of RV and in any investments authorised by RV.

11.1.4 At the Boards discretion the net annual income received from the Interstate Fund shall be applied towards defraying the expenses of the teams selected to represent Victoria in each year.

11.1.5 After defraying team expenses provided for in 11.1.4 the surplus net annual income shall be added to the capital of the Interstate Fund.

11.1.6 In a year where more than 100% of net annual income is to be applied towards defraying team expenses, the additional funds shall be withdrawn from the capital of the Interstate Fund.

11.2 International Fund

11.2.1 There shall be established in the books of RV a special fund to be known as the International Fund (hereafter called "the International Fund"). RV may

transfer to the International Fund such property and investments of RV as RV in General Meeting may from time to time determine and shall credit to the fund any property or monies received by it by donation, bequest, appeal or otherwise for the specific purposes of the International Fund.

11.2.2 The funds shall be invested in the name of RV in or upon any of the investments authorised by RV.

11.2.3 At the Board's discretion the net annual income received from the International Fund shall be applied towards defraying the expenses of members selected to represent Australia in each year.

This amount will be determined in the budget for each year and allocated amongst teams at the discretion of the Board.

RULE 12 PRIZES

12.1 Cash prizes may be awarded for RV Events or races conducted under the auspices of RV.

12.2 Competitors may receive cash prizes for competition.

12.3 Any such prize shall be paid to the School or Club of any competitors winning such prize, or to RV, and not directly to competitors.

12.4 Such School, Club or Board may distribute such prizes among the competitors who won the prize.

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PART II ROWERS AND COXSWAINS

SECTION 1. GENERAL

RULE 18 ELIGIBILITY

- 18.1 RV Events shall be open to all competitors who are authorised to compete by their affiliated Club and who are eligible under these Rules.
- 18.2 All rowers shall be eligible to compete in the Open category in the appropriate weight division.
- 18.3 No competitor may race for two different Clubs or Schools at the same regatta but a competitor may represent their Club and their School at a Regatta.
- 18.4 School events are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one school only unless approved by the Board.
- 18.5 All clubs and schools must provide the dates of birth of their registered members, and other information requested by RV from time to time.

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RULE 20 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENTS

Subject to Rule 28, only men may compete in men's events and only women may compete in women's events. In mixed events men and women may compete in a crew in such proportion as shall be stipulated in these Rules and Regulations or otherwise by the organising committee.

By-Law to Rule 20

Determination of Eligibility – In cases requiring determination of eligibility in respect of this Rule, including gender re-assignment and hyperandrogenism, the RV Board will refer to International Olympic Committee guidelines which shall be followed.

RULE 21 COMMITMENT

Where required by RV, rowers may only compete at RV Events if they have submitted a signed commitment form in the form approved by RV. Each team official must have submitted a signed commitment form to RV before accreditation may be issued at an RV Event.

RULE 22 HEALTH AND INSURANCE

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 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.

By-Laws to Rule 22 - Health of Rowers

1. *Swimming Ability. - All rowers competing in an RV Regatta shall be able to swim 50m and keep their head above water unassisted for three minutes. It is the responsibility of the club or school to ensure and certify that rowers can meet these minimum standards and be able to provide evidence thereof if requested by RV. At Regattas with master's events it is the responsibility of the individual master's rower.*
2. *Pre-existing Conditions – Any pre-existing conditions which may incapacitate a rower during competition and training must be notified to the Event Officials prior to racing*
3. *Pre competition Health Screening – All athletes competing in any regatta under the auspices of RV must undergo, if directed by RV, a pre-competition health screening which includes a questionnaire, an annual physical examination and EVG following the IOC's recommended procedure. It is recommended that rowers participating in master's events undergo a Health Screening at least annually and prior to the commencement of the season*
4. *RV Principal Medical Officer (PMO) – All requirements for Health Screening will be conducted under the direction of the RV PMO or their nominee who shall be a qualified medical practitioner*
5. *Intravenous re-hydration – Any rower who has been re-hydrated intravenously shall not subsequently compete on that day*

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RULE 25 RV CATEGORIES

The following categories of rowers are recognised by RV:

- 25.1 School (male and female)
- 25.2 Under 17 (male and female)
- 25.3 Under 19 (male and female)
- 25.4 Under 21 (Youth) (male and female)
- 25.5 Under 23 (male and female)
- 25.6 Open (male and female)
- 25.7 Masters (male and female and mixed)
- 25.8 Para Rowing
- 25.9 Rowers Score Categories – Calculated per the formula outlined in Rule 26
 - 25.9.1 A grade races are open to all competitors.
 - 25.9.2 B grade races are open to rowers or crews with an RS equal to or greater than 1.00.

25.9.3 C grade races are open to rowers or crews with an RS equal to or greater than 2.00.

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.

In addition to these categories, a lightweight category for men and women (see RULE 31) is recognised by RV.

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.

25.12 “Club” events are restricted to:

25.12.1 Athletes who are all the member of the one club, including the coxswain,

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)

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 Under 21 team are eligible to compete in Club events).

RULE 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.

26.2 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.

26.3 The cut off points for each grade shall be reviewed annually by the RV CEO to maintain balance in the competitive populations at each grade level

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 -0.2

Loss: = Current Rowing Score +0.07

A rower’s RS will be calculated to four decimal places.

26.4.1 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 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, 2nd and 3rd placegetters no adjustment, all other places +0.07.

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.

26.5.2 A rower's score will further be adjusted as follows:

Period elapsed since last recorded competition, 24 months, +0.5, and +0.5 each subsequent 12 months to a maximum adjustment of 1.5.

26.5.3 A rowers score will further be adjusted as follows:

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.

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

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.

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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.

ROWING SCORE CALCULATION/ OPEN/ CLUB & UNDERAGE 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/ U15	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				

26.9 The RS of the School, Open and Underage rowers would be reset when the following events are entered (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	0.75	A
Under 19 Events All Club Events	1.25	B
School Open Events	1.55	B
School Year 10 Events Under 17 Events	2.05	C
Opening Grade RS Beginner (first year of competition) Under 15 Events School Year 8/9 Events	2.25	C

26.11 Where a competitor's RS is lower (better) than the adjusted score they will retain their original score.

26.12 The following opening score is applicable for all beginner rowers in their first season of competition: 2.25

26.13 Appeals can be lodged to RV on the RS.

RULE 27 LICENCES

27.1 The Board may decide on the introduction of licences for all categories of rowers and coxswains.

27.2 Where applicable, the jury shall appoint a person to check the licences of all competitors at the beginning of every regatta not later than two hours before the first race of the rowers concerned.

RULE 28 COXSWAINS

28.1 Coxswains are members of the crew. Any reference to rowers in these Rules shall include coxswains unless otherwise stipulated.

The gender of a coxswain shall be open so that a women's crew may be steered by a man and a men's crew may be steered by a woman.

28.2 Age categories shall apply to coxswains, except in Under 23 and Masters categories.

28.3 The minimum weight for a coxswain (wearing racing uniform) is 55.0kg for all RV events including all School events. The weighing scales shall indicate the weight of the coxswain to 0.1 kg.

28.4 To make up this weight, a coxswain may carry deadweight in a sealed bag which shall be placed in the boat as close as possible to their person. No article of racing equipment shall be considered as part of this deadweight.

28.5 These provisions shall also apply to coxswains in lightweight races.

28.6 Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 18.3, a coxswain may steer for any number of Clubs at a regatta.

28.7 Coxswains must be accredited with RV in accordance with the RV Coxswain Accreditation policy to be able to steer a crew at an RV Regatta. Failure to have an accredited coxswain in a coxed race incurs penalties specified in appendix 13.

RULE 29 WEIGHING OF COXSWAINS

29.1 It is the inherent responsibility of a Club/School for ensuring coxswains make the minimum weight wearing their racing uniform as listed in Rule 28 and where underweight, carry the correct amount of dead weight in a recognized weight bag. A coxswain's weight needs not be registered with RV and need not weigh in at regattas except for Championship events.

29.2 Coxswains shall be weighed in wearing racing uniform by a person duly authorised by the President of the Jury on tested scales not less than one hour and not more than 2 hours before their first race in which they are competing, on each day of a Championship regatta.

29.3 If coxswains are carrying deadweight, immediately after any race an Official duly authorised by the President of the Jury may check the deadweight carried by the

coxswain of any crew. Additionally, the Starter and Umpire may check the presence of the deadweight. In the event of the weight carried by the coxswain of any given crew is underweight, then the crew steered shall be relegated to last place.

- 29.4 The Organising Committee may require on the first weighing or subsequently, the deposit of an official identity card with photograph.
- 29.5 A coxswain shall be permitted to steer for any Member Club or School at any regatta approved or sanctioned by RV provided that the coxswain shall have been registered as a coxswain of a Member Club or School pursuant to the Rules.

RULE 30 SCHOOL AND UNDERAGE COMPETITORS

30.1 School Competitors

A school competitor is one who:

30.1.1 Qualifies as Under 21 (Youth) under the provisions of these Rules; and

30.1.2 Is attending a secondary school as a full time student.

School events are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one school only.

30.2 Under 17

A rower or coxswain may compete in an Under 17 rowing event until 31 December of the year in which the rower reaches the age of 16.

30.3 Under 19

A rower or coxswain may compete in an Under 19 rowing event until 31 December of the year in which the rower reaches the age of 18.

30.4 Under 21 (Youth)

A rower or coxswain may compete in an Under 21 rowing event until 31 December of the year in which the rower reaches the age of 20.

30.5 Under 23

A rower may compete in an Under 23 rowing event until 31 December of the year in which the rower reaches the age of 22.

30.6 Open

Open rowing events are open to rowers of all ages.

RULE 31 LIGHTWEIGHTS

31.1 A rower may compete in Lightweight rowing events if they meet the following criteria:

31.1.1 A Lightweight men's crew (excluding coxswain) shall have no individual Lightweight male rower weighing more than 72.5 kg. A Lightweight male single sculler (male) may not weigh more than 72.5 kg.

31.1.2 A Lightweight women's crew (excluding coxswain) shall have no individual Lightweight female rower weighing more than 59 kg. A single sculler (female) may not weigh more than 59 kg.

31.2 Lightweight rowers shall be weighed wearing only their racing uniform on tested scales not less than one hour and not more than two hours before their first race of each lightweight event in which they are competing, each day of the competition. They shall present themselves as a crew at the weighing centre already wearing

their racing uniform. The weighing scales should indicate the weight of the rower to 0.1 kg.

- 31.3 If a rower has races in other events on a day of racing, the weight recorded for the first event may be applied to qualify for subsequent events.
- 31.4 Rowers may re-weigh for other events after their weigh-in for their first event on a day of racing, within the time limits applicable to that event. This weight may also be carried forward for any other races in which the rower competes on that day of racing.
- 31.5 Notwithstanding the foregoing, if two rounds of the same event take place on the same day of competition and some rowers in the second round do not have to race in the first round of that day, then these rowers in the second round shall be weighed at the same time as the rowers in the first round.
- 31.6 The Organising Committee may require on the first weighing or subsequently the deposit of an official identity card with photograph.
- 31.7 If the first race is subsequently postponed or cancelled, the lightweight rower is not required to be weighed later the same day for that event.
- 31.8 Any rower who has been re-hydrated intravenously between the weigh-in and the respective race shall not be allowed to start.
- 31.9 If a rower exceeds the required weight or a crew exceeds the required average weight by the expiry of the time permitted for weighing, the rower (and the crew of that rower) or the crew concerned are no longer eligible and shall be excluded from the event.
- 31.10 If a rower has races in other events on a day of racing, the weight recorded for the first event may be applied to qualify for subsequent events.

RULE 32 MASTERS

A rower may compete in Masters rowing events from the beginning of the year during which they attain the age of 27.

By-Law to Rule 32 - Masters (Male, Female and Mixed)

1.1 *The age of a rower in a Masters rowing event shall be that which they attain during the year of the event.*

1.2. *Masters events shall be held in the following crew age categories:*

- *A Minimum age: 27 years*
- *B Average age: 36 years or more*
- *C Average age: 43 years or more*
- *D Average age: 50 years or more*
- *E Average age: 55 years or more*
- *F Average age: 60 years or more*
- *G Average age: 65 years or more*
- *H Average age: 70 years or more*
- *I Average age: 75 years or more*
- *J Average age: 80 years or more*
- *K Average age: 83 years or more.*
- *L Average age; 86 years or more.*
- *M Average age: 89 years or more.*

1.3. *The average age of a crew (excluding the coxswain) will be calculated by dividing the total number of years of age of the crew by the number of members of the crew rounded down to the nearest whole number.*

Age categories do not apply to coxswains of master crews.

Each competitor shall be responsible for their own health and fitness.

Every Masters rower must have their age verified by RV prior to competition (passport, drivers licence or identity card).

1.4. *The handicaps that will apply at RV Masters Championships are contained in Appendix 7.*

1.5. *Handicaps will not apply when a crew or sculler purposefully enters a Master's event in a category below their determined age category.*

1.6. *Handicaps will apply when RV combine two age categories for the purpose of creating a race.*

1.7. *Where a "rowover" is run in conjunction with another event, handicaps will apply.*

RULE 33 MIXED MASTERS EVENTS

Mixed crew events may be held for Masters' 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.

RULE 34 PARA ROWING

- 34.1 A rower may compete in a Para-Rowing event if they have an Eligible Impairment and have been allocated an eligible sport class and sport class status under the Para-Rowing Classification Regulations as detailed in Appendix 6 of the Rowing Australia Rules of Racing and related By-laws.
- 34.2 The categories and boat classes for Para rowers at RV Events shall be determined by the RV and published at least three months in advance of the RV Event.
- 34.3 Organising Committees and the Jury do not adjudicate on qualification issues with Para Rowing. Disputes over qualification are to be recorded and referred to the Board who will appoint an expert to adjudicate.
- 34.4 Coxswains of Para crews may be either gender and are not required to have a disability.

PART III CLASSES OF BOAT

RULE 35 CLASSES OF BOAT

35.1 The following classes of boat are recognised by RV:

- Single Scull (1x)
- Double Scull (2x)
- Pair (2-)
- Quadruple Scull (4x)
- Coxed Quad Scull (4x+)
- Four (4-)
- Regulation Coxed Four (4+)
- Coxed Four (4+)
- Coxed Eight (8+)

35.2 The classes of boats used in each event are as follows:

RS Boat Types and Class per Grade and Event (Male and Female) (distance are maximum offered)							
A (2000m)		B (2000m)		C (1000m)		D (1000m)	
Class	Type	Class	Type	Class	Type	Class	Type
1x	Any	1x	Any	1x	Any	1x	Any
2x	Any	2x	Any	2x	Any	2x	Any
4x-	Any						
4x+	Any	4x+	Any	4x+	Any	4x+	Any
2-	Any	2-	Any	2-	Any	2-	Any
4-	Any						
4+	Any	4+	Any	4+	Any	4+	Any
8+	Any	8+	Any	8+	Any	8+	Any

Age based Boat Types and Class per Grade and Event (Male and Female) (all 2,000 metres)											
Open		Open Lightweight		Under 23		Under 21		Under 19		Under 17	
Class	Type	Class	Type	Class	Type	Class	Type	Class	Type	Class	Type
1x	Any	1x	Any	1x	Any			1x	Any	1x	Any
2x	Any	2x	Any	2x	Any			2x	Any	2x	Any
4X-	Any	F4X-	Any			W4x+	Any	4x+	Any	4x+	Any
2-	Any	M2-	Any	2-	Any			2-	Any		
4 -	Any	M4 -	Any								
4+	Any					4+	Any	4+	Any		
8+	Any					8+	Any	8+	Any		

Masters Boat Types & Class per Grade & Event (Male and female)	
Open	
Class	Type
1x	Any
2x	Any
4x-	Any
2-	Any
4+	Any
8+	Any

School Rowing

Boys					Girls				
Boat Class	Level	Crew	Event Code	Boat Type	Boat Class	Level	Crew	Event Code	Boat Type
Eight	Open	1	MSCH8+O1	Any	Eight	Open	1	FSCH8+O1	Any
		2	MSCH8+O2	Any			2	FSCH8+O2	Any
		3	MSCH8+O3	Any			3	FSCH8+O3	Any
		4	MSCH8+O4	Any	Fours	Open	1	FSCH4+O1	Any
	Yr 10	1	MSCH8+Y101	Any			2	FSCH4+O2	Any
		2	MSCH8+Y102	Any			3	FSCH4+O3	Any
		3	MSCH8+Y103	Any			4	FSCH4+O4	Any
	Yr 9	1	MSCH8+Y91	Any			5	FSCH4+O5	Any
		2	MSCH8+Y92	Any			6	FSCH4+O6	Any
		3	MSCH8+Y93	Any			7	FSCH4+O7	Regulation**
		4	MSCH8+Y94	Any			8	FSCH4+O8	Regulation**
Fours	Open	1	MSCH4+O1	Any		Yr 10	1	FSCH4+Y101	Any
		2	MSCH4+O2	Any			2	FSCH4+Y102	Regulation
		3	MSCH4+O3	Any			3	FSCH4+Y103	Regulation
		4	MSCH4+O4	Any			4	FSCH4+Y104	Regulation
		5	MSCH4+O5	Regulation			5	FSCH4+Y105	Regulation
		6	MSCH4+O6	Regulation			6	FSCH4+Y106	Regulation
		7	MSCH4+O7	Regulation		Yr 9	1	FSCH4+Y91	Any
		8	MSCH4+O8	Regulation			2	FSCH4+Y92	Regulation
	Yr 10	1	MSCH4+Y101	Any			3	FSCH4+Y93	Regulation
		2	MSCH4+Y102	Regulation			4	FSCH4+Y94	Regulation
		3	MSCH4+Y103	Regulation			5	FSCH4+Y95	Regulation
		4	MSCH4+Y104	Regulation**			6	FSCH4+Y96	Regulation
		5	MSCH4+Y105	Regulation**	Quad Scull	Open	1	FSCH4X+O1	Any
		6	MSCH4+Y106	Regulation**			2	FSCH4X+O2	Any
	Yr 9	1	MSCH4+Y91	Regulation			3	FSCH4X+O3	Any
		2	MSCH4+Y92	Regulation			4	FSCH4X+O4	Any
		3	MSCH4+Y93	Regulation		Yr 10	1	FSCH4X+Y101	Any
		4	MSCH4+Y94	Regulation**			2	FSCH4X+Y102	Any
		5	MSCH4+Y95	Regulation**			3	FSCH4X+Y103	Any
		6	MSCH4+Y96	Regulation**			4	FSCH4X+Y104	Any
Quad Scull	Open	1	MSCH4X+O1	Any			5	FSCH4X+Y105	Any
	Yr 9	1	MSCH4X+Y91	Any			6	FSCH4X+Y106	Any
		2	MSCH4X+Y92	Any			7	FSCH4X+Y107	Any
		3	MSCH4X+Y93	Any		Yr 9	1	FSCH4X+Y91	Any
		4	MSCH4X+Y94	Any			2	FSCH4X+Y92	Any
	Yr. 8	1	MSCH4X+Y81	Any			3	FSCH4X+Y93	Any
		2	MSCH4X+Y82	Any			4	FSCH4X+Y94	Any
Single Scull	Open	1	MSCH1XO1	Any			5	FSCH4X+Y95	Any
		2	MSCH1XO2	Any			6	FSCH4X+Y96	Any
	Yr10	1	MSCH1XY101	Any	Single Scull	Open	1	FSCH1XO1	Any
	Yr 9	1	MSCH1XY91	Any			2	FSCH1XO2	Any
						Yr 10	1	FSCH1XY101	Any
						Yr 9	1	FSCH1XY91	Any

****Events represent Ballarat Schools Events only (Head of the Lake) and will remain awaiting future discussion**

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PART IV BOATS AND CONSTRUCTION

RULE 38 FREE CONSTRUCTION

The construction, design and dimensions of boats and oars shall, in principle, be unrestricted subject to Rule 1, paragraph 1 and 2 and Rule 40.

However, except for the rowers' seats, all load bearing parts including the axes of moving parts must be firmly fixed to the body of the boat.

Nevertheless, RV may, in By-Laws to these Rules, impose appropriate requirements.

By-Law to RULE 38 — Free Construction

These By-laws are found in Appendix 17 to the Rules of Racing

RULE 39 INNOVATION IN EQUIPMENT

Innovations in equipment including, but not limited to, boats, oars, related equipment and clothing, must meet the following requirements before they are allowed for use in RV Events:

- 39.1 They must be commercially available to all competitors (patents may not exclude the use by a team or a competitor);
- 39.2 Not add to the cost or complexity of the sport without adding corresponding value;
- 39.3 Not provide an advantage to some competitors over others or change the nature of the sport;
- 39.4 They must be safe and consistent with the principles of sustainable development and:
- 39.5 Be a positive development for the sport of rowing and maintain the principles, in particular those of fairness and equality, of the sport.

Any innovation must be submitted to Rowing Australia for evaluation. If it is judged to meet the above conditions and is approved for use, it must be readily available for all competitors by January 1st of the next year in order to be authorised for use in RV events that year. Crews shall not be allowed to compete with unapproved innovations in events held under these rules.

The Board has the sole authority to decide all matters under this Rule including whether an innovation is significant, whether it is readily available, whether the costs are reasonable and whether it is safe and consistent with the principles of sustainable development and whether it is a positive development for the sport of rowing and maintains the principles of the sport.

RULE 40 BOAT WEIGHTS

All boats used in RV Events shall be of defined minimum weight.

By-Law to RULE 40 — Boat Weights

These By-laws are found in Appendix 18 to the Rules of Racing

PART V COURSES

RULE 41 CHARACTERISTICS

41.1 Rowing Courses in Victoria are classified in Categories 1-3 based on the following criteria.

Category 1 – As per RA requirements for 2,000 metres, minimum six lane course, buoyed each 10 metres or better, held start, and straight and 1,000 metres for masters races

Category 2 – 1,500 metres or greater in length, six or less lanes, buoyed each 100 metres or better including bridges and corners in the case that the course is not straight.

Category 3 – All other approved courses.

Requirements for Beach Sprint and Coastal events are defined in Appendix 11 and 12 of the Rowing Australia Rules.

41.2 The Board may lay down other requirements for RV Events.

RULE 42 LENGTH OF COURSE

42.1 The standard racing distances shall be 2,000 metres straight for Open and Underage races. A, B, C grade Male and Female, Beginner (Male and Female) and Masters (Male, Female and Mixed crews) the course shall be 1000 metres (or other distance approved by the RV CEO).

42.2 The provisions of this Rule require the use of moveable starting installations in order that the bows of all boats of whatever class may be aligned on the same start line.

42.3 The length of the course and all intermediate distances shall be measured by an independent qualified surveyor and an accurate, certified plan shall be held by the Organising Committee conducting the Regatta and submitted to RV.

42.4 The Board may depart from this Rule in RV Events which are not championships.

42.5 The non-standard course may be shorter (for example, sprints) or longer (for example, long distances, head races, heads of the river, etc.) than the standard course. It is not necessary that the course be straight.

RULE 43 NUMBER OF LANES

On courses used for 2,000 metre Championships, races shall normally be held over six lanes but, in principle, the course shall have at least eight lanes. For 1,000m Championships races must be held on a course with a minimum of four lanes. Otherwise courses will be approved for use at the same time that the regatta is approved by RV.

By-Laws to Rules 41 to Rule 43

These By-Laws are found in Appendix 1 to the Rules of Racing.

PART VI ORGANISATION OF REGATTAS

SECTION 1. GENERAL

RULE 44 AUTHORITY OF RV

- 44.1 All RV Events are under the overriding authority of RV and subject to the terms of any Staging Agreement entered into between RV and the Club, School, Association or Organising Committee concerned. An Organising Committee shall be responsible for the organisation of regattas or competition.
- 44.2 The preparation of the Regatta Program shall be at the direction of the RV CEO. The Club, School or Association which has been awarded the right to conduct a RV Event shall appoint an Organising Committee.
- 44.3 Upon appointment of the Organising Committee, the Club, School or Association shall forward full and detailed particulars of the members of that Committee to the RV CEO.
- 44.4 The Organising Committee appointed by the Club or other body that is conducting the Regatta is responsible for its organisation and direction and for the course and all necessary installations and equipment both on and off the water as set out in these Rules.

RULE 45 DUTIES OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 45.1 An Organising Committee is responsible for the proper organisation of the regatta. The Organising Committee shall, in particular:
 - 45.1.1 Make available a stretch of water, rescue and medical services and technical equipment conforming to the present Rules of Racing;
 - 45.1.2 Appoint a Safety Officer;
 - 45.1.3 Appoint a Medical Officer;
 - 45.1.4 Appoint a Safeguarding Officer
 - 45.1.5 Appoint a Sustainability Officer
 - 45.1.6 Take all other steps that are required to ensure the proper organisation of the regatta in accordance with, but not limited to, the staging agreement.
- 45.2 Provide to the satisfaction of the Field of Play Manager, sufficient personnel to ensure that all on shore facilities are adequately staffed so as to ensure their effective and efficient operation and the maintenance of those facilities for the duration of the event.

By-Law to RULE 45 — Duties of the Organising Committee

These By-laws are found in Appendix 19 to the Rules of Racing

RULE 46 RV ROLES AT REGATTAS

RV shall have certain responsibilities at regattas including duties carried out by specified officials. Racing will be conducted in accordance with these Rules by RV Umpires, the Jury and the Board of the Jury.

- 1 RV shall have specific responsibilities at regattas as per the appropriate Event Manual. RV will appoint these positions and advise the organising committee. The appointment, roles and responsibilities of these officials are set out in the Event Manual
- 2 Conduct of Racing
 - a. The Jury – The Jury shall be responsible for conducting the racing and ensuring that the regatta is run in accordance with these Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Event Regulations and shall be comprised of a group of RV Umpires (Level2), supported where appropriate by, RV Level 1 Boat Race Officials. The safety of rowers must be the prime concern of the Jury at all times during the regatta.
 - b. Board of the Jury – The Board of the Jury shall consider and decide on any protests made according to Rule 76 and shall consist of the President of the Jury and two other members of the Jury designated by the President of the Jury on a daily basis prior to the start of racing.
 - c. RV Umpires shall be responsible for the conduct of racing as member of the Jury.

RULE 47 REGATTA DAY INCIDENTS

- 47.1 Regatta Day Incidents that include Code of Behaviour violations, Disputes and cases not covered by the Rules of Racing or the relevant By-Laws shall be resolved by a Tribunal. In principle these matters are outside the Rules of Racing and have been unable to be resolved by the responsible persons appointed for the regatta.
- 47.2 Before the commencement of each Regatta Season the RV Board shall appoint persons to the Tribunal Panel. These shall be a Tribunal Chair and Alternate and up to five (5) panel members. It is desirable but not essential for the Chair and Alternate to have legal qualifications. A Tribunal shall consist of the Chair or Alternate and two (2) panel members. Tribunal decisions shall be by simple majority.
- 47.3 The Incident must be fully described in a Regatta Day Incident Report and signed by the complainant and a responsible person of the Club or School. If the complainant is an Umpire the report shall also be signed by the President of the Jury. Witness accounts and names must also be appended to the incident report. The Regatta Day Incident Report complete with all statements must be lodged with the RV CEO at the RV Office by 4.00pm on the first business day after the incident.
- 47.4 Following the receipt of a Regatta Day Incident Report the RV CEO shall immediately arrange for a Tribunal Hearing to take place. Tribunal Hearings shall occur on either the Wednesday or Thursday following the incident. The complainant and witnesses may be asked to appear as well as any other persons that the Tribunal deems necessary.

Tribunal Hearings shall be conducted in person at a location determined by the RV CEO. If it is not convenient for a complainant, respondent or witness to attend in person then a telephone or video link shall be arranged.
- 47.5 The outcome of Tribunal Hearing shall be final. The outcomes of a Tribunal Hearing may include:
 - (i) Dismissal of the matter
 - (ii) Change of Race Result
 - (iii) Reprimand
 - (iv) Fine or Suspension as provided elsewhere in the RV Rules
 - (v) Recommendation to change policy, rules, practice or procedure.

In the case of a Reprimand, Fine or Suspension the RV CEO must also advise the Club or School of the respondent in writing of the outcome. If the respondent is an Umpire, the Umpire's Commission and the RV Board must be advised. If the respondent is a member of RV Staff the RV Board must be advised.

Outcomes of Tribunal Hearings are to be recorded by the RV CEO and placed in safekeeping by RV. Prior sanctions recorded against an individual are to be taken into account by the Tribunal in the determination of a sanction.

RULE 48 SPONSORSHIP CONTRACTS

Competitors entering RV Events may enter into sponsorship contracts provided these contracts are reviewed and approved by RV and their Club in advance, and that these contracts are in compliance with RV rules.

RULE 49 RV MERCHANDISING RIGHTS

- 49.1 At all RV Events, RV retains the right to sell RV merchandise, souvenirs and other articles. The Organising Committee shall provide sites for this activity at no cost to RV.
- 49.2 All goods of whatever kind and description for distribution or sale or ordering for later delivery at a RV Event or any company, agent or affiliate of RV shall be under the authority, direction and control at all times of the RV CEO.
- 49.3 The RV CEO may at any time delegate, transfer, assign or licence all or part or parts of its authority and rights herein to such person(s), committee or organisation as it decides upon terms and conditions acceptable to it.

SECTION 2. ADVERTISING PROVISIONS

RULE 50 COMMERCIAL PUBLICITY, SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING

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.

The Board may prescribe By-Laws regarding commercial publicity, sponsorship and advertising at RV Events.

By-Law to Rule 50 – RV Advertising Rules

These By-Laws are found in Appendix 2.

RULE 51 ROWERS' CLOTHING

- 51.1 The RV CEO shall keep a register listing the racing colours of each Club, Institute and School in the State. Clubs shall assist the Board to maintain the Register by informing RV of the colours of Clubs, Institutes and Schools affiliated with them or any alterations thereto.
- 51.2 Clubs or Schools must submit their colours to the RV CEO for approval. The RV CEO will assess the colours to make sure that they do not conflict or are too similar with the colours of existing clubs or schools.
- 51.3 Each member of a Club or school competing in a RV Event shall wear the racing uniform of their Club or school and other garments which must all be identical in design and colour except for permitted sponsor identifications which shall nonetheless be identical colour within each crew. Except as provided for composite crews, members of the same crew shall compete in identically coloured clothing.
- 51.3.1 Rowers may wear undergarments of differing lengths as long as the undergarment is an identical colour.
- 51.3.2 If any members of a crew wear headwear, then the headwear worn by those crew members shall be identical, in colour but not necessarily in design.
- 51.4 The racing uniform shall be designed so that the shoulders and arms of the t-shirts provided by RV (if any) are seen clearly.
- 51.5 Any changes in design or colours of racing uniforms registered with RV must be submitted to the Board at least two months before the date of the RV Event.
- 51.6 The Board may issue further regulations regarding rowers' clothing at RV Events, in particular, including use of a t-shirt provided by RV or other RV sponsor identification as in the By-Laws to RULE 46.
- 51.7 In certain events, the RV Board may prescribe that the blades of all oars and sculls shall be presented in the same manner on both sides in the colours of their Club or School or a consistent colour. Emblems need only be displayed on one side. In the absence of such a ruling or accident during a regatta, oars should be uniformly painted.

SECTION 3. ENTRIES, WITHDRAWALS AND CREW CHANGES

RULE 52 AUTHORISATION BY CLUBS

A crew or sculler may only compete in an RV Event if authorised by its Club. The latter shall be held responsible for the payment of the entry fees.

If a crew enters a regatta without authorisation from their relevant Club, then that Club cannot be held responsible for the crew and for its actions.

RULE 53 RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRIES

- 1.1 RV Events – Subject to Rule 18 no competitor may compete for two different clubs, institutes, schools or states at the same regatta.

1.2 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.

1.3 Composite Crews - The composite rules applying to RV Events are:

- 1.3.1 Clubs may enter composite crews in the Open (including open lightweight events) and Masters Categories without restriction.
- 1.3.2 Clubs may not enter composite crews in Under-Age events except with the prior approval of the RV CEO.
- 1.3.3 No composite crews shall be permitted in Rowing Score events.
- 1.3.4 Applications for a composite crew should be made to the RV CEO at least one week prior to the closing of entries to the event or events in which the composite crews seek to participate. The RV CEO shall approve or decline such an application by reference to guidelines approved by the Board and published on the RV website.

RULE 54 ENTRIES

The entry of a crew for a RV Event shall only be made via Rowing Manager unless otherwise approved by the Board. The entry shall be valid only if all details have been completed.

By-Law to Rule 54 - Entries

- 1 *Entries shall be made in the form approved by the Board and must include:*
 - 1.1 *The classification of the event entered;*
 - 1.2 *The name of the Club, Institute or School to which the competitors are affiliated, where appropriate;*
 - 1.3 *The names of the competitors including their positions in the crew.*
 - 1.4 *Declare the eligibility of the competitors to compete in the event.*
- 2 *Each entry in a RV Event shall be validated:*
 - 2.1 *Validation of Entries shall be undertaken in a manner as may be approved by the Board from time to time.*
 - 2.2 *Each Club must validate each entry that contains competitors from that Club. Such validation shall indicate that the said competitors are eligible to compete in the race for which they have entered and that the said Club has no objection to such entry.*
 - 2.3 *Entries received from an Institute of Sport may be validated by an official of that Institute of Sport as may be approved by the Board from time to time without further reference to each competitor's Club.*
 - 2.4 *Any entry that includes competitors from two or more Clubs must be approved by each Club with which the competitors therein are affiliated.*
 - 2.5 *Validation of an entry by a Club/Institute of Sport will confirm acceptance by the Club/Institute of Sport of financial liability for that entry.*
 - 2.6 *Entries that are not validated by a Club/Institute of Sport will not be accepted.*
- 3 *No entries in an RV Event shall be accepted after the closing date unless in accordance with published policies of RV*
- 4 *Entry Fees and Deposits*

- 4.1 The Organising Committee responsible for the conduct of a regatta may charge such entry fees and deposits therefore as are approved by the Board. The maximum entry fee for each competitor that can be charged shall be determined as follows:
- 4.1.1 The entry fee for each competitor, including approved levies and GST, in any race, shall be determined by the category of the course upon which the regatta is to be held. The maximum entry fee applicable to each course category is listed in Appendix 13 - RV Fees and Levies.
- 4.1.2 Head racing and Championship regattas - These regattas may charge entrance fees in excess of the fees in Appendix 13 but are limited to the entry fees charged for each competitor in that season.
- 4.1.3 Masters Regattas – The RV Masters Regatta series events may charge up to the entry fee for each competitor as prescribed in Appendix 13 regardless of the category of the course upon which the regatta is to be held
- 4.1.4 The entry fees for each competitor, determined at (1), (2), and (3) above shall be subject to annual review by the Board commencing April each year. The maximum entry fees for each competitor shall be adjusted annually by the CPI movements for the year ended 31 March.
- 4.1.5 Notwithstanding anything contained in this By-Law (4) any regatta committee seeking to charge an entry fee for each competitor in excess of that determined above may make its case direct to the RV CEO for determination prior to the 31 May preceding the regatta.
- 4.2 Any deposit paid in respect of any crew or sculler shall be refunded to the Club or an Institute of Sport lodging the entry upon that crew's or scullers participation in the event for which it has been entered,
- 4.3 If a crew or sculler does not start in any race for which it has entered, the deposit paid in respect of that crew shall be forfeited to the Organising Committee. If a crew or sculler starts in any of the eliminatory races in any event and subsequently withdraws from further races in the event, the deposit shall be forfeited to RV.
- 4.4 The Organising Committee shall refund all deposits which it is obliged to refund under this By-Law to the relevant Club or an Institute of Sport as soon as practicable and in any event not later than one month after the conclusion of the regatta. The RV CEO shall be notified when all deposits required to be refunded have been refunded.

5 Regatta Draw

The procedures relating to the draw are set out in RULE 67 and RULE 68.

6 Composite Entries

Clubs entering people from another club into a composite crew may be responsible for their affiliation to RV if that person is in fact not a current competitive member of their club and doesn't intend to become one.

7 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 55 LIST OF ENTRIES

After the close of entries, RV shall ensure that a list of entries and provisional program is published on the RV website.

RULE 56 FALSE DECLARATIONS

Any false declaration regarding the name, classification, club membership or eligibility of a competitor shall result in the disqualification of every rower of the crew concerned from all races for which they are entered at the regatta in question.

RULE 57 OBJECTIONS TO AN ENTRY

Any objection to an entry shall be made in writing and lodged within one hour after the completion of the race with the President of the Jury. After consultation, the RV CEO or appointed delegate shall decide if the objection was upheld.

RULE 58 WITHDRAWALS

- 58.1 All withdrawals shall be made via Rowing Manager before 2:30pm on the last working day immediately preceding the regatta, or to the Regatta Secretary on the day of racing.
- 58.2 If a Club or School withdraws from an event for which it is entered after 2.30pm on the last working day preceding the first race of the event, penalties established by RV shall apply. 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.
- 58.3 A withdrawal once made is irrevocable.
- 58.4 In the event of a withdrawal the entry fee and deposit paid in respect of that crew shall be forfeited to the Regatta Secretary.
- 58.5 If a crew or sculler does not start in any event for which it has entered, the entry fee and deposit paid in respect of that crew shall be forfeited to the Organising Committee and penalties established by RV shall apply.
- 58.6 In the event of a withdrawal the Regatta Secretary may conduct a new draw.

RULE 59 CREW CHANGES BEFORE THE FIRST HEAT

- 59.1 Crews – Clubs, Schools and Member Associations using authorised personnel may substitute up to one half the number of rowers (as well as the coxswain, if applicable) in all crews.
- 59.2 Any substitution to a crew shall be communicated in writing to the Organising Committee before the race. The Regatta Secretary must maintain the alteration in their official records.
- 59.3 Single Scullers – No substitute is permitted for a single sculler.

- 59.4 Crew changes must be made in writing. A crew change is not valid unless the athlete to be changed substituted into the crew is a registered member of the Member Association with which their club/school is affiliated. The athlete must also be correctly listed within the online entry portal.

By-Law to Rule 59 – Changes after the Entry Deadline and before the First Heat

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. Any replacement rower must be eligible to represent that Club or School.

Not more than one half of the rowers in a crew (plus the coxswain, if applicable) may be changed in accordance with this By-Law.

RULE 60 CHANGES AFTER THE FIRST HEAT

- 60.1 Crews – No change may be made in a crew which has already raced in a heat of its event, except in the case of illness, or injury. In which case a medical certificate shall be required. In such a case the change must be approved by the RV Medical Officer or their delegate, who may require a separate medical examination of the rower concerned. The rower may compete again at any point during the competition on production of a further medical certificate, and with the approval of the same Medical Officer or their delegate, and the President of the Jury.
- 60.2 Up to half of the rowers in a crew (plus the coxswain, if applicable) may be changed in accordance with this Rule.
- 60.3 Single scullers - No substitution is permitted for a single sculler.
- 60.4 Consequential Substitutions – Where a rower is ill or injured and a substitution is made for that rower using a rower from a second boat (with no doubling up), the rower from the second boat may in turn be substituted in that boat by another rower, even though that rower from the second boat is not ill or injured. This consequential substitution may only occur if the line of substitutions is clearly resulting from the illness or injury of a rower in the first boat in accordance with By-Laws to Rule 59 and 60. If the ill or injured rower recovers and is then substituted back into the boat, the rower substituted for the ill or injured rower and any other substituted as a consequence of the initial substitution, must then at the same time and effectively immediately, be substituted back into their original boat for the next round of the event. Any replacement rower must be a registered member of the club or school. Where a consequential substitution is made and there is no substitute for the second rower, then the crew of the second rower may be withdrawn as a consequential medical withdrawal under Rule 58

SECTION 4. SAFETY AND FAIRNESS

RULE 61 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

61.1 The principles guiding the Field of Play Manager, Organising Committee and the Jury in charge of the regatta shall be:

61.1.1 Safety of all competitors

61.1.2 Fairness for all competitors
61.2 Each individual competitor and official shall act at all times in accordance with these rules.

RULE 62 SAFETY – GENERAL PRINCIPLES

62.1 Detailed measures to ensure the safety of competitors shall be included in the By-Laws, but an Organising Committee must in addition check the particular safety aspects of its regatta venue and impose further safety measures as appropriate.

62.2 During the regatta, a medical and rescue service shall be ready to act both on the land and on the water.

62.3 Where required, the Organising Committee shall announce the official opening day of the course for training, and shall also announce the opening time and the closing time of the course on each day of training and of racing.

62.4 The Board may remove the right to conduct a RV Event if it is not satisfied that the By-Laws regarding safety have been observed.

62.5 All rowers and team officials shall at all times act and compete in accordance with the Rules in force relating to the safety of their boats, oars, sculls and other items of equipment. In addition it is the responsibility of Clubs, rowers, coaches to ensure that all their equipment is in a suitable condition for the water conditions prevailing during the event. They shall comply with the instructions of the Jury and of the Organising Committee on any matter relating to safety.

62.6 Rowers and team officials shall comply with the instructions of the Jury and the Organising Committee on any matter relating to safety.

62.7 Any member of the Jury may prohibit any crew from going on the water if they consider that the crew constitutes a danger to themselves or other crews on the water. In the event of a dispute, the President of the Jury shall determine the issue.

62.8 At RV Events, suitable care will be taken to provide safe conditions. However, the ultimate responsibility for safety lies with the Club or School for whom the rower is competing and with the individual rower. In this respect RV accepts no legal liability.

By-Law to Rule 62 – Team Managers

At RV Events each participating Club or School shall appoint a representative who shall be known as a Team Manager. The Team Manager, or their delegate, shall attend any Team Managers' meeting and shall communicate information from any such meeting concerning racing and safety to all rowers and coaches in their team. Failure of a Club or School to appoint a Team Manager or failure of a Team Manager to attend any official meetings or communicate information may result in the Club or School being penalised by the Board.

Safety – Training at Regattas

1. *Training shall take place only during official training hours notified by the organising committee*
2. *Notification of the official training hours shall specify the closing time of the course for training. All crews must be off the water by that closing time*
3. *Crews may be penalised for failing to follow these requirements.*

RULE 63 TRAFFIC RULES ON THE COURSE

- 63.1 The Organising Committee must publish, and display clearly in the regatta program and in the embarkation area, the traffic rules to be followed to control the movement of the boats on the water. These rules must cover:
- 63.1.1 Traffic rules for training
- 63.1.2 Traffic rules for racing
- 63.2 It is the responsibility of every rower, coach and team manager to read, to understand and to obey all the traffic rules. In addition the rowers, while warming up or cooling down from a race:
- 63.2.1 Must not cross the finish line (in any direction) while boats from another race are in the process of finishing,
- 63.2.2 Must stop when competing crews approach their position,
- 63.2.3 Must not follow a race over all or part of the course, even outside the buoyed area, when not taking part in a race.
- 63.2.4 A crew may be sanctioned for failing to follow these requirements.

By-Law to Rule 63 - Traffic Rules on the Course

1. *A copy of the traffic rules must be published in the regatta program and large signs/map (125cm x 60cm) must be clearly displayed in the boating area. These signs/map should be located beside the areas where the crews go out on to the water.*
2. *Where a buoyed course is used, the traffic rules for training shall identify at least one clear lane of water (13.5m) as a neutral lane between crews travelling in opposite directions on the water. If it is not possible to provide the neutral lane, then the crews travelling in opposite directions must be separated by a “swimming line”, or equivalent, as a continuous, physical barrier.*
In principle, there shall be no training during racing at RV events.
3. *The traffic rules for racing shall also cover the warm-up area and the cool-down area. They shall also take into consideration the safe movement of any boat taking part in any victory ceremony or other users of the waterway.*

RULE 64 OTHER BOATS ON THE WATER

64.1 Racing

a. During the official hours of training (where relevant) and racing no boat (moving or fixed) shall be allowed on the regatta course or the training areas without the specific authority of the President of the Jury.

b. The President of the Jury shall determine the position and the movement of all approved vessels, i.e. umpires' boats, rescue boats, television boats, workboats etc. The President of the Jury will also control and approve the personnel and equipment carried on such vessels.

64.2 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.

64.2.1 If the President of the Jury (PofJ) gives permission for a crew to transit, they should be instructed to:

- a) wait to receive direction from an umpire before entering the competition zone (including any marshalling areas),
- b) carefully transit the course without stopping unless for traffic reasons and also giving right-of-way to competing crews,
- c) never overtake any crews participating in the regatta (whether racing or in the traffic lane), and
- d) under no circumstances engage in training 'pieces' within the competition zone including the traffic lane. The competition zone is identified as the stretch of waterway consisting the racing course, plus an extension to cover all launching and marshalling areas plus a 100m safety buffer.

64.2.2 Whilst within the competition zone crews must obey all directions from Umpires.

64.2.3 This will enable crews not competing to participate in training either side of the competition zone but does NOT allow crews to train in the competition zone.

64.2.4 Breaches of the policy

Should the direction of an Umpire be ignored, the Umpire should record as many of the following as possible:

- The club/school name
- The name of the cox/stroke or key crew member,
- The boat name,
- The coach's name,
- The type of boat,
- The location, date and time, and/or
- Whatever other information that can be ascertained about a crew.

This information must be reported to the regatta PofJ who will make a formal note in their report to RV.

RV will notify a club of the report and give the club five days to provide a submission to RV.

RV will issue a fine as detailed below where either a club/school has failed to make a submission within the timeframe outlined, or where RV deems the breach occurred as reported.

Penalties

Penalties as prescribed in the schedule.

RULE 65 LOCAL RULES

Where the rules of racing require amendment for the requirements of a course or the nature of the event, local rules will apply. Local rules must be approved by the Field of Play Manager and be published in the regatta program. The local rules will be incorporated into, and have the same effect, as the rules of racing.

RULE 66 FAIRNESS – GENERAL PRINCIPLES

All rowers competing at a regatta shall at all times:

- a. Compete fairly,
- b. Be respectful of their opponents and the race officials.
- c. Comply with the Rules of Racing, in particular, be at the start on time and follow instructions of the officials both on the water and off.

Team officials shall, at all times:

- a. Be familiar with the Rules of Racing as may be relevant to their individual team duties
- b. Be respectful of other teams and regatta officials and the need for fair competition

Regatta Officials shall ensure the Rules of Racing are applied fairly, and in the atmosphere of respect to all rowers and team officials.

Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to a penalty being imposed on the crew. The race officials shall ensure that the Rules of Racing are applied fairly to all competitors.

SECTION 5. THE DRAW AND PROGRESSION SYSTEM TO THE FINALS

RULE 67 PROGRESSION SYSTEM

67.1 Should the number of crews taking part in an event exceed that of the number of lanes used for racing, a progression system shall be used and adopted by RV from time to time.

67.1.1 In principle the draw in the heats of an event, or the final where heats are not required, shall be random

67.1.2 Where the RV Events and Competition Manager decides in the case of a major event that the heats should be seeded.

67.1.3 Where a progression system is modified due to adverse weather conditions any subsequent round of the event shall be seeded based on the results of any round that has been completed in its entirety

Each round of an event shall finish at least two hours before the following round of the same event.

- 67.2 The progression from heats to later rounds shall be published in the program.
- 67.3 The Fairness Committee or the President of the Jury as the case may be, may alter the progression system at any time. Other than for situations where adverse weather has caused changes, the Fairness Committee or the President of the Jury as the case may be, will provide ample notice to competitors of any alternative system that will be used.

By-Law to Rule 67 – RV Progression System

The details of the RV Progression System are found in Appendix 3 to the RV Rules of Racing.

RULE 68 THE DRAW

- 68.1 At RV Events, the draw for each round of racing shall be undertaken by RV in accordance with the directions of the Board.
- 68.2 Late entries shall be accepted by RV where:
- a) A lane exists for the entry which does not alter the timetable of events;
 - b) The entrant pays the advertised seat fee, plus an administration fee equal to 100% of the seat fee;
 - c) Crews shall be accepted on a first come basis. (If only one lane exists then it is the first crew with an entry that is accepted and all other crews are rejected)
 - d) A late entry must be received via the Rowing Manager from a club Rowing Manager system administrator. Clubs manage their system administrators and determine who may submit entries.
 - e) The cut off for entries and the 'window' for late entries shall be as per the Rowing Victoria website.
 - f) A late entry is considered to be any regatta entry which is received following the advertised close of entries.
 - g) In the case where crews would otherwise have a "no race", Rowing Victoria will attempt to find another opportunity for that crew or parts thereof to race in another event. This would not be considered a late entry.
- 68.3 Notwithstanding the above RV reserves the right to reject any late entry.
- 68.4 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.
- 68.5 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
- 68.6 If a crew withdraws after the draw, but at least two hours before the start of the first heat and if the number of crews remaining in the event involves another variant of the heats and repêchages, or if the withdrawal results in an avoidable imbalance between the number of crews in each heat, the President of the Jury may request a new draw.

- 68.7 In the case of difficult conditions where delays or postponements are not possible, the system to determine lanes may be modified by the President of the Jury, in consultation with the Fairness Committee, in order to complete the regatta. Any modification will consider the previous results at the regatta in placing crews in the better lanes in accordance with RV rules.

By-Law to Rule 68 - Determining the Lanes (Normal Conditions)

1. *Where appropriate the Board shall appoint a Seeding Panel for a particular regatta. The Seeding Panel shall determine which crews in which events should be seeded. The purpose of seeding is to avoid having all the faster boats in an event being drawn into the same heat in the first round. The Seeding Panel will apply criteria determined by the Board and published in advance.*
2. *For the heats (or final where there are no heats and there is no requirement for a preliminary race), a draw shall be held to determine the lane to be assigned to each crew. There shall be a random draw for the order of the heats so that the highest seeded crew is not always in heat 1 and for the lanes of the seeded crews in each heat. The seeding order shall only affect the placing of crews in the heats. It shall not be taken into account for any of the later rounds of competition.*
3. *For the repêchages, semi-finals and finals, the principle is to put the crews with the best placings in their previous round in the inner lanes. Similarly the crews with the lower placings in their previous round are put in the outer lanes. If the crews have the same placings in the heats, repêchages or semi-finals then there shall be a draw to determine their lanes in the next round.*

RULE 69 WITHDRAWALS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS AFTER THE DRAW

If a crew withdraws or is excluded or is disqualified after the Draw then the following procedures shall operate:

- 69.1 If the withdrawal, exclusion or disqualification takes place before the start of the first heat or the start of the first repêchage, the start of the first quarter-final or the start of the first semi-final of the event the President of the Jury may take the appropriate steps to modify the Draw or to make a new Draw. The result of the race will show the crew as SCR (Scratched), DNS (Did Not Start), EXC (Excluded) or DSQ (Disqualified). 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.
- 69.2 If a crew stops rowing during a heat, a repêchage, a quarter-final or a semi-final and does not finish the race then the result of the race will show the crew as DNF (Did Not Finish). The number of crews stipulated in the draw will go forward to the next round. The crew that does not finish the race will not race again in the event and will be placed last in the overall ranking of that event. In the case of a problem outside the control of a crew which prevents the crew from finishing a race, the President of the Jury may decide to place that crew last in that race.
- 69.3 If a crew is excluded or disqualified after the start of the first heat of the event, then the result of the race will show the crew as EXC or as DSQ. The number of crews

stipulated in the draw will go forward to the next round. The crew that has been excluded or disqualified will not race again in the event and will not be ranked in the event or events.

- 69.4 In any final, if a crew withdraws before the start of the race or if a crew stops rowing during the race and does not finish the race, then the result of the race will show the crew as DNS (Did Not Start) or DNF (Did Not Finish). The crew that withdraws or stops during the race will be placed last in that final.

RULE 70 TIME TRIALS

A time trial is a race in which crews are started one after the other, whether in one or more lanes, and where the result is determined by the time taken by each crew to complete the course.

In cases of a very large entry in certain events and/or limited time availability or in adverse conditions, the Fairness Committee may decide to hold Time-Trials instead of or in combination with heats, repêchages, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals as provided below.

By-Law to Rule 70 - Time Trials

Depending upon the weather conditions and the circumstances under which a decision is taken to hold time trials, the time trials may be conducted (1) as individual heats in accordance with the draw or progression system, or (2) may be conducted as one time trial in which all crews in that round shall compete against each other.

- 1 If the Time-Trial System is used for the heats then in each separate heat the highest seeded crew starts first and the second highest seeded crew shall start second. The remaining crews shall start in the order of their lanes, as given from the official draw.*
- 2 If the Time-Trial System is used for repêchages, semi-finals or finals then in each separate race the crews shall start in order according to their placing in the previous round. Where two crews have the same placing, (e.g. both were heat winners), then there shall be a draw to determine their starting order.*
- 3 In the case that a time trial is conducted as one trial for all crews in an event the highest seeded crew starts first, followed by the second highest crew etc. and after all the seeded crews then the remaining crews shall start in order of a random draw.*
- 4 If the time trial is for a subsequent round (repêchages, quarter final, semi-final or final) the crews shall start in order according to their placings in the previous round. Where two or more crews have the same time placing in the previous round then there shall be a draw, supervised by the President of the Jury, to determine their starting order.*
- 5 Each separate race shall be started at not more than five-minute intervals.*
- 6 Crews in each race compete in the same lane and shall be started at approximately 30- second intervals. 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.*
- 7 Time Trials shall be started from the normal fixed start positions. If conditions so require, they will start crews with a "flying start" in which crews are timed from the 100m mark and they race 1900m.*

- 8 *If a crew is caught by any crew that starts behind them then they must move out of the lane to allow the overtaking crew to pass safely. Once the crew has overtaken them then they must move back into the original lane. 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.*

RULE 71 ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

At all RV Events, other than the RV State Championships, the President of the Jury shall take the place of Fairness Committee and may after consultation with the appropriate members of the Jury make changes to the program if the weather creates unfair or unrowable conditions.

By-Law to Rule 71 - Alternative programs in cases of Adverse Weather Conditions

- 1 *It is the duty of the Fairness Committee to determine if the weather has created, or is about to create, unfair or unrowable conditions. It is then their responsibility to decide on the appropriate program from the alternatives described below. In applying these alternatives the Fairness Committee will always consider (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4) before considering (1.5) or (1.6).*
- 1.1 *Option 1: To use the lanes offering the most equal conditions.*
 - 1.2 *Option 2: To change the timetable of the regatta to avoid adverse weather conditions.*
 - 1.3 *Option 3: To suspend racing when weather conditions are, or about to become, unfair or unsafe and recommend alternative times for racing.*
 - 1.4 *Option 4*
 - 1.4.1 *To prioritise the lanes for each individual race, using the placings from the previous round to put the crews with similar placings from the previous round into adjoining lanes and giving the crews having achieved better placings better lanes*
 - 1.4.2 *Where two or more crews have the same placing in the immediately previous round, (e.g. each were heat winners), then there shall be a new draw for the crews with the same placing, supervised by the President of the Jury, to determine their reallocated lanes. This alternative shall not be used for heats (or in finals of an event where there have been no mandatory preliminary race to determine the lanes for the final)*
 - 1.5 *Option 5: To implement the Time-Trial System for each individual race, e.g. if there were four heats from the official draw, then there shall be four separate Time-Trial Races.*
 - 1.6 *Option 6: To implement a time trial in which all the remaining crews at each level in a round or rounds of an event compete together in one time trial.*
- In each scenario, information about the decisions must be communicated to those affected by the decision through their team manager or coach or through other appropriate communication means.*
- 2 *After the Fairness Committee has determined that alternatives (1.1) to (1.6) in By-Law 71(1) above are not appropriate solutions to the difficulties created by adverse weather conditions and after consultation with the teams at a Team Managers'*

Meeting convened for this purpose, it is the duty of the Fairness Committee to decide whether to implement one of the following solutions in order to continue the regatta:

- 2.1 Solution 1: To start racing earlier than previously announced, provided that the announcement of the new times is made by announcement widely on the previous day*
- 2.2 Solution 2: To resume racing at a later time when conditions have improved*
- 2.3 Solution3: To omit a round, or part of a round, of the event (e.g. semi-finals) where adverse conditions have stopped racing for a significant period of time or where the weather forecast indicates that racing will not be possible on any number of the remaining days. In such a case the composition of the next rounds will be determined on the basis of the results of those rounds that have been completed and may necessitate more than six crews in each race. Wherever possible the rankings of the crews in the previous rounds will be used as the basis for the composition of the next rounds.*
- 2.4 Solution 4: To reduce the length of the race to no less than 50% of the original race distance where conditions are so adverse that no other alternative is possible.*
- 2.5 Results from the previous rounds of racing may be used other than in accordance with the normal progression system.*

In each scenario, reasonable time must be given to the teams to prepare and information communicated to Team Managers, Coaches or through other appropriate communication means.

SECTION 6. SANCTIONS

RULE 72 SANCTIONS

- 1 In any case of breach of rules and in accordance with Rule 90, a member appointed to the Jury for that regatta shall impose appropriate sanctions. The sanctions available to the Jury are:
 - a. Reprimand, which is a formal admonishment that the conduct or the rower or crew is in breach of the Rules and that this breach may be taken into account when considering an appropriate sanction for any further breach during that regatta. This will be an appropriate sanction where the breach does not warrant a high level of sanction.
 - b. Yellow Card which is a formal warning.
 - i. A Yellow Card shall apply to the next race in which that crew competes in that regatta. It shall only lapse when the race is concluded and shall therefore still apply in the case of a postponement or a re-row of that race
 - ii. A crew awarded two (2) Yellow Cards applying to the same race shall be awarded a Red Card and excluded from the event;
 - c. Relegation (REL) which places a crew in last place where specifically provided in these rules;
 - d. Red Card or Exclusion (EXC) which excludes the crew (from all rounds of the event in question);
 - i. This sanction is for serious and/or repeated breach of the Rules. Justifying that the offending crew take no further part in the event
 - e. Disqualification (DSQ) – which disqualifies a rower or a crew from all events in the regatta

- i. This sanction is for the most serious breach of the Rules justifying removal from the regatta
- ii. Where a rower is disqualified, that rower shall take no further part in the regatta.
- iii. Where a rower is disqualified at a time when Rules 45 & 46 only allow substitutions for medical reasons, then the rower may not be replaced and the crew of that rower shall be excluded from all rounds of the event in question.
- iv. Where a crew is disqualified, no member of that crew shall take any further part in any event at that regatta.

2. Sanction on a Member Club/School/Association

a) The President of the Jury shall additionally provide a report to Rowing Victoria on the breach of the Rules and the sanction imposed.

b) Rowing Victoria shall, upon receiving such a report from the President of the Jury and if it considers that the sanction imposed by the Jury was not sufficient to the breach:

i) provide a copy of the report to the relevant member club/school/association

ii) give notice to that member club/school/association that it intends to consider also imposing a sanction on that member club/school/association with that notice to specify:

- a. the nature of the breach to be considered,
- b. the sanction or range of sanctions that will be considered;
- c. if past conduct is to be taken into account, the notice shall specify that accordingly and detail the relevant past conduct; and club/school/association be invited to provide written submissions on the issue by a stated date.

iii) Rowing Victoria may, after considering the report and any submissions from the member club/school/association impose such sanction as it considers appropriate to reflect the serious nature of the breach and/or the past conduct of that crew or any member of it or its team official as the circumstances may justify.

In cases of exclusion or disqualification, the Jury may also order a race to be re-rowed with all remaining crews or with a limited number of crews should this be necessary, in their opinion, to ensure the fairness of the competition.

By-Law to Rule 72 – Yellow and Red Cards

- 1 *When a Yellow or Red Card is awarded to a crew, the penalised crew shall be informed immediately or as soon thereafter as possible.*
- 2 *The sanction shall be verbally announced by the Starter as part of the Start Procedure prior to their next race notifying them of the following: -*
 1. *The sanction;*
 2. *The nature of the breach;*
 - 3 *When the breach occurred;*
 - 4 *Any other important facts and*
 - 5 *The function of the Jury member who awarded the sanction*
- 3 *In the case of a Yellow Card applying to the next race of the sanctioned crew for which the crew is not yet on the water, the sanction shall in principle be announced verbally to the crew by the Jury member at the outgoing pontoon when the crew boats for its race.*

- 4 Where a crew already on the water is awarded a Yellow Card prior to arriving at the Start, the Starter shall announce the penalty to the crew before the start of its race.*
- 5 A crew awarded a Red Card or otherwise excluded or disqualified shall not participate in the race once notified of the sanction.*
- 6 If a penalty is applied by a member of the Jury, it shall be shown on the race result in the following form :DSQ – Disqualification, EXC - Exclusion REL – Relegation*

SECTION 7. THE START

RULE 73 AT THE START

The first 100 metres of the Regatta Course constitutes the start zone. A crew may enter the start zone if permitted by the Starter, but shall not enter the racing lanes until all crews from the preceding race have left the start zone and the Starter has attributed a lane to the crew. Crews must be attached to their starting positions at least two minutes before the designated start time.

RULE 74 THE STARTING PROCEDURE

- 1 Methods of Starting – There shall be two methods of starting as described in the By-Law to this Rule. The normal procedure shall include a roll call of all crews before the start command is given. Alternatively, in the case of adverse weather conditions, unheld starts or other valid reasons the Starter may decide to use the Quick Start procedure in which there is no roll call of individual crews.
- 2 Starting Process – The Starter shall inform the crews of their starting positions. They shall start the race when the Judge at the Start indicates that the crews are correctly aligned. The Judge at the Start, or the Starter in the case of a side start, alone shall decide if the boats are correctly aligned or if one or more crews have committed a false start.
 - a. Should the Judge at the Start, or the Starter in the case of a side start, deem there to be a false start or the start to be otherwise faulty, the Starter shall stop the race and, if there was a false start, shall award a Yellow Card to the crew or crews which, in the opinion of the Judge at the Start, caused the false start. A crew causing two false starts or receiving two Yellow Cards which apply to the same race, for any infringement whatsoever shall be awarded a Red Card and be excluded from the event.
- 3 In principle the Starter shall start the race at the schedule race start time
- 4 Where crews are started from the side, the roles of the Starter and Judge at the Start are combined and the start shall be commenced by the audible command “Go” instead of the drop of the flag.
 - a. In the case of a non-fixed start, where possible, the race should be started from behind either by a starter or the following Umpire.
- 5 The Starter may start the race without reference to absentees. A crew arriving late at the starting position may be awarded a Yellow Card by the Starter.

By-Law to Rule 74 - The Starting Procedure

- 1 Starting Procedure – Normal Start
 - 1.1 Crews must attach themselves to their start pontoons at least two minutes before the starting time of their race. Two minutes before the designated start time, the Starter shall announce “Two minutes” and this shall signify to the crews that they are formally under Starter’s orders. The announcement of “Two minutes” shall also be an instruction to the crews that they must be ready to start within two minutes. After announcing “two minutes” and if he is satisfied that all the crews are ready to race the starter may, in adverse weather conditions or other special circumstances, proceed with the start without waiting for the designated start time.

- 1.2 *Before giving the start commands, the Starter shall ensure that the Umpire and the Judge at the Start are ready. When the boats are aligned and they observe the crews are ready to race, the Starter shall make a roll-call by announcing - in lane order - the names of each of the crews in the race. Once the roll-call begins the crews must make sure that their boats are straight. Each crew is responsible for being both straight and ready to race at the end of the roll-call.*
- 1.3 *Once the roll-call begins the Starter shall proceed to finish the roll call, taking no further notice of any crew which indicates that it is not ready or not straight. After the last crew has been named in the roll-call the Starter shall check that the Judge at the Start is indicating that the crews are still correctly aligned and shall then say: "Attention".*
- 1.4 *The Starter shall then EITHER raise the red flag OR where the start is given using traffic lights, shall press a button (or switch) to change the traffic lights from the neutral position to red.*
- 1.5 *After a clear pause the Starter shall give the start signal by:*
 - 1.5.1 *Either dropping the red flag quickly to one side and simultaneously saying: "Go",*
 - 1.5.2 *Or by pressing a button that shall at the same instant:*
 - (i) *change the red light to green;*
 - (ii) *make an audible signal through the loud speakers;*
 - (iii) *start the timing system for the race;*
- 1.6 *The pause between raising the red flag / showing the red light and the start signal shall be clear and shall be variable from race to race.*
- 1.7 *In Para races, the starter will follow the procedures set out in Appendix 6 to the RA Rules*
- 1.8 *If the starting procedure is interrupted for any reason then the Starter may begin the procedure again, starting with the roll-call.*
- 1.9 *After a false start the Starter must begin the procedure again, starting with the roll call. The Starter is not required to announce "two minutes" again.*

2 Starting Procedure - Quick Start

Where the Starter considers, for adverse weather conditions or any other valid reason, that the normal start with the roll call should not be used, after saying "Two Minutes" they shall inform the crews that they will use the "Quick Start". Once the normal start has been used, the Starter shall, in principle, not change to the quick start for the same race if the race has to be restarted. For quick start, in place of the roll call, the starter shall just say: "Quick Start". After a clear pause they shall then say "Attention". They shall then proceed with the remaining start procedure.

RULE 75 FALSE START

A crew whose rowers begin rowing and whose boat crosses the start line after the Starter has raised their red flag, or the red light is shown, and before the start command is given has committed a false start indicated by a Yellow Card. If more than one boat crosses the start line before the start command is given, only the crew or crews that the Judge at the Start decides actually caused the false start shall be awarded a Yellow Card(s).

By-Law to Rule 75 – Consequences of a False Start

- 1 *After the start command has been given, the Starter shall look towards the Judge at the Start to satisfy himself that it was a good start. Should the Judge at the Start indicate that this not be so, the Starter shall stop the race by ringing his bell and waving his red flag from side to side. If the traffic lights start system includes both visual and audible signals to indicate a false start then these shall be used (instead of the bell and the red flag) by flashing the red light and sounding the audible signal repeatedly. If traffic lights are used, the Judge at the Start may directly activate the signal to stop the race.*
- 2 *In the case of a false start, the Judge at the Start shall inform the Starter of the name of the crew or crews to be penalised and the Starter shall award that crew or crews a Yellow Card when they have returned to their starting position by stating “(Name of Crew), False Start, Yellow Card!”.*
- 3 *Where the start facilities permit, the Starter shall instruct the official on the starting platforms to place a yellow marker, or in the case of a Red Card or Exclusion, a red marker, adjacent to the starting position of the crew or crews so penalised. This Yellow or Red marker must be clearly visible to the crew concerned.*
- 4 *A crew awarded a Red Card or otherwise excluded will not take part in the race and will leave the course and return to the boating area as directed by the Starter.*

RULE 76 OBJECTIONS AT THE START

A crew awarded a Yellow Card or excluded or disqualified at the start may make an objection to the Umpire or the Starter at the time. The Umpire or the Starter shall decide immediately on the objection and shall communicate the decision to the objecting crew, to the other crews in the race and to the President of the Jury and other race officials.

SECTION 8. DURING THE RACE

RULE 77 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ROWERS

All rowers shall compete in their races in accordance with the Rules. Rowers are responsible for their own steering. Each crew shall have a lane reserved for its own use and shall remain completely (i.e., including its oars or sculls) within this lane throughout the race. If a crew leaves its own lane then it does so at its own risk. If it impedes or interferes with any of its opponents or gains any advantage thereby, it may be penalised without prior warning or other notification from the Umpire. The same rules apply to non buoyed courses.

RULE 78 INTERFERENCE

A crew causes interference to its opponents if its oars, sculls or boat encroach into the opponent's lane and cause a disadvantage to its opponents by contact, its wash or other distraction, or in any other way. The Umpire alone shall decide if a crew is in its own lane or if it is interfering with another crew and causing them a disadvantage. If a crew has caused interference to another crew and has, in the Umpire's opinion, affected the finishing position of that crew then it may be excluded by the Umpire but, in principle, only after it has been warned by the Umpire. In the situation where a collision between boats or oars or sculls has occurred the Umpire may exclude the crew causing the collision even if no prior warning has been given to that crew.

In no case may the Umpire alter a placing.

By-Laws to Rule 78 - Consequences of Interference

- 1 *Alerting a crew - If a crew is about to interfere with another by its wash or by leaving its lane, the Umpire shall raise their white flag, call to the crew at fault, stating the name of the crew and indicate the required change of direction by lowering their flag to that side. In principle, the Umpire may not otherwise give steering indications to a crew unless there is an obstruction in its lane.*
- 2 *Stopping a crew - To ensure the safety of the competitors and to prevent damage to boats and equipment, the Umpire may intervene by raising their white flag to the vertical position, naming the crew and giving the command "Stop". A crew so instructed shall immediately stop their boat. The crew may begin rowing again to the finish of the race if permitted by the umpire.*
- 3 *Alerting the Umpire - If, during a race, a crew considers that it is being interfered with by another crew and is suffering a disadvantage thereby, then a member of the crew should, if possible, draw the attention of the Umpire to the interference at the time the interference occurs to indicate that it intends to make an objection.*
- 4 *Remedying a disadvantage - If a crew is placed at a disadvantage, the first priority is to restore its chances. The imposition of any sanctions is a secondary consideration. Should a crew suffer a disadvantage, the Umpire must take the most appropriate course of action provided by the Rules. They may, for example, stop the race, impose the appropriate sanction and order the race to be re-rowed. Depending on circumstances, they may allow the race to continue and the Umpire will then announce their decision after the race is over. They may not only sanction the crew at fault while the crew that has suffered interference does not have its chances restored to it.*
- 5 *Nothing in this Rule lessens the responsibility of each crew to remain in its designated lane throughout the race.*

RULE 79 COACHING DURING RACING

In addition to the provisions of the By-Laws to Rule 38, it is prohibited to give any instructions, advice or directions to rowers or crews that are racing with any electric, electronic or other technical device, either directly or indirectly from outside the boat.

SECTION 9. THE FINISH

RULE 80 FINISH OF THE RACE

A crew has finished the race when the bow of its boat has reached the finish line. The race shall be valid even if the crew is incomplete. Nevertheless, a crew of a coxed boat finishing the race without its coxswain shall be excluded.

A race is concluded when the Umpire so indicates by raising a white flag or otherwise confirms the result.

By-Laws to Rule 80 - Finish of the Race

1. *The race was in order – Even if they are satisfied that the race was in order, the Umpire must check to be sure that no crew is making an objection under Rule 78 or Rule 82 before indicating to the Judge at the Finish, by raising their white flag, that the race was in order. Before leaving the finish area they shall make sure that the Judge at the Finish has acknowledged their signal with either a white flag or white light.*
2. *The race was not in order – If the Umpire considers that the race was not in order they shall raise their red flag. If an objection has been raised in accordance with Rule 78 or Rule 82, they shall speak to the affected crew(s) in order to understand the reasons for the objection and may consult the Judges at the Finish to obtain the finishing order of the affected crews.*
3. *Objections - If a crew considers that the race was not in order a member of the crew must raise their arm to indicate that it is making an objection. In this case the Umpire, or if no Umpire was following the race the Judge at the Finish, shall not raise any flag but they shall consult with the objecting crew and consider their objection. The Umpire, or if no umpire was following the race the Judge at the Finish, shall then decide upon one of a number of alternative actions e.g.:-*
 - a. *They may over-rule the crew's objection and raise a white flag to signify that they have decided that the race was in order,*
 - b. *They may accept the crew's objection and raise a red flag to signify that they have decided that the race was not in order. They shall then follow the procedure to handle objections (Rule 82)*
 - c. *The Judges at the Finish, in such cases, shall not announce the official result of the race until the Umpire has given their decision,*
4. *Official Result – The official result of the race shall be determined by the Judge at the Finish and crews shall be ranked in order of the bows of their boats reaching the finish line. Where the umpire considers that the race was not in order, the Judge at the Finish shall take into account the decision of the umpire in determining the official result of the race.*
5. *Photo-Finish – In the case of a close finish the Judge at the Finish shall determine the order of the finish by viewing the picture produced by the photo-finish system. The*

necessary equipment shall be operated by specialists who do not form part of the team of Judges at the Finish. Systems using less than 100 frames per second are not suitable for determining the order of finish. RV will supply the specified equipment for this purpose.

- 6 *Timing – Intermediate times and finish times shall be recorded to 1/100th of a second. This may mean that where there is a difference between crews on the photo-finish system of less than 1/100th of a second, those crews may have the same recorded times but will have different rankings. The exception shall be for time trials (see Rule 70) where the times of each crew determine their ranking and in such races, where crews finish less than 1/100 of a second apart, their times shall be recorded as shown on the photo-finish system if any. The necessary equipment shall be operated by specialists who do not form part of the team of Judges at the Finish. If the finish of the race for each crew can be clearly determined by the naked eye, times taken by hand operated timing equipment may be used. In the case of a photo-finish the times shown on the results sheets and on the scoreboard shall be taken from the photo-finish for all the crews in the race.*

Exclusion by the Umpire – A crew excluded by the Umpire during the race or at the finish of a race shall be notified by the Umpire saying “(name of the crew) – (reason for the exclusion) – Red Card – Exclusion.

RULE 81 DEAD-HEATS

When the order of finish between two or more crews is too close for any difference to be determined, then the result shall be declared a dead heat between the crews involved.

By-Laws to Rule 81 – Dead Heats

If there is a dead-heat, the following procedure shall operate: In a heat, if a dead-heat occurs between crews, and if those crews cannot all progress into the same level of the next round, then there must be a re-row in accordance with Rule 84. If all crews involved in the dead-heat progress anyway into the next round there will be no re-row and their relative positions in the next round shall be decided by a draw supervised by a member of the Jury. If insufficient lanes exist in the subsequent round the President of the Jury, shall determine the method of progression and relative position.

81.2 In a repechage, quarter-final or a semi-final, if a dead-heat occurs between crews, and if only one of the crews progresses into the next round, it shall be the crew which had the highest ranking in the immediate preceding round. The immediate preceding round shall be the last previous round in which both/all the dead-heat crews competed. If the crews had the same result in that round, then the ranking in the next previous round shall be used for that purpose. If on this basis the result of the crews concerned are identical, then there must be a re-row over the full course between the crews involved. The re-row must take place over the full course, and must take place on the same day as the dead-heat occurred. Where such a dead-heat involves more than two crews and this number exceeds the number of crews advancing to the next round, the above procedure shall be used to determine which of the dead-heat crews shall so advance. If all crews involved in the dead-heat progress anyway into the next round there will be no re-row and their relative positions in the next round shall be decided by a draw supervised by a member of the Jury.

81.3 In a final, if a dead-heat occurs between crews, then they shall be given equal placing in the final order and the next placing(s) shall be left vacant. If the tied placing is for a medal position then the Organising Committee shall provide additional medals.

SECTION 10. OBJECTIONS, PROTESTS, OUTCOME OF PROTESTS, APPEALS AND DISPUTES

RULE 82 OBJECTIONS

1 Objection to Sanctions

- a. A crew may only object to a sanction at the time it is awarded in accordance with the By-Law to this Rule by informing a member of the Jury, the Starter or the Umpire who notified the crew of the sanction that it objects to the sanction.
- b. The member of the Jury, the Starter or the Umpire to whom the objection is made shall decide on the objection without delay and shall communicate their decision to the crew, to the Starter and to other race officials.

2. Objection to the conduct of a race

- a. If a crew considers that its race was not in order and that its ranking in the race has been affected a member of the crew may object to the Umpire before its boat has left the immediate area of the finish line and before the Umpire raises the white flag to the Judge at the Finish, in order for the objection to be valid.
- b. Such an objection may only concern the conduct of that crew's race

By-Law to RULE 82 – Objections

1 Objection to Sanctions

- a. *Where a sanction is imposed on a crew in each of the following circumstances the crew may raise an objection as follows:*
 - i. *At the Start- a crew awarded a sanction during the warm-up or at the Start may object to the Starter, Umpire or any other member of the Jury at the Start or at the time the sanction is awarded.*
 - ii. *During a race – a crew sanctioned by the Umpire during a race may object to the Umpire at the time the sanction is awarded or immediately after the finish of its race.*
 - iii. *During cool-down or training or at any other time – A crew notified of a sanction for any infringement during cool-down or training or at any other time than those above, may object to the member of the Jury who notifies the crew of the sanction. In such cases, in order to be valid the objection must be made before the crew embarks for the race to which the sanction applies*

2. Objection to the conduct of a race

- a. *A crew that objects to the conduct of its race must object to the Umpire immediately after the finish of the race and before the crew leaves the immediate area of the finish line and before the Umpire raises their white flag. If no Umpire was following the race the Judge at the Finish, shall not raise any flag but they shall consult with the objecting crew and consider their objection*
 - i. *The crew shall indicate to the Umpire that it wishes to make an objection by a member of the crew raising their arm*

- ii. The objecting crew shall not leave the area of the finish line until the Umpire has heard its objection*
- b. The Umpire will then determine the objection as follows:*
 - i. The Umpire may reject the crew's objection and raise a white flag to signify that the race was in order*
 - ii. The Umpire may accept the crew's objection and raise a red flag to signify that the race was not in order.*
 - 1. In this case he must go to the Judges at the Finish in order to give them his decision and any necessary explanations.*
 - 2. The Judges at the Finish, in such cases, shall not announce the official result of the race until the Umpire has given their decision,*
 - iii. The Umpire may decide to seek further information regarding the objection.*
 - 1. In this case, they shall raise a red flag and then take any necessary further steps to resolve the issues relating to the objection, e.g., consult with other officials, consult with other persons, and consult with the President of the Jury etc.*
 - 2. The Judges at the Finish, in such cases, must not announce the official result of the race until the Umpire has given their decision. If there is likely to be a long delay in resolving the objection, the Judges at the Finish may announce an "unofficial" result of the race but with the clear statement "Subject to an Objection".*

RULE 83 PROTESTS

- 1** A protest to the Board of the Jury may only be made by:
 - a. a crew whose objection has been rejected
 - b. a crew whose ranking in a race has been affected by the acceptance of the objection
 - c. a crew ruled DNS (did not start) or DNF (did not finish)
 - d. a crew that has been excluded or disqualified
 - e. a crew that disputes the published results
- 2** Such a protest must be in writing and lodged with the President of the Jury not later than one hour after the conclusion of the race by the publishing of the results
- 3** The protest shall be accompanied by a deposit of AUD \$100.00 or equivalent, which amount shall be refunded if the protest or appeal is upheld
- 4** The Board of the Jury shall then decide if the protest was justified. It will make its decision before the next round of races in the event concerned, and, in any case, no later than two hours after the last race of the day. The decision and reasoning shall be given in writing
- 5** The Board of the Jury may:
 - a. Reject the protest
 - b. Uphold the protest and provide such relief as may be necessary to restore each affected crew's chances in the race or to correct the published results. The relief available to be provided by the Board of the Jury is as follows:
 - i. Reprimand a crew;

- ii. Exclude a crew from the event
 - iii. Disqualify a crew
 - iv. Relegate a crew to last place in the race where specifically provided for in these Rules;
 - v. Order a re-row in accordance with Rule 84 between some or all of the crews in the race
- 6 In the case of a protest arising from an objection concerning the final of an event, the President of the Jury may postpone the victory ceremony of that event
- a. If the victory ceremony has taken place and if the subsequent decision of the Board of the Jury changes the final result of the event then the official result shall be changed accordingly;
 - b. Where medal placings are affected, then the medals shall be re-awarded as necessary in accordance with the decision.
- 7 Subject to Rule 85, the decision of the Board of the Jury on such a protest shall be final and not subject to further appeal

RULE 84 RE-ROWS

- 1 A re-Row is a second running of a race involving some or all crews of that race
- 2 The Umpire shall decide whether there is to be a Re-Row of a race
- 3 The Re-Row shall be over the full distance of the original race

By-laws to Rule 84 – Re-Rows

- 1 The Umpire may require a race to be re-rowed in accordance with this Rule if the Umpire considers that a Re-Row is necessary to ensure fairness of the competition and, in particular but not exhaustively, in any one of the following circumstances:
 - a. A race which has been started but is interrupted by weather conditions or other external influences and is stopped by the Umpire before the race is finished;
 - b. There is interference between crews during a race and the Umpire determines that in order to restore the chances of a crew the race should be re-rowed with all or some of the crews;
 - c. A dead-heat, where this is required by the Rules of Racing;
 - d. Other special situations as decided by the Umpire to ensure the fairness of the competition.
- 2 The Umpire shall decide which crews in the original race shall be required to re-row.
- 3 Where the original race has been completed, the Umpire may exempt one or more crews from the re-row and confirm the results of those crews in the original race;
- 4 Before ordering the re-row, the Umpire may exclude one or more crews from the event in accordance with the Rules of Racing where that crew's (or crew's') actions have caused the re-row

- 5 In principle, a re-row shall take place not less than two hours after the original race and on the same day. The Umpire may decide, in consultation with the President of the Jury, that the two hour limit may be reduced
- 6 For the purpose of this Rule, the decision of the Board of the Jury determining a protest from the decision of the Umpire to order a re-row shall be deemed the decision of the Umpire.

RULE 85 APPEALS

- 1 Only appeals provided for by this Rule will be considered by the RV Board
- 2 A decision of the Board of the Jury which confirms a decision of a member of the Jury shall be final and may not be appealed
- 3 Subject to paragraph 2 above., an appeal to the RV Board against a decision of the Board of the Jury may be made only by:
 - a. A crew whose ranking in a race has been adversely affected by a decision of the Board of the Jury; or
 - b. A crew whose protest against the published results was rejected by the Board of the Jury
- 4 Appeal Time Limits and Requirements
 - a. An appeal against a decision of the Board of the Jury by a person affected can only be submitted in writing to the Board by 4:00pm on the next immediate business day after such decision has been communicated by the Board of the Jury or by the Organising Committee to the person affected.
 - b. The Appeal must be accompanied by a fee of AUD \$200 which shall be refunded if the Appeal is allowed.
 - c. Decisions of the Board under this rule are final.

RULE 86 BLANK

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RULE 87 EXCEPTIONAL CASES

Should it be necessary to make decisions in exceptional cases (e.g. postponement of a session of races or suspension of the regatta), the President of the Jury shall appoint and preside over a body to make such decisions.

Disputes between the Organising Committee, Clubs or Schools

- 1) A dispute between the Organizing Committee, clubs or schools at an RV Regatta may be referred to the RV Board for resolution.
- 2) This dispute referral process is to enable such a dispute to be resolved swiftly and with the minimum of inconvenience or expense to the parties,
- 3) This referral may be made by any one of the parties in dispute. The referral shall be in writing and made as soon as possible after the conclusion of the regatta.
- 4) It may be inappropriate for the RV Board to decide on certain disputes. Accordingly, the RV Board may, in its absolute discretion, decline to accept the referral without providing an explanation.

- 5) If the RV Board agrees to accept the referral, it shall proceed to determine the dispute by due process and with respect to the fundamental rights of the parties in dispute.
- 6) The decision of the RV Board on the dispute shall be considered final and binding on the parties.

RULE 88 THE REGATTA REPORT

The Jury shall carry out its duties until the end of the regatta.

The President of the Jury shall make available to the Board a report on a standard form of RV outlining an incident that occurs at an RV Event within 24 hours of that incident.

The President of the Jury shall write a Regatta Report on the standard form of the RV which shall include comments on the running of the races and on any incidents and disputes arising. This report shall be received at RV not later than 7 days after the regatta. The Board may require this report to be forwarded to it.

The Organising Committee shall ensure that the complete results of the RV Event shall be available to RV within 1 hour of the completion of the Event.

SECTION 11. THE JURY

RULE 89 ROLE OF THE JURY

The Jury shall be comprised of a group of accredited RV Umpires and shall ensure that the regatta is run in accordance with these Rules of Racing, related By-Laws and Event Regulations.

RULE 90 JURY'S PRIMARY CONCERN

SAFETY OF ROWERS

The safety of rowers must be the prime concern of the Jury at all times during the regatta. 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. The President of the Jury shall ensure proper co-ordination between the Jury and the Organising Committee, in particular with the Safety Officer and with the Medical Officer.

By-Law to Rule 90 – Collaboration with the Organising Committee

The proper running of a regatta requires close collaboration between the organising committee, Field of Play and the Jury. The members of the Jury shall, within the scope of their duties, maintain a constant check on the various items of technical equipment on the course.

RULE 91 PRESIDENT OF THE JURY

- 91.1 The Umpires Commission shall appoint a President of the Jury for each session of racing at an RV Event.

- 91.2 The President of the Jury shall allot duties to each member of the Jury and shall supervise their activities. They shall take the chair at meetings and ensure proper co-ordination with the Organising Committee. The President of the Jury shall chair the Board of the Jury under Rule 93

RULE 92 COMPOSITION OF THE JURY

- 92.1 The Jury shall be appointed by the RV Umpires Commission and shall consist of persons carrying out the following duties:
- 92.1.1 President of the jury
 - 92.1.2 Starter
 - 92.1.3 Judge at the Start (if required)
 - 92.1.4 Umpire
 - 92.1.5 Judge(s) at the Finish, one shall be the senior judge
 - 92.1.6 Members of the Control Commission (where required) one of whom shall be the senior member.
- 92.2 All members of the Jury shall be holders of an RV umpire's licence.

RULE 93 THE BOARD OF THE JURY

The Board of the Jury shall consist of the President of the Jury and two other members of the Jury, designated by the President of the Jury on a daily basis prior to the start of each session of racing. This Board shall decide on any protests made according to Rule 83.

The President of the Jury shall also nominate three substitutes. In the case of a protest, no-one directly involved in the dispute (e.g. the umpire or the starter) shall constitute part of the Board which decides that protest. In such a case, the President of the Jury shall call upon one or more of the substitutes.

RULE 94 UMPIRES

- 94.1 RV shall arrange two levels of Umpires licences to be known as Level 1 and Level 2
- a. Level 1 licences shall be granted to anyone who passes the Level 1 licence examination. The duties of a Level 1 Umpire shall be those deemed appropriate by the President of the Jury.
 - b. Any Umpire who has held a Level 1 Officials Accreditation Licence that is recognised by the National Rowing Officials Accreditation Scheme (if any) may become a level 2 RV umpire, provided that the umpire:
 - has adequate sight and hearing, and
 - is assessed as being competent by RV and which assessment involves examinations.
- 94.2 The Level 2 RV Umpires' Licence is valid for a period of four years and can be renewed in accordance with the National Rowing Officials Accreditation Scheme. The holder of an expired licence who wishes to act as an umpire shall take a fresh examination.
- 94.3 An RV licence automatically lapses where:
- 94.3.1 The Level 2 RV licence holder has not complied with all or any of the requirements of By-Law 2 to this Rule;

94.3.2 The Level 1 RV licence holder has not participated at a regatta for 12 months or completed the practical requirements within a 12 month period; or

94.3.3 The Board revokes a licence under By-Law 3 to this Rule.

By-Law to Rule 94 – RV Umpires

1 Setting of Examination

The Umpires Commission shall set the theoretical and practical examinations that each of the licence applicants seeks to attain.

The Umpires Commission shall undertake the conduct of examinations and shall refer their recommendations to the Board for the grant of a licence.

2 Issue and Renewal of Licences

2.1 *The Board may issue a licence upon receipt of advice in writing from the Umpires Commission that a candidate has passed the examination;*

2.2 *The Board may renew a licence upon receipt of advice in writing from the Umpires Commission that the licence holder seeking renewal has:*

2.2.1 *Been an active umpire at regattas held under the auspices of RV;*

2.2.2 *Assessed as competent by the Umpires Commission; and*

2.2.3 *Met the requirements of the National Rowing Officials Accreditation Scheme for a Level 2 Umpire.*

3 Review Of Licence

The Umpires Commission may at any time review the performance or eligibility of a holder of a licence to retain the licence and may submit a report with recommendations as it deems appropriate to the Board.

SECTION 12. DUTIES OF THE UMPIRES

RULE 95 CONTROL COMMISSION

The Control Commission shall ensure that the composition of the crews is correct and that their equipment is in order. It shall also assist in the identification of the rowers required to undergo doping tests after their race.

By-Laws to Rule 95 are contained in Appendix 20

RULE 96 THE STARTER AND THE JUDGE AT THE START

The Starter and the Judge at the Start shall ensure that the correct starting procedure is followed.

By-Laws to Rule 96 are contained in Appendix 20

RULE 97 THE UMPIRE

The Umpire shall ensure the proper conduct of the race and the safety of the rowers. In particular, they shall endeavour to ensure that no crew gains any advantage or suffers any disadvantage from its opponents or from outside interference.

Where the Umpire considers that a crew has been significantly impeded, they shall endeavour to ensure that its chance is restored to it. They shall impose appropriate sanctions on crews at fault whether or not prior warning or notification has been given to those crews. The Umpire shall not give any steering indications to crews, except as may be required to assist with the avoidance of accidents and to prevent crews from being interfered with by their opponents.

If necessary, the Umpire may stop the race, impose any necessary sanctions and order the race to be re-rowed from the start, either immediately or later. In the latter case, he shall decide on the new starting time in consultation with the President of the Jury and he shall inform the crews concerned.

The Umpire may also allow the race to continue and exclude crews after the race has finished. They may confine any re-row to such crews as they shall designate. However, when the Umpire considers that the impediment has not affected the result of the race, or considers the effect of the impediment was not significant, they may decline to order a re-row of the race or of the crews involved in the incident.

Zonal Umpiring –RV may decide that at an RV event, advised through the Technical Delegate, umpiring of some races shall be carried out from boats which are stationary or which do not follow the whole race or by umpires stationed on the land adjacent to the course, and shall issue instructions and guidelines accordingly.

Where the President of the Jury considers that weather or other conditions are such that zonal umpiring is about to put the safety of crews at risk they may decide to revert to dynamic umpiring for the remainder of that racing session

By-Laws to Rule 97 are contained in Appendix 20

RULE 98 JUDGES AT THE FINISH

The Judges at the Finish shall determine the order in which the bows of the boats cross the finish line. They shall ascertain that the race was in order. They shall be responsible for validating the results.

By-Laws to Rule 98 are contained in Appendix 20

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PART VII ANTI-DOPING RULES

RULE 100 ANTI-DOPING

Doping is strictly prohibited.

The fight against doping in rowing is regulated by the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code, that the Board has formally adopted as FISA rules and that the Board has the power to clarify and/or supplement, by appropriate By-Laws.

In rowing, for those who infringe doping provisions, a penalty may be imposed extending to, in a relevant case, a life ban from all competition. The version of the World Anti-Doping code, its By-Laws and the RA Anti-Doping By-Laws valid at the time of the violation shall apply.

By-Laws to Rule 100 – Anti-Doping

These By-Laws are found in Appendix 5 to the RA Rules of Racing, being the RA Anti-Doping Policy which can be found at www.rowingaustralia.com.au/ra-rules-of-racing-and-related-by-laws/.

PART VIII CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

RULE 101 CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

These Rules were approved by the Board with effect 21 days after being published by RV.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 COURSES

Regulations for RV Events Regatta Courses

1 RV Manual for Rowing Championships

In addition to conforming to the Rules of Racing and to the Racing By-laws a course and all its technical equipment must also comply with the specifications and descriptions given in the documents and examples provided on the Regatta Host page of the Rowing Victoria website.

2 Stretches of water

2.1 General

A standard international course shall be straight and shall not have less than six racing lanes. It shall provide fair and equal racing conditions for six crews. For a course constructed after February 2001, there must be a minimum of eight racing lanes.

In addition to the six racing lanes there must be sufficient water width available to allow crews to get to the start, to warm up and to cool down safely.

For RV Events it is recommended to have a minimum of eight racing lanes available, plus sufficient water width on both sides of the course to allow for both safe traffic patterns and for moving lanes in case of unequal conditions.

2.2 Length of Water

The minimum length of water necessary to contain the standard course is 2150m. For a course for Masters the minimum length is 1150m.

2.3 Width of Water

The standard international course shall be at least 108m wide i.e. $13.5 + (6 \times 13.5) + 13.5 = 108\text{m}$.

The minimum recommended width of the course for RV Events shall be at least 135m i.e. $13.5 + (8 \times 13.5) + 13.5 = 135\text{m}$.

This width is a minimum and is only acceptable if a low level TV road is provided alongside the full length of the course.

The ideal recommended width of the course for RV Events shall be at least 162m i.e. $27 + (8 \times 13.5) + 27 = 162\text{m}$.

This width allows for traffic movements beside the course and for TV coverage from the water.

2.4 Depth of Water

For a standard course the depth of water must be at least 3 metres throughout all racing lanes at the shallowest point if the depth over the course is unequal. However, it is recommended that a course should have a minimum depth of 3.5 metres.

A number of old, artificial courses were constructed with an even depth of 2 metres. As long as they remain with an equal depth at all points on the course then they can still be accepted as a standard course.

2.5 Local Conditions

The course must be sheltered from wind as far as possible. If not, there must be no natural or artificial obstacles (such as woods, buildings, structures) in the immediate neighbourhood of the course which might cause unequal conditions on the water.

On a standard course there should be no stream. Any stream existing should be so slight as not to give rise to unequal conditions on the different lanes. The running of the race must not be influenced by natural or artificial waves. The banks must be so designed as to absorb and not to reflect waves.

1.6 Plan

A plan showing the location of the course, the length and the number of lanes and the layout of the technical installations must be included in the advance program.

1 Technical Installations -Category 1 (For RV Events)

1.1 Start zone

1.1.1 Start Pontoons

The bows of each boat shall be aligned on the start line. This requires the use of start pontoons which may be moved forwards or backwards in order to allow for boats of different lengths. They must be of a solid construction and able to be firmly fixed in position.

For RV Events, Regattas the start pontoons must be connected by land or by a Start Bridge, minimum 2 metres wide, allowing easy access for officials and for representatives of the media.

1.1.2 Steering Aids

The centre of each lane shall be marked by pairs of steering markers placed behind the start line. These steering markers must be clearly visible over the first 200 metres of the course.

An alternative to the construction of large steering markers behind the start is to fix smaller steering aids onto the start installation itself, and, in addition, for the Albano lanes to be buoyed at 5 metres intervals for the first 100 metres of the course. These buoys shall be of a different colour from those marking the majority of the course - see 3.2.3 Buoys.

1.1.3 Start Tower

The start tower shall be between 40 and 50 metres behind the start line in the centre of the course. The tower shall be equipped with a covered platform for the Starter which shall be not less than 3 metres and not more than 6 metres above the water level, depending on the distance from the start line. The tower

shall be built in such a way that the Starter has a clear view over the entire start area, including the Aligner's hut.

1.1.4 Starter's Equipment

The tower should be equipped with either one or two large clocks that are clearly visible from a minimum distance of 100m to the crews on the course and those crews waiting for the start, or with other equipment which will allow the Starter to inform the crews of the time remaining before the start of their race. In case of delay or postponement, a revised starting time shall be displayed to competitors on a large board by the starter. The Starter shall give his instructions and orders by means of a microphone connected to loudspeakers so arranged that they may be heard simultaneously by all competitors.

In addition, the start tower must be provided with a red flag, a bell, a megaphone or a microphone and loudspeakers, a board and chalks or felt markers to enable the starter to inform crews of any postponement of races.

1.1.5 Radio or telephone communication

The Starter shall be in direct communication by radio and/or telephone with the Judge at the Start, the Judge at the Finish, the Control Commission and the President of the Jury.

1.1.6 Aligner's Hut

This shall be a fixed structure placed exactly on the start line, ideally not less than 15m from the first lane and no more than 30m. The floor level of the hut should be between one metre and two metres above the water level. The hut should provide weather protection for up to 4 persons and there should be enough space so that the Judge at the Start and the Aligner can both clearly observe the start line. The Judge at the Start shall sit closer to the first lane with the Aligner behind him, at a higher level. There shall be radio links between the Aligner and the start pontoon officials who shall be provided with earphones.

For RV Events, it is preferred if the hut be provided with false start control equipment, producing a "freezing the picture" system. This requires a video camera, a computer, two monitors and a printer.

1.1.7 The Start Line

The start line shall be defined as the line running between a thin vertical wire in the aligner's hut and a vertical black line painted on to a fixed marker on the far side of the course. The background colour for this marker shall be bright yellow. The aligner's hut must carry two thin wires (1mm) fixed vertically and along the line of the start (40 to 50cm apart) at the front of the hut and kept in tension

1.1.8 Other Facilities

There shall be facilities for effecting minor repairs in the neighbourhood of the start, (this will require a substantial pontoon). Adequate toilet facilities should be provided either as a permanent fixture or by using temporary units.

1.1.9 Start Zone

The start zone is the first 100m of the course, from the start line to the 100m line. The start zone shall be marked by Albano system buoys of a different colour (red) and also by two white flags outside the limits of the course at the 100m mark.

1.1.10 Alignment Control Mechanism

RV Events may use an alignment control mechanism in the centre of each lane which shall hold the bow of the boat in a fixed position on the start line until the starter makes the start.

Such a mechanism shall be designed to hold the bow safely, without any risk of damage to the boat. It shall release the bow of the boat immediately when an electrical signal is triggered by the Starter. The mechanism shall also be designed to operate in a "fail safe" manner i.e. if there is any fault with the mechanism, and then it shall immediately release the bow of the boat and move to a position such that no damage can be caused to any part of the boat.

1.1.11 Visible Signal and Audible Signal

At RV Events the start shall be given using a visible and an audible signal.

The traffic lights showing the visible signal and the loudspeaker emitting the audible signal shall be fixed adjacent to each start pontoon.

The centre of the traffic lights shall be fixed at a height of between 0.7 metres and 1.1 metres above the water level. Each traffic light shall be positioned 2.0 metres from the centre line of the start pontoon, on the side nearer the centre of the course. There shall be a visible signal which operates in only three positions:

- a neutral (black) position
- a red light signal
- a green light signal.

The Starter shall start the race by operating just one button. This button will control the green light signal and the sound signal; it will start the timing system, it will freeze the video picture for the Judge at the Start and it will release the alignment control mechanism (if provided).

The control system shall be designed to allow the following order of events as far as the crews are concerned:

- neutral (black) – no lights - no sound signal
- red light, no sound signal
- if necessary, return straight from red back to neutral
- green light and a sound signal.

The mechanism must not have more than three positions for the visible signal (neutral, red and green) and the control system must be capable of returning from red to neutral without passing through green.

The mechanism must ensure that the green light and the sound signal are given at exactly the same time.

Separate traffic light units shall be fixed so that they can be seen by the starter and by the Judge at the Start.

The electrical system shall be provided with a duplicate, back-up system. Both the red and the green signals shall be clearly visible to the bow person in an eight even in conditions of bright sunlight.

1.2 Between Start and Finish

1.2.1 Lanes

The lanes shall be buoyed according to the Albano system. These lanes must be straight and of the same width over their whole length.

The width of each lane shall be 13.5m. (In special circumstances the width of each lane may be reduced to 12.5m).

For a standard course it is recommended that there should be eight buoyed lanes, (minimum is six).

For RV Events there shall be a minimum of eight buoyed lanes.

1.2.2 Lane numbering

Lane one should be on the left hand side of the starter in the Start Tower looking towards the Finish.

1.2.3 Buoys

The space between buoys along the axis of the course shall be not more than 12.5 metres but preferably 10 metres. The surface of these buoys (whose diameter shall not exceed 15cm) shall be pliant (not hard) and their colour, luminous yellow-orange, shall be the same in all lanes. There shall be a line of buoys of a different colour every 250 metres, (red). It is recommended that all the buoys in the first 100 metres and in the last 250 metres shall also be of this different colour.

Note: By-law 3.1.2 authorises buoys in first 100m of course at 5 metre intervals in certain situations.

There shall be no buoys on the start line or on the finish line. In particular venues it is acceptable to use white (or other colours) buoys instead of yellow buoys as long as these alternative colours are clearly visible to the rowers and to the officials.

1.2.4 Distance Markers

The distance marker at the finish shall be 2000. Every 250 metres beyond the start, the distance from the start shall be marked on both sides of the course, either by clearly visible boards of a minimum size of 2m x 1m on the banks or by cubes (1m cube) on the water. They should read, at the first 250 metre mark - "250", then "500", and so on to the 1750 metre mark.

1.2.5 Intermediate Times

Equipment to the satisfaction of the Competition Commission shall be provided every 500 metres for recording the intermediate times and placings of all competitors.

Timing equipment may be installed on the bank adjacent to the course, provided the personnel who will operate such equipment are not more than 15 metres from the nearest lane.

Where the timing equipment is to be located on a floating platform, then such platform shall be fixed and located off the course no closer than 5 metres to the nearest lane.

The timing equipment shall be housed in an adequate structure to provide protection for the operators of such equipment from the elements.

Any floating installation shall be stable, in a fixed position and of such dimension considered safe for the operators of any equipment.

1.3 The Finish Area

1.3.1 Finish Line

The finish line shall be marked by a vertical wire tautly stretched immediately in front of the Judges at the Finish. On the other bank there shall be a corresponding and clearly visible mark (a black band on a board painted luminous-yellow). Alternatively two vertical wires may be used.

The finish line may be marked on the water by two red flags placed on white buoys at least 5 metres outside the course on each side. If necessary, the two red flags (or one of them) may be placed on the bank. It is essential that these flags be exactly on the finish line and that they do not impede the view of the Judges at the Finish nor the progress of crews going to the start.

1.3.2 Finish Tower

This must be a structure erected exactly on the finish line and placed approximately 30 metres from the outside of the racing lanes. It should have three levels. It should accommodate the timing, the Judges at the Finish and the photo-finish equipment together in the same room. In addition it can accommodate the commentary, the results board operator, TV cameras and a RV regatta control room. There must be a loud hooter or horn to signal to each crew that it has crossed the finish line.

1.3.3 Area beyond the finish

There shall be sufficient clear water beyond the finish line to allow crews to stop. Ideally this should be 200m. If the boathouse area is located beyond the finish line this is essential. Under other arrangements a minimum distance of 100m might be acceptable.

1.3.4 Timing and Results Systems

Times shall be shown to 1/100th of a second on the Results Sheets and on the Scoreboard.

In the case of close finishes the order of finish must be determined by means of special equipment such as a photo-finish camera, capable of measuring time differences to at least 1/100th of a second.

For RV Events, a full back up of the timing/results/photo-finish systems shall be provided. The timing/results/photo-finish systems must comply with the specifications and descriptions given in the latest edition of “The RA Manual for Rowing Championships”.

1.3.5 Results/Video Board

A results and/or video board should be located in a position where it is visible from the main spectator areas and, if possible, by the competitors at the end of the race.

The operation of the results/video board must comply with the specifications and descriptions given in the latest edition of “The RA Manual for Rowing Championships”.

2 Technical installations - Category 2

All other courses shall be classified as having Category 2 technical installations.

A number of Category 2 courses may well provide facilities and equipment which make them very close to or similar to Category 1 courses. In these cases it is quite possible to hold successful regattas but it would not be possible for them to host RV Events.

3 Adjustment for Regattas

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all regattas conducted under the auspices of RV, but may be adjusted with the concurrence of the Board to suit the requirements of the event or the venue for the event.

4 Grading of Courses

4.1 For the ease of conduct of events and inspection of facilities, the Board, on the recommendation of the Competition Commission, shall assess all rowing courses in RV into the following categories:

4.1.1 Level 1 (“RV – Championship Courses”) which are courses which have been approved by RV for the conduct of State Championships events;

4.1.2 Level 2 (“Other Events”) which are courses deemed by the Competition Commission not to meet the standard required for the conduct of other events;

4.1.3 Level 3 (“Unclassified”) which are all courses which have not been classified by the Board as either Level 1 or 2, or courses which are not suitable for the *conduct of events under the auspices* of RV.

4.2 All Clubs, or the Person or Body responsible for the Administration of a Rowing Course, shall be entitled to apply to the Board for the grading or reclassification of a rowing course, which shall be subject to the:

4.2.1 Ability to show that the course to be inspected complies with the standards provided under these rules;

4.2.2 Ability to show that events, of a standard acceptable to the Board, have been conducted on the course.

5 Courses not meeting requirements

Any Club or other body which has been awarded the conduct of a regatta to which these Rules apply, on a course which does not fulfil the requirements of these Rules in any respect, must apply in writing to the Board for permission to vary such requirements

The application must be lodged with the RV CEO for consideration by the Competition Commission, and its report and recommendation to the Board.

The application must specify in what respects the proposed course will not meet such requirements or varies from the standards provided in these Rules.

The Board may, in its discretion, and on the advice of the Competition Commission, approve such variations.

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.

APPENDIX 2 ADVERTISING

1 General Principles

1.1 These rules:

1.1.1 Apply to all regattas conducted under the auspices of RV;

1.1.2 Apply to competitors, boats and oars as well as to regatta officials and umpires when they are on the water during the hours of the regatta, and at any time on or near the victory pontoon or stage.

1.2 Subject to meeting any advertising and signage requirements of RV on behalf of its sponsors, all forms of fixed advertising at events conducted by or on behalf of RV shall be under the control of the Organizing Committee appointed by the Board for that event.

2 Application of RA Advertising Rules

The RA Advertising Rules shall apply to RV as if the RV was RA.

APPENDIX 3 PROGRESSION SYSTEM

The progression system applying to RV Events shall be that approved at the time the RV Event is approved. Otherwise, the RA progression system shall apply.

In the following tables, Type is defined as:

FF – First and Final

NE – Non Event

P&F – Preliminary and Final

RO – Row Over

SF – Seeded or Exhaustive Finals

# entries	Seeded Final Events: 3 lane courses (D and school events)						
	Type	DETAILS			PROGRESSION		
		Heats	#in each	Finals	1st Final	2nd Final	3rd Final
1	RO	0		1	No Race		
2	P&F	0		1	AA		
3	P&F	0		1	AAA		
4	SF	2	2*2	2	AA	BB	
5	SF	2	3*2	2	AA	BBC	
6	SF	2	3*3	3	AA	BB	CC
7	SF	3	3*2*2	3	AAA	BBB	C
8	SF	3	3*3*2	3	AAA	BBB	CC
9	SF	3	3*3*3	3	AAA	BBB	CCC
10	Events go to divisions or time trials						

# entries	Elimination Events: 3 lane courses (A, B, C, Open, underage and masters events)						
	TYPE	DETAILS			PROGRESSION		
		Heats	#in each	Finals	semi final	semi final	final
1	RO	0	0	No race			
2		0	0	1			FIRST & FINAL
3		0	0	1			FIRST & FINAL
4		2	2*2	1			WINNER TO FINAL
5		2	3*2	1			FIRST TO FINAL
6		2	2*2*2	1			FIRST TO FINAL
7		3	3*2*2	1			FIRST TO FINAL
8		3	3*3*2	1			FIRST TO FINAL
9		3	3*3*3	1			FIRST TO FINAL
10	Events go to divisions or time trials						

# entries	Seeded Final Events: 4 lane courses (D and school events)							
	Type	DETAILS			PROGRESSION			
		Heats	#in each	Finals	1st Final	2nd Final	3rd Final	4th Final
1	RO	0		1	No race			
2	P&F	0		1	AA			
3	P&F	0		1	AAA			
4	P&F	0		1	AAAA			
5	SF	2	3*2	2	AA	BBC		
6	SF	2	3*3	3	AABB	CC		
7	SF	2	4*3	2	AABB	CCD		
8	SF	2	4*4	2	AABB	CCDD		
9	SF	3	3*3*3	3	AAA	BBB	CCC	
10	SF	3	4*3*3	3	AAAA	BBB	CCC	
11	SF	4	3*3*3*2	3	AAAA	BBBB	CCCC	
12	SF	4	3*3*3*3	3	AAAA	BBBB	CCCC	
13	SF	4	4*3*3*3	3	AAAA	BBBB	CCCC	D
14	SF	4	4*4*3*3	4	AAAA	BBBB	CCCC	DD
15	SF	4	4*4*4*3	4	AAAA	BBBB	CCCC	DDD
16	SF	4	4*4*4*4	4	AAAA	BBBB	CCCC	DDDD
17	Events go to divisions or time trials							

# entries	Elimination Events: 4 lane courses (A, B, C, Open, underage and masters events)						
	Type	DETAILS			PROGRESSION		
		Heats	#in each	Finals	semi final	semi final	final
1	NE	0	0				
2	FF	0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
3	FF	0	0	0	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
4	FF	0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
5		2	3*2	1			H1(1&2), H2(1)
6		2	3*3	1			FIRST & SECOND TO FINAL
7		2	4*3	1			FIRST & SECOND TO FINAL
8		2	4*4	1			FIRST & SECOND TO FINAL
9		3	3*3*3	1			FIRST TO FINAL
10		3	4*3*3	1			FIRST TO FINAL
11		3	3*3*3*2	1			FIRST TO FINAL
12		3	3*3*3*3	1			FIRST TO FINAL
13		4	4*3*3*3	1			FIRST TO FINAL
14		4	4*4*3*3	1			FIRST TO FINAL
15		4	4*4*4*3	1			FIRST TO FINAL
16		4	4*4*4*4	1			FIRST TO FINAL
17	Events go to divisions or time trials						

# entries	Type	Seeded Final Events: 6 lane courses (D and school events)								
		DETAILS			PROGRESSION					
		Heats	#in each	Finals	1st Final	2nd Final	3rd Final	4th Final	5th Final	6th Final
1	RO	0	NA	1						
2	P&F	0	NA	1	AA					
3	P&F	0	NA	1	AAA					
4	P&F	0	NA	1	AAAA					
5	P&F	0	NA	1	AAAAA					
6	P&F	0	NA	1	AAAAAA					
7	SF	2	4*3	2	AABB	CCD				
8	SF	2	4*4	2	AABBCC	DD				
9	SF	2	5*4	2	AABBCC	DDE				
10	SF	2	5*5	2	AABBCC	DDEE				
11	SF	2	6*5	2	AABBCC	DDEEF				
12	SF	2	6*6	2	AABBCC	DDEEFF				
13	SF	3	5*4*4	2	AAABBB	CCDDDD	E			
14	SF	3	5*5*4	3	AAABBB	CCDDDD	EE			
15	SF	3	5*5*5	3	AAABBB	CCDDDD	EEE			
16	SF	3	6*5*5	3	AAABBB	CCDDDD	EEEF			
17	SF	3	6*6*5	3	AAABBB	CCDDDD	EEEFF			
18	SF	3	6*6*6	3	AAABBB	CCDDDD	EEFFFF			
19	SF	5	4*4*4*4*3	4	AAAAA	BBBBB	CCCCC	DDDD		
20	SF	5	4*4*4*4*4	4	AAAAA	BBBBB	CCCCC	DDDDD		
21	SF	5	5*4*4*4*4	4	AAAAA	BBBBB	CCCCC	DDDDDE		
22	SF	5	5*5*4*4*4	5	AAAAA	BBBBB	CCCCC	DDDDD	EE	
23	SF	6	4*4*4*4*4*3	4	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD		
24	SF	6	4*4*4*4*4*4	4	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD		
25	SF	5	5*5*5*5*5	5	AAAAA	BBBBB	CCCCC	DDDDD	EEEE	
26	SF	5	6*5*5*5*5	5	AAAAA	BBBBB	CCCCC	DDDDD	EEEEEF	
27	SF	6	5*5*5*4*4*4	5	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD	EEE	
28	SF	6	5*5*5*5*4*4	5	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD	EEEE	
29	SF	6	5*5*5*5*5*4	5	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD	EEEE	
30	SF	6	5*5*5*5*5*5	5	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD	EEEE	
31	SF	6	6*5*5*5*5*5	5	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD	EEEE	F
32	SF	6	6*6*5*5*5*5	6	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD	EEEE	FF
33	SF	6	6*6*6*5*5*5	6	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD	EEEE	FFF
34	SF	6	6*6*6*6*5*5	6	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD	EEEE	FFFF
35	SF	6	6*6*6*6*6*5	6	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD	EEEE	FFFFF
36	SF	6	6*6*6*6*6*6	6	AAAAAA	BBBBBB	CCCCCC	DDDDD	EEEE	FFFFFF
37	Events go to divisions or time trials									

# Entries	Elimination Events: 6 Lane (A, B, C, Open, Underage and Masters events)						
	DETAILS				PROGRESSION		
	TYPE	Heats	#in each	Finals	semi final	semi final	final
1	NE						
2	FF	0	0	1	0		FIRST & FINAL
3	FF	0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
4	FF	0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
5	FF	0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
6	FF	0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
7		2	3*4				1&2 TO FINAL
8		2	4*4				1, 2, 3 TO FINAL
9		2	5*4				H1 (1, 2, 3), H2 (1, 2)
10		2	5*5				1,2 &3 TO FINAL
11		2	6*5				1,2 & 3 TO FINAL
12		2	6*6				1,2 & 3 TO FINAL
13		3	5*4*4				1&2 TO FINAL
14		3	5*5*4				1&2 TO FINAL
15		3	5*5*5				1&2 TO FINAL
16		3	6*5*5				1&2 TO FINAL
17		3	6*6*5				1&2 TO FINAL
18		3	6*6*6				1&2 TO FINAL
19		5	4*4*4*4*3				FIRST TO FINAL
20		5	4*4*4*4*4				FIRST TO FINAL
21		4	6*5*5*5		AABB	AABBB	1,2&3 TO FINAL
22		4	6*6*5*5		AABB	AABBB	1,2&3 TO FINAL
23		4	6*6*6*5		AABB	AABBB	1,2&3 TO FINAL
24		4	6*6*6*6		AABBCC	AABBCC	1,2&3 TO FINAL
25		5	5*5*5*5*5		AAABB	AABBB	1,2&3 TO FINAL
26		5	6*5*5*5*5		AAABB	AABBB	1,2&3 TO FINAL
27		5	6*6*5*5*5		AAABB	AABBB	1,2&3 TO FINAL
28		5	6*6*6*5*5		AAABB	AABBB	1,2&3 TO FINAL
29		5	6*6*6*6*5		AAABB	AABBB	1,2&3 TO FINAL
30		5	6*6*6*6*6		AAABB	AABBB	1,2&3 TO FINAL
31		5	6*5*5*5*5*5		AAABB	AABBB	1,2&3 TO FINAL
32		6	6*6*5*5*5*5				First to Final
33		6	6*6*6*5*5*5				First to Final
34		6	6*6*6*6*5*5				First to Final
35		6	6*6*6*6*6*5				First to Final
36		6	6*6*6*6*6*6				First to Final
37	Events go to divisions or time trials						

# entries	Seeded Final Events: 7 Lane: D and School Events										
	Type	DETAILS			PROGRESSION						
		Heats	#in each	Finals	1st Final	2nd Final	3rd Final	4th Final	5th Final	6th Final	7th Final
1	RO	0		1	No race						
2	P&F	0		1	AA						
3	P&F	0		1	AAA						
4	P&F	0		1	AAAA						
5	P&F	0		1	AAAAA						
6	P&F	0		1	AAAAAA						
7	P&F	0	4*3	2	AABB	CCD					
8	H&F	0	4*4	2	AABBCC	DD					
9	H&F	2	5*4	2	AABBCC	DDE					
10	H&F	2	5*5	2	AABBCC	DDEE					
11	H&F	2	6*5	2	AABBCC	DDEEF					
12	H&F	2	6*6	2	AABBCC	DDEEFF					
13	H&F	2	7*6	2	AABBCC	DDEEFFG					
14	H&F	2	7*7	3	AABBCC	DDEEFF	GG				
15	H&F	3	5*5*5	3	AAABBB	CCCDDD	EEE				
16	H&F	3	6*5*5	2	AAABBB	DDEEF					
17	H&F	3	6*6*5	3	AAABBB	CCCDDD	EEEFF				
18	H&F	3	6*6*6	3	AAABBB	CCCDDD	EEFFFF				
19	H&F	3	7*6*6	3	AAABBB	CCCDDD	EEFFFFG				
20	H&F	3	7*7*6	4	AAABBB	CCCDDD	EEFFFF	GG			
21	H&F	3	7*7*7	4	AAABBB	CCCDDD	EEFFFF	GGG			
22	H&F	7	4*3*3*3*3*3*3	4	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC				
23	H&F	7	4*4*3*3*3*3*3	4	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DD			
24	H&F	6	4*4*4*4*4*4	4	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDD			
25	H&F	7	4*4*4*4*3*3*3	4	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDD			
26	H&F	7	4*4*4*4*4*3*3	4	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDD			
27	H&F	7	4*4*4*4*4*4*3	4	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDD			
28	H&F	6	6*6*6*5*5*5	6	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDD	EEEEEE	FFF	
29	H&F	6	6*6*6*6*5*5	6	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDD	EEEEEE	FFFF	
30	H&F	5	5*5*5*5*5*5	5	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDD	EEEEEE		
31	H&F	6	5*5*5*5*5*6	5	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDD	EEEEEEF		
32	H&F	7	5*5*5*5*4*4*4	5	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEE		
33	H&F	7	5*5*5*5*5*4*4	5	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEE		
34	H&F	7	5*5*5*5*5*5*4	5	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEE		
35	H&F	7	5*5*5*5*5*5*5	5	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE		
36	H&F	7	6*5*5*5*5*5*5	5	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEF		
37	H&F	7	6*6*5*5*5*5*5	6	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FF	
38	H&F	7	6*6*6*5*5*5*5	6	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFF	
39	H&F	7	6*6*6*6*5*5*5	6	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFF	
40	H&F	7	6*6*6*6*6*5*5	6	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFFF	
41	H&F	7	6*6*6*6*6*6*5	6	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFFFF	
42	H&F	7	6*6*6*6*6*6*6	6	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFFFFF	
43	H&F	7	7*6*6*6*6*6*6	6	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFFFFFG	
44	H&F	7	7*7*6*6*6*6*6	7	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFFFFF	GG
45	H&F	7	7*7*7*6*6*6*6	7	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFFFFF	GGG
46	H&F	7	7*7*7*7*6*6*6	7	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFFFFF	GGGG
47	H&F	7	7*7*7*7*7*6*6	7	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFFFFF	GGGGG
48	H&F	7	7*7*7*7*7*7*6	7	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFFFFF	GGGGGG
49	H&F	7	7*7*7*7*7*7*7	7	AAAAAAA	BBBBBBB	CCCCCCC	DDDDDDDD	EEEEEEEE	FFFFFFF	GGGGGGG
50	Events go to divisions or time trials										

# entries	Elimination Events: 7 Lane: A, B, C, Open, underage and masters events						
	DETAILS			PROGRESSION			
	Type	Heats	#in each	Finals	semi final	semi final	final
1	NE	0	0	1	0		FIRST & FINAL
2	FF	0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
3	FF	0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
4	FF	0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
5	FF	0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
6		0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
7		0	0	1	0	0	FIRST & FINAL
8		2	4*4	1	0	0	1, 2, 3 TO FINAL
9		2	3*3*3	1	0	0	1 & 2 TO FINAL
10		2	5*5	1	0	0	1,2 & 3 TO FINAL
11		2	6*5	1	0	0	1,2 & 3 TO FINAL
12		3	6*6	1	0	0	1,2 & 3 TO FINAL
13		3	7*6	1	0	0	1,2 & 3 TO FINAL
14		3	7*7	1	0	0	1,2 & 3 TO FINAL
15		3	5*5*5	1	0	0	1&2 TO FINAL
16		3	6*5*5	1	0	0	1&2 TO FINAL
17		3	6*6*5	1	0	0	1&2 TO FINAL
18		3	6*6*6	1	0	0	1&2 TO FINAL
19		3	7*6*6	1	0	0	1&2 TO FINAL
20		3	7*7*6	1	0	0	1&2 TO FINAL
21		3	7*7*7	1	0	0	1&2 TO FINAL
22		4	4*4*4*4*3*3	1	0	0	1st to final
23		4	4*4*4*4*4*3	1	0	0	1st to final
24		4	4*4*4*4*4*4	1	0	0	1st to final
25		4	5*4*4*4*4*4	1	0	0	1st to final
26		4	5*5*4*4*4*4	1	0	0	1st to final
27		4	5*5*5*4*4*4	1	0	0	1st to final
28		4	5*5*5*5*4*4	1	0	0	1st to final
29		5	5*5*5*5*5*4	1	0	0	1st to final
30		5	5*5*5*5*5*5	1	0	0	1st to final
31		5	6*5*5*5*5*5	1	0	0	1st to final
32		5	6*6*5*5*5*5	1	0	0	1st to final
33		5	6*6*6*5*5*5	1	0	0	1st to final
34		5	6*6*6*6*5*5	1	0	0	1st to final
35		5	6*6*6*6*6*5	1	0	0	1st to final
36		6	6*6*6*6*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
37		6	7*6*6*6*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
38		6	7*7*6*6*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
39		6	7*7*7*6*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
40		6	7*7*7*7*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
41		6	7*7*7*7*7*6	1	0	0	1st to final
42		6	6*6*6*6*6*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
43		7	7*6*6*6*6*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
44		7	7*7*6*6*6*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
45		7	7*7*7*6*6*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
46		7	7*7*7*7*6*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
47		7	7*7*7*7*7*6*6	1	0	0	1st to final
48		7	7*7*7*7*7*7*6	1	0	0	1st to final
49		7	7*7*7*7*7*7*7	1	0	0	1st to final
50	Events go to divisions or time trials (except in Championships where semifinals will be conducted)						

APPENDIX 4 ANTI DOPING

The RA Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to RV as if the RV was RA.

APPENDIX 5 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

1. The Victoria Rowing Championships shall, unless otherwise approved by the Board, comprise the events set out below:

Event	Description	Class	Status	Boat
FU151X	Female Under 15 Single Scull	Female	Under 15	Single Scull
MU151X	Male Under 15 Single Scull	Male	Under 15	Single Scull
FU154X+	Female Under 15 Coxed Quad Scull	Female	Under 15	Coxed Quad Scull
MU152X	Male Under 15 Double Scull	Male	Under 15	Double Scull
FU152X	Female Under 15 Double Scull	Female	Under 15	Double Scull
MU154X+	Male Under 15 Coxed Quad Scull	Male	Under 15	Coxed Quad Scull
FU171X	Female Under 17 Single Scull	Female	Under 17	Single Scull
MU171X	Male Under 17 Single Scull	Male	Under 17	Single Scull
FU172X	Female Under 17 Double Scull	Female	Under 17	Double Scull
MU172X	Male Under 17 Double Scull	Male	Under 17	Double Scull
FU174X+	Female Under 17 Coxed Quad	Female	Under 17	Coxed Quad Scull
MU174X+	Male Under 17 Coxed Quad	Male	Under 17	Coxed Quad Scull
FU178+	Female Under 17 Coxed Eight	Female	Under 17	Coxed Eight
MU178+	Male Under 17 Coxed Eight	Male	Under 17	Coxed Eight
FU191X	Female Under 19 Single Scull	Female	Under 19	Single Scull
MU191X	Male Under 19 Single Scull	Male	Under 19	Single Scull
FU1912X	Female Under 19 Double Scull	Female	Under 19	Double Scull
MU1912X	Male Under 19 Double Scull	Male	Under 19	Double Scull
FU194X+	Female Under 19 Coxed Quad	Female	Under 19	Coxed Quad Scull
MU194X+	Male Under 19 Coxed Quad	Male	Under 19	Coxed Quad Scull
FU192-	Female Under 19 Coxless Pair	Female	Under 19	Coxless Pair
MU192-	Male Under 19 Coxless Pair	Male	Under 19	Coxless Pair
FU194+	Female Under 19 Coxed Four	Female	Under 19	Coxed Four
MU194+	Male Under 19 Coxed Four	Male	Under 19	Coxed Four
FU198+	Female Under 19 Coxed Eight	Female	Under 19	Coxed Eight
MU198+	Male Under 19 Coxed Eight	Male	Under 19	Coxed Eight
FU211X	Female Under 21 Single Scull	Female	Under 21	Coxless Pair
MU211X	Male Under 21 Single Scull	Male	Under 21	Coxless Pair
FU212X	Female Under 21 Double	Female	Under 21	Double Scull
MU212X	Male Under 21 Double Scull	Male	Under 21	Double Scull
FU212-	Female Under 21 Coxless Pair	Female	Under 21	Coxless Pair
MU212-	Male Under 21 Coxless Pair	Male	Under 21	Coxless Pair
FU214X+	Female Under 21 Coxed Quad	Female	Under 21	Coxed Eight
FU214+	Female Under 21 Coxed Four	Female	Under 21	Coxed Four
MU214+	Male Under 21 Coxed Four	Male	Under 21	Coxed Four
FU218+	Female Under 21 Coxed Eight	Female	Under 21	Coxed Eight
MU218+	Male Under 21 Coxed Eight	Male	Under 21	Coxed Eight
FU231X	Female Under 23 Single Scull	Female	Under 23	Single Scull
MU231X	Male Under 23 Single Scull	Male	Under 23	Single Scull
FU232-	Female Under 23 Coxless Pair	Female	Under 23	Coxless Pair
MU232-	Male Under 23 Coxless Pair	Male	Under 23	Coxless Pair
FU232X	Female Under 23 Double Scull	Female	Under 23	Double Scull
MU232X	Male Under 23 Double Scull	Male	Under 23	Double Scull
FLW1X	Female Lightweight Single Scull	Female	Lightweight	Single Scull
MLW1X	Male Lightweight Single Scull	Male	Lightweight	Single Scull
FLW2X	Female Lightweight Double Scull	Female	Lightweight	Double Scull
MLW2X	Male Lightweight Double Scull	Male	Lightweight	Double Scull
MLW2-	Male Lightweight Coxless Pair	Male	Lightweight	Coxless Pair
MLW4-	Male Lightweight Coxless Four	Male	Lightweight	Coxless Four
FLW4X-	Female Lightweight Coxless Quad Scull	Female	Lightweight	Coxless Quad Scull
FO1X	Female Open Single Scull	Female	Open	Single Scull
MO1X	Male Open Single Scull	Male	Open	Single Scull
FO2-	Female Open Coxless Pair	Female	Open	Coxless Pair

MO2-	Male Open Coxless Pair	Male	Open	Coxless Pair
MO2X	Male Open Double Scull	Male	Open	Double Scull
FO2X	Female Open Double Scull	Female	Open	Double Scull
FO4+	Female Open Coxed Four	Female	Open	Coxed Four
MO4+	Male Open Coxed Four	Male	Open	Coxed Four
FO4-	Female Open Coxless Four	Female	Open	Coxless Four
MO4-	Male Open Coxless Four	Male	Open	Coxless Four
MO4X-	Male Open Quad Scull	Male	Open	Coxless Quad Scull
FO4X-	Female Open Quad Scull	Female	Open	Coxless Quad Scull
FO8+	Female Open Eight	Female	Open	Coxed Eight
MO8+	Male Open Eight	Male	Open	Coxed Eight
Event	Description	Class	Status	Boat
ADAPT	Para Single Scull	Mixed	Open	Single Scull
FC1X	Female C Grade Single Scull	Female	C grade	Single Scull
MC1X	Male C Grade Single Scull	Male	C grade	Single Scull
FC2X	Female C Grade Double Scull	Female	C grade	Double Scull
MC2X	Male C Grade Double Scull	Male	C grade	Double Scull
FC4+	Female C Grade Coxed Four	Female	C grade	Coxed Four
MC4+	Male C Grade Coxed Four	Male	C grade	Coxed Four
FC4X+	Female C Grade Coxed Quad Scull	Female	C grade	Coxed Quad Scull
MC4X+	Male C Grade Coxed Quad Scull	Male	C grade	Coxed Quad Scull
FC8+	Female C Grade Coxed Eight	Female	C grade	Coxed Eight
MC8+	Male C Grade Coxed Eight	Male	C grade	Coxed Eight
FB1X	Female B Grade Single Scull	Female	B grade	Single Scull
MB1X	Male B Grade Single Scull	Male	B grade	Single Scull
FB2-	Female B Grade Coxless Pair	Female	B grade	Coxless Pair
MB2-	Male B Grade Coxless Pair	Male	B grade	Coxless Pair
FB2X	Female B Grade Double Scull	Female	B grade	Double Scull
MB2X	Male B Grade Double Scull	Male	B grade	Double Scull
FB4+	Female B Grade Coxed Four	Female	B grade	Coxed Four
MB4+	Male B Grade Coxed Four	Male	B grade	Coxed Four
FB4X+	Female B Grade Coxed Quad Scull	Female	B grade	Coxed Quad Scull
MB4X+	Male B Grade Coxed Quad Scull	Male	B grade	Coxed Quad Scull
FB8+	Female B Grade Coxed Eight	Female	B grade	Coxed Eight
MB8+	Male B Grade Coxed Eight	Male	B grade	Coxed Eight
FA1X	Female A Grade Single Scull	Female	A grade	Single Scull
MA1X	Male A Grade Single Scull	Male	A grade	Single Scull
FA2-	Female A Grade Coxless Pair	Female	A grade	Coxless Pair
MA2-	Male A Grade Coxless Pair	Male	A grade	Coxless Pair
FA2X	Female A Grade Double Scull	Female	A grade	Double Scull
MA2X	Male A Grade Double Scull	Male	A grade	Double Scull
FA4+	Female A Grade Coxed Four	Female	A grade	Coxed Four
MA4+	Male A Grade Coxed Four	Male	A grade	Coxed Four
FA4X+	Female A Grade Coxed Quad Scull	Female	A grade	Coxed Quad Scull
MA4X+	Male A Grade Coxed Quad Scull	Male	A grade	Coxed Quad Scull
FA8+	Female A Grade Coxed Eight	Female	A grade	Coxed Eight
MA8+	Male A Grade Coxed Eight	Male	A grade	Coxed Eight

Event	Description	Class	Status	Boat
FSCH1XO1	Female School Single Scull Open Div. 1	Female	School	Single Scull
MSCH1XO1	Male School Single Scull Open Div. 2	Male	School	Single Scull
FSCH4+O1	Female School Coxed Four Open Div. 1	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+O2	Female School Coxed Four Open Div. 2	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+O3	Female School Coxed Four Open Div. 3	Female	School	Coxed Four

FSCH4+O4	Female School Coxed Four - Open Div.4	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+O5	Female School Coxed Four - Open Div.5	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+O6	Female School Coxed Four - Open Div.6	Female	School	Coxed Four
MSCH4+O1	Male School Coxed Four Open Div. 1	Male	School	Coxed Four
MSCH4+O2	Male School Coxed Four Open Div. 2	Male	School	Coxed Four
MSCH4+O3	Male School Coxed Four Open Div. 3	Male	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4X+O1	Female School Coxed Quad Open Div. 1	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+O2	Female School Coxed Quad Open Div. 2	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+O3	Female School Coxed Quad Open Div. 3	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+O4	Female School Coxed Quad Open Div.4	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
MSCH4X+O1	Male School Coxed Quad Open Div. 1	Male	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH8+O1	Female School Coxed Eight Open Div. 1	Female	School	Coxed Eight
FSCH8+O2	Female School Coxed Eight Open Div. 2	Female	School	Coxed Eight
FSCH8+O3	Female School Coxed Eight Open Div. 3	Female	School	Coxed Eight
MSCH8+O1	Male School Coxed Eight Open Div. 1	Male	School	Coxed Eight
MSCH8+O2	Male School Coxed Eight Open Div. 2	Male	School	Coxed Eight
MSCH8+O3	Male School Coxed Eight Open Div. 3	Male	School	Coxed Eight
MSCH8+Y101	Male School Coxed Eight Year 10 Div. 1	Male	School	Coxed Eight
MSCH8+Y102	Male School Coxed Eight Year 10 Div. 2	Male	School	Coxed Eight
MSCH8+Y103	Male School Coxed Eight Year 10 Div. 3	Male	School	Coxed Eight
FSCH1XO2	Female School Single Scull - Open Div.2	Female	School	Single Scull
FSCH1XY101	Female School Single Scull - Year 10 Div.1	Female	School	Single Scull
FSCH4+Y101	Female School Coxed Four - Year 10 Div.1	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+Y102	Female School Coxed Four - Year 10 Div.2	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+Y103	Female School Coxed Four - Year 10 Div.3	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+Y104	Female School Coxed Four - Year 10 Div.4	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+Y105	Female School Coxed Four - Year 10 Div.5	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+Y106	Female School Coxed Four - Year 10 Div.6	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4X+Y101	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 10 Div.1	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y102	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 10 Div.2	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y103	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 10 Div.3	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y104	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 10 Div.4	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y105	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 10 Div.5	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y106	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 10 Div.6	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y107	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 10 Div.7	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH1XY91	Female School Single Scull - Year 9 Div.1	Female	School	Single Scull
FSCH4+Y91	Female School Coxed Four - Year 9 Div.1	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+Y92	Female School Coxed Four - Year 9 Div.2	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+Y93	Female School Coxed Four - Year 9 Div.3	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+Y94	Female School Coxed Four - Year 9 Div.4	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+Y95	Female School Coxed Four - Year 9 Div.5	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4+Y96	Female School Coxed Four - Year 9 Div.6	Female	School	Coxed Four
FSCH4X+Y91	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.1	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y92	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.2	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y93	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.3	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y94	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.4	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y95	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.5	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y96	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.6	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
FSCH4X+Y97	Female School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.7	Female	School	Coxed Quad Scull
MSCH1XO2	Male School Single Scull - Open Div.2	Male	School	Single Scull
MSCH4+O4	Male School Coxed Four - Open Div.4	Male	School	Coxed Four
MSCH4+O5	Male School Coxed Four - Open Div.5	Male	School	Coxed Four
MSCH4+O6	Male School Coxed Four - Open Div.6	Male	School	Coxed Four
MSCH4+Y101	Male School Coxed Four - Year 10 Div.1	Male	School	Coxed Four
MSCH4+Y102	Male School Coxed Four - Year 10 Div.2	Male	School	Coxed Four
MSCH4+Y103	Male School Coxed Four - Year 10 Div.3	Male	School	Coxed Four
MSCH8+Y103	Male School Eight - Year 10 Div.3	Male	School	Coxed Eight
MSCH1XY91	Male School Single Scull - Year 9 Div.1	Male	School	Single Scull
MSCH4+Y91	Male School Coxed Four - Year 9 Div.1	Male	School	Coxed Four
MSCH4+Y92	Male School Coxed Four - Year 9 Div.2	Male	School	Coxed Four

MSCH4+Y93	Male School Coxed Four - Year 9 Div.3	Male	School	Coxed Four
MSCH4X+Y91	Male School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.1	Male	School	Coxed Quad Scull
MSCH4X+Y92	Male School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.2	Male	School	Coxed Quad Scull
MSCH4X+Y93	Male School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.3	Male	School	Coxed Quad Scull
MSCH4X+Y94	Male School Coxed Quad Scull - Year 9 Div.4	Male	School	Coxed Quad Scull
MSCH8+Y91	Male School Eight - Year 9 Div.1	Male	School	Coxed Eight
MSCH8+Y92	Male School Eight - Year 9 Div.2	Male	School	Coxed Eight
MSCH8+Y93	Male School Eight - Year 9 Div.3	Male	School	Coxed Eight
MSCH8+Y94	Male School Eight - Year 9 Div.4	Male	School	Coxed Eight

APPENDIX 6 VICTORIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

1. The RV Master's Championship shall comprise the following events. Masters age categories will be grouped depending on entries.

Event	Description	Class	Status	Boat
XM2X	Mixed Masters Double	Mixed	(Age groups A - M)	Double Scull
XM4X	Mixed Masters Coxless Quad	Mixed	(Age groups A - M)	Coxless Quad Scull
XM8+	Mixed Masters Eight	Mixed	(Age groups A - M)	Coxed Eight
FM1X	Female Masters Single Scull	Female	(Age groups A - M)	Single Scull
FM2X	Female Masters Double Scull	Female	(Age groups A - M)	Double Scull
FM4X+	Female Masters Coxed Quad Scull	Female	(Age groups A - M)	Coxed Quad Scull
FM4X-	Female Masters Coxless Quad Scull	Female	(Age groups A - M)	Coxless Quad Scull
FM2-	Female Masters Coxless Pair	Female	(Age groups A - M)	Coxless Pair
FM4+	Female Masters Coxed Four	Female	(Age groups A - M)	Coxed Four
FM8+	Female Masters Eight	Female	(Age groups A - M)	Coxed Eight
MM1X	Male Masters Single Scull	Male	(Age groups A - M)	Single Scull
MM2X	Male Masters Double Scull	Male	(Age groups A - M)	Double Scull
MM4X+	Male Masters Coxed Quad Scull	Male	(Age groups A - M)	Coxed Quad Scull
MM4X-	Male Masters Coxless Quad	Male	(Age groups A - M)	Coxless Quad Scull
MM2-	Male Masters Coxless Pair	Male	(Age groups A - M)	Coxless Pair
MM4+	Male Masters Coxed Four	Male	(Age groups A - M)	Coxed Four
MM8+	Male Masters Eight	Male	(Age groups A - M)	Coxed Eight

- 3 Where mixed age events are held the time handicaps specified in Appendix 7 – Masters Age Handicaps will apply.

APPENDIX 7 MASTERS AGE HANDICAPS

RA 2022 September Update: MALE

M1x													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	136	106	84	68	52	37	27	19	13	8	4	1	0
B	135	105	83	67	51	36	26	18	12	7	3	0	
C	132	102	80	64	48	33	23	15	9	4	0		
D	128	98	76	60	44	29	19	11	5	0			
E	123	93	71	55	39	24	14	6	0				
F	117	87	65	49	33	18	8	0					
G	109	79	57	41	25	10	0						
H	99	69	47	31	15	0							
I	84	54	31	15	0								
J	68	38	16	0									
K	52	22	0										
L	30	0											
M	0												

M2-													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	133	104	83	67	51	37	27	19	13	8	4	1	0
B	132	103	82	66	50	36	26	18	12	7	3	0	
C	129	100	79	63	47	33	23	15	9	4	0		
D	125	96	75	59	43	29	19	11	5	0			
E	120	91	70	54	38	24	14	6	0				
F	114	85	64	48	32	18	8	0					
G	106	77	56	40	24	10	0						
H	96	67	46	30	14	0							
I	82	53	32	16	0								
J	66	37	16	0									
K	50	21	0										
L	29	0											
M	0												

M2x													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	126	99	79	63	48	35	25	18	13	8	4	1	0
B	125	98	78	62	47	34	24	17	12	7	3	0	
C	122	95	75	59	44	31	21	14	9	4	0		
D	118	91	71	55	40	27	17	10	5	0			
E	113	86	66	50	35	22	12	5	0				
F	108	81	61	45	30	17	7	0					
G	101	74	54	38	23	10	0						
H	91	64	44	28	13	0							

I	78	51	31	15	0								
J	63	36	16	0									
K	47	20	0										
L	27	0											
M	0												

M4+													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	126	99	79	63	48	35	25	18	13	8	4	1	0
B	125	98	78	62	47	34	24	17	12	7	3	0	
C	122	95	75	59	44	31	21	14	9	4	0		
D	118	91	71	55	40	27	17	10	5	0			
E	113	86	66	50	35	22	12	5	0				
F	108	81	61	45	30	17	7	0					
G	101	74	54	38	23	10	0						
H	91	64	44	28	13	0							
I	78	51	31	15	0								
J	63	36	16	0									
K	47	20	0										
L	27	0											
M	0												

M4-													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	121	95	76	61	46	33	24	17	12	8	4	1	0
B	120	94	75	60	45	32	23	16	11	7	3	0	
C	117	91	72	57	42	29	20	13	8	4	0		
D	113	87	68	53	38	25	16	9	4	0			
E	109	83	64	49	34	21	12	5	0				
F	104	78	59	44	29	16	7	0					
G	97	71	52	37	22	9	0						
H	88	62	43	28	13	0							
I	75	49	30	15	0								
J	60	34	15	0									
K	45	19	0										
L	26	0											
M	0												

M4x													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	118	92	73	59	45	32	23	17	12	8	4	1	0
B	117	91	72	58	44	31	22	16	11	7	3	0	
C	114	88	69	55	41	28	19	13	8	4	0		
D	110	84	65	51	37	24	15	9	4	0			
E	106	80	61	47	33	20	11	5	0				
F	101	75	56	42	28	15	6	0					

G	95	69	50	36	22	9	0						
H	86	60	41	27	13	0							
I	73	47	28	14	0								
J	59	33	14	0									
K	45	19	0										
L	26	0											
M	0												

M8+													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	115	90	72	58	44	32	23	17	12	8	4	1	0
B	114	89	71	57	43	31	22	16	11	7	3	0	
C	111	86	68	54	40	28	19	13	8	4	0		
D	107	82	64	50	36	24	15	9	4	0			
E	103	78	60	46	32	20	11	5	0				
F	98	73	55	41	27	15	6	0					
G	92	67	49	35	21	9	0						
H	83	58	40	26	12	0							
I	71	46	28	14	0								
J	57	32	14	0									
K	43	18	0										
L	25	0											
M	0												

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W1x													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	202	149	113	88	64	44	31	22	15	10	5	2	0
B	200	147	111	86	62	42	29	20	13	8	3	0	
C	197	144	108	83	59	39	26	17	10	5	0		
D	192	139	103	78	54	34	21	12	5	0			
E	187	134	98	73	49	29	16	7	0				
F	180	127	91	66	42	22	9	0					
G	171	118	82	57	33	13	0						
H	158	105	69	44	20	0							
I	138	85	49	24	0								
J	114	61	25	0									
K	89	36	0										
L	53	0											
M	0												

W2-													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	199	147	112	87	64	44	31	22	15	10	5	2	0
B	197	145	110	85	62	42	29	20	13	8	3	0	
C	194	142	107	82	59	39	26	17	10	5	0		
D	189	137	102	77	54	34	21	12	5	0			
E	184	132	97	72	49	29	16	7	0				
F	177	125	90	65	42	22	9	0					
G	168	116	81	56	33	13	0						
H	155	103	68	43	20	0							
I	135	83	48	23	0								
J	112	60	25	0									
K	87	35	0										
L	52	0											
M	0												

W2x													
Cat.							Time (Seconds)						
A	186	137	104	80	58	40	28	19	13	8	4	1	0
B	185	136	103	79	57	39	27	18	12	7	3	0	
C	182	133	100	76	54	36	24	15	9	4	0		
D	178	129	96	72	50	32	20	11	5	0			
E	173	124	91	67	45	27	15	6	0				
F	167	118	85	61	39	21	9	0					
G	158	109	76	52	30	12	0						
H	146	97	64	40	18	0							
I	128	79	46	22	0								
J	106	57	24	0									
K	82	33	0										
L	49	0											
M	0												

W4+													
Cat.							Time (Seconds)						
A	186	137	104	80	58	40	28	19	13	8	4	1	0
B	185	136	103	79	57	39	27	18	12	7	3	0	
C	182	133	100	76	54	36	24	15	9	4	0		
D	178	129	96	72	50	32	20	11	5	0			
E	173	124	91	67	45	27	15	6	0				
F	167	118	85	61	39	21	9	0					
G	158	109	76	52	30	12	0						
H	146	97	64	40	18	0							
I	128	79	46	22	0								
J	106	57	24	0									
K	82	33	0										
L	49	0											
M	0												

W4-													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	180	133	101	78	57	39	27	19	13	8	4	1	0
B	179	132	100	77	56	38	26	18	12	7	3	0	
C	176	129	97	74	53	35	23	15	9	4	0		
D	172	125	93	70	49	31	19	11	5	0			
E	167	120	88	65	44	26	14	6	0				
F	161	114	82	59	38	20	8	0					
G	153	106	74	51	30	12	0						
H	141	94	62	39	18	0							
I	123	76	44	21	0								
J	102	55	23	0									
K	79	32	0										
L	47	0											
M	0												

W4x													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	174	128	97	75	54	37	26	18	12	8	4	1	0
B	173	127	96	74	53	36	25	17	11	7	3	0	
C	170	124	93	71	50	33	22	14	8	4	0		
D	166	120	89	67	46	29	18	10	4	0			
E	162	116	85	63	42	25	14	6	0				
F	156	110	79	57	36	19	8	0					
G	148	102	71	49	28	11	0						
H	137	91	60	38	17	0							
I	120	74	43	21	0								
J	99	53	22	0									
K	77	31	0										
L	46	0											
M	0												

W8+													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	169	125	95	74	54	37	26	18	12	8	4	1	0
B	168	124	94	73	53	36	25	17	11	7	3	0	
C	165	121	91	70	50	33	22	14	8	4	0		
D	161	117	87	66	46	29	18	10	4	0			
E	157	113	83	62	42	25	14	6	0				
F	151	107	77	56	36	19	8	0					
G	143	99	69	48	28	11	0						
H	132	88	58	37	17	0							
I	115	71	41	20	0								
J	95	51	21	0									
K	74	30	0										
L	44	0											
M	0												

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Mix 2x													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	152	116	90	71	53	37	27	19	13	9	5	1	0
B	151	115	89	70	52	36	26	18	12	8	4	0	
C	147	111	85	66	48	32	22	14	8	4	0		
D	143	107	81	62	44	28	18	10	4	0			
E	139	103	77	58	40	24	14	6	0				
F	133	97	71	52	34	18	8	0					
G	125	89	63	44	26	10	0						
H	115	79	53	34	16	0							
I	99	63	37	18	0								
J	81	45	19	0									
K	62	26	0										
L	36	0											
M	0												

Mix 4+													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	152	116	90	71	53	37	27	19	13	9	5	1	0
B	151	115	89	70	52	36	26	18	12	8	4	0	
C	147	111	85	66	48	32	22	14	8	4	0		
D	143	107	81	62	44	28	18	10	4	0			
E	139	103	77	58	40	24	14	6	0				
F	133	97	71	52	34	18	8	0					
G	125	89	63	44	26	10	0						
H	115	79	53	34	16	0							
I	99	63	37	18	0								
J	81	45	19	0									
K	62	26	0										
L	36	0											
M	0												

Mix 4x													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	142	108	84	67	50	35	25	18	12	8	5	1	0
B	141	107	83	66	49	34	24	17	11	7	4	0	
C	137	103	79	62	45	30	20	13	7	3	0		
D	134	100	76	59	42	27	17	10	4	0			
E	130	96	72	55	38	23	13	6	0				
F	124	90	66	49	32	17	7	0					
G	117	83	59	42	25	10	0						
H	107	73	49	32	15	0							
I	92	58	34	17	0								
J	75	41	17	0									
K	58	24	0										
L	34	0											
M	0												

Mix 8+													
Cat.	Time (Seconds)												
A	138	105	82	65	48	34	24	17	12	8	4	1	0
B	137	104	81	64	47	33	23	16	11	7	3	0	
C	134	101	78	61	44	30	20	13	8	4	0		
D	130	97	74	57	40	26	16	9	4	0			
E	126	93	70	53	36	22	12	5	0				
F	121	88	65	48	31	17	7	0					
G	114	81	58	41	24	10	0						
H	104	71	48	31	14	0							
I	90	57	34	17	0								
J	73	40	17	0									
K	56	23	0										
L	33	0											

M	0												
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Coxed v Coxless Boat Handicaps These handicaps are recommended for when coxed and coxless boats race against each other. These are used in addition to the existing age based handicaps.

These are relevant for 1000m racing only.

Gender	Boat	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Men	M4x-	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	11	12
	M4-	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	11	12
Women	W4x-	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	12	13	15
	W4-	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	12	13	15
Mixed	Mix 4X-	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	10	11	12	13
	Mix4-	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	10	11	12	13

APPENDIX 8 COMMISSION CHARTERS

Duties of the Commissions

1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 Commissions are established to assist RV meet the objectives of the strategic plan. They shall undertake the activities set out below and provide expertise and advice to both the Board and management of RV.
- 1.2 Each Commission:
 - 1.2.1 will meet at least twice a year as required
 - 1.2.2 will liaise with the Board and CEO through its Chair.
 - 1.2.3 will liaise with other Commissions.
 - 1.2.4 reports to the CEO and provides minutes of their meetings to the CEO.
 - 1.2.5 where necessary, present to the Board under instruction from the CEO.
 - 1.2.6 will provide an annual report to the Board and any other reports as required.
 - 1.2.7 should have access to senior management and all employees and may, with prior approval of the CEO and where it deems it appropriate, engage outside experts.
 - 1.2.8 should rotate 50% of its membership annually where possible.
 - 1.2.9 the CEO shall advertise all commission positions annually

Specific Duties of the Commissions

2 Competition Commission Charter

- 2.1 General Area of Responsibility

To advise the CEO and the Events Manager on the RV competition program with the intent of maximizing participation in a safe and inviting environment.
- 3.2 Objectives and Activities
 - 3.2.1 To assist the Events Manager in the allocation of regatta dates, regatta formats and venues amongst applications received and to implement those decisions.
 - 3.2.2 Assist in the determination for the schedule of events, boat types and their pre-set order at each regatta, in consultation with each regatta committee.
 - 3.2.3 Monitor the conduct of regattas in accordance with established guidelines and standards, and to make recommendations to the CEO in respect of such matters.
 - 3.2.4 To advise and assist Organising Committees to improve the standard of facilities and regatta courses for all Victorian events.
 - 3.2.5 To consult, consider and represent all membership categories in the competition structure when making recommendations.
 - 3.2.6 To advise the CEO of required risk mitigation with the intent of maximising participation in a safe and inviting environment.

- 3.2.7 The Event Manager will set the agenda and take minutes in order to have them approved within seven days of the meeting and published on the RV website.

3.3 Appointment

The Competition Commission shall consist of the Regatta and Events Manager and such other members as are able to contribute effectively to the planning and review of the domestic competitions.

4 Umpires Commission Charter

4.1 General Areas of Responsibility

- 4.1.1 To act as a technical advisory group to Umpires in Victoria and to Rowing Victoria.
- 4.1.2 To standardise umpiring and to maintain and improve the quality of umpiring in Victoria.
- 4.1.3 To monitor the qualifications and quality of Victorian umpires.
- 4.1.4 To engage with the Rowing Australia Umpires Commission and keep abreast of current issues.
- 4.1.5 The Regatta Operations Coordinator will set the agenda and take the minutes in order to have them approved within seven days of the meeting and published on the RV website.

4.2 Objectives and Activities

- 4.2.1 To provide feedback to the CEO on the work of the juries at Victorian regattas.
- 4.2.2 To conduct umpires' seminars using the most modern educational techniques and methods.
- 4.2.3 To conduct examinations for Victorian umpires licences.
- 4.2.4 To recommend ratification of new Level 2 Umpires to the RV Board via the CEO.
- 4.2.5 To advise the CEO of required risk mitigation with the intent of maximising participation in a safe and inviting environment.

4.3 Appointment

The Commission shall consist of the RV Regatta Operations Coordinator, a Chairperson, a Secretary and a minimum of two other members.

5 Medical Commissioner Charter

1.1 General Area of Responsibility

The role of the Medical Commissioner is to advise RV on relevant medical issues and establish appropriate medical facilities at regattas.

1.2 Objectives and Activities

- 4.2.1 Provide medical expertise and advice to the RV Board

4.2.2 Assist in the development of RV policies such as extreme heat or cold policies and on water safety

1.2.3 Organise qualified medical personnel for major events (to work with the RV nominated rescue/first aid provider)

1.3 Appointment

1.3.1 Commissioner to be convened by invitation to interested professionals.

1.3.2 Commissioner to report to the RV Board via the CEO.

2 Development Commission Charter

2.1 General Areas of Responsibility

To engage with the membership on strategies to improve service delivery, increase membership, transition and retention of underage athletes.

2.2 Objectives and Activities

Provide advice to the RV Office on the creation of, and assist in the implementation of, pathway development. In particular, the following areas will be considered:

2.2.1 Elite Pathway Program – Advise on the underage programs.

2.2.2 Participation – Advise on such programs as grass roots, inclusive participation and competition pathways.

2.2.3 Education – Provide guidance on coaching and coxswain education.

2.2.4 Club Resources – To act as an advisory body in the development of resources to support membership growth.

2.2.5 To advise the CEO of required risk mitigation with the intent of maximising participation in a safe and inviting environment.

2.2.6 The State Pathways Co-ordinator will set the agenda and take minutes in order to have them approved within seven days of the meeting and published on the RV website.

2.3 Appointment

The development commission will comprise of representatives from each development tier (school, club, high performance), the State Pathway Co-ordinator, a chair and secretary.

Approval

The RV Board is responsible for approving any final material, content or recommendations from all commissions.

APPENDIX 9 PREMIERSHIPS AND AWARDS

RV shall conduct separate Senior and Junior Premiership competitions for Men and for Women, a combined Masters Premiership for Men and Women, and a Champion Club Premiership.

Senior Premiership

Points for the Senior Premiership shall be awarded as follows:

Events: Open, Under 23, Under 21, Under 19, Under 17 and Under 15

Basis: One point per crew member (excluding coxswain) per starting crew or sculler, two points per winning crew or sculler, four points per winning Championship crew or sculler.

Club Premiership

Points for the Club Premiership shall be awarded as follows:

Events: Rowing Score A, B, and C.

Basis: One point per crew member (excluding coxswain) per starting crew or sculler. Two points per winning crew or sculler. Four points per winning Championship crew or sculler.

Masters Premiership (Field G. Rickards Trophy)

Points for the Master's Premiership shall be awarded as follows:

Events: Masters

Basis: One point per crew member (excluding coxswain) per starting crew or sculler, two points per winning crew or sculler, four points per winning Championship crew or sculler.

Champion Club Premiership

A Champion Club Trophy shall be awarded within RV's Regatta Program where clubs shall be awarded one point per winning crew or sculler in all divisions and events for Men, Women and Masters at any official RV Regatta. Composite Crews shall not be eligible for points.

Rower of the Year Awards

Points for Grade Rower 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 which has also benefited rowing in Victoria.

The Bob Duncan Award. This award acknowledges the commitment and professionalism of our umpires.

The Susie Palfreyman Award. This award is for distinguished Service to school Rowing

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 10 MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

RV has adopted the RA Member Protection Policy which is available [here](#).

APPENDIX 11 COMPETITION COMMISSION POLICIES

11.1 Procedure to Determine Allocation of Regatta Dates in the Case of a Conflict between Applications

Purpose: Methodology needs to be developed to effectively and fairly allocate regatta dates should two or more applications be received to conduct regattas (consisting of the same events) on the same date under the Expressions of Interest process.

Procedure: To be considered applicants must first comply with the Policy and Procedures Part 3 Regatta Operations – clause 25 Regatta Applications and Approvals (as attached). For the purposes of clarity member associations that are not Clubs will be considered on the basis of the Clubs that form the association. (i.e. GRA will be considered to comprise its member schools and clubs). Applicants who satisfy this requirement and have submitted an Expression of Interest for the same date(s) will be notified and requested to make a more detailed submission based around the following evaluation system:

Evaluation Ranking –

Event/Applicant/Course	On Water	Off Water	Organisation	Other Factors	Total
	5	5	5	5	20

Basis upon which points will be allocated by the Competition Commission.

Points will be determined using the reporting and review processes on the following scale: 1-unsatisfactory, 2-satisfactory, 3-good, 4-very good, 5-excellent.

On Water: To be determined via the Referees report for the last regatta run by the applicant, this will include the extent to which a regatta host has prepared the course in response to the directives and guidelines of RV and the FOPD.

Off Water: To be determined via the Referees report for the last regatta run by the applicant, this will include an assessment as to how well the regatta host met the minimum standards set out in the Application documents.

Organisation: To be assessed based upon the experience and depth of the Organising Committee submitted by the applicant and may include such factors as longevity of the regatta etc.

Other factors: Any other factors which may be raised by the applicant considered relevant by the Competition Commission which may include such material as participation levels and trends, political factors etc.

Overriding considerations:

Preference will be given in the first instance to applications that conform to the draft competitive format.

Incumbent regatta committees that comply with the Policies and Procedures and the draft competitive format will take preference over other applicants for a date.

Conclusion:

The Competition Commission will make a recommendation to the Board based upon this evaluation. The completed evaluation process and any submissions will be available to conflicting applicants upon request.

11.2 Entry policy for School Events

The entry policy for regattas aims to provide an equitable management framework that addresses the diversity of rowing programs across schools given the variation in school enrolments and available resources.

This regatta entry process applies with respect to the number of Fours, Quads and Eights entered at each level, being the Year 9, Year 10 and Senior levels. RV reserves the right to review and adjust entries in the best interests of all competitors.

Specifically, and with respect to any single level:

- 1 A school enters Fours or Quads in divisions commencing with Division 3, in line with the reference table 1 given below.
- 2 Where a school enters both Fours and Quads, the rules apply as if they were entered in the same boat class.
- 3 Where the mixture of boat classes entered by a school includes Eights, then each Eight is to be deemed as two Fours or Quads. Refer to Table 2 for Eights only entries.
- 4 Where a school enters 4 or more Single Scullers, that school will be deemed to have entered a Four or Quad as if it was their lowest-level Division for this Entry Policy. Thus for example, four Single Scullers and a Quad would mean that the Quad would need to enter Division 2.
- 5 Schools may elect to enter their crews in higher divisions than indicated by this Policy.

Table 1: Entry Policy Reference Table for Fours and Quads. Note: all crew entries will be reviewed at close of entries.

	Div. 1	Div. 2	Div. 3	Div. 4	Div. 5	Div. 6	Div. 7	Div. 8
One crew			X					
Two crews		X	X					
Three crews	X	X	X					
Four crews	X	X	X	X				
Five crews	X	X	X	X	X			
Six crews	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Seven crews	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Eight crews	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Table 2: Entry Policy Reference Table for a School only entering Eights.

	Div. 1	Div. 2	Div. 3
One crew		X	
Two crews	X	X	
Three crews	X	X	X

APPENDIX 12 STAGING AGREEMENTS

Staging Agreements will be distributed to regatta hosts and will be available on the Rowing Victoria [website](#)

APPENDIX 13 RV FEES AND LEVIES

All fees quoted below are inclusive of GST.

Rowing Competitor Affiliations – 2022-23 Season

Competitor Affiliation	
Senior Competitive Member (incl. Coxswain)	\$90.00
Junior Competitive Member (incl. Coxswain)	\$35.00
Recreational Member (incl. Coxswain)	\$20.00
School Competitive Member (incl. Coxswain)	\$35.00
Membership Transfer Disputes	\$30.00

School Affiliations

25 Registered Competitors or less	\$425.00
26-50 Registered Competitors	\$590.00
51-75 Registered Competitors	\$770.00
76-100 Registered Competitors	\$950.00
101 or more Registered Competitors	\$1,140.00

Club Affiliations

25 Registered Competitors or less	\$425.00
26-50 Registered Competitors	\$785.00
51-75 Registered Competitors	\$1,145.00
76-100 Registered Competitors	\$1,505.00
101 or more Registered Competitors	\$1,885.00

Association Affiliation	\$425.00
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Regatta Entry Fees

Category 1 Regatta entry fee per seat	\$18.50
Category 2 Regatta entry fee per seat	\$16.50
Category 3 Regatta entry fee per seat	\$15.50
School events entry fee per seat (trophy provided)	\$11.00
School events entry fee per seat (no trophy provided)	\$10.00
Master's entry fee	\$16.50

RV Levy on Regatta Entry Fees

Entry Fee Levy per seat	\$4.75
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Other Regatta Fees

Rescue Levy per Seat*	\$2.25
First Aid Levy per day per First Aid staff member	\$250.00
Regatta Hosting Fee	\$250.00

* The minimum daily rescue levy is \$1650.00

Fines

Non Appearances (per crew/sculler, per occurrence) (By-Law 46)	\$200.00
Late Scratchings (per crew/sculler, per occurrence) (By-Law 46)	\$100.00
Interfering with crews whilst competing in a race (By Law 46)	\$200.00
Failure to advise name of substitute (per occurrence) (By-Law 46)	\$21.00
Failure to provide a Level 1 BRO as rostered (per BRO, per occurrence)	\$200.00
Late Entries will be charged at double the applicable entry fee (RV to retain the Late Entry Fee) (By-Law 46)	
Failure to pay by direct debit – By-Law 54 (7) lesser of 10% invoice or \$50	

Coaching Courses

Level 1 Coaching Course	\$180.00
Level 2 Coaching Course	\$360.00

APPENDIX 14 RV APPEALS POLICY

PART 1 - RV Appeals Tribunal

Important Note: Certain words and expressions, where used in this Appeals Policy have a defined meaning, particular to this Appeals Policy. Please refer to Part 3 - Interpretation for the meaning of the defined words.

References in this Appeals Policy to provisions are reference to provisions in this Appeals Policy unless specified otherwise.

- 1.1. RV will appoint a Permanent Tribunal Chairperson from time to time and one or more Alternate Tribunal Chairpersons to act from time to time as Tribunal Chairperson of an Appeals Tribunal. RV reserves the right at any time and from time to time to replace or remove any Tribunal Chairperson or fill any casual vacancy, provided that each Tribunal Chairperson will be a Judge or have been admitted to practice as a Barrister or Solicitor in any State or Territory of Australia, or be a retired Judge, barrister or solicitor.
- 1.2. As and when required, RV or the Permanent Tribunal Chairperson at the request of RV will establish an Appeals Tribunal that will consist of the Permanent Tribunal Chairperson or an Alternate Tribunal Chairperson who will act as Tribunal Chairperson.
- 1.3. In the case of any appeal in relation to selection to or removal from a State Team selected for competing at an Event, or in any other case nominated at the discretion of the RV Board, the Appeal Tribunal will consist of:
 - (a) the Permanent Tribunal Chairperson or an Alternate Tribunal Chairperson who will act as Tribunal Chairperson;
 - (b) a person with a thorough knowledge of rowing who has preferably had recent international or State competition experience in rowing; and
 - (c) one other person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the Appeals Tribunal,who will constitute a quorum for the purpose of hearing and determining any appeal under Part 2, provided that with the consent of the Appellant and RV, the Appeals Tribunal may be constituted by two persons, one of whom must be the Permanent Tribunal Chairperson or an Alternate Tribunal Chairperson.
- 1.4. No person appointed to an Appeals Tribunal may hear and consider any appeal if they are an RV Board member, an Officer of a Member Association or a Selector or if by reason of his or her relationship with:
 - (a) the Appellant;
 - (b) any member of the Board of RV;
 - (c) any of the Selectors; or
 - (d) any persons whose interests may be affected by the outcome of the appeal;they would be reasonably considered to be other than impartial.
- 1.5. Should an Appellant or any other party to an appeal challenge the impartiality of any member of the Appeals Tribunal, the challenge will be determined by the Tribunal Chairperson sitting alone. In the case of a challenge to the Tribunal Chairperson, the challenge will be determined by the Alternate Tribunal Chairperson sitting alone.

- 1.6. Each Appeals Tribunal will be bound by the following requirements:
- 1.6.1. It must observe the principles of natural justice;
 - 1.6.2. it is not restricted solely to the rules of evidence and may inform itself as to any matter in such manner as it thinks fit;
 - 1.6.3. it will conduct its hearings with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as the gravity and proper consideration of the matter permits;
 - 1.6.4. hearings may occur in such manner as the Tribunal Chairperson decides, including telephone or video conferencing;
 - 1.6.5. each Appellant must establish one or more grounds of appeal to the reasonable satisfaction of the Appeal Tribunal with full regard to the full importance and gravity of the issue;
 - 1.6.6. the parties to an appeal will not be entitled to be represented by a barrister or solicitor save with the leave of the Tribunal Chairperson, which will only be given in exceptional circumstances and, if given, may be given unconditionally or on such conditions as the Tribunal Chairperson thinks fit;
 - 1.6.7. if a question of law arises during the course of a hearing, the Tribunal may, at the request of the parties or at the discretion of the Tribunal Chairperson, adjourn the hearing of the appeal in order to obtain legal advice;
 - 1.6.8. the Tribunal Chairperson may require the parties to attend a directions hearing or hearings (whether in person or by any other means of communication determined upon by the Tribunal Chairperson) and the Tribunal Chairperson may give directions from time to time to assist in the efficient and expeditious conduct of the hearing;
 - 1.6.9. if the Tribunal Chairperson is of the view that the outcome of the appeal may affect the interests of any person in addition to the Appellant, the Tribunal Chairperson may, so far as practicable, require that notice be given to such other person or persons and that person or those persons may appear at the hearing of the appeal and/or make written submissions to the Appeals Tribunal;
 - 1.6.10. the Appeals Tribunal will give its decision on any appeal as soon as practicable after the hearing and will provide the CEO, the Appellant and other parties to the appeal with a written statement of the reasons for its decision;
 - 1.6.11. as a matter of usual practice, the Appeals Tribunal will in the case of any successful appeal refer the question or matter the subject of the appeal back to the Selectors for determination in accordance with the Selection Policy, save that the Appeals Tribunal may itself conclusively determine the issue which is the subject of the appeal where:
 - (a) it has determined that:
 - (i) it would, in the view of the Appeals Tribunal, be impractical to refer the question back to the Selectors in the time available in which entries to the Event must be submitted by RV or an Event Governing Body; or
 - (ii) there has been such a disregard of the Selection Criteria or other provisions of the Selection Policy by or on behalf of the Selectors

that a reasonable person could reasonably conclude that it is unlikely that the Selection Criteria or Selection Policy will be properly followed and/or implemented; and

- (b) prior to making the determination in paragraph 1.6.11, the Appeals Tribunal has advised the parties and all persons whose interests may be affected by the outcome of the appeal of:
 - (i) the possibility of it making such a determination; and
 - (ii) that it may itself conclusively determine the issue of selection; andpermitting the parties and all such persons the opportunity to make submissions and give evidence in respect thereof.

Where the Appeals Tribunal refers the question or matter the subject of the appeal back to the Selectors for determination in accordance with the Selection Policy, the Selectors must also make the subsequent determination in accordance with any further directions or guidance from the Appeals Tribunal and provide reasons for their subsequent determination to the RV Board;

- 1.6.12. each Appellant must attend their appeal hearing in person or (if the Tribunal Chairperson has decided the hearing will occur by telephone or video conferencing) over the audio or audio and visual link established for the purposes of the hearing; and
- 1.6.13. notwithstanding anything else in this Appeals Policy, the Appeals Tribunal may give its decision on any appeal on the papers (i.e. without holding a hearing) if so determined by the Tribunal having regard to the principles of natural justice. The Appeals Tribunal will give its decision on any appeal on the papers as soon as practicable after its decision.
- 1.7. Notwithstanding paragraph 1.6.11, the Appeals Tribunal will in the case of any successful appeal on the ground that the decision was affected by actual bias (paragraph 2.4.3) refer the question or matter the subject of the appeal back to the Selectors for determination in accordance with the Selection Policy, save that RV must first replace the Selector or Selectors whose decision was in the opinion of the Appeals Tribunal affected by actual bias, with another Selector or Selectors of RV's sole discretion for the purpose of determining the question or matter the subject of the successful appeal.
- 1.8. Underage Athletes; Under 21, Under 19 and Under 18 athletes have no right of appeal.

PART 2 - RV Appeals Process

- 2.1. Subject to paragraphs 2.7 and 2.8, any decision of the Selectors or RV made pursuant to the powers in the following sub-paragraphs of the Selection Policy is made subject to the appeals process set out in this Appeals Policy:
 - 2.1.1. paragraph 5.6.2 of the Selection Policy (selection to State Team);
 - 2.1.2. paragraph 5.6.3 of the Selection Policy (removal from State Team);
 - 2.1.3. paragraph 5.6.5 of the Selection Policy (progressive selection to the State Team pursuant to the Selection Requirements);
 - 2.1.4. paragraph 5.6.9 of the Selection Policy (suspension); and

2.1.5. paragraph 1.4.2 of the Selection Policy (failure to meet participation undertakings and requirements).

For the avoidance of doubt, an Athlete has no right of appeal against the size or rowing discipline of boat or crew in which the Athlete has been allocated to compete at the Event for which the Athlete sought selection.

2.2. Any appeal against an Appellable Decision will be addressed according to the following procedure:

2.2.1. The appeal will proceed and be heard within the timeframes prescribed in the Appeals Policy by an Appeals Tribunal established by RV in accordance with the Appeals Policy;

2.2.2. Any subsequent appeal will be heard by the RV Board.

2.3. If there is more than one appeal to an Appeals Tribunal or to the RV Board that impacts upon the selection of a team or crew to compete in an Event or in respect of the same position for an individual Athlete, then at the direction of the Tribunal Chairperson such appeals may be consolidated and heard together on such terms or subject to such procedures as the Tribunal Chairperson determines in their discretion.

2.4. The sole grounds for any appeal to the Appeals Tribunal are that:

2.4.1. the express requirements of the Selection Policy or (where applicable) the Selection Criteria have not been properly followed and/or implemented; or

2.4.2. the Participant was not afforded a reasonable opportunity by RV to satisfy the Selection Criteria; or

2.4.3. the decision was affected by actual bias; or

2.4.4. there was no material on which the decision of the Selectors could reasonably be based.

2.5. Any appeal by an Athlete against an Appellable Decision must be made in accordance with the following procedure:

2.5.1. before submitting a notice of appeal, the Appellant must first have attended a debrief with one or more of the Selectors regarding the Appellable Decision (whether in person or by any other means of communication). For the avoidance of doubt, failure to attend a debrief in accordance with this paragraph 2.5.1 will preclude an Appellant from proceeding with an appeal under this Appeals Policy;

2.5.2. within 24 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made, or of the debrief (2.5.1) whichever is the later, the Appellant must give written notice including the grounds of that appeal (not exceeding two pages in length) to the CEO;

2.5.3. Within 24 hours of receiving the Appellant's notice of appeal the Selectors will provide the CEO and the Appellant with a written statement of the reasons for the decision against which the appeal is made (not exceeding two pages in length); and

2.5.4. In the case of an appeal by an Athlete against any failure to be selected in a State Team or selection or invitation for progression pursuant to the Selection Requirements, then:

a) the announcement of the decision can arise from an omission to name

the Athlete in a State Team or State Squad or list of invitees for progression;

- b) the time for appealing the decision under paragraph 2.4 shall commence on the first announcement of a decision under which the Athlete is omitted from selection or further consideration for selection; and
- c) the Athlete shall have only one right of appeal in respect of the circumstances leading to omission under the first announcement.

- 2.6. The decision of the Appeals Tribunal will be binding on the parties and, subject only to any appeal to the RV Board under paragraphs 2.7 and 2.8, neither party may institute or maintain proceedings in any Court or Tribunal other than the said Appeals Tribunal.
- 2.7. The sole grounds for any appeal against a decision of the Appeals Tribunal are:
- 2.7.1. a breach of the rules of natural justice by the Appeals Tribunal; or
 - 2.7.2. that the decision of the Appeals Tribunal is otherwise wrong in law.
- 2.8. Any appeal from a decision of the Appeals Tribunal must be solely and exclusively resolved by the RV Board.

PART 3 - Interpretation

3.1. Meaning of Expressions and Words

In this Appeals Policy the following expressions, abbreviations and words shall have the following respective meanings:

Alternate Tribunal Chairperson means an alternate Tribunal Chairperson as appointed from time to time by RV.

Appeals Policy means the RV Appeals Policy as issued and amended by RV from time to time.

Appellable Decision means the **decisions** listed in paragraph 2.1 of the Appeals Policy and Appellable Decisions means any two or more of them.

Athletes include oarsmen, oarswomen and coxes.

Chair of Selectors means the person (if any) appointed by the RV Board from time to time as the Chair of Selectors.

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer for the time being of RV, and in the absence of any such person, then the person nominated by the RV Board.

Event means Interstate Championship, Masters Interstate Championship, National Pathway Regatta, State regatta or any other event approved by the RV Board for which the Participant nominated for selection.

Event Governing Body means the governing body or bodies having responsibility or jurisdiction in relation to the conduct of or participation at the Event,

Extenuating Circumstances means an inability to compete and/or attend at an Event, trial, training camp or satisfy any other attendance required under the Selection Policy, or the Selection Requirements arising from:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) equipment failure;
- (c) travel delays;
- (d) bereavement; and/or

- (e) any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

Member Association means a Club or School that is a member of RV.

State Squad means the State Squad (if any) specified or provided for in the Event Requirements, for formation prior to selection of Participants in a State Team.

State Team means the State Team selected to compete at the Event.

Nomination Form means the Nomination Form specified by RV for the relevant Event or Events and without limitation may include two or more documents such as a notification of nomination and terms and conditions of nomination.

Officer of a Member Association means any of the following:

- (a) a delegate of the Member Association;
- (b) a secretary or a voting member of the executive board or committee of management or equivalent of the Member Association;
- (c) an employee of a Member Association; or
- (d) an employee of any State or State institute of sport.

Officials includes support staff.

Participants means Athletes and Coaches who nominate for selection in a State Team in relation to an Event and includes Athletes and Coaches who are members of a State Team.

Permanent Tribunal Chairperson means the Permanent Tribunal Chairperson appointed from time to time by RV.

RV means Rowing Victoria

RV Board means the board of RV elected or appointed in accordance with the constitution of RV and responsible for the day-to-day management of RV.

RV Policies means the policies, by-laws and rules of RV as in force from time to time including without limitation, the Anti-Doping Policy and Codes of Conduct for Athletes, Coaches and Officials.

RV Website means www.rowingvictoria.asn.au

Selection Criteria means the criteria specified in Part 3 of the Selection Policy.

Selection Requirements means those events in which participants must take part for the purpose of selection.

Selection Policy means the Selection Policy and includes without limitation any annexures and the Selection Requirements and the Appeals Policy.

Selectors means the panel of selectors appointed by RV from time to time as Selectors.

Squad means a squad of athletes and Coaches nominated or selected by RV and at RV's discretion categorised by any one or more of gender, weight class, rowing discipline, event or location.

Team includes where the context permits crew or sculler.

Tribunal Chairperson means the Chairman or Chairwoman of an Appeals Tribunal, being the Permanent Tribunal Chairperson or an Alternate Tribunal Chairperson.

Under Age means any Event (other than a Masters Event) where race eligibility is determined by the Athletes age

APPENDIX 15 HEAD RACING RULES AND GUIDELINES

Head Races will be governed by the Rules of Rowing Victoria with the addition of these guidelines specific to head racing. The Host must also ensure the Safety Management Plan is in effect for the regatta. Any questions regarding any aspect of these rules and guidelines should be directed to Rowing Victoria or the Field of Play Director prior to the day of the race.

HEAD RACING RULES

Starting Procedure

All boats must be in the marshalling area at least 5 minutes prior to the start of their race if there is marshalling room for all competitors (or at least 5 minutes prior to the start if crews can access the launching area and start line without disrupting racing). Once in the marshalling zone, boats must line up parallel to one another in race order with odd numbers on one side and even numbers on the other side leaving a gap down the middle and only proceed single file once you approach the start line (or line up accordingly on the start line and wait for "NUMBER..... GO"). Warm-ups will be limited on most courses other than rowing to the start. All starts must be running and crews must be started approx 20-40 metres from the timing point.

Starting Procedure for Late Arriving Boats

Late arriving boats must await instruction from the Marshals or Starter. Boats that arrive late may be allowed to start behind their assigned position, but only at the discretion of the Starter.

Crews will be started in reverse order fastest to slowest and in event brackets.

Racing

All racing must be run in accordance with RV Rules of Racing. Anyone contravening the rules will be disqualified.

Rivers used for head racing must be closed for the duration of the race to all other river users.

Should an injury or breakage occur or a competitor becomes separated from any part of their equipment during the running of an event, the boat or crew must pull over to the bank as soon as is practical and wait for the race to pass. If a competitor is in the water and it is unsafe to retrieve equipment out of the way of racing crews, they must leave the equipment and make their way to the shore (provided they do not need the buoyancy of the vessel for survival). Competitors must not resume racing without permission from first aid/rescue and a boat race official.

If a competitor requires medical assistance, they should refer to the closest marshal who will contact a safety boat.

It is very important for all crews to continue rowing lightly having crossed the finish line to avoid collision from crews still finishing.

All crews MUST obey marshals at all times. Failure to do so may result in disqualification or incur a time penalty. Umpires can apply sanctions for the following:

- Intentional interference or any boat showing blatant disregard for safety
- Cause of minor or major collision
- Finish infringement
- Crossing the course without the consent of an official

- Use of audible profanity
- Sitting in the way of other finishing crews on the finish line

Respect for the safety of other competitors and their equipment must be observed at all times. At no time should an oar be used in anger toward another crew or competitor.

During racing, boats must stay on the course, which is between any buoys that are set up on the course and indicated on the course maps.

Overtaking Rule

A boat is deemed to be overtaking when it has its bow ball within half a length of the stern of the boat in front. When this occurs, the slower boat must not block or obstruct the faster crew. The faster boat must be prudent and delay the act of passing if a pass cannot be accomplished without incident

Additional

1. The race host and or the President of the Jury reserves the right to sanction or disqualify any competitor or crew who appears to violate the spirit of the race.
2. Sanctions must be published per regatta by the regatta host
3. The referee and race host have the right to postpone or cancel the regatta due to adverse weather, darkness or safety concerns. In this instance, crews forfeit race entry fees.
4. Umpires may direct competitors for safety and/or fairness at any time and these instructions must be obeyed.

RACE HOST GUIDELINES

In addition to the above rules, the Race Host must comply with the following guidelines:

Statutory Requirements

Statutory bodies, Organising Committee members and regatta staff must be supplied with the following documents:

- 1) Safety plans
- 2) Communications plan
- 3) Emergency communications plan
- 4) Competitor notes and safety guidelines
- 5) Course Map

Competitor notes and safety guidelines (4) and the course map (5) must also be supplied to all competitors.

- 1) Safety plans
 - a) all points raised in the competitor notes and safety guidelines (see below)
 - b) boat race official/marshal location specifications
 - c) list of duties to be performed by safety marshals that differ from regular racing. For example, the warning of crews to change course to avoid a potential incident.
 - d) course map with emergency access points marked
 - e) description of the points of danger and their location
- 2) Communications plan
 - a) A list of all staff working on the day including back-up contact numbers for regatta staff and rescue (should radio communication fail)
 - b) Emergency services numbers
 - c) Protocol if access restricted by other on water activity

3) Emergency communications plan

- a) The document entitled 'Emergency Communications Plan' contained in the Regatta Resources Kit (for on-water and off-water emergencies)
- b) Competitor notes and safety guidelines
- c) Instructions for safe progression to the start
- d) starting procedure details (marshalling, "NUMBER.....GO", marshalling buoys, distance between "GO" and the timing point etc
- e) passing rule
- f) description of the course
- g) details of any hazards along the course and how these are marked (via warning buoys)
- h) briefing time
- i) presentation time
- j) details on warm-up area if applicable
- k) details on safe steering of the course (separate for coxswains if applicable)
- l) finishing/warm-down instructions including clearing the finish line as soon as crossing the line and ensuring right of way at all times for those competitors still finishing
- m) a request for competitors to view the course maps and take due care at all times for the safety of themselves, their craft and other competitors
- n) a directive that competitors who are involved in an accident or capsize will not return to racing unless cleared by rescue/first aid and the boat race officials
- o) details of river closures
- p) following/viewing details for coaches/spectators
- q) Acceptance of BRO directives as necessary

5) Course map

- a) scale map of course
- b) hazards (including bridges, land forms etc)
- c) marshalling area
- d) start, finish, timing points
- e) indication of the course length
- f) transit lane (if applicable)
- g) warm-up area (if applicable)
- h) no-go zones (eg. area reserved for other boating craft)
- i) rescue boat locations
- j) regatta amenities as per regular regattas such as first aid, toilets, bow numbers, rigging/racking area
- k) location of boat race officials

The number and location of safety marshals required at each regatta will be specified by the Field of Play Director. Safety marshals/BROs will be positioned so each crew will be within clear view of a marshal at all times during racing.

CONDUCT OF THE EVENT

Course Set-up

- a) The river / course should be closed for a Head Race.
- b) Buoys should be set-up denoting danger areas, changes in course, marshalling, transit/return lanes and funnelling (through bridge arches)
- c) Designated "no-overtaking zones" are to be clearly marked on course maps.

- d) Clear start and finish line/posts/buoys
- e) Signage for changes to regular river rules
- f) Signage denoting a regatta in progress and river closures

Competitors Briefing

A competitors' briefing should be conducted prior to the event and contain a verbal summary of the competitors' notes and safety guidelines and discussion of course hazards in reference to a map that all competitors can view.

Timing

Timing is the responsibility of the regatta host.

Rescue

- a) Rescue will be provided by Life Saving Victoria or a suitable provider who equals or surpasses the accreditation required by LSV
- b) Minimum standards
- c) 2 - 5km = 2 professionally employed rescue craft plus one rescue provided by local club with 1 first aid qualified person + licensed driver, first aid kit and PFDs
- d) 5 - 10km = 3 professionally employed rescue craft plus one rescue provided by local club with 1 first aid qualified person + licensed driver, first aid kit and PFDs

Crew Seeding

- a) Events categories should be drawn fastest (anticipated) boats to slowest boats.
- b) Crews should be started in order from expected fastest to slowest within their event brackets. Crews should be sent off 20-30 seconds apart.
- c) Time between event brackets should be no less than 1 minute in duration to allow sufficient time for the competitors to clear the start.

Progression to the Start

- a) In the interest of competitor comfort, 1 hour is the maximum length of time allowed from the time a competitor leaves the staging to their start time. Crews should leave the staging in start order.
- b) Each crew and sculler is responsible for being on time for their event.

Masters Results

The host may choose one of the following

- a) Handicaps based on RA/FISA Masters Handicaps
- b) Stuart Wilson Handicapping system (2007-08)
- c) Other approved by RV

1 Introduction and Participation in State Selection

Important Note: Certain words and expressions, where used in this Selection Policy have a defined meaning, particular to this document. Please refer to Part 7 - Interpretation for the meaning of the defined words.

1.1 Objective and Principles

- 1.1.1 The objective of RV is that its representative crews are selected to win each event for which they are entered and that its State Teams are the most successful State program in Australia.
- 1.1.2 There are three principles for the selection process:
 - a) That the best crews are selected to meet the objective;
 - b) That all Participants be given sufficient notice of the Selection Requirements to allow them to prepare themselves; and
 - c) That all athletes feel they have equal opportunity.

1.2 Application

The Selection Policy applies to all Athletes and Coaches who nominate for selection or participation in a State Team and also those who are members of a State Team, all of whom shall be included in the expression "Participants".

1.3 Nomination and Documentation

- 1.3.1 All Participants wishing to be considered for selection must complete and return the Nomination Form electronically and by the date and time specified in the Nomination Form.
- 1.3.2 The Chair of Selectors, in consultation with Selectors, may accept, in the Chair's sole discretion, a completed Nomination Form after the specified date or time.
- 1.3.3 All Participants wishing to be considered for selection must be a current financial member of a club or school which is a member of RV.

1.4 Participation Undertaking and Requirements

- 1.4.1 By nominating for selection each Athlete and Coach undertakes and agrees to abide and be bound by the terms and requirements of:
 - a) the Selection Policy (including the requirements and provisions of any annexures, the Selection Requirements and the Appeals Policy);
 - b) the Nomination Form;
 - c) the RV Policies;
 - d) the policies and by-laws of the Event Governing Body; and
 - e) A Participant also agrees to be bound by any additional or amended requirements of RV or an Event Governing Body as notified from time to time by publication or notification in accordance with Part 6 of the Selection Policy.
- 1.4.2 RV may remove a Participant from consideration for selection to the State Team, the State Squad or (if applicable) from the State Team or State Squad itself if RV determines (and has not excused) in its sole discretion that the Participant has at any time engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which has brought or would have the tendency to bring the Participant or rowing into disrepute or censure, or which would be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of RV, or as a result of which the Participant's membership would not be in the best interests of the State Team.

2 Selection Overview

2.1 Selection Background Information

- 2.1.1 Participants are required to attend and meet the Selection Requirements for the Event or Events for which they have nominated. This may include mandatory trialling, testing, camps and regattas.
- 2.1.2 On occasions, progression through the Selection Requirements will be subject to invitation by the Selectors to the next stage of the activity plan within the Selection Requirements. The Selection Requirements may specify the manner in which progression and invitation is determined. Subject to any specific directions or requirements, the Selectors will consider the Selection Criteria set out in the Selection Policy and use their discretion in inviting Participants to progress to the next stage.
- 2.1.3 RV reserves the right to request individual sports science and sports medicine testing and the like to assist in considering any of the Selection Criteria or the requirements of the Selection Requirements as well as the Participant's condition. Further testing can be requested during the selection trials in addition to those listed in the Selection Requirements, to measure performance against any of the selection criteria.
- 2.1.4 On occasion, the Selectors may have cause to employ various forms of progression at their discretion to select members of a team or a crew or crews. This may include the formation of a State Squad and RV through its Selectors reserves the right to remove or add Participants to or from a State Squad or State Team. The grounds on which Selectors can remove a Participant from a State Team are set out in Part 5 of the Selection Policy.
- 2.1.5 The Selectors, within a reasonable time of allocating members of the State Team to a squad, will also announce when and on what basis the Selectors propose allocating members of that squad to a specific crew or crews.

3 Selection Criteria

3.1 All Participants

The selection criteria that will be taken into account by the Selectors in selecting rowers, coxes and coaches for the State Team from the Participants include:

- a) satisfaction of the Selection Requirements;
- b) performance in trialling and competition as specified in the Selection Requirements;
- c) results including, as appropriate, ergometer results, race results including current and past State and National Team performances, sports science or medical tests or considerations, ability to maintain required training loads, ability to make and maintain weight (lightweights and coxes);
- d) the athlete's current level of skill and physical fitness;
- e) any current injury or condition, which will impair, inhibit or prevent the athlete's performance;

- f) in relation to any performances considered by the Selectors, relevant rowing conditions; medical conditions, or equipment breakages or malfunctions may be considered in determining the weight to be accorded to such performances;
- g) adherence to the RV Policies and guidelines;
- h) ability to train in and travel to crew or squad training locations and competitions as required or designated by RV.

3.2 Rowers

Selection criteria specific to rowers include:

- a) Coach input;
- b) Factors relevant to crew combination, e.g. crew compatibility, technical compatibility, and crew balance and harmony.

3.3 Coxes

Selection criteria specific to coxes include:

- a) Ability to steer straight with minimal rudder adjustments;
- b) Ability to sustain the required weight;
- c) Ability to control the crew and the race (possibly tested by recording of calls);
- d) Coach input;
- e) Consultation with Athletes.

3.4 Coaches

Selection criteria specific to Coaches include:

- a) current and past record as a Coach, including performance of domestic and State crews coached, including performance of crews coached at Selection Events, management of those crews and a proven capacity to relate appropriately with Athletes, Coaches, Officials and RV;
- b) consultation with Athletes;
- c) compatibility with Athletes;
- d) adherence to the RV Policies, completion of all documentation;
- e) for Under Age selections, potential development of the Coach for subsequent State Teams.

4. Appealing Selection Decisions

4.1 Appeal Procedure

Any appeal against an Appellable Decision will proceed and be heard within the timeframes prescribed in the Appeals Policy by an Appeals Tribunal established by RV in accordance with the Appeals Policy;

4.2 Appeals Policy

The terms of the Appeals Policy form part of the Selection Policy and apply to and are binding on all Athletes.

4.3 Underage Athletes

Under 21, Under 19 and Under 18 Athletes have no right of appeal.

5. Powers, Procedures and Functions

5.1 RV Board: The Constitution

Under the RV constitution, the Board is responsible for managing the affairs of RV. This includes, but is not limited to:

- 5.1.1 Appointing Selectors and a Chair of Selectors who will manage and control all aspects of the selection of State Teams in accordance with the Selection Policy; and
- 5.1.2 For the State Team for each Event, the Chair of Selectors shall explain to the RV Board the process followed to comply with the Selection Policy and applicable Selection Requirements, and the Board, if satisfied with the process, shall ratify the selection of that State Team.

5.2 RV Board: Selection Requirements

- 5.2.1 Where the RV Board has determined that RV will enter an event, the Board shall issue Selection Requirements for each such State Team and the Selection Requirements will be notified to Participants in accordance with Part 6 of the Selection Policy.
- 5.2.2 The Selection Requirements shall form part of the Selection Policy and shall bind each Athlete and Coach that nominates for consideration for selection to the State Team for the Event and RV may issue the Selection Requirements wholly or partially by way of updates or bulletins.

5.3 RV Board: Miscellaneous

Additional powers of the RV Board include without limitation:

- a) amending the composition and structure of the selection panels from time to time and in so doing notifying Athletes in accordance with Part 6 of the Selection Policy;
- b) approving changes or additions to the Selection Policy or Selection Requirements;
- c) appointing from time to time a Selectors Delegate or Delegates to assist with the selection of interstate based Athletes and crews to the State Team, and with such powers delegated by the Selectors in accordance with paragraph 5.6;

5.4 Formation of the Selection Panels

- 5.4.1 The selection panel for Senior and Para-Rowing State Teams shall be comprised of two (2) people, appointed by RV and the Chair of Selectors. The selection panel will meet to carry out the functions and exercise the powers of the Selectors for each men's and women's Senior and Para-Rowing State Team and administer the process of selection of Participants to be members of that State Team within the guidelines and requirements of the Selection Policy.
- 5.4.2 The selection panel for Under Age State Teams shall be comprised of two (2) people, appointed by RV and the Chair of Selectors. The selection panel will meet to carry out the functions and exercise the powers of the Selectors for each Under Age State Team and administer the process of selection of Participants to be members of that State Team within the guidelines and requirements of the Selection Policy.

- 5.4.3 The selection panel for Masters State Teams shall be comprised of up to two (2) people, appointed by RV and the Chair of Selectors. The selection panel will meet to carry out the functions and exercise the powers of the Selectors for each men's and women's Masters State Team and administer the process of selection of Participants to be members of that State Team within the guidelines and requirements of the Selection Policy.
- 5.4.4 To enable a staggered replacement system for selection panels, members shall be appointed for two (2) year terms, with each panel replacing one (1) appointed selector annually. The Chair of Selectors will be appointed for a two (2) year term.

5.5 Selectors: Selection Decisions

- 5.5.1 The Selectors have an absolute discretion in relation to a Participant:
 - a) in selection to a State Squad or State Team;
 - b) in removal from a State Squad or State Team;
 - c) in progression of a Participant through the events in the Selection Requirements;
 - d) in allocation to or removal from a nominated crew or boat;
- 5.5.2 Where a Coach has been nominated by the Selectors as the preferred or allocated Coach of a crew nominated for a State Squad or a State Team then the Selectors will consult with that Coach prior to finalising selection of the Athletes to that crew. The final decision will rest with the Selectors and not the Coach who will provide consultative assistance only.
- 5.5.3 In exercising their discretion, Selection Panels shall meet and their decisions shall be by majority vote:
 - a) subject to the appeal provisions of this Selection Policy and approval by the RV Board pursuant to paragraph 5.1.2, the decision of the Selectors shall be final; and
 - b) Selectors shall provide a debrief to any Participant who wishes to appeal a decision as required under 2.5.1 of the Appeals Policy; and
 - c) Selectors must consult with and otherwise advise a Participant or Participants in respect of a particular selection decision.

5.6 Selectors: Authorities of Selectors

The Selectors shall have the following functions, responsibilities and authorities under the Selection Policy, as well as any additional or varied functions pursuant to the Selection Requirements:

- 5.6.1 Inclusion of Athletes and Coaches in a State Squad (if any) in accordance with the provisions of the Selection Requirements, and allocation of members of the State Squad, including coxes and Coaches to a specific crew or squad, their training location and variation of any such allocation or location from time to time;
- 5.6.2 Selection of Athletes and Coaches to be recommended to the RV Board as members of a State Team to compete at an Event in accordance with the Selection Criteria;
- 5.6.3 Removal of any Athlete or Coach from a State Squad;
- 5.6.4 Removal of any Athlete or Coach from a State Team where, in the opinion of the Selectors the member:

- a) has breached or failed to observe the requirements of the Selection Policy or the Selection Requirements;
 - b) by reason of illness or injury is unable to perform to the required standard, after having received advice from the athlete's personal medical practitioner (if any);
 - c) breaches or fails to observe a requirement of any of the RV Policies;
 - d) breaches or fails to observe the requirements of an Event Governing Body in relation to the Event;
- 5.6.5 Progressive selection of Participants to the State Team as a named crew, single sculler, or category named in the Selection Requirements for the event, based on the requirements set out in or announced under the Selection Requirements for the Event;
- 5.6.6 Nomination, before selection, of a squad or group of Participants for trialling or progression towards selection as a member of a boat, crew or category within the State Team;
- 5.6.7 Authority to add any Participant to or remove any Participant from any squad that is trialling for selection for a specific crew or boat or category prior to selection to the State Team;
- 5.6.8 Power to exempt any Participant from the requirements of the Selection Policy or Selection Requirements, in accordance with the extenuating circumstances set out in paragraph 5.8 of this Selection Policy;
- 5.6.9 Suspend any Participant or member of a State Team whilst any breach, medical condition, performance or issue relating to attitude or compliance with an RV Policy is under investigation or review;
- 5.6.10 The early selection of a Coach or Coaches to the State Team;
- 5.6.11 The early selection of a sculler or crew including the Athletes for that crew in relation to any race or Event listed in the Selection Requirements in appropriate circumstances, having regard to the Selection Criteria, and the discretion as set out in paragraph 5.5 of the Selection Policy;
- 5.6.12 In respect of interstate based Athletes, the Selectors have power to delegate any one or more of their powers, procedures and functions to a Selectors Delegate or Delegates in relation to the conduct of the selection and trialling process of interstate based Athletes in the relevant state in which those Athletes and the relevant Selectors Delegate are based, in accordance with the requirements of those Athletes in the relevant Selection Requirements

5.7 Selectors' Discretion

- 5.7.1 The Selectors' task is defined by the objective and principles outlined in paragraph 1.1.
- 5.7.2 The Selectors do so within the range of the various Selection Criteria which they are obliged to consider, and these criteria are set out in Part 3 of the Selection Policy. The Selectors have discretion in selection to or removal of Athletes from a State Team having regard to any one or more of the Selection Criteria.

- 5.7.3 The discretion is necessarily wide, but the Selectors understand that it must be carefully exercised within the umbrella of the criteria. The Selectors may make decisions which call for a value judgment and overall assessment of the relevant criteria. In the exercise of their discretion, the Selectors are expected to bring to account those matters within the criteria that they consider to be relevant to the determination, in achieving the overall objective of the Selection Policy. In other words, the exercise of their discretion must be rational, logical and accountable, and importantly, fair to all athletes. For the Selectors to exercise their discretion prudently, judiciously and with sound judgment they are required to:
- a) act reasonably and justly;
 - b) act in good faith and for proper purposes;
 - c) consider the selection criteria; and
 - d) consider the relevant materials and disregard irrelevant considerations.
- 5.7.4 The discretion is, however necessary as rowing is a team effort where a crew combination plays a significant role, as do extraneous factors such as weather conditions. The crew will be greater than the individual, and the Selectors, when evaluating data and facts, are required to consider what factors will make the best combination or crew for the particular event. It is the relevance of each of the criteria and the weight attributable to them that is the predominant function at the Selectors discretion, when comparing Athletes' performance.

5.8 Extenuating Circumstances

- 5.8.1 Any Participant unable to compete at Selection events, trials, training camps or satisfy other requirements under the Selection Policy or the Selection Requirements must seek an exemption in writing to the Chair of Selectors, including all relevant reasons. The written advice must where practicable be given more than 24 hours before the commencement of the Selection event, trial, training camp or other attendance and in all other cases within a reasonable time of becoming aware of the failure to meet the particular requirement.
- 5.8.2 In the case of illness or injury, Participants may be required to undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner or other health professional nominated by RV, and Participants consent to the provision of information from any such practitioner or professional to the Selectors and RV.
- 5.8.3 Where any Participant, including without limitation any Participant residing interstate, seeks consideration of Extenuating Circumstances, a decision in each case will be made by the Chair of Selectors in consultation with Selectors in their sole discretion.

6 Selection Requirements General

6.1 Timing, Notification and Announcements

- 6.1.1 The RV Board will appoint an overall Chair and Selectors for each Panel defined in section 5.4 to be effective by September 1st in each year. The Chair and Selectors for each Panel will submit Selection Requirements to the Board for ratification within two weeks of their appointment or such other time as the Board may determine.
- 6.1.2 Announcements and notifications made under the Selection Policy or changes to published Selection Requirements will be published on the RV Website as soon as practicable after announcement of the decision and any announcements and decisions so published will be deemed to have been made or announced on the day of publication (prior to midday) on the RV Website or otherwise at midday on the next day following publication (in the afternoon) on the RV Website.
- 6.1.3 RV will give participants as much notice as possible of changes to Selection Requirements.

6.2 Amendments

Any change or addition to the Selection Policy or the Selection Requirements must be approved by the RV Board and will be notified to Participants via the RV Website. The change will take effect one day after publication on the RV Website, or on the date specified in the change (whichever is the later). All Participants are advised to check the RV Website on a daily basis during the process of selection for inclusion in a State Team.

6.3 Consent, Approval and Discretion

If the doing of any act, matter or thing or the exercise of any authority under this Selection Policy is dependent on the consent or approval of a person, panel or committee or is within their discretion, then the consent or approval may be given or the discretion may be exercised conditionally or unconditionally or withheld unless express provision to the contrary has been made in this Selection Policy or the Selection Requirements.

7 Meaning of Expressions and Words within Appendix 16 (Selection Policy)

In this Selection Policy the following expressions, abbreviations and words shall have the following respective meanings:

Appeals Policy means the RV Appeals Policy as issued and amended by RV from time to time.

Appealable Decision means the decisions listed in paragraph 2.1 of the Appeals Policy and Appealable Decisions means any two or more of them.

Athletes include oarsmen, oarswomen and coxes.

Chair of Selectors means the person appointed by the RV Board from time to time as the Chair of Selectors.

Event means Interstate Regatta, Masters Interstate Regatta, National Pathway Regatta or any other event approved by the RV Board for which the Participant nominated for selection.

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Extenuating Circumstances means an inability to compete and/or attend at an Event, trial, training camp or satisfy any other attendance required under the Selection Policy or the Selection Requirements arising from:

- a) injury or illness;
- b) equipment failure;
- c) travel delays;
- d) bereavement; and/or
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Officials includes support staff.

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Selection Requirements means those events in which participants must take part for the purpose of selection.

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Selectors means the panel of selectors appointed by the RV Board from time to time as Selectors.

Selectors Delegate means a person or persons appointed by the RV Board in accordance with paragraph 5.3.

Squad means a squad of athletes and Coaches nominated or selected by RV and at RV's discretion categorised by any one or more of gender, weight class, rowing discipline, event or location.

State Squad means the State Squad (if any) specified or provided for in the Selection Requirements, for formation prior to selection of Participants in a State Team.

State Team means the State Team selected to compete at the Event.

Team includes where the context permits crew or sculler.

Under Age means any Event (other than a Masters Event) where race eligibility is determined by the Athletes age.

Appendix 17 By-Laws to RULE 38— Free Construction

Requirements for racing boats & equipment:

Failure to comply with any requirements of these By-Laws shall result in a sanction up to disqualification.

Safety requirements described here are minimum requirements. It is the responsibility of the member club/school concerned and the rowers to ensure their safety with regards to their rowing equipment.

1. Boats

- 1.1 Maximum Length – All boats used in eights events shall be a minimum of two sections, with no section longer than 11.9 metres.
- 1.2 Minimum length of racing boats – The minimum overall length of a racing boat shall be 7.20 metres. This will be measured from the front of the bow ball to the furthest aft extent of the boat, which may include an extension beyond the hull. If the extension is used it will terminate in a 40 mm ball as described below. If a boat cannot be correctly aligned because it is less than the minimum overall length, the Starter may exclude the crew from the race. This Rule does not apply to boats used at para-rowing and coastal and beach sprint rowing events.
- 1.3 For all para-rowing events, athletes must meet the para-rowing equipment specifications as outlined in Appendix 6 of the RA Rules
- 1.4 For all coastal rowing events, athletes must meet the coastal and beach sprint rowing equipment specifications as outlined in Appendix 11 and 12 of the RA Rules
- 1.5 Boat Design – All boats shall be mono-hulls, unless otherwise agreed by RV.
- 1.6 Coxswains Seat - The opening of the coxswain's seat must be at least 70 cm long and it must be as wide as the boat for at least 50 cm. The inner surface of the enclosed part must be smooth and no structure of any sort may restrict the inner width of the coxswains section.
- 1.7 Flotation - All boats from 1 January 2020 must have a production plaque as outlined in the rules and confirm that the boat meets the flotation requirements specified in FISA's Minimum Guidelines for Safe Rowing, specifically that when full of water a boat with the crew seated in the rowing position should float in such a way that the top of the seat is a maximum of 5cm below the static waterline. It shall be the sole responsibility of the club including school club or State Association using a boat to ensure that it complies with this requirement.
- 1.8 Bow Balls- The bows of all boats shall be fitted with a solid white ball shape, minimum diameter 4cm which covers the point of the bow and is bright white. If 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 afford equivalent protection and visibility.
- 1.9 Quick release foot stretchers - In all boats with the foot stretchers, shoes or other devices holding the feet of the rowers shall be a type which allow the rowers to get clear of the boat without delay in an emergency.
 - 1.9.1 Where shoes and other devices holding the feet will remain in the boat, each shoe or device shall be independently restrained such that when the heel reaches the horizontal position the foot will be released from

the shoe. In addition, where laces, Velcro or similar materials, all such materials must be able to be released immediately with a single quick hand action of pulling on one easily accessible strap.

- 1.9.2 Where shoes or other devices holding the feet will not remain in the boat, each shoe or device must be able to be released by the rower without using their hands or with a single quick hand action of pulling on one easily accessible strap or release device

1.10 Additional Requirements for racing boats:

- 1.10.1 RV may prescribe requirements for other boats used in competition and publish them on the RV website.

- iv. There is no regulation single scull.
- v. Regulation four/quad scull must not exceed 12.4m in length, length being taken as the foremost face of the bow ball to the furthestmost section of the hull but not including the rudder. It shall not be less than 63cm at its widest point across the width of the top edge of the hull (saxboards or washboards). This measurement should not include riggers, rigger blocks, splash boards or any false addition of material to increase the width of the top edge.

2. Oars

- 2.1 All parts of the oar shall be fixed in place and incapable of movement independently of the movement of the oar as a whole during rowing.

2.2 Oar Blade Thickness – Oar blades may not be less than:

- sweep oars 5 mm;
- sculls 3 mm.

This thickness shall be measured 3 mm from the outer edge of the blade for sweep oars and 2 mm for sculls.

3. Safety

- 3.1 Identifications – All boats shall comply with the requirements set out in the By-Laws to Rule 41, below (name symbol, etc)
- 3.2 Production Plaque – all boats must have a production plaque or equivalent visible and permanently affixed inside the boat, up to 50 sq cm in area, on which is written the name and address of the boat builder, its mark or logo, the year the boat was constructed, the average weight of the crew for which the boat is designed, and the weight of the boat on construction or upon delivery, and stating whether the boat meets the floatation requirements specified in FISA's Minimum Guidelines for Safe Rowing

4. Natural Properties

- 4.1 No substances or structures (including riblets) capable of modifying the natural properties of water or of the boundary layer of the hull/water interface shall be used.

5. Communications and Electronics

- 5.1 Data Transmission - During racing (which shall mean at all times when racing "traffic rules" are in force), no communication with the crew is permitted from outside of the boat using electric or electronic equipment. In addition, no data may be sent to, or

received from the boat except as provided in paragraph 5.2,5.3 and paragraph 6, with the exception of those outlined in Appendix 6 (Para Regulations)..

- 5.2 Allowable Data – No data may be sent to or received from the boat except as provided for below. During racing, the only information allowed to the crew in the boat shall be:

- A. Time
- B. Stroke Rate
- C. Boat velocity/acceleration
- D. Heart rate

This information shall be designated “allowable data”. This data and any information derived directly from it may be recorded during racing for later use. No other data or information may be measured, recorded or stored.

Failure to comply with this By-Law shall result in a sanction up to disqualification.

- 5.3 Regatta Information - RV may install on each boat a device(s) for the purpose of recording transmitting real-time race and other information which shall be owned by RV and may be used for any purpose including presentation and promotion of the event and the sport.

6. Promotional Equipment

At RV Events, the Board may require crews to carry on their boats such equipment as it considers desirable for the better promotion of the sport of rowing (e.g.mini cameras, microphones, etc.) provided that such equipment is identical for all boats in a race.

Appendix 18 – Boat Weights

By-Law to RULE 40 — Boat Weights

1 Minimum weights for boats are the following:

Designation	Boat type	Minimum Weight (kg)
1x	Single Sculls	14 kilograms
PR1 1x	PR1 Single Sculls	24 kilograms
PR2 1x	PR2 Single Sculls	22 kilograms
PR3 1x	PR3 Single Sculls	14 kilograms
2x	Double Sculls	27 kilograms
PR1 2x	PR1 Double Sculls	41 kilograms
PR2 2x	PR2 Double Sculls	37 kilograms
PR3 2x	PR3 Double Sculls	27 kilograms
2-	Pair	27 kilograms
PR3 2-	PR3 Pair	27 kilograms
2+	Coxed Pair	32 kilograms
4x	Quadruple Sculls	52 kilograms
4x+	Coxed Quad Sculls	54 kilograms
4-	Four	50 kilograms
4+	Coxed Four	51 kilograms
PR3 4+	PR3 Coxed Four	51 kilograms
8+	Eight	96 kilograms

Costal and Beach Sprint boat weights are specified in Appendix 11 and 12 of the RA Rules.

The minimum weight of the boat shall include only the fittings essential to their use, in particular: riggers, stretchers, shoes, slides, seats and hull extensions. The minimum weight shall also include:

- Loud speakers if they are firmly fastened to the boat and associated wiring for such speakers;
- Any housings or fittings that are firmly fastened to the boat for the purposes of holding water bottles, electronic or other equipment;
- Cables and wires required to connect electronic equipment to provide “allowable data” (see By law to Rule 38), and
- Seat pads that are attached to the seat.

The minimum boat weight shall not include the oars or sculls, the bow number or any other item not essential to its use and not firmly fastened to the boat. 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.

2 Weighing Scales

The weighing scales shall be provided by a RA approved manufacturer and shall indicate the weight of the boat to 0.1 kg. The scales shall be connected to a printer so that a printed record of the boat weight is immediately available. The scales shall be located on a horizontal inflexible floor, inside a building or a tent to provide protection from the wind. The weighing area shall be easily accessible from the incoming pontoons and shall be exclusively reserved for the weighing of boats during the regatta.

At the beginning of each official training day and of each racing day the scales shall be tested, using calibrated (gauged) weights, by a person duly authorised by the Organising Committee conducting the regatta and the member of the Control Commission responsible for boat weighing.

3 Test weighing of boats

The weighing scale(s) shall be available to the crews 24 hrs before the first race of the regatta for the test weighing of their boats. During racing the scales shall be available for test weighing of boats, however, the weighing of boats selected for official weighing shall have priority and crews shall follow the instructions of the jury member responsible.

4 Responsibility for the weight of a boat

It is solely the responsibility of the crew that their boat has the required minimum weight.

5 Official Boat Weighing Procedure

- a. Selection of Boats to be weighed:- The President of the Jury or their delegate shall make a random draw before the start of each racing session to select the boats which are to be weighed. They shall also have the right to include additional boats at any time.
- b. Notification to Crews:- A member of the Control Commission shall notify the selected crews as they leave the water after their races and they, or people appointed for that purpose, shall accompany each boat to the weighing scales. 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 excluded. Once the crew has been notified that the boat has been selected for weighing, no extra weight of any description can be added to the boat until the boat has been weighed
- c. Additional item to be removed:- Equipment which is not to be included in the weight of the boat shall be removed from the boat before weighing. At the official weighing of the boat the normal wetted surface of the boat is accepted. However, any standing water must be removed before the weighing, in particular any water between the shoulders and under the canvas. All other items (cox boxes, tools, clothes, sponges, bottles, etc.) must be taken out of the boat before the weighing.

d. The boat shall be officially weighed

6 Failure to make the minimum weight:- If a boat is below the minimum weight at the official weighing, the member of the Control Commission shall print out the record of weighing and proceed as follows:

- a. write the words "First Boat Weighing" on the printed record of weighing.
- b. Test the scales with the test weights, observed by the crew representative, and print out the result of this test, and write on the printed record of weighing the name of the crew and the event and shall write the words "Test Weighing". Both the crew representative and the member of the Control Commission shall sign the printed record of this test weighing.
- c. Weigh the boat for the second time. If, on the second weighing, the boat weight is not below the minimum, no further action is necessary. If, however, the boat is still below the minimum weight the member of the Control Commission shall record on the printed record of the second weighing the name of the crew, the event and the number and type of equipment items included in the weighing and the words "Second Boat Weighing". Both the crew representative and the member of the Control Commission shall sign the printed record of this weighing. No other or later weighing shall be considered as valid.
- d. Award the appropriate sanction to the crew.
- e. Deliver the three printed signed records (First Boat Weighing, Test Weighing of the scales and Second Boat Weighing) to the President of the Jury.

8 Sanction for having raced in an underweight boat – The sanction for having raced in a boat that is underweight (BUW) shall be relegation to last place in the particular race. The official results of that crew shall show BUW. If two or more boats in the same race are underweight, they shall all be relegated and they shall be ranked in the descending order of their respective boat weights on the second weighing. If their boat weights on the second weighing are identical they shall be ranked by their order of finish in the race. If the crew races again in an underweight boat in a later round of the same event then the penalty shall be the exclusion of the crew.

Appendix 19 – Regatta Roles

By-Law to Rule 45 - Duties of the Organising Committee

- 1 *Clubs, Schools, Associations, or Organising Committees wishing to conduct any regatta shall forward to the CEO, within 21 days of the call for applications.*
- 2 *A Club, School, Association or Organising Committee that wishes to conduct a regatta or has conducted a regatta during the previous season and wishes to conduct a regatta in the next season must be able to demonstrate that it satisfies the minimum standards and has actioned any issues raised in the review process*
- 3 *Clubs, Schools, Associations, or Organising Committees whose application is successful will be charged a Regatta Hosting Application Fee as outlined in Appendix 13.*
- 4 *All RV Events are under the authority of RV and of the Club, School, Association or Organising Committee concerned.*
- 5 *Responsibility of the Organising Committee - An organising committee is responsible for the preparation and running of the regatta.*
- 6 *Course, Installations, Jury - The organising committee is responsible for the course and all necessary installations and equipment, both on land and on the water. It is also responsible for the organisation of the regatta. RV shall appoint the Jury.*
- 7 *Safety Officer - The Organising Committee shall appoint a person as the regatta Safety Officer with specific responsibilities for ensuring that all the appropriate safety measures, including traffic rules, have been considered and then implemented for the safe running of the regatta. Nevertheless, the legal responsibility for safety matters rests with the Organising Committee as a whole, and nothing in the Rules of Racing shall be taken as imposing legal liability on the Safety Officer personally.*
- 8 *Medical Officer - The Organising Committee shall appoint a person as the regatta Medical Officer with specific responsibility for ensuring that appropriate medical support and facilities are readily accessible to the regatta. First aid facilities and a rescue service on the water must be available during all venue opening times.*
- 9 *Compliance with Rules of Racing - The Organising Committee is responsible to ensure the proper running of the regatta in accordance with the Rules of Racing. The Board may nominate Technical Delegates to any event held under the RV Rules of Racing to advise the Organising Committee where required and to report on the conduct of the event.*
- 10 *Radio and Telephone Communications - It is essential that there should be direct telephone and/or radio communication between the President of the Jury, the finish,*

the start and the Control Commission in order to enable the members of the Jury properly to carry out their duties. It is also essential that radio communication is provided between the rescue service on the water and the medical staff on duty at the course to deal with any emergency.

- 11 *In making application to conduct a regatta, the applicants shall take note of the following provisions derived from the FISA Rules.*

11.1 *Prizes and Sponsorship Contracts*

Competitors may receive cash or other prizes for competition. They may also enter into sponsorship contracts provided these contracts do not conflict with the objectives, values and sponsors of RV.

11.2 *Payments to Competitors*

There shall be no restriction imposed on payments made to a competitor from any source.

11.3 *Merchandising Rights*

At all regattas under its authority RV retains the right to sell or authorise the sale of merchandise, souvenirs and other articles. This right is devolved to each Organising Committee conducting RV sanctioned regattas.

11.4 *Commercial Publicity, Sponsorship and Advertising*

RV may impose additional requirements on Organising Committees beyond these Rules at the time of approval of the regatta.

- 12 *Entries, Entry Fees, Entry Levies, Withdrawals and Crew Changes*

12.1 *Entries are received via Rowing Manager. The date for close of entries is as published by RV for each regatta.*

12.2 *RV sanctioned regattas shall be open to all competitors who are authorised to compete by any Club recognised under Rule 6.1.*

12.3 *When the regatta program has been approved by RV all events listed shall be conducted if two or more entries are received. Events may be combined where deemed appropriate.*

12.4 *The entrance fee for each competitor, including approved levies, in any race shall be approved by RV. Levies for School events shall be reviewed by RV each year. Within the entry fee there shall be charged on each entry any levy imposed in accordance with Part 9 of the Constitution. (Levies imposed for the purpose of providing funds for the Interstate and/or International Team expenses shall be reviewed by RV Board).*

12.5 *Entry fees are payable on all entries submitted to RV. By definition this is taken as the time when the entry is displayed in Rowing Manager at the close of entries.*

12.6 *Collection of entry fees will be undertaken by RV. RV shall invoice clubs for the amount of entry fees and collect by the means determined by the Board from time to time. RV, following the deduction of any levies shall remit to the Organising Committee the balance of the entry fees.*

- 13 *Entries received after the closing time for entries can be accepted by RV where:*

13.1 *A lane exists for the entry which does not alter the timetable of events; and*

- 13.2 *The entrant pays the advertised seat fee, plus an administration fee equal to RV of 100% of the advertised seat fee; and*
- 13.3 *Crews shall be accepted on a first come basis (if only one lane exists then it is the first crew with an entry that is accepted and all other crews are rejected); and*
- 13.4 *The cut off for entries and the 'window' for late entries shall be advised to members prior to the commencement of each season; and*
- 13.5 *In the case where crews would otherwise have a 'no race', RV will attempt to find another opportunity for that crew or parts thereof to race in another event. This would not be considered as a late entry.*

14 *Timetable*

A timetable of events shall be posted on the Rowing Victoria website prior to each regatta.

15 *Programs*

All programs for such regattas shall contain a notice provided by RV and no alteration or addition may be made to these notices unless the permission of RV CEO is obtained.

16 *Fines*

16.1 *Non-Starters and Scratchings*

- 16.1.1 *Non-starters will be regarded as anyone who fails to withdraw their entry in Rowing Manager before 2.30pm on the last working day immediately preceding the regatta, or if a regatta is not on a weekend, before the cut-off date for withdrawals specified in Rowing Manager.*
- 16.1.2 *Non-starters in any event who notify the Regatta Secretary or RV Office after the time mentioned in this law 16.1.1 - forfeiture of entrance fee and a fine set out in Appendix 13.*
- 16.1.3 *Crews or scullers who withdraw their entry in Rowing Manager prior to the time mentioned in this law 16.1.1 - forfeiture of entrance fee.*

17 *Crews Removed from an Event*

Such crews or scullers will not be permitted to row down the course in front of any race or in company with crews whilst competing in a race. Penalty: Fine as per Appendix 13 of these Rules.

18 *Substitutes*

The name of substitutes (including coxswains) must be notified not less than 1 hour before the advertised start time of a race to the Regatta Secretary on the prescribed form. Failure to do so incurs a penalty set out in Appendix 13.

19 *Non-Events*

Where withdrawals or lack of entries are received for an event, the President of the Jury if it occurs on a day of racing or RV if it occurs before the day of racing, may place the remaining crew in another event or redraw the event. Where a representative of a Club accepts the new entry, the normal rules regarding withdrawal and entry fees apply.

APPENDIX 20

SECTION 12 – DUTIES OF THE UMPIRES BY-LAWS TO THE RULES

By-Laws to Rule 95 - Duties of the Control Commission

The Umpires Committee shall appoint the members of the Control Commission taking into account the regatta program and the number of competitors. The President of the Jury or their delegate(s) shall supervise the activities of the Control Commission which shall carry out its duties in the boathouse area and at the boat staging's. In particular, the Control Commission is responsible for checking the following points:

- 1 Crew changes before the race;*
- 2 The provision of substitutes for competitors who have fallen ill between heats of a race;*
- 3 The correct weighing of coxswains following the procedures required by the Rules of racing and By-Laws;*
- 4 Dead weight to be carried by coxswains (before and after the race);*
- 5 The correct weighing of competitors in lightweight events following the procedures required by the Rules of Racing and By-Laws;*
- 6 The identity of competitors to ensure that the composition of the crew is the same as the official entry and any subsequent changes which have been approved in accordance with the Rules of racing and By-Laws.*
- 7 At RA regattas where other arrangements are not in place for this purpose, the status and registration of competitors, the ages of Under 15, Under 17, Under 19, Under 21, Under 23 and Masters competitors and, where applicable, the average ages of Masters crews;*
- 8 Boats and equipment:*
 - a) Compliance with all safety requirements provided for in the Rules of Racing;*
 - b) Correct bow numbers on each boat;*
 - c) Possible use of unauthorised equipment;*
 - d) Where applicable, minimum weights of boats;*
 - e) Conformity of the boat with the rules regarding advertising/identifications;*
 - f) Painting of oar-blades where required.*
- 9 Uniform clothing of competitors and its conformity with the rules regarding advertising/identifications;*
- 10 Where doping tests are carried out, the Control Commission is responsible for seeing that the competitors required to undergo tests are taken to the officials responsible for this immediately after getting out of the boat;*
- 11 The control commission in conjunction with any technical officials appointed by RA will ensure that all para-rowers are compliant with the equipment and strapping requirements set out in Appendix 6.*
- 12 If required by the RV Board, that photographing of competitors has taken place either before the Heats or immediately after the Heats, and the checking of the competitors' identity with those photographs before each subsequent race has taken place.*

By-Laws to Rule 96 - Duties of the Starter and the Judge at the Start

1 Starter

- 1.1 *General Duties - Before taking up their duties, the Starter must satisfy themselves that all equipment and installations required by the Rules covering the start and the course are present and in working order. The Starter shall check that any steering guides are present and that the radio and/or telephone communication with the Judge at the Start, the President of the Jury, the Judges at the Finish and the Control Commission is in working order. The Starter shall also make certain that any crews on the water are obeying the prescribed traffic rules.*
- 1.2 *Communication— 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, they may repeat their information in that language.*
- 1.3 *Unfair or unsafe conditions - The Starter shall consider whether the wind is likely to create unequal or unsafe conditions and, if directed below or after consultation with the President of the Jury, they shall take whatever steps may be necessary in accordance with these rules to ensure a fair race. The Starter shall consult with the President of the Jury who will consult with the Fairness Committee. The President of the Jury shall inform the Starter of any required changes, in principle, at least two minutes before a start.*
- 1.4 *Information to Crews – Where a fixed start is used, the Starter shall inform the crews of the time remaining before the start and tell them (as soon as they enter the starting zone for the first time) in which lane they will race. In addition, they shall inform the crews when there is five minutes, four minutes and three minutes remaining before the start time. They shall check that the competitors' equipment and clothing are in order.*
- 1.5 *Starting Procedures - The Starting Procedures to be employed by the Starter (including Quick Starts and False Starts) are described in these Rules of Racing. If a crew is excluded at the start or does not arrive at the start for its race the Starter shall leave the lane of that crew vacant.*
- 1.6 *Exclusion - The Starter shall award a Red Card and exclude a crew if the crew has received two Yellow Cards that apply to the same race.*
- 1.7 *Late Arrival - The Starter may award a Yellow Card to crews arriving late (less than 2 minutes before the start time) at their starting positions or not ready to race at the designated start time. They may exclude a crew arriving after the start time.*
- 1.8 *In the case of a yellow Card previously awarded to a crew the penalty shall be announced at "Two Minutes" for the race concerned. The Starter shall instruct the official on the starting platforms to place a yellow marker adjacent to the starting position of the crew.*
- 1.9 *Delay - Should it be necessary to delay a race (e.g. equipment breakage) or should some other unexpected event occur (e.g. lightning), the Starter shall consult with the Umpire and then, with the President of the Jury; then inform the crews of the new starting time. The Starter shall inform the Control Commission and the Judge at the Finish of the new starting time and the President of the Jury of anything unusual. In all cases, crews must inquire from a member of the Jury regarding any changes before getting out of the boat.*

2 Judge at the Start

- 2.1 Communications** - Before taking up their duties, the Judge at the Start shall ensure that the radio and telephone link with the Starter and between the aligner and the officials on the starting platforms is in working order. The Judge at the Start sits at the front of the aligner's hut, in line with the start line.
- 2.2 Aligning** – The President of the Jury shall appoint the aligner. The aligner instructs the officials on the starting platforms to adjust the position of the boats until they are correctly aligned.
- 2.3** The Judge at the Start checks that the aligner has positioned all the boats with their bows exactly on the start line. When they are satisfied that this is the case they indicate this to the Starter by raising a white flag. (Where a white and red light are available for this purpose, the Judge at the Start shall use these lights in place of the white and red flags.) Should correct alignment be lost during the subsequent starting procedure the aligner shall lower their flag or switch off the white light until the boats are realigned.
- 2.4 False Start** - The Judge at the Start, the Starter and the Umpire shall follow the procedure outlined in Rule 74.
- 2.5 Contact with the Umpire** – Before the start, the Judge at the Start shall make contact with the Umpire to assure themselves that the latter is ready.

By-Laws to Rule 97 - Duties of the Umpire

- 1 Precedence** - Except for the duties specifically attributed to them, both the Starter and the Judge at the Start are subordinate to the Umpire.
- 2 Duties on the Way to the Start** - On the way to the start, the Umpire shall inspect the course installations to ensure that they are in proper order and shall satisfy themselves that there are no obstacles on the course or wash from other motorboats affecting the course. They also make certain that any crews on the water are following the prescribed traffic rules. Should they find any defect in the installations or any other problems, they shall inform (e.g. by radio from the start if necessary) the President of the Jury and they shall also inform any crews concerned.
- 3 Duties during the Starting Procedure** - During the starting procedure, the Umpire's launch should either be immediately beside the Judge at the Start or behind the crews, in the centre of the course. Should the start for any reason be faulty, other than for a false start for which the Judge at the Start is alone responsible, the Umpire may order the Starter to stop the race or may stop it themselves by ringing a bell and waving their red flag.
- 4** As soon as the race has started, the Umpire's launch shall follow immediately the competitors in the centre of the course.
- 5 Position of the Umpire's Launch** - During the race, the Umpire must ensure that their launch is so placed as best to enable him to take action as effectively as possible. The position of the Umpire's launch depends on the progress of the race and the progression of the crews to subsequent rounds; it may also depend on weather conditions.

The Umpire must satisfy them self that crews whom they may wish to address can hear them. Should it be necessary to overtake one or more crews, they must see to it that they are not hampered more than is necessary by the wash of his launch.

- 6 *Type of Race - The Umpire's decision may be influenced by the type of race (heat, repêchage, quarter-final, semi-final or final). They must therefore take this factor as well as the position in the subsequent races into account in considering any action which he may take under these rules.*
- 7 *Safety - The Umpire shall take every care to ensure the safety of the competitors and they must do their utmost to prevent damage to boats and equipment. When necessary, they may call a crew's attention by raising their white flag, stating the name of the crew, and stop it by giving the command "Stop". Should one or more competitors fall into the water or should any boat capsize or sink, the Umpire must satisfy them self that the rescue service is in action and, if not, they shall remain with the capsized crew until they are satisfied that all members are safe and the rescue service is present.*
- 8 *Adverse Weather - In the case of squalls or sudden deterioration of the weather, it is the responsibility of the Umpire to decide if the race may be started, is to continue or if it is to be stopped. The safety of the competitors is more important than any of the provisions of the Rules of Racing.*
- 9 *Clothing - When officiating, the Umpire shall stand upright in their launch and wear the prescribed clothing.*
- 10 *Coaching – As coaching with electric, electronic or other technical devices is not allowed during racing, the Umpire must make a regular check on the area adjacent to the course.*
- 11 *Overall Ability, Coaching - The Umpire must keep himself informed on rowing questions in general. As coaching with electric, electronic or other technical devices is not allowed during racing, the Umpire must make a regular check on the area adjacent to the course.*
- 12 *Zonal Umpiring – For Zonal Umpiring the President of the Jury shall designate the points along the course at which the Umpires shall be positioned and shall give such instructions as are necessary, including for contingency or other situations. Zonal umpires when stationed in boats, may move to the centre of the course after the race has passed to confirm that all crews are within their lanes and shall then return to their designated position. If the umpire considers that any crew is about to interfere with another crew the umpire may follow the race for such distance as he considers necessary to take the appropriate actions under these rules.*
- 13 *Where Zonal Umpiring is in force, the provisions of this By-Law shall refer to each of the Umpires responsible for their respective zone and outside where appropriate. The extent to which Zonal Umpires carry out their duties shall be subject to their location and consequent ability to oversee the race.*

By-Laws to Rule 98 - Duties of the Judge at the Finish

- 1 *Duties - The duties of the Judges at the Finish are as follows:*
 - 1.1 *determine the order in which the bows of the boats cross the finish line;*

- 1.2 *satisfy themselves that the Umpire has indicated, by raising their white flag, that the race was in order and to indicate to the Umpire acknowledgement of their signal by raising a white flag or displaying a white light;*
 - 1.3 *list the crews in their correct order of finish;*
 - 1.4 *check that the official results on the result sheet and on the scoreboard are correct.*
- 2 *The senior Judge at the Finish shall sign the official record of the results.*
- 3 *Position - As a general rule, there shall be at least two judges, one of them the senior judge, at the finish. They shall be positioned so as to enable them to carry out their responsibility to determine the finish order.*
- 4 *Timing (where used) – Intermediate times and/or finish times shall be recorded. The necessary equipment shall be operated by specialists who do not form part of the team of Judges at the Finish. If the order of finish can be clearly determined by the naked eye, times taken by hand-operated timing equipment may be used. Where photo finish equipment is in use, the times shown on the result sheets and on the scoreboard shall be taken from the photo-finish for all the crews in the race.*
- 5 *Photo-finish - In the case of a close finish the Judge at the Finish shall determine the order of finish by viewing the picture produced by the photo-finish system. If the Judge at the Finish is not able to determine the order of finish between two or more crews then the result will be declared as a dead heat between the crews involved. The necessary equipment shall be operated by specialists who do not form part of the team of Judges at the Finish. Organisers must provide equipment specially designed for the purpose. In principle, the photo-finish system shall record at a minimum rate of 100 frames per second.*